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Court allowed constable Ives for charge about the Maning's, 5s., and 2s. for a man impressed to go over the ferry. John Horne, as tithingman, was allowed costs in witnessing against John King.

To the servants of the house, 12s.

Anstis Maning, widow, and Jacob Maning, gunsmith, were bound for the appearance of said Anstis's daughters, Anstis Maning and Margerett Palfree, either at the next Ipswich court or the Court of Assistants, upon suspicion of the crime of incest, in which their brother Nicholas Maning was involved.*

Court ordered that some meet person be appointed to divide the land in the inventory of William Flint, deceased, for the peace of all concerned.

John Legg, Richard Knott, Mr. Ed. Batter, Capt. Geo. Corwin, Capt. Price, Mr. Browne, sr., Mr. Jo. Hathorne, Mr. Bar. Gedney, Mr. John Ruck, Ambross Gale and Mrs. Turner were granted licenses for retailing strong water.

Richard Croad, Mr. John Gedney, Ellenor Hollingworth, Mr. Thaddeus Riddan, Capt. Tho. Marshall, Mrs. Hathorne of Linn and Mr. Daniell King had their licenses renewed for keeping ordinary.

The will† of John Hill was proved upon oath of Jeremiah Neale and Samuell Nurse, and an inventory was allowed.

*Salem presentment. Wit: Elizabeth Waters, Anne Killigrove, the wife of John Maskall, sr., the wife of John Prist and the wife of Joseph Allen.

†Will of John Hill, † dated July 29, 1680, "haueing bene for a long space of time ill & out of order: I giue to my two sons John & robert my 40 akers of land lying up in the woods by Samuel Cutlers to bee deuided equally betweene them. 2 I giue to John Hill all the land I haue in the pound meddow & that which I haue in cookes medow I giue to robert 3 I giue to my foure daughters Miriam Susan Liddia Elizabeth each of them a cow & fiue pound a peice besides to the two eldest to bee paid in some short time after my decease as soone as conueniently may bee, to the two youngest when they come of age 4 I giue to my wife all the rest of my estate to bee inioyed by her without any interruption or molestation during the time of her life & at her decease to bee at her sole

† Autograph and seal.

was ordered to make acknowledgment in the public assembly at Wenham within a month, it having been proved that she had slandered the wife of John Davis in calling her names and saying that her child was a bastard.*

John Hibbert, attorney to Nath. Walderne, executor of the estate of Edward Waldron, deceased v. Thomas Baker. Verdict for plaintiff.†

Wm. Armitage, bound over to the Worshipful Wm. Brown, Esq., and Bartholmew Gedny, Esq., for speaking against authority, defaulted, and his bond was declared forfeited.

Richard Long and Ann, his wife, confessed fornication, and were fined.‡

Anstis Maning and Margret Maning, now Polfery, for incest, their brother Nicolas Maning being implicated, were committed to prison until morning, and then at Ipswich to be whipped upon the naked body. At the next lecture day at Salem they were to stand or sit upon a high stool during

*Writ: John Denise and Ruth, his wife v. Thomas Hobbs and his wife; slander; dated 2 : 10 : 1680; signed by Thos. Fiske,§ for the court and town of Wenham; and served by Samuell Moulton,§ constable of Wenham, by attachment of the dwelling house of defendant.

William Knowlton, aged about thirty-six years, and John Knollton, aged about thirty-four years, deposed that they heard Mary, wife of Thomas Hobs, make these charges at John Abey's house, and she said she could prove them. Sworn in court.

†Writ, dated 23 : 1 : 1681, for not performing an obligation for land, dated Mar. 15, 1678, and going out of this jurisdiction without giving any security, he having secured a deed of said land, signed by Thos. Fiske,§ for the court and town of Wenham, and served by Samll. Corning,§ constable of Beverly.

John Hibbert's bill of cost, 1li. 17s.

Bond, dated Mar. 15, 1678, given by Thomas (his mark) Baker to Edward Waldern of Wenham, for the payment of 30li. in corn, English goods, cattle and money, for land, to be paid at the now dwelling house of said Waldern in Wenham. Wit: Tho. Fiske§ and Robert (his mark) Hibbert.

Letter of attorney, dated Feb. 25, 1680, given by Nathaneel Waldren|| of Salem to his brother-in-law, John Hibbert, of Wenham. Wit: Nathaniel Felton§ and Benjamin Fuller.§

‡Salisbury presentment.

§ Autograph.

|| Autograph and seal.

the whole time of the exercise in the open middle alley of the meeting house, with a paper upon each of their heads, with their crime written in capital letters, the constable of Salem to see it performed. By the payment of 5li., the whipping was respitted. Said Nicolas had fled.*

*Copy of records of the Salem court in this action, 30 : 9 : 1680, made by Hilliard Veren, † cleric.

Elizabeth Watters, upon examination on Dec. 3, 1680, testified that on a public meeting day last winter at night, there was quarrelling between her master, Nicholas Manning, and his wife, and the latter left the house and lodged in another place. She testified to the relation between said Manning and his sisters Anstice and Margaret, etc. Sworn, 3 : 10 : 1680, in Salem court.

Ann Kelegrew and Grace Tiver, aged about twenty-two years, deposed. Sworn, 3 : 10 : 1680, in Salem court.

Elizabeth Preist and Bethia Allen testified that while they lived in the house with their father-in-law, Nicholas Manning, he was uncivil to them, etc. Sworn, 3 : 10 : 1680, in Salem court.

Elinor Holingworth testified that Ann Kellegrew had lived with her about a quarter of a year, and she had not seen any evil carriage about her, either by cursing or lying. Sworn in court.

Elin Maskoll testified that Elizabeth, wife of Nicholas Manning, said that she had seen enough of his actions to clear her from him, but was afraid to speak about it. Sworn, Dec. 3, 1680, before Bartho. Gedney, † assistant.

Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Capt. Nicholas Manning: that for about half a year through terror of her husband and his sisters, being afraid of her life, she was obliged to go to live with one of her poor daughters, not having any means to maintain herself; that he never looked after her nor gave her any maintenance all this while, neither did he desire her return until the night before the accusation came against him, which she knowing nothing of, in her simplicity, was overcome by his fair speeches and went home with him that night; that "finding his intent was to make use of me butt as a cloake (alas I knew so much of him & his sisters y^e hath been a terror to me) And wheras he is gone and Cannott be found, & I am forced to returne againe to my poore daughter;" that his estate, which also is hers, but which he may have made over to somebody else, be placed in the hands of the selectmen for her necessary maintenance, that she might not be a charge to the town.

† Autograph.

Elizabeth, wife of Luke Perkins, presented for most opprobrious and scandalous words of a high nature against Mr. Cobbit and her husband's natural parents and other relations of his, which was proved, court ordered that in order that due testimony might be borne against such a virulent, reproachful and wicked-tongued woman, she be severely whipped on the naked body, and to stand or sit the next lecture day in some open place in the public meeting house at Ipswich during the whole time of the exercise with a paper pinned on her head on which is written in capital letters, "FOR REPROACHING MINISTERS, PARENTS AND RELATIONS." By payment of 3li. the corporal punishment was respitted.*

Petition of Walter Polfery, Margret Polfery, his wife, and Anstice Maning, Apr. 1, 1681, to the Ipswich court, that the money to be paid as a punishment be remitted, they being fatherless and strangers in a strange country, etc.

Petition of Anstice Manning:† that her daughter was innocent, she having been in her company constantly ever since coming to this country, and she hoped God would change the heart of her son Nicholas, etc.

*Petition of Elesibeth Pirkins:† "i confes that i haue sined in a ueary hy degree both aganst god and man and haue disonored my frends and Relacons and discredited and brought staine upon my silef and allso haue both foullishly and bouldly haue Reproachfully spoken aganst thos that i ought to Reverans and oner and haue brought a scandall oupon Relidgon fore which i dou desier to humbell my self before god and this onerid corte and dou desier the prars of this onered cort the Lord would fore giue my notorus sins and i dou desier that all that hear of this may tack warning by me and intreat youar oners to shew what fauer," etc.

Mary Spofford, aged about twenty years, testified that one day the past summer Isarel Woodcok happened to be in her company, which was the first time she had had any discourse with him. What he said to her surpassed all bounds of civility or modesty concerning his relations with Luke Perkins' wife. Sworn in court.

Elizabeth Sandi, aged about nineteen years, deposed that Isaael Woodcock asked if he might gather some pears in her orchard, etc. Bonus Norton and Elizabeth Sandi deposed that Luke Perkins' wife said she loved Woodcocke above all men in the world. Sworn in court.

John Sady and Bonus Norton deposed that "it is a Com-

† Autograph.