Summary of Dorney Manor Court Roll (19 October 1548)

This summary outlines the main points from the Dorney Manor Court Roll of 19th October 1548. It covers various aspects of manor management, including attendance records, land use issues, regulation of common resources, community obligations, officer appointments, and boundary disputes.

Key features of this court roll include:

- 1. The detailed fines for overcharging the commons, showing strict regulation of shared resources.
- 2. The specific community regulations, such as pig-ringing and sheep-marking, illustrating the manor's role in agricultural management.
- 3. The resolution of local disputes, such as the boundary issue between Nicholas Forde and Thomas Grove.
- 4. The continued use of the manor court to enforce local ordinances and customs.

This document provides valuable insights into the day-to-day administration of an early Tudor manor under Edward VI, showcasing how the manor court system addressed a wide range of local issues and maintained order in the community.

Court Details

• Date: 19th October 1548 (2nd year of King Edward VI's reign)

· Lord of the Manor: William Garrard

Steward: Thomas Butler

Key Points:

1. Essoins and Homage:

- Several individuals excused, represented by others
- Extensive list of homage members provided

2. Fines for Default:

 Ambrose Aldryge, Robert Covyngton, and Thomas Mountegewe fined for failing to attend (2d-4d)

3. Land Enclosure Issues:

 Thomas Dollyng ordered to remove fences from Northefeyld and unblock a cart-way (6s 8d fine)

4. Overcharging Commons:

- Nine individuals fined 3s 4d each for overcharging Dorney Grene with beasts and sheep
- Fourteen individuals fined 4d-12d each for overcharging with geese and ganders

5. Community Regulations:

- All tenants ordered to ring pigs before All Saints' day (2d fine per pig)
- Tenants with land in Oldfelde and Asshefeld ordered to set up fences and clean ditches (4d fine per perch)
- William Webbe and Thomas Heytone ordered to clean ditches and set up fences in Olde Felde (12d fine per perch)
- Sheep to be marked with letter D at shearing time (3s 4d fine)
- o Ten individuals ordered to make a cart gate in Fitzwaterlane (8d fine each)

6. Officer Election:

 Richard Colnerhous chosen to replace John Goldyng for overseeing Statutes and Ordinances (3s 4d fine for non-performance)

7. Boundary Dispute:

 Nicholas Forde of Boveney ordered to replace a boundary stake between his land and Thomas Grove's in South mede lake (20d fine)

8. Court Earnings:

o Total fines (estreats) from this court: 37s 4d

Note on Spelling Variations:

- Dollyn / Dollyng
- Mountegewe / Mountegew
- Goldwyn / Goldyng
- Yngbye / Ingby