

Transcript of Fire Court hearing of Henry and Rachel Brewster

Mr Baron Atkyns

Mr Baron Turnor p[re]sent

Mr Justice Archer

At the said Court there held the same day [i.e. 13 March 1666/67]

Gilbert Taylor Citizen and Woodmonger of
London Petic[i]on[e]r against Henry Brewster and
Rachell his wife Executrix of Rachell Keynnell widow
for Releife against the payment of Rent and
performance of the Covenants in an Indenture of Lease of
three messuages and a Wharfe upon Tower Wharfe London
dated the Thirteenth day of September One Thousand
Six Hundred ffiftie and Eight demolished by Order
of the most hon[oura]ble Privy Councell dated the Eight
day of September One Thousand Six Hundred
Sixty and Six

Upon reading the Petic[i]on and also of an Order made by the
Lords of his Ma[jes]ties most hon[oura]ble Privy Councell for demolishing of
houses neere the Tower of London for prevencion of the comeing
of the ffire to his Ma[jes]ties Magazines in the Tower And upon heareing
the said parties in Court and also of their Counsell It appeared to
the Court That the houses menc[i]oned in the petic[i]on were demolished
by vertue of the said Order for the reason aforesaid And that the said
Wharfe is employed for the Kings Ma[jes]ties service soe that the petic[i]on[e]r
can make noe benefitt of either of them That yett Neverthelesse the

said Defend[an]ts had sued the Petic[i]on[e]r for Thirty pounds Rent of the p[re]mises arere at Michaelmas last And have obtained a verdict for the same sithence the last Terme Whereupon after debate of the matter at large And upon Considerac[i]on had thereupon ffor a ffinall determinac[i]on of the differences betweene the said parties touching the p[re]mises It is Ordered by the Court That the Petic[i]on[e]r forthwith pay unto the defend[an]ts or one of them the sum[m]e of Thirty pounds And that the same bee received and accepted by the said defend[an]ts in full satisfacc[i]on As well of the said Thirty pounds for which the said Verdict is obtained As of all arrerages of Rent claimed or to bee claimed for the p[re]mises And that noe Judgment bee entred upon the said Verdict by procurem[en]t or consent of either of the def[endan]ts And it is further ordered That the Indenture of Lease of the p[re]mises made by the said Testatrix unto the Petic[i]on[e]r bee by him forthw[i]th Surrendered to the def[endan]ts and bee by them accepted discharged And the said Petic[i]on[e]r is discharged by the Court of and from all rents arrerages of rent and Covenants in the same And it is also Ordered that the defend[an]ts deliver up to the Petic[i]on[e]r the Counterpart of the said Indenture of Lease to bee cancelled.

[Signed by the Justices]