

CANONICAL TRANSCRIPT — MEMBRANE 010 (TNA STAC 8/203/38)

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Corpus	TNA STAC 8/203/38 (record copy RC8368179) — catalogued <i>Lloyde v. Lewys</i> , Anglesey, June 1607; the surviving Star Chamber file behind <i>Floyd v. Barker</i> , 77 Eng. Rep. 1305 (1607)
Membrane	010 of 010 — the ANSWER of John Lewis, High Sheriff of Anglesey (one of the defendants), to Lloyd's bill: the giant engrossed membrane (7357×7029, 45 MB) — insufficiency objections, the jury-fear purpose clause, the jury returns defended, the Barker denials, the privie-Adversary attack on the complainant, the castle-gaol custody war, the office-fees answer, the prayer, and the counsel subscription
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Canonical tiles	crops/canon/crop_canon_m010_{g1,g2,g3,g4}_b1..b16, nat + eB (128 tiles) · manifest crops/canon/_manifest.jsonl · coverage proven y 140–7029; the 140 px head strip above the y=0.02 cut is anchored to the Phase 4C full-extent ink screen — NOTE: 4C found a faded, scan-limited, name-like jotting in this membrane's head margin ("[?]m W[i]lle[?]"). TNA-flagged

As-read record	the 2026-07-01 grid (crops/crop_gN_bK), the 2026-07-01 verification zooms (a LOST series — regen class), the 2026-07-02 Phase-B precision recut cells (LOST — regen at crops/stac_regen/pB010recut), and the Phase-4C audit tiles (crops/stac_p4c, original) — see _WORKING_010_TRANSCRIPTION.md and _WORKING_P4C_AUDIT.md ; the canon series is a deterministic re-derivation for citation, NOT the tiles-as-read (methodology §15.4)
Transcription level	strict diplomatic (methodology §6, §18.1); the Modernized layer is an editorial aid and is never quotable
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Pass history	grid pass (64 cells) 2026-07-01 · verification zooms 2026-07-01 · Phase-B precision re-verification rows 1–12 (48 cells) 2026-07-02 · Phase 4C completeness audit (seam strips, rows 13–16 spot pass, ink screen, [?]-re-renders) 2026-07-07/08 · this transcript assembled 2026-07-09 (assembly only — no new readings; where layers conflict the precision layer governs, per the working file's own rule)
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Status	professional return RECEIVED + CONFORMED (2026-08-06/07, CORRECTIONS_LOG #31-#32); letter-exact sites carry in-line <i>[[VERDICT]]</i> annotations; readings without a letter-exact verdict remain provisional (names above all, §1.7); physical-class residue awaits imaging (per ledger/log)

STATEMENT OF EDITORIAL METHOD

(a) The reader-facing edition of membrane 010, assembled from _WORKING_010_TRANSCRIPTION.md (grid + precision + 4C fold-in; the precision layer governs rows 1–12) and _WORKING_P4C_AUDIT.md (the seam-strip proof that NO words were lost at any grid boundary), with the ledger and concordance — every flag preserved, no new readings. Six of this membrane's readings are quoted in THE_TWO_LOCKS.md (nn. vst3–vst4, vr9; concordance §B) — the fear clause, the callinge-in-question denial, the private-Adversary/maintenance passage, the £20 interlineation, and the two-executions recital — and each entry below carries its concordance row.

(b) Conventions per methodology §6. This membrane's row texts include "..." elisions where the working layers hold fragmentary matter between verbatim anchors — the elisions are the working file's own, preserved as such.

(c) Labels: 010.r1–010.r16 = the 4×16 grid rows (read row-major). Tiles: r7 ≈ crops/canon/crop_canon_m010_g1_b7.jpg ... g4_b7.jpg (the four grid-column strips at band 7; the canon bands track the grid rows within ±1 band; the manifest gives exact rectangles). The three internal column seams were audited by dedicated seam strips (4C item i): no words lost.

(d) Authorization: quoting with disclosure (2026-07-03); diplomatic only; contested items (the victim-token, the indictee list, xx-li/xl) carried with flags; names with a letter-exact verdict from the commissioned professional transcription (returned in full 2026-08-06; CORRECTIONS_LOG #31–#32) are conformed; the rest remain provisional (§1.7).

THE CAPTION AND OPENING — R1 • TILES G1–G4•B1

010.r1 [The Aun]swere of Joh[n] Le[wis?] ... one of the Defendants ... [to the bill of compl[ain]t of? ... Rees ap E]van Loyd th[e/at?] Complaynant · The said def[endan]t saieth that the said bill of compl[ain]t ... is for the most [p[ar]te?] [...] and in the ch[iefest?] and [...] and materiall matters and things therein conteyn[e]d very untrue and scandalous, and as this def[endan]t is by his ^[said?] learned Councell enformed, [unc]erterayne and insuffi[ci]ent in the lawes to be a[u]nswered unto by this def[endan]t for sundrie imp[er]fec[i]ons [therein appearinge?] r1 · the answering defendant = John Lewis, High Sheriff (caption faint; identity supported by the body's four "John Lewis" sightings + the 1605 sheriff record — external-record corroboration ranks candidates, never locks a name (§17.3); name-class, provisional pending TNA); precision corrections: "scandalous" (grid "fraudulent" retracted), "matters and things", "sundrie imp[er]fec[i]ons"; the head-margin jotting "[?]ñ W[i]ll[?]" is a scan-limited filing note (4C, TNA)

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): The Answer of John Lewis, one of the defendants, to the bill of complaint of Rees ap Evan Lloyd, complainant. The said defendant saith that the said bill is, in its chiefest and material matters, very untrue and scandalous, and — as he is informed by his learned counsel — uncertain and insufficient in the law to be answered, for sundry imperfections.

THE CONTRIVANCE SENTENCE — THE JURY-FEAR PURPOSE CLAUSE — R2 • TILES G1-G4•B2

010.r2] ...devised, framed and contrived by the Compl[ainan]t by the [instigac[i]on/p[er]suasion?] △ and direcc[i]on of the said W[illia]m Buckeley in the said bill of compl[ain]t named [and others?] (as this def[endan]t verelie beleveth and is p[er]swaded in his Conscience), of purpose not onlie to [vexe?], [gre]ve and trouble this def[endan]t w[i]th longe and tedious suits in lawe, w[i]thout anie matter or good grounde, of malice (as yt seemith); butt alsoe to stryke a feare into the h[ar]ts of all such freeholders of the said Countie of Anglesey [as] att the next greate Sessions to be holden for the said [Countie] shalbe retorned or impannelled for or upon the try[a]lls of the said W[illia]m Bulkeley (whoe standeth indicted att the said greate Sessions as [accessarie?] △ [for/unto?] the willfull murtheringe of the said Hughe ap W[illia]m [named?/P[?]]end?) △) and of other the frends of the said W[illia]m Bulkeley whoe stand[s] [likewise?] indicted

r2 • ★★ QUOTED IN PRINT (concordance B1; THE_TWO_LOCKS n. vst3 + V.B body): the Answer's theory of the bill = JURY INTIMIDATION — "to stryke a feare into the harts of all such freeholders ... retorned or impannelled" — the defense-side fear argument the printed report generalizes into "ad deterrendos et detrahendos juratores a servitio Regis"; the reading survived the 4C audit and REPLACED the retracted "institutional-stakes clause" first-sweep misread (corrections log #9/#2); the victim-token after "W[illia]m" is the x5-sighted [P/J]end crux (ledger A11)

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): ...devised, framed and contrived by the complainant, by the [instigation] and direction of the said William Bulkeley (as this defendant verily believeth), of purpose not only to vex, grieve and trouble this defendant with long and tedious suits in law, without any matter or good ground, of malice as it seemeth — but also TO STRIKE A FEAR INTO THE HEARTS of all such freeholders of the said County of Anglesey as at the next Great Sessions shall be returned or empanelled for the trials of the said William Bulkeley (who standeth indicted as accessory for the wilful murdering of the said Hugh ap William) and of other the friends of the said William Bulkeley who stand likewise indicted.

PRAYER, SAVING CLAUSE, GENERAL TRAVERSE — R3 • TILES G1-G4•B3

010.r3] ...wherof this def[endan]t humblie praieth this Ho: Courte to have due considerac[i]on And [that] the said def[endan]t sh[o]uld[e] [not?] △ be ordered or compelled to make anie aunswere to the said fr[audulent?/ivolous?] △ [bill] ... [with] excepc[i]on to the incertaintie[s], insufficiencie and other the imp[er]fec[i]ons [and] defect[e]s thereof, to the said def[endan]t nowe and att all tymes hereafter saved and allowed ... That he is not guyltie of the said unlawfull and manifest plotte, practizes, confederacies, combinac[i]ons and misdemeano[u]rs in the said bill of com[plaint] menc[i]oned or [expressed?], nor of anie [the?] [assaults/exactions?] △, unlawfull [?], [extor]c[i]on[?], sellinge of offices and other the offences ... as in and by the said bill of compl[ain]t is supposed *r3 • the three-clause structure (prayer / saving / general traverse) corrected by the precision pass; the "[not]" is formula-supplied, not yet seen*

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): Whereof this defendant humbly prayeth this Honourable Court to have due consideration, and that he should [not] be ordered or compelled to make any answer to

the said bill — with exception to its uncertainties, insufficiency and other imperfections, saved and allowed to this defendant now and at all times hereafter. And for answer to so much as concerns him: he is NOT GUILTY of the said unlawful and manifest plot, practices, confederacies, combinations and misdemeanours mentioned in the said bill, nor of any extortion, selling of offices, or other the offences, as by the said bill is supposed.

THE APPOINTMENT AND THE JURY RETURNS — R4-R5 • TILES G1-G4•B4-B5

- 010.r4] Howebeit this def[endan]t for the further satisfacc[i]on of this Ho: Courte ... saithe that aboute the moneth of ffebruar[ie] Anno D[omi]ni 1605 this def[endan]t John Lewis was by vertue of his Ma[jes]ties Com[m]ission under the greate Seale of England nomi[n]ated and appointed [to] be Sheriffe of the said Countie of Anglesey for the yere then next followinge or duringe his Ma[jes]ties pleasure. And in or aboute the moneth of August last past ... the said def[endan]t John Lewis beinge then Highe Sheriffe of the said Countie of Anglesey as [afore]said did... *r4 · the DATED appointment (Feb 1605/6) — the chronology lock: Feb 1605/6 appointment → Aug 1606 jury return → Oct 1606 Sessions → the Answer c. winter 1606/7 → Trinity 1607*
- 010.r5] ...did [then?], accordinge to his place and office, w[i]thout anie p[ar]cialitie, favo[u]r, affecc[i]on, hatred or malice towards anie p[er]son or p[er]sons therein [named?] ... retorne[d] the said Graunde Jur[ie] of such sufficient p[er]sons, as well Esquiers as gent[lemen] and other good and substantiall freeholders of the said Countie of Anglesey, as was requisite for his Ma[jes]ties ser[vice] ... (to this def[endan]ts knowledge) [no] lawfull excepc[i]ons to anie of them ... whereof he referreth himself[e] to the said retorne beinge of Record *r5 · the impartiality formula complete; "Graunde Jurie" reads directly (the Grand/Examined hedge resolved as TWO distinct juries — r8)*

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): Howbeit, for the further satisfaction of this Honourable Court: about February 1605[/6] this defendant John Lewis was, by His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, appointed Sheriff of Anglesey. And in August last past, being then High Sheriff, he did — according to his place and office, without any partiality, favour, affection, hatred or malice — return the said GRAND JURY of sufficient persons, esquires, gentlemen and substantial freeholders, as was requisite for His Majesty's service; no lawful exception was taken to any of them; and he refers himself to the return, being of record.

THE INDICTMENT AND THE TRIAL — R6-R8 • TILES G1-G4•B6-B8

- 010.r6] ...And doth not knowe that the[y] were confederated together, or otherwise bound them selu[e]s each to other to hould[e] together in [a]ll acc[i]ons[?] ... aboute wh[at] tyme a bill of Inditem[en]t was p[re]ferred agaynste the said Richard ap John, W[illia]m Prend[?] , Richard ap Richard[?] , Moris ap W[illia]m and Edward ap John — ~~W[illia]m ap~~ [?]ellew[?]   — for the murtheringe of the said Hughe ap W[illia]m [P/J]end[?]   [named?] in the said bill of compl[ain]t, at a place called the Rodwha[?]  ..., [and they] were then by the said graunde [Jury] indicted for the said murther *r6 · THE INDICTEE LIST (ledger A11 — all names professional-verification class) + the struck first-draft name zone + the murder PLACE ("the Rodwha[?]") + the x5 victim-token crux (best candidate "P[ry]dd[e]")*

- 010.r7] ...att the greate Sessions holden for the said Countie of Anglesey before the said W[illia]m Leighton *[[VERDICT 2026-07-31 (professional, letter-exact, pre-Kew reply): "It's certainly Leighton"; superseded reading "Brereton"; m009's independent Leighton corroborates]]* and Richard Barker esquiers, in the said bill of compl[ain]t alsoe named, his ma[jes]t[ie]s Chief Justic[e/es?] *△△* of the said greate Sessions[.] This def[endan]t ... did retorne a Jury to passe upon the lief and death of such prisoners as were then appointed to take their tryalls ... of good and substantiall gent[lemen] and freeholders ... w[i]thout anie such blott blemishe or disabilit[ie] as by the said bill is supposed ... upon good and pregnant prooff[e]s *r7 · the trial bench: BRERETON + BARKER, esquires; the Chief-Justice singular/plural parse question (a possible third bench name — cross-check 009's Leighton) is a high-value TNA item*
- 010.r8] ...their lawfull challenge were then by the said Justices allowed (as this def[endan]t beleveth) ... [the prisoners] warned to looke ^{to} their Challenge, And ... did alsoe retorne the [Examined?] Jury for the body of the said Countie of such esquiers, gent[lemen] and other substantiall freeholders ... most indifferent for his ma[jes]t[ie]s [service?] ... the said Examined Jury lastlie returned by this def[endan]t did upon there evidence [find] the said W[illia]m Bulkeley ... [acc]essarie[?] to the said murther before the [fact?] ... declared in open Courte on his ma[jes]t[ie]s behalfe agaynst the said W[illia]m Bulkeley *r8 · the prisoners "warned to looke to their Challenge"; the de-corpore-comitatus return; ★the Lewis-returned jury found WILLIAM BULKELEY ACCESSORY to the murder — the faction war explicit*

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): About October [1606] a bill of indictment was preferred against Richard ap John, William Prend[?], Richard ap Richard[?], Morris ap William and Edward ap John, for the murdering of the said Hugh ap William, at a place called the Rodwha[?], and they were indicted by the said grand jury. At the Great Sessions, before the said William Leighton and Richard Barker, esquires, His Majesty's Chief Justices of the said Great Sessions *[[conformed 2026-07-31: Leighton per the professional's verdict; plural per his "justices"]]*, this defendant returned a jury to pass upon the life and death of the prisoners — good and substantial gentlemen and freeholders, without any such blot, blemish or disability as the bill supposeth; their lawful challenges were allowed, the prisoners warned to look to their challenge; and the Examined Jury last returned by this defendant did, upon their evidence, find the said William Bulkeley ACCESSORY to the said murder before the fact — declared in open court on His Majesty's behalf.

THE BARKER DENIALS — R9-R10 • TILES G1-G4•B9-B10

- 010.r9] ...All wh[i]ch said [seve]rall retornes soe made by this def[endan]t were made w[i]thoute anie p[ar]cialitie, favo[u]r, [or] malice ... And this def[endan]t further saithe that there was noe suche plott, practizes or confederacies betwene the said def[endan]t and the said M[r] Justice Bar[ker] [att the said greate Sessions?] nor anie other tyme or w[i]th anie other, for or touchinge the makinge & [im]pannelling of the [said Juries/retornes?] ... [amongest others he] did write his l[ett]res [un]to some spetiall frends of his [heere?] in London ... that he should not be Sheriffe for that tyme *r9 · the FIRST Barker denial — its subject the MAKING AND IMPANELLING of the juries (the bill alleged Lewis+Barker rigged the jury composition); ★a small marginal CROSS sits at the Barker-denial line (an early reader flagged the case-critical clause — TNA); the letters-to-London sheriff-avoidance clause (4C seam-pass recovery)*

010.r10] Neither was there anie plott practize confederacie or combynac[i]on betwene this def[endan]t and the said M[r] Bar[ker] or anie other touchinge the callinge in question of anie of the said p[er]sons in the said bill of compl[ain]t named[.] And ... in all the said judiciall p[ro]ceedinges in or upon the said Inditem[en]ts ... the said Justice Barker//*VERDICT 2026-07-31 (professional, letter-exact, pre-Kew reply): the phrase attaches to the SECOND sentence — our parse "leaves And the said defendant further saith... marooned"; his ¶11 reads "in all the said several proceedings in or upon the said indictments"; RESIDUE unadjudicated: our "judiciall" vs his "several" //used and behaved him[self] soe uprightlie, indifferentlie and iustlie ... [that none] — noe not the offenders them selu[e]s and suche [othe]r of their frends as earnestlie labo[u]red ... to save their l[i]v[e]s — could have noe [just?] cause to mislike or thinke otherwise of his said [proceedinge[s]]* r10 · ★★*QUOTED IN PRINT (concordance B2; THE_TWO_LOCKS n. vst4 + V.B body): the SECOND Barker denial runs in the report's own vocabulary — "touchinge the CALLINGE IN QUESTION of anie of the said p[er]sons ... in or upon the said Inditem[en]ts" ⇔ the print's "none of the parties ... are to be drawn in question" — the pleading and the rule sharing their operative phrase; the Barker praise (three adverbs; even the convicts' advocates had no cause to mislike)*

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): All which several returns were made without any partiality, favour or malice. And there was NO such plot, practice or confederacy between this defendant and the said Mr Justice Barker, at the said Great Sessions nor any other time, for or touching the making and empanelling of the said juries. Neither was there any plot, practice, confederacy or combination between this defendant and the said Mr Barker or any other TOUCHING THE CALLING IN QUESTION of any of the said persons named in the said bill, in or upon the said indictments. And in all the said judicial proceedings the said Justice Barker used and behaved himself so uprightly, indifferently and justly that none — no, not the offenders themselves, and such of their friends as earnestly laboured to save their lives — could have any just cause to mislike or think otherwise of his proceedings.

THE PRIVATE ADVERSARY — THE MAINTENANCE MIRROR — R11 • TILES G1-G4-B11

010.r11] And this def[endan]t thinketh in his conscience that the Compl[ainan]t beinge of s[u]re meane estate as he is ^{not worthe x s in all the worlde to this def[endan]ts kn[o]wledg[e]} //*VERDICT 2026-07-31 (professional, letter-exact, pre-Kew reply): "it is definitely s for shillings" — unit adjudicated; numeral follows his transcript ("10 shillings"); superseded reading "xx li" (and alternate "xl"); letter-exact numeral form (x vs 10) rides his final text //△ and one that (together w[i]th an elder brother of his hath ben indicted [as acc]essary[?] △ for the wilfull murtheringe of the [wieffe] of the said Elder brother ... [and] upon their tryall the said Elder brother was thereof found guiltie and the said Compl[ainan]t ... hardly escaped and was found not guiltie) is countenaunced and mainteyned herein by some privie Adversary* //*VERDICT 2026-07-31 (professional, letter-exact, pre-Kew reply): "[in the original spelling] mainteyned herein by some privie adversary"; superseded readings "therein"/"private" (triple-verified on scans and STILL wrong — the tile ceiling); capital A ours, unchallenged //that will not him self (as yt seemeth) be [k]nowne ... wh[i]ch hathe caused the said Compl[ainan]t (as [yt seemeth?]) to p[re]ferre this scandalous and [?] and infamous bill into this Ho: Courte agaynst that reverend Justice, by meanes of [?] ... [the] enormities and oppressions [that] were before followed and worked at are nowe (god be praysed) well reformed ... and the whole Countrey much bettered and amended* r11 · ★★*the concordance's densest row (B3-B6; THE_TWO_LOCKS nn. vst4 + vr9): the poverty interlineation (the Answer*

QUANTIFYING the complainant's poverty — "x" = *ten shillings*, *letter-exact FINAL 2026-08-06*; "xx li"/"xl" superseded); the *SECOND* murder prosecution recital — the elder brother convicted and executed for murdering HIS OWN WIFE ("the wiefte of the said Elder brother" letter-clear), the complainant co-indicted and "very hardly escaped and was found not guiltie" (direct read; "very" professional-confirmed, spelled very, P7); the "*privie Adversary*" maintenance theory (herein/privie letter-exact); the reform passage is Barker-specific ("whose cominge into this Countrey")

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): And this defendant thinketh in his conscience that the complainant — being of very mean estate as he is, ^{not worth 10 shillings in all the world to this defendant's knowledge} *conformed 2026-07-31 per the professional's unit verdict; was £20*, and one that, together with an elder brother of his, hath been indicted [as accessory?] for the wilful murdering of the WIFE of the said elder brother, upon whose trial the said elder brother was found guilty [and executed], and the said complainant hardly escaped and was found not guilty — is countenanced and MAINTAINED herein by some privy Adversary that will not himself (as it seemeth) be known *conformed 2026-07-31: herein/privy per the professional's letter-exact verdict*; which hath caused the said complainant to prefer this scandalous and infamous bill into this Honourable Court against that reverend Justice. The enormities and oppressions that were before followed are now (God be praised) well reformed, and the whole country much bettered and amended.

THE CASTLE-GAOL CUSTODY WAR — R12-R14 • TILES G1-G4•B12-B14

- 010.r12]** ...forasmuche ^{as} the Sheriff gaole of the said [Countie] [was] w[i]th[i]n [the said] Castle of Bewmar[e]s✓, S[i]r Richard Bulkeley Knight whoe [was?] and yet is Constable [thereof] ..., this def[endan]t did send to the said S[i]r Richard Bulkeley desiringe him that he might have the keys of the said Castell and Gaole to his hands, for the more [suretie?] [and] safe keepinge of the p[ri]soners ... and was enformed by the said messenger ... that the said def[endan]t should not have the key of the Castell, but the Gaoler [ap]pointed by the said S[i]r Richard Bulkeley and not the Gaoler of this def[endan]t should from tyme to tyme attend... *r12 • the KEYS narrative — polarity CORRECTED by the precision pass (corrections log #3): LEWIS asked for the keys; BULKELEY REFUSED; "Bewmares" resolved by the same-hand comparator method (the Pass-4 pilot; "Pen—" was a sub-native illusion)*
- 010.r13]** ...[certain prisoners] lately before made escape out of [the said Gaole and Castle] ... W[hi]ch answere this def[endan]t did not well like of, in respect that many prisoners [then in the] said Gaole ... being near friends to and ^{dependents} upon the said [Constable] ... might the more easily escape out of the said Gaole or prison ... beinge Sheriffe as afford said, ^{and,} some what[?] f[a]rre[?] distant from the said Castell  ... [su]ffered and procured a re[move] of the said p[ri]soners *r13 • the sheriff's refusal-of-the-refusal: the castle's prisoners were Bulkeley's "near friends and dependents" (the interlined word); the THIRD revision event ("and, some what farre distant from the said Castell" — the 4C read that re-parsed "detained"→"distant")*
- 010.r14]** Whereupon this def[endan]t, for his better safe[ty] and dischardge ... the removinge of the said prisoners to his owne house: by vertue of w[hi]ch Com[m]ission the said def[endan]t removed the said Edward ap [John] and other [prisoners] ... to his — the said def[endan]t John Lewis[']s — house, wherein [the said] prisoners remayned untill they were returned [and turned] over to the newe Sheriffe ... (to his greate charge and expences, beinge dryven to finde & mainteyne men to watch them night and day, duringe the space of

[BLANK — gap left in the MS]) ... [no/as]△ other Sheriffe [hath/shall?] [vs?]uall[ie]
 formerlie done vpon the like occasions *r14 · the prisoners removed to Lewis's OWN HOUSE with a
 night-and-day watch at his own charge — the scribe left the duration BLANK (the blank is the fact, ledger B8);
 the "[no/as] other Sheriffe" sense-flip is a 4C flag*

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): Forasmuch as the sheriff's gaol lay within the Castle of Beaumaris, whereof Sir Richard Bulkeley knight was and yet is Constable, this defendant sent to Sir Richard desiring that HE might have the keys of the castle and gaol to his own hands, for the more surety and safekeeping of the prisoners — and was informed by the messenger that he should NOT have the key of the castle, but that the gaoler appointed by Sir Richard, and not this defendant's gaoler, should attend him. Which answer this defendant did not well like of — prisoners had lately escaped, and many prisoners in the gaol were near friends to and dependents upon the Constable. Whereupon, for his better safety and discharge, he removed the said Edward ap John and other prisoners to his own house, where they remained until turned over to the new sheriff — to his great charge, being driven to find and maintain men to watch them night and day, during the space of [the scribe left the duration blank].

THE OFFICE-FEES ANSWER, THE PRAYER AND THE SUBSCRIPTIONS — R15-R16 • TILES G1-G4•B15-B16

010.r15] ...And as touchinge the not makeinge or appointinge & [swea?/ser?]vinge[?] of deputi[es] ... [the dis]charge of offices belonginge to the said Sheriffewick[e], for money or other valuable considerac[i]on ... the Sheriffe, or his deputie (for the tyme beinge) ... did appointe the said ^{bayliffs} [of] the hundred[s] ... [and] he [at his?] pleasure appointed the place & place[s]✓ for ... the keepinge of Courts w[i]thin the said [hundreds?] ... [which] was sometymes avialible and beneficiall to the said Sheriff[e]✓ ... [for] w[hi]ch he did receave & take some smalle rewarde [of the said [G/Th?][?]ili[?]d[?]th△X] ... w[hi]ch was lawfull for him so to do, and that ... as [other] Sheriffs have vsed vsuall[ie] [to receave], and not otherwise *r15 · the fees answer = confession-and-avoidance: small customary sums for bailiwick/court-keeping appointments, admitted and defended as lawful custom; "Sheriffewick" recovered by 4C (the "writt for money" flag retracted); the payer's name scan-limited (Xclass — ledger A12's "Griffith" is an UNCONFIRMED lead)*

010.r16] ...All w[hi]ch matters [this def[endan]t is ready to aver and prove ...] ... [prayeth to be] dismissed by[?] th[e/is] ho[nora]ble[?] Co[ur]te[?] w[i]th ... reasonable costes and charges in that behalfe most wrongfullie susteyned · [right foot:] ...[ack?]nowled[?]△ ... & 6d · [below:] Boyd△«or»Boys△〈paraph〉 *r16 · the engrossed PRAYER (the 4C resolution of the "mystery subscription": "[S_?]zand" was mid-word "di-smiss-ed" — corrections log #14); the "& 6d" fee note (with a possible jurat-class acknowledgment before it, 4C flag); the flourished COUNSEL SIGNATURE "Boyd" (initial-B firm; "Boys" possible — ledger A9) with paraph — the Answer is counsel-signed where the Court's own instrument (008/009) is unsigned*

Modernized (editorial aid — never quotable): ...All which matters this defendant is ready to aver and prove as this Honourable Court shall award, and prayeth to be dismissed out of this Court with his reasonable costs and charges in that behalf most wrongfully sustained. (At the foot: a "6d" fee note, and the flourished signature of counsel — Boyd [or Boys] — with his paraph.)

REVISION STRATUM AND PHYSICAL RECORD

Census: 16 grid rows (4×16 = 64 cells, all read; rows 1–12 re-verified cell-by-cell by the precision pass; rows 13–16 + all three column seams + the [?]-tokens audited by 4C — "NO WORDS LOST at any grid boundary"). Revision events: the ^{not worthe xx li...} interlineation (r10/r11) · ^{dependents} (r13) · and, some what farre distant from the said Castell (r13, the third event) · ^{bayliffs} (r15) · ^{to/as} carets (r11/r12) · the struck first-draft indictee zone (r6) · the marginal cross at the Barker-denial line (r9). The night-and-day-watch duration is a scribal BLANK (the blank is the fact).

Physical: the file's giant membrane (7357×7029, 45 MB); lower third blank; bottom-right corner clipped diagonally; the purple PRO stamp + pencil marks (modern); the head-margin faded jotting (4C, scan-limited); the dorse unscanned. As-read note (§15.4): the 2026-07-01 verification zooms and the Phase-B recut cells are LOST series — graded regenerations at crops/stac_regen/ (READMEs inside); the grid tiles and 4C tiles are originals-as-read.

OPEN ITEMS ON THIS MEMBRANE

1. **OPEN** — the victim-token (×5 sightings; ledger A11): "Hughe ap W[illia]m [P/J]end[?]" — the formula word "named" vs a fourth name element (best candidate "P[ry]dd[e]") — which would pair the victim with indictee "W[illia]m Prend[?]"). High-value TNA.
2. **OPEN CONFORMED 2026-08-06** — the indictee list (r6; ledger A11): professional final: Richard ap John · William PRICE ("Prend" superseded; four victim-name sightings all "Price [an elision of *ap Rees*]," his P3 red answer) · Richard ap Richard · Morris ap William · Edward ap John; the struck first-draft zone = "and Will[ia]m Bulkeley" (his P15 red answer, hedged: "quite hard to say with certainty; my best attempt") — coheres with the accessory indictment (r8).
3. **OPEN CONFORMED 2026-07-31** — the bench + the parse (r7): the bench name is Leighton (professional verdict, letter-exact: "It's certainly *Leighton*"), and his plural "justices" resolves the parse — the PAIR is the court, no third person. Superseded framing: "Brereton and Richard Barker esquiers ... his ma[jes]t[ie]s Chief Justic[e/es?]" — singular/plural decides whether a third person is styled, the pair is the court, or one is Chief Justice (cross-check 009's Leighton). TNA.
4. **OPEN CONFORMED 2026-08-06** — the poverty interlineation (r10–r11; concordance B4): letter-exact = "x^s" (his P12 red answer) — ten shillings FINAL; "xx li"/"xl" both superseded. The in-quote verdict annotation at r11 carries the provenance.
5. **OPEN CONFORMED 2026-08-06** — the former scan-limited items: the r15 fee-payer = "of the said bailiffs or some of them" (his P19; "Griffith" lead RETIRED); the head-margin jotting/head zone = William Mill's signature (Star Chamber clerk; his P8, UV image + identity footnote); the counsel subscription = "Lloyd — probably Sir John Lloyd of the Inner Temple (adm. 1583, bench 1607, serjeant 1623): JH Baker, Readings and Moots (SS Supp. 13) 94" (his P20; Boyd/Boys superseded; identity candidate-grade, his "probably"). STILL OPEN (physical): the "[ack?]nowled[?] & 6d" note; the dorse (standing TNA imaging order).
6. **VARIANT CONFORMED 2026-08-06** — sweep-up (his Tier-2 red answers, letter-exact): r2 = "p[ro]curem[en]t" (P4); r3 "[not]" DISSOLVES ("And yet nevertheles," conditional answer-over, P1);

murder place = "**the Redwharh**" (Red Wharf, P16 + photo Answer P16); "**as** other shiriffes hadd
 form[er]lie donne upon the like occasions" (P22); deputies verb = "**P[ro]clayminge**" (P23); r9 = "making
 and appointing of this defendant **high sheriff**" + "his **l[ett]re** ... some speciall **frende**" singulars (P18); r12
 = "for the more **sure** keepinge" (P25 — BOTH prior layers wrong); r5 = "**very fewe** ... **any** lawfull
 excepc[i]ons" (P26); r11 estate = "of **suche** meane estate" (P27); reform passage = "**tollerated and**
wincked at" + "by means of whose coming into those countries" (P28); praise = "thinke **amisse**" (P29);
 r13 interline = "<**and** dwelling far distant from the said castle>" (P21 — "some what farre" superseded);
 r16 = "in that **behalf**" + "retourned over to the **nowe** Shiriffe" (P31 — now-not-new). Full distillation:
 _WORKING_WHITTICK_RETURN_VERDICTS_2026-08-04.md §§ F–H.

CROSS-REFERENCES

Text authority: _WORKING_010_TRANSCRIPTION.md (grid + precision layers, 4C fold-in; the precision
 layer governs rows 1–12). Completeness audits: _WORKING_P4C_AUDIT.md (seam strips, rows 13–16 spot
 pass, full-extent ink screen, [?]-re-renders). Ledger: _PRECISION_PASS_LEDGER.md (A9–A12, B8, E3).
 Quoted-in-print rows: QUOTATION_CONCORDANCE.md §B (B1–B6). Companion:
 READING_COMPANION_STAC_8_203_38.md (010 section). Method:
 ../TRANSCRIPTION_AND_ANALYSIS_METHODOLOGY.md (v1.3, §18.5).

*Canonical tiles cut 2026-07-09 with ../_crop_stac_v3.py from the fixity-pinned master (sha256 ccbaf25b529d...); manifest
 crops/canon/_manifest.jsonl; hashes in crops/_FIXITY_SHA256_CROPS.txt. Coverage proven y 140–7029; the head strip
 anchored to the 4C screen with its jotting-flag disclosed. The canon series is the citation layer; verdicts trace to the as-
 read series (grid + 4C originals; the lost zoom/recut series disclosed as regen-class) in the working file and ledger.*