



A Typical Village Revel in the late 1800's

Crockerton Revel

Warminster Division, County of Wilts.

WHEREAS the custom of keeping a REVEL at CROCKERTON, in the parish of Deverill Longbridge, within the division aforesaid, hath occasioned idleness, drunkenness, riots, gaming, and all manner of vice, immorality, and profaneness, among the lower class of people, to the ruin of themselves, the evil example to others, and the great disturbance, damage, and terror of the well disposed, as well as greatly tending to the increase of the poor:

Therefore we, whose names are hereunto subscribed, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Division aforesaid, having taken the same into consideration, do hereby strictly enjoin and command that the said Revel at Crockerton, within the Division aforesaid, be from henceforth suppressed; and all fencers, bearwards, common players of interludes, minstrels, jugglers, persons using any subtil craft to deceive and impose on his Majesty's subjects, or playing or betting at any unlawful games or plays, all petty chapmen and pedlars not being duly licenced or otherwise authorized by law, and other idle and disorderly persons, who shall presume to appear at such Revel, will answer the same at their perils.

And notice is hereby given to all victuallers or alehouse-keepers not to sell any ale or other liquors at Crockerton aforesaid, as all such offending therein will have their licences suppressed.

Given under our hands, at our special sessions held at Fonthill Gifford, within the Division aforesaid, this first day of June, 1780.

Charles Wake
Thomas Eyre
William Burleton

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