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Inquisition taken to inquire on behalf of the lord king at Carlisle on Saturday next after the feast of St Hilary 19 Hen. VII [c. **19 Jan 1504**] before John Musgrave, knight, William Beulye, Thomas Beuchamp senior, Henry Denton and Thomas Beverley, justices of the lord king assigned to keep the peace in the county of Cumberland, and justices assigned to hear and determine divers felonies, trespasses and wrongdoings in the county of Cumberland.

[Jurors]:

George Kyrkbryd, esquire

John Dalston, gentleman

Thomas Beuchamp junior, gentleman

Robert Warwik, gentleman

Thomas Blenerhassed, gentleman

Robert Carlill, gentleman

Thomas Curwen of Camerton, esquire

Robert Brisco, gentleman

William Rabankes, gentleman

William Batie, gentleman

Richard Muncastre, gentleman

William Goldsmyth, gentleman

John Kok, gentleman

John Messynger, gentleman

Christopher Myre, 'franklyng'

HumphreyThrilkeld,gentleman

It is to be inquired into on behalf of the lord king as to if the following people¹, with very many others to the number of 200 persons, **on 27 Dec 19 Hen. VII [1503]**, by force and arms, viz with staffs, lances, bows and arrows, jacks, 'salettes' and other defensive arms, arrayed in warlike manner, at Millom, Cumb, **by the order of John Huddilston**, late of London, knight, and **William Huddilston**, late of Aldingham, Lancs, esquire, riotously came together and assembled, and then and there made an assault upon

Philip Dacre, esquire,
George Skelton,
Adam Huchenson,
William Richardson,
Patrick Bell,
Geoffrey Elwald,
William Browne,
Thomas Latton,
Robert Croke,
Rowland Ledall,
Henry Brown,
John Bewshire,
Christopher Grene,
Thomas Dawson,
John Whitesmyth,
Christopher Dawson and
John Brown, at Millom, aforesaid,

and riotously imprisoned the same

Philip,
George,
Adam,
William,
Patrick,
Geoffrey,
William,
Thomas,
Robert,
Roland,
Henry,
John,
Christopher,
Thomas,
John,
Christopher and
John

at Millom, aforesaid, and then and there riotously kept them in prison there from the aforesaid **27th day of December until the 10th day of the month of January** then next following, until the same

Philip,
George,
Adam,

¹ A list of persons now follows, which I have listed on separate lines below.

William,
Patrick,
Geoffrey,
William,
Thomas,
Robert,
Roland,
Henry,
John,
Christopher,
Thomas,
John,
Christopher
and John

almost perished from hunger against the peace of the lord king.

1. John Huddilston, late of Audingham in the county of Lancaster, esquire
2. Miles Huddilston, vicar of Millom, clerk
3. Alexander Denton, late of Ulpho, Cumb, gentleman
4. John Huddilston, late of Halbaro, Cumb, yeoman
5. Walter Myre, late of Aldyngham, Lancs, yeoman (south of Bardsea)
6. Robert Cort of the same, yeoman
7. James Leshe, late of Swynsyd, Cumb, yeoman
8. Richard Cletter, late of Hest Holm, Cumb, 'franklyng'
9. William Fox, late of Wodhend, Cumb, yeoman
10. Nicholas Kitchyng, late of Perche², yeoman
11. Richard Bewys,³ late of Millom, yeoman
12. Christopher Asco, late of Standardstans, yeoman
13. Richard Brokbanke, late of Butill, yeoman
14. Geoffrey Fox, late of Arnalby, yeoman
15. Geoffrey Scott, late of Millom Park, yeoman
16. Gilbert Fox, late of Kyrksantton, yeoman
17. Nicholas Craigo, late of Millom, yeoman

²² The people are now stated to be from the county of Cumberland (unless otherwise stated).

³ The surname could also be Bowys.

18. Henry Lesse, late of Marche in Millom, yeoman
19. John Watton, late of Millom, yeoman
20. Richard Stable, late of the same, yeoman
21. Thomas Stable, late of the same, yeoman
22. Leonard Thornboro, late of Whitby, 'frankling'
23. John Ascho, late of Dudynbryg, yeoman
24. George Fox, late of Millom, yeoman
25. Henry Myre, late of Whitzcham, yeoman
26. William Myre, late of Cornay, yeoman
27. Richard Myre, late of the same, yeoman
28. William Copland, late of the same, yeoman
29. John Singleton, late of the same, yeoman
30. John Kadye, late of Byrtby, yeoman
31. Nicholas Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
32. Robert Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
33. John Beby, late of Lertby, yeoman
34. Thomas Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
35. William Pyerson, late of the same, yeoman
36. Nicholas Robynson, late of the same, yeoman
37. James Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
38. Edward Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
39. Thomas Kyrkby, late of the same, yeoman
40. William Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
41. Henry Kade, late of the same, yeoman
42. Rowland Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
43. William Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
44. John Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
45. Alan Kade, late of the same, yeoman
46. William Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
47. Nicholas Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
48. Oliver Smyth, late of Buttill
49. William Hastwait, late of the same, yeoman
50. Rowland Cott, late of the same, yeoman
51. Oliver Huddilston, late of the same, yeoman
52. Nicholas Huddilston, late of the same, yeoman
53. lord Robert Scatergude, late of Setton, clerk
54. John Borodall, late of Millom, yeoman
55. Thomas Kitching, late of the same, yeoman
56. Rowland Dandson, late of Kyrksanton, yeoman

57. Rowland Kitching, late of the same, yeoman
58. Richard Kitching, late of the same, yeoman

59. William Twisday, late of Millom, yeoman
60. Henry Kitching, late of the same, yeoman
61. Richard Foxx, late of the same, yeoman
62. ?Miles Fox, late of Millom, yeoman
63. Richard Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
64. William Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
65. George Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
66. Robert Postiltwat, late of the same, yeoman

67. John Muncastre, late of Murtwait Grene, yeoman

68. Richard Ranaldson, late of Syelcroft, yeoman

69. William Huntter, late of Seybank, yeoman

70. Thomas Lewtethe, late of Whitzheam, yeoman
71. Rowland Muncastre, late of the same, yeoman
72. John Graves, late of the same, yeoman

73. Thomas Ayskeu, late of Millom, yeoman

74. Robert Fox, late of the same, yeoman

75. Christopher Ayskeu, late of Stanadstans, yeoman

76. Nicholas Twisday, late of Millom, yeoman
77. Richard Askew, late of the same, yeoman
78. Percival Lesse, late of the same, yeoman
79. ~~John Jacson, late of the same, yeoman~~
80. Thomas Stanley, late of the same, yeoman
81. Richard Postilwait, late of the same, yeoman
82. John Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
83. Geoffrey Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
84. Nicholas Crag, late of the same, yeoman
85. Robert Hobkyn, late of the same, yeoman
86. Christopher Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
87. Maykyn Lesse, late of the same, yeoman
88. Oliver Kitching, late of the same, yeoman
89. Robert Scott, late of the same, yeoman

90. Thomas Sympson, late of Arnalby, yeoman

91. John Marchall, late of Marche, yeoman

92. Robert Postilwait, late of Millom, yeoman
93. Thomas Twisday, late of the same, yeoman

94. James Troughton, late of Arnalby, yeoman
95. Christopher Walton, late of Millom, yeoman
96. James Matson, late of the same, yeoman
97. William Ayskew, late of the same, yeoman
98. Gavin Ayskew, late of Arnelby, yeoman
99. Roger Stanley, late of the same, yeoman
100. John Stanley, late of the same, yeoman
101. Thomas Richardson, late of the same, yeoman
102. Robert Redhed, late of Millom, yeoman
103. John Cokynskale, late of Ulpho, yeoman
104. James Matson, late of Arnalby, yeoman
105. Thomas Lesse, late of the same, yeoman
106. Thomas Herryman, late of Millom, yeoman
107. liam Watson, late of the same, yeoman
108. John Stelle, late of the same, yeoman
109. Stable, late of Arnalby, yeoman
110. James Tuthow, late of Millom
111. Thomas Foxx, late of the same, yeoman
112. Thomas Prestman, late of Millom, yeoman
113. John Heryman, late of the same, yeoman
114. Christopher Sewhird, late of the same, yeoman
115. James Knitson, late of the same, shoemaker
116. Richard Lesse, late of the same, yeoman
117. William Lesse, late of the same, yeoman
118. William Lesse junior, late of the same, yeoman
119. Thomas Lesse, late of the same, yeoman
120. John Fox, late of the same, yeoman
121. John Walker, late of the same, yeoman
122. John Stroth, late of the same, yeoman
123. William Marchall, late of the same, yeoman
124. Thomas Grise, late of the same, yeoman
- ~~125. John ...son, late of Salthowse, yeoman~~
126. John Kitching, late of Millom, yeoman
127. Jenkyn Deconson, late of the same, yeoman
128. James Bowis, late of the same, yeoman
129. John Grey, late of the same, yeoman
130. John Kitching, late of Millom, yeoman
131. John Pyre, late of the same, yeoman
132. John Moirtwait, late of le Mayns, yeoman
133. John Moirtwait junior, late of the same, yeoman
134. Richard Drinkhall, late of the same, yeoman

135. Makyn Stable, late of the same, yeoman
 136. John Town, late of [blank],⁴ yeoman
137. Henry Myre, late of Whitzheam, yeoman
 138. Rowland Johnson, late of the same, yeoman
 139. John Halt, late of the same, yeoman
 140. Rowland Lesse, late of the same, yeoman
 141. John Hogeson, late of the same, yeoman
142. Thomas Diconson, late of Millom, yeoman
 143. Richard Troughton, late of Witzheam, yeoman
 144. Rowland Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
 145. Richard Myre, late of the same, yeoman
 146. Maykyn Myre, late of the same, yeoman
 147. Robert Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
 148. Nicholas Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
 149. John Lewtethe, late of the same, yeoman
 150. Rowland Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
 151. Rowland Town, late of the same, yeoman
 152. Robert Town, late of the same, yeoman
 153. Richard Myre, late of the same, yeoman
 154. Robert Wode, late of the same, yeoman
 155. Robert Kyrkbank, late of the same, yeoman
156. Richard Hertley, late of Kyrksanton, yeoman
 157. Makyn Syngleton, late of the same, yeoman
 158. Thomas Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
 159. Leonard Thornboro, late of the same, yeoman
 160. John Hatmaker, late of the same, yeoman
 161. John Singleton, late of the same, yeoman
 162. Thomas Huntter, late of the same, yeoman
 163. Robert Huntter senior, late of the same, yeoman
 164. Robert Huntter junior, late of the same, yeoman
 165. Christopher Whithed, late of the same, yeoman
 166. William Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
 167. Richard Wodburn, late of the same, yeoman
 168. William Wodburn, late of the same, yeoman
 169. William Withede, late of the same, yeoman
 170. John Huntter, late of the same, yeoman
 171. Richard Withed, late of the same, yeoman
 172. George Kitching, late of the same, yeoman
 173. Matthew Askew, late of the same, yeoman
 174. William Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
 175. William Watson, late of the same, yeoman
 176. Rowland Baysbrown, late of the same, yeoman
 177. Thomas Whithed, late of the same, yeoman
 178. Rowland Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
179. John Brokbank, late of Ulpho, yeoman
 180. Richard Wodend, late of the same, yeoman

⁴ I would guess that the word 'same' has been missed out by the scribe.

181. John Wodend, late of the same, yeoman
182. Richard Robynson, late of the same, yeoman
183. John Robynson, late of the same, yeoman
184. Richard Dawson, late of the same, yeoman
185. Richard Brokelbank, late of the same, yeoman
186. Roger Nicholson, late of the same, yeoman
187. John Jenkynson, late of the same, yeoman
188. Rowland Baysbrown, late of the same, yeoman
189. Roger Baysbrown, late of the same, yeoman
190. William Baysborwn, late of the same, yeoman
191. John Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
192. Richard Jacson junior, late of the same, yeoman
193. Richard Jacson senior, late of the same, yeoman
194. Roger Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
195. William Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
196. William Dycson, late of the same, yeoman
197. Thomas Park, late of the same, yeoman
198. John Cokenskell, late of the same, yeoman
199. Christopher Jenkynson, late of the same, yeoman
200. Percival Lewtethe, late of the same, yeoman
201. John Brokelbank, late of the same, yeoman
202. Robert Trowghton, late of the same, yeoman
203. William Tyson, late of the same, yeoman
204. Thomas Flemyng, late of the same, yeoman
205. Rowland Tyson, late of the same, yeoman
206. Nicholas Deconson, late of the same, yeoman
207. John Inman, late of the same, yeoman
208. Rowland Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
209. Alexander Cokenskell, late of the same, yeoman
210. Nicholas Cokenskell, late of the same, yeoman
211. William Tyson, late of the same, yeoman
212. Thomas Turnere, late of the same, yeoman
213. Robert Turner, late of the same, yeoman
214. Robert Cokenskell, late of the same, yeoman
215. Edward Atkynson, late of the same, yeoman
216. Hugh Atkynson, late of the same, yeoman
217. John Atkynson, late of the same, yeoman
218. Robert Lame, late of the same, yeoman
219. John Hogeson, late of the same, yeoman
220. William Crowdson, late of the same, yeoman
221. John Dycson, late of the same, yeoman

222. Richard Cote, late of Buttill, yeoman
223. Nicholas Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
224. William Jacson senior, late of the same, yeoman
225. William Jacson junior, late of the same, yeoman
226. Nicholas Dawson, late of the same, yeoman
227. Henry Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
228. William Copland, late of the same, yeoman
229. William Inman, late of the same, yeoman
230. William Myre, late of the same, yeoman

231. ~~John~~ William Myre, late of the same, yeoman
232. John Myr, late of the same, yeoman
233. Richard James, late of the same, yeoman
234. James James, late of the same, yeoman
235. Richard Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
236. Thomas Asburn, late of the same, yeoman
237. Robert Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
238. John Syningleton, late of the same, yeoman
239. William Wykam, late of the same, yeoman
240. James Singleton, late of the same, yeoman
241. Richard Cadye, late of the same, yeoman
242. William Singleton, late of the same, yeoman
243. William Brathwait, late of the same, yeoman
244. Thomas Singleton, late of the same, yeoman
245. William Gybson, late of the same, yeoman
246. John Wilson, late of the same, yeoman
247. Christopher Lame, late of the same, yeoman
248. Richard Park, late of the same, yeoman
249. Robert Matson, late of the same, yeoman
250. John Newton, late of the same, yeoman
251. John Hall, late of the same, yeoman
252. Thomas Freres, late of the same, yeoman
253. John Pyrrye, late of the same, yeoman
254. Thomas Asetwait, late of the same, yeoman
255. Christopher Fuller, late of the same, yeoman
256. Thomas Watson, late of the same, yeoman
257. Thomas Benson, late of the same, yeoman
258. Robert Lewtethe, late of the same, yeoman
259. Edward Hogekeyn, late of the same, yeoman
260. John Cott, late of the same, yeoman
261. Thomas Cote, late of the same, yeoman
262. Nicholas Cote, late of the same, yeoman
263. Nicholas Thomson, late of the same, yeoman
264. Thomas Bygg, late of the same, yeoman
265. John Matson, late of the same, yeoman
266. Nicholas Mayson, late of the same, yeoman
267. Randal (*Ranulphus*) Ben, late of the same, yeoman
268. Roger Ben, late of the same, yeoman
269. Robert Beby, late of the same, yeoman
270. John Kitching, late of the same, yeoman
271. Gavin Postiltwait, late of the same, yeoman
272. John Sharpe, late of the same, yeoman
273. John Beby, late of the same, yeoman
274. James Cote, late of the same, yeoman
275. George Stanley, late of the same, yeoman
276. William Peyell, late of the same, yeoman
277. Richard Robynson, late of the same, yeoman
278. Christopher Jacson, late of the same, yeoman

It is to be inquired into on behalf of the lord king as to if the following people⁵, with very many other wrongdoers to the number of 200 persons, on **2 Jan 19 Hen. VII [1504]**, by force and arms, viz with staffs, lances, bows, arrows, jacks, 'salettes', swords and other defensive arms, arrayed in warlike manner, at Millom, Cumb, **by the order of John Hudilston**, late of London, knight, and **William Hudilston**, late of Aldyngham, Lancs, esquire, riotously came together and assembled, and then and there made an assault upon

Philip Dacre, esquire,
George Skelton,
Adam Huchonson,
William Richardson,
Patrick Bell,
Geoffrey Elwald,
William Brown,
Thomas Laton,
Robert Cruke,
Rowland Ledale,
Henry Brown,
John Bewshire,
Christopher Grene,
Thomas Dawson,
John Whitesmyth,
Christopher Dawson
and John Brown,

at Millom, aforesaid, and riotously imprisoned the same
Philip,
George,
Adam,
William,
Patrick,
Geoffrey,
William,
Thomas,
Robert,
Roland,
Henry,
John, C
hristopher,
Thomas,
John,
Christopher
and John

at Millom, aforesaid, and then and there riotously kept them in prison from the aforesaid **2nd day of January until the 10th day of the month of January** then next following, until the same

Philip,
George,
Adam,

⁵ A list of persons now follows, which I have listed on separate lines below.

William,
Patrick,
Geoffrey,
William,
Thomas,
Robert,
Roland,
Henry,
John,
Christopher,
Thomas,
John,

Christopher almost perished from hunger against the peace of the lord king.

1. Miles Hudilston, rector of the church of Whitcham, Cumb, clerk
2. Walter Myre, late of Aldyngham, Lancs, yeoman
3. James Leese, late of Swyneside, Cumb, yeoman
4. Richard Cleter, late of Hestholme, Cumb, franklin (Muncaster)
5. William Fox, late of Wodend, Cumb, yeoman
6. John Hudilston, late of Halbarow, yeoman
7. Christopher Askew, late of Standyngstanes, yeoman (Standingstones)
8. Richard Bowes, late of Millom, yeoman
9. Nicholas Kechyn, late of the same, yeoman
10. Richard Brokebank, late of Ulpho, yeoman
11. Geoffrey Fox, late of Arnalby, yeoman
12. Geoffrey Scot, late of Millom, yeoman
13. Gilbert Fox, late of Kirkesanton, yeoman
14. Nicholas Crag, late of Millom, yeoman
15. Henry Leese, late of the same, yeoman
16. Thomas Jakson, late of the same, yeoman
17. Nicholas Jakson, late of the same, yeoman
18. John Walton, late of the same, yeoman
19. Richard Stabill, late of the same, yeoman
20. Thomas Stabill, late of the same, yeoman
21. Leonard Thorneborow, late of the same, yeoman
22. John Askew, late of the same, yeoman
23. George Fox, late of the same, yeoman
24. Henry Myre, late of Whitcham, yeoman
25. Alexander Denton, late of Ulpho, gentleman
26. Peter Kellet, late of Millom, clerk
27. Thomas Salthouse, late of the same, clerk
28. William Myre, late of Corney, yeoman
29. Richard Myre, late of the same, yeoman
30. Robert Scatergude, late of Seton, clerk
31. William Cowpland, late of Corney, yeoman
32. John Singleton, late of the same, yeoman
33. John Kady, late of Byrtby, yeoman
34. Nicholas Jacson, late of the same, yeoman
35. Robert Jakson, late of the same, yeoman
36. John Robynson, late of the same, yeoman
37. John Beby, late of the same, yeoman

38. Thomas Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
39. William Pereson, late of the same, yeoman
40. Nicholas Robynson, late of the same, yeoman
41. James Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
42. Edward Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
43. Thomas Kirkeby, late of the same, yeoman
44. William Jakson, late of the same, yeoman
45. Henry Kade, late of the same, yeoman
46. Rowland Jakson, late of the same, yeoman
47. William Jakson, late of the same, yeoman
48. John Jakson, late of the same, yeoman
49. Alan Kade, late of the same, yeoman
50. William Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
51. Nicholas Troughton, late of the same, yeoman
52. Oliver Smyth, late of Butill, yeoman
53. William Hastthuayte, late of the same, yeoman
54. Rowland Cote, late of the same, yeoman
55. Oliver Hudilston, late of the same, yeoman
56. Nicholas Hudilston, late of the same, yeoman
57. John Borodale, late of Millom, yeoman
58. Thomas Kechyn, late of the same, yeoman
59. Rowland Dandson, late of the same, yeoman
60. Rowland Kechyn, late of the same, yeoman
61. Richard Postilthuayte, late of the same, yeoman
62. George Postilthuaite, late of the same, yeoman
63. William Postilthuaite, late of the same, yeoman
64. Robert Postilthuaite, late of the same, yeoman
65. John Mulcastre, late of the same, yeoman
66. Richard Raynaldson, late of the same, yeoman
67. William Hunter, late of the same, yeoman
68. Thomas Lewteth, late of the same, yeomanmiles
69. Rowland Mulcastre, late of the same, yeoman
70. John Graves, late of the same, yeoman
71. Thomas Askew, late of the same, yeoman
72. Nicholas Twiseoday, late of the same, yeoman
73. Percival Leese, late of the same, yeoman
74. John Foxx, late of the same, yeoman
75. Thomas Stanley, late of the same, yeoman
76. Geoffrey Postilthuaite, late of the same, yeoman
77. Robert Hobkyn, late of the same, yeoman
78. Christopher Postilthuaite, late of the same, yeoman
79. Matthew Leese otherwise called Makyn, late of the same, yeoman
80. Oliver Kechyn, late of the same, yeoman
81. Robert Scot, late of the same, yeoman
82. Thomas Sympson, late of the same, yeoman
83. John Marshall, late of the same, yeoman
84. James Matson, late of the same, yeoman
85. Gawin Askew, late of the same, yeoman
86. Roger Stanley, late of the same, yeoman
87. John Stanley, late of the same, yeoman
88. Thomas Richardson, late of the same, yeoman

89. Robert Redehede, late of the same, yeoman
90. John Cokenscales, late of Ulpho, yeoman
91. John Stele, late of Millom, yeoman
92. William Stabill, late of the same, yeoman
93. James Tuthow, late of the same, yeoman
94. Thomas Prestman, late of the same, yeoman
95. John Herreman, late of the same, yeoman
96. Christopher Sewhird, late of the same, yeoman
97. James Knyghtson, late of the same, yeoman
98. Richard Leese, late of the same, yeoman
99. Thomas Leese, late of the same, yeoman
100. John Walker, late of the same, yeoman

Cumberland: It is to be inquired into on behalf of the lord king as to if

Richard Cletter of Mellom, yeoman,
Gilbert Fox of the same vill and county, yeoman,
Oliver Smyth of Botell, yeoman,
Rowland Dandson of Millom, wright,
Richard Cowper of the same, wright,
William Fox of the same, yeoman,
John Bostelthwait of Ennerfyde, husbandman,
Geoffrey Fox of Millom, husbandman,
Rowland Asburner of Bothell, husbandman,
John Cletter of Millom, husbandman,
Geoffrey Scott of the same, yeoman,
Matthew Harryson of the same, labourer,
Leonard Thornburgh of the same, yeoman,
Thomas Askaie of the same, husbandman,
Rowland Scotte of Bothell, husbandman,
John Mason of the same, husbandman,
Nicholas Huddelston of the same, yeoman,
John Skeldinge of the same, shoemaker,
Richard Braithuaite of the same, husbandman.
Rowland Cletter of Bothyll, webster,
Thomas Frere of the same, hatmaker,
John Cletter of the same, webster,
Oliver Fouller of the same, husbandman,
Christopher Asburner of the same, wright,

and very many other uprisers, wrongdoers and disturbers of the peace of the lord king, unlawfully assembled, and unknown, to the number of 40 persons, on the second day of **May in the 11th year of the reign of King Henry VIII, at Monkemore** in the county of Cumberland, in divers unlawful conventicles then at Monkemore, aforesaid, armed in a riotous manner and arrayed in a warlike manner, by force and arms, *viz* armed with swords, bows and arrows, lances, hauberks, doublets, helmets with defensible coats and other defensive arms, altogether assembled themselves, joined together and rose up maliciously and riotously with a multitude of men against the peace of the said lord king, and made an assault then against

Edmund ?Davuson, husbandman, at Monkemore, aforesaid, to beat, wound and place the same Edmund in danger of his life, to the disturbance of the people of the said lord king; and they joined together there riotously and would have built one new house upon the land of the lord king and of

John Pennington, being in the custody of the said lord king, without just title against the peace of the same lord king and also against the form and ordinances of divers statutes, lately thereupon issued and provided, if they had not been impeded graciously from their malicious and riotous propositions, before-said, by the hands of God and the great labour, means and diligent efforts of divers persons then intervening at Monkemore, aforesaid.

And that John Huddelston, late of Mellom in the same county, esquire, the day, year and place, aforesaid, was the supporter of the troublemakers and commanded, advised, procured and abetted

all of them to so make the aforesaid riot and unlawful assembly in the aforesaid form against the peace of the said lord king, his crown and dignity.

Cumberland: Inquest on behalf of the lord king as to if

William Cowper, late of Mylholme in the county of Cumberland, yeoman,
George Steyll, late of the same, labourer,
Clement Parke, late of Whitbek, yeoman,
John Parke, late of the same, yeoman,
George Parke, late of the same, yeoman,
John Kytchyn junior of the same, yeoman,
John Singleton of the same, yeoman, John Myr of the same, yeoman,
John Wilkynson of the same, yeoman,
William Grene of the same, yeoman,
Thomas Matson of the same, yeoman,
Rowland Foxe of the same, yeoman,
John Moore senior of the same, yeoman,
John Moore junior of the same, yeoman,
William Thomson of the same, yeoman,
Miles Thomson of the same, yeoman,
Richard Mason of the same, yeoman,
George Graves of the same, yeoman,
William Parke of the same, yeoman,
Simon Huddleston of the same, yeoman,
William Postilthuaite of the same, yeoman,
Henry Postilthuaite, late of Kirksanton, yeoman,
Miles Whitehede, late of the same, yeoman,
Miles Baysbrowne of the same, yeoman,
Miles Postlethuaite of the same, yeoman, Ambrose Foxe, late of Loscailles, yeoman,
Robert Foxe, late of the same, yeoman,
Geoffrey Foxe of the same, yeoman,
James Moncaster, late of Sylecroft, yeoman,
John Moncastre, late of the same, yeoman, John Langley of the same, yeoman,
James Twyseaday of the same, yeoman,
John Slater of the same, yeoman,
John Cowpland of the same, yeoman,
Rowland Foxe of the same, yeoman, Thomas Foxe junior, late of Loscailles, yeoman,
Miles Postilthuaite of Powes of the same, yeoman,
George Postilthuaite of the same, yeoman,
William Myre, late of Whycham, yeoman,
James Myre, late of Whytcham, yeoman,
Matthew Myr of the same, yeoman, and
Robert Kirkbank of the same, yeoman,

and very many others unknown to the number of 80 persons, on the **21st day of November 5 Edw. VI [1551], at Whitebeke** in the county of Cumberland, by force and arms, riotously assembled themselves in unlawful conventicles and made an assault upon

Roger Singleton,
Thomas Wilson and

Alan Bolton, servants of Robert Lamplugh, equire, then and there riding on the royal way, struck, wounded and mistreated them in so great a manner that they were in despair of their lives. And they, unjustly and by mainforce, took and led away two horses and one mare of divers colours (worth 60s) from the goods and chattels of the said Robert Lamplugh from the said Roger, Thomas and Alan then and there found, and committed other outrages and injuries on them, to the serious damage of both the same

Robert Lamplugh and also of the same

Roger Singleton, Thomas Wilson and

Alan Bolton of 100s and against the peace of the lord king, his crown and dignity and also against the form of divers statutes concerning unlawful assemblies, lately issued and provided in this kind of matter, etc.

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Cumberland: Inquisition taken at Mylhome in the county of Cumberland on the **30th day of June 1 Mary [1554]** before Richard Latus, gentleman, coroner of the lady queen of the liberty of Mylhome, aforesaid, in the said county, **upon the view of the body of Matthew Kitchyn, hung dead** there, upon the oath of

Miles Troughton,
James Myre,
John Myre,
Miles Foxe,
John Brokbank,
Miles Postilthuaith,
John Towers,
John Foxe,
Gilbert Myre,
Edward Hunter,
Miles Whitehede
and Miles Troughton junior, sworn and charged.

Who say upon their oath that, on the **29th day of June in the year**, above-said,

Matthew Kitchyn of Woodhouse within the said liberty of Mylhome in the said county, husbandman, at Woodhouse, aforesaid, by force and arms, and by devilish instigation, **accepted one rope of hair called 'a hayre rope' to the value of one penny, and tied one end of the same rope around his neck and fixed the other end to one tree in the woods, and feloniously then and there hung and suffocated himself**. And so the aforesaid Matthew Kitchyn, the day, year, place and county, aforesaid, feloniously hung and killed himself, and murdered himself against the peace of the lady queen, her crown and dignity. And that the neighbours of the said vill were his first finders. And they say that he had in goods and chattels three cows (worth 40s), two buckles (*buccul'*) (worth 13s 4d) and 20 sheep (worth 20s), which same goods and chattels remain in the hands of Margaret, relict of the said Matthew Kytchyn, to the use of the lady queen. In testimony of which matter, etc.

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References to the emerging social stratum of wealthy land-owning commoners began to appear after 1429. In that year, the [Parliament of England](#) re-organized the [House of Commons](#) into counties and boroughs, with voting rights granted to all [freeholders](#). The [Electors of Knights of the Shires Act 1429](#) restricted voting rights to those freeholders whose land value exceeded 40 [shillings](#). These yeomen became a social stratum of commoners below the [landed gentry](#), but above the [husbandmen](#). This stratum later embodied the political and economic ideas of the [English Enlightenment](#) and [Scottish Enlightenment](#), and transplanted those ideas to [British North America](#) during the [early modern era](#).

In the Middle Ages, the term "yeoman" had multiple meanings:

- **Landowner**

A yeoman was a freeholder who owned and cultivated land. In the 13th and 14th centuries, yeomen were freehold peasants. By 1400, the term "yeoman" was used to describe all prosperous peasants, whether they were freeholders or not.

- **Household servant**

A yeoman was a servant or attendant in a royal or noble household. Yeomen were usually higher in rank in the household hierarchy