

of North walls and are liklie still to continue if
 the periury of Jurors that undulie corruptlie and
 periuriouslie for rewardes favors or other Cause
 acquite manifest and apparaunt murderers and.....
 (doct. torn) and abhominable malefactors be not
 Restrained by sever punishment to be inflicted for
 example sake upon some periurious and Corrupt
 Jurors by the Censure and authoritie of yo^r ma^{ties}
 most ho^{ble} privie Counsell in yo^r highnes most ho^{ble}
 Courte of Starrchamber (sic). May yt Therfor please
 yo^r ma^{tie} the premisses tenderlie Considered to graunt
 to yo^r said subiect yo^r highnes most gracious severall
 writtes of Subpenas to be directed to the said Harry
 ap Jeuan Lloyd, Moris ap John ap Ellis, David Jones,
 Tuddr Owen, Ellis David ap Thomas, and Tuddr ap
 Lewis ap Owen/ Commandinge them and every of them
 therby att a Certein Day and under a Certein paine
 therin to be limited personallie to be and appeare
 before yo^r highnes and yo^r ho^{ble} privie Counsell in
 yo^r ma^{ties} highe Court of Starrchamber then and there
 to annswer the premisses and (sic) to abide such
 further order as to yo^r ma^{tie} and yo^r ho^{ble} privie
 Counsell shall seme fitt, And yo^r said Subiect shall
 accordinge to his bounden duty pray to god for the

preservacon of yo^r Sacred ma^{ty} long to live and Raigne
over us in health and fellicitie./

J. Flemyng.

Row: Ellys.

Dorse: Sabat. decimo Nono Junii Anno xliiiij

Elizabeth Regine

Wm. Mill.

(B)

The Church Pew Dispute.

1. Gruffydd Nanney's Petition to the Lord President of the Court of the Council of the Marches. (An undated copy).

N.L.W. Peniarth 327, Part. 1; Arch. Camb., 1864, P.102 ff.

In most humble manner sheweth unto yo^r ho. L. yo^r orator Gruf. Nanney of Maylan in the com['] of Merioneth esq., that whereas yo^r orator was lawfully possessed of on seate, pewe or kneelinge place wthin the parish church of Dolgelley in the northsyde of the chauncell of the sayd church, being appoynted unto yo^r orator by the order and lycense of the Right Reverend father in God Henry Bishopp of Bangor, as by the Lycense under the consistory seale doth appear, and also being the usual place where yo^r orator and hys ancestors tyme out of mynd have used to kneele and hear devyne servyce. So yt is if yt may pleas yo^r L., that Lewes owen and Harry owen gen., being wild, wilful and disordered yonge gentlemen, (having of a long tyme borne yo^r orator mortall hatred) and diverse tymes by sundry means haveinge hearto for by the procurement of John Owen esq. their father, being a man likewise that persecuteth yo^r orator wth deadly hatred, sought to

compasse the death and distraction of yo^r orator, and
 nowe of late (not being able to bringe to passe their
 uttermost malice) the sayd lewes owen and Henry Owen
 by the procurement aforsayd have sent for diverse ther
 kinsmen, friends, and aliance, out of foregne counties,
 to the number of XX or XXX desperate yong men, whose
 names and places of aboad yo^r orator hath not as yet
 learned; and accompanied with these desperate swaggerers
 and diverse other lewd and Rogish fellowes, whose names
 are underwritten; whereof some have fledd from the
 places of their former dwellinge, for murders, felonies
 and other notorious crymes; and this whole crue being
 unlawfully assembled, having upon them diverse sorts
 of warlike weapons, as bills, swords, pistylls, long
 staves, etc. upon the XXVth of this present december,
 being Cristmas day at night, (not havinge the feare of
 god befor ther eyes nor respectinge the solemnity due
 and accustomed at that most high feast of the nativity
 of our lord and saviour Crist, but styll presentinge
 ther woonted malyce towards yo^r orator) dyd abouts
 twoe or three of the clock after mydnight, in most
 outrageouse and rebellious manner, enter or breake
 open the sayde church, and then and ther wth axes and
 hatchetts cutt downe and utterly spoyle, on wenscott
 seate or pue wherin yo^r orator did usually sitt and

kneele to hear devyne service (being ther erected by the lycense of the ordnary as aforsayd); and not herewith contented, the next day, being St. Stephens day, they the sayd lewes owen and Harry owen, by the procurement of the sayd John owen as aforsayd, did place diverse of ther sayd disordred company wth weapons as aforsayd, in sundry houses within the towne of dolgelley, to watch yo^r orator or some of his servants, as he or they came to church, and to offer yo^r orator further abuse; and therewth all thinkinge to provoke yo^r orator to forgett hymself, the sayd harry owen being armed wth a short sword and dager, a thinge unusual in those partes to be worne in churches, unles yt be when gentlmen travell; and wth all, beinge in his hose and doublett, wth out eny cloake (soe much the redier to commytt an assault) came to the sayd church of Dolgelley, and seated hymself in the kneeling place wher yo^r orator as aforsayd was appoynted to sytt and kneele wth the parson of the parish for that day; and after servyce ended, yo^r orator cominge out of the churche, the sayd harry owen follewed yo^r orator behind his bake, and used diverse woords of provokment and quarrell; but yo^r orator neyther replied nor tooke upon hym to hear hys rayling woords and braggs, and soe partly because yo^r orator mynistred noe occasion

or means of offence or braulinge, and partly because the concourse of people was so great that day that yo^r orator was safely conducted home; yett nevertheless they have synce continewed together in such unlawful maner that yo^r orator may not come to hys parish church, nor otherwise resort to the sayd towne of Dolgelley abouts the kinges servyce, wthout a stronge guard, or otherwise be in great danger of life. The premyses considered, and for that the sayd Riotts, routs and unlawfull assemblies and others the misdemanors aforsayd, are contrary to the kings ma^{ts} lawes and statutes, and greatly to the terror of well disposed people, may it please yo^r L. to graunt proces etc..

2. An extract from Henry Owen's Bill of Complaint in the Star Chamber versus Hugh Nanney Hên, Gruffydd Nanney, Edward Nanney, et al. (Undated) P.R.O. St.Ch. 8/225/15.

To the Kings Most Excellent Ma^{tie}

In most humble maner complaining sheweth and informeth yo^r most excellent Ma^{tie} yo^r true loyall failethfull and obedient Subiect Henry Owen of dolgelley in yo^r highnes County of Merioneth Gent That wheras one John Lewis Owen of dolgelley in the County aforsaid esquire deceassed father of yo^r said subiect was in his life time Lawfully seised of some estate of Inheritance by severall discents from his Auncestors of and in one Capitall messuage or Hall with thappertenances scituat lyinge and beinge within the said Towne or parishe of Dollgelley and County aforsaid To w^{ch} Capitall messuage or Hal the said John Lewis Owen and his Auncestors and those whose estate he had in the same time out of minde whereof the memory of man is not to the contrary and from time to time were..... (script faded) accustomed to have a Pewe seat or kneelinge place for themselves theire wives and children in the Chauncell of the parishe church of the said Towne of Dolgelley there to heare divine service accordinglie without

interuppcon or contradicon of any person or persons.
 But so it is most gracious Sovereigne That^{one} Hugh
 Nanney of Nanney in the said County of Merioneth
 Esquire and one Griffith Nanney sonne and heire
 apparent of the said Hughe Nanney (haveing for this
 seaven yeares last past borne mortall.....(script
 faded) and Malice aswell to the said John Lewis Owen
 yo^r said subiects father as alsoe unto yo^r said subiect
 and all the rest of the friends and children of the
 said Jo: Lewis Owen and yo^r subiect And seekinge
 throughe the greatnes of their friends alliances and
 office (the said Hughe and Griffith Nanney beinge two
 of yo^r highnes Justices of yo^r peace wth in yo^r said
 County of Mereoneth) under Couller thereof to be revenged
 on all those against whom they or either of them doe
 conceive any malice or evill will (thoughe most
 uniustly) And useing their said offices of Justices of
 the peace but as a shield to give shew and Countenance
 unto their bad accons for real and wicked Complotts
 conspiracies confederacies combinacons extorcon and
 oppressinge of yo^r highnes poore and lovinge subiects
 did abouts the seaven and twentieth day of December in
 the first yeare of yo^r highnes most properous and happie
 raigne over us beinge the feast day of St John the

Evangelist assemble and gather together In ryottous
 routous and unlawfull sort to the house of the said
 Hughe Nanney scituate in Nanney aforsaid in yo^r highnes
 said County of Mereoneth from severall places wth in the
 said County one Edmond Lloid, Robert Nanney, Thomas ap
 Humfrey, Jo: David, Jo: George, Morgan ap John ap
 Robert, William Thomas, Rowland ap Thomas ap Glynn,
 Gr. ap Hughe ap Robert, Jo: ap Willm. ap Jeuan Tegge,
 Gr. ap Rees, Elisa ap Wm Vaughan, Edward ap Jo: Edmond
 ap Willm ap Rynalt, Jo: lloid, John Richard Elisa, John
 Elise ap Robt Wyn, Jo: ap....(illegible) Jeuan, Dd
 Shoppar, Jo: ap Howell, Dd ap Owen, Jo: y goe, Willm
 ap Robert, Willm ap Jeuan, David lloid ap Jo: Rees,
 Richard ap Jo: Rees, Jeuan ap Jeusn, Edward Hughes,
 Griffith ap Lewis ap John Griffith, Edmond ap Howell
 Gr: Hugh ap Willm ap Jeuan Bedo, Dd Sergeant, Tho: ap
 John ap Elisa,.....(illegible) ap Jeuan ap Jo: Winn,
 Tho: ap Hoell ap Thomas, Richard ap Lewis Nanney,
 Edward ap Jeuan ap Jo: winn, Lewis ap Jo: ap Morris,
 and on Edward Nanney, the said Edward Nanney beinge
 the sonne of the said Hugh Nanney and most of the rest
 being the kinsfolks, tenants and servants of the said
 Hughe and Griffith Nanney all of them beinge wicked
 lewde desperat disordered and evill disposed persons
 and ready at the Comaund of the said Hughe and Gr:

Nanney to attempt any wicked act at the Will and direction of the said Hughe and Gr: Nanney All of them beinge arraied wth all maner of warlike weapons viz: the said Edward Nanney wth a sword and targett, Robert Nanney wth a sword and dagger, Edmond lloid wth a sword and dagger, Thomas ap Humffrey wth a sword and dagger, and all the rest of the said persones before named theire complices beinge likewise severally arraied wth swords daggers forrest bills Clubs mainpikes speares Longe staves and divers other like Warlicke weapons aswell invasive as defensive marched in most ryottous routous and warlike maner from the house of the said Hughe Nanney into the said towne of Dollgelley beinge three miles distant from the house of the said Hughe Nanney to the great terror and amazement of all the behoulders beinge then and there present And they the said ryottous persons beinge arraied in warlike sort as aforsaid did then and there by the instigacon and procurement of the said Hughe and Gr: Nanney upon the seaven and twentieth day of december in the said first yeare of yo^r highnes most happie raigne over us repaire and goe unto the churchyard of the said parishe church of Dollgelley And then and there they the said ryottous persons diligently enquired for the

said John Lewis Owen or some of his sonnes or
familye and hearinge that the said Owen was in his
house they the said disordered persons then and there
openlie published that they would give the said Owen
some occasion to mak him come into the said towne of
Dollgelley out of his said house (entendinge therby
then and there to execute there malice and the
comaund of the said Hughe and Gr: Nanney upon him
or upon some of his children servants or friends
And therupon the said disordered persons then and
there devided themselves into two troupes in the
said churchyard all of them beinge arraied wth weapons
as aforsaid Wherof one Troupe or company of the said
ryottous persons beinge of the number of twenty
persons or therabouts forcybly brake downe the churche
door of the said parishe church of Dollgelley and
entred therin all weaponed as aforsaid and then and
there wth axes and other engins did breake hewe and
cutt in peeces the said Auncient pewe or seate of
yo^r said subiect and his said father and carried the
posts and timber therof out of the said churche into
the said Towne of Dolgelley And then and there
brought the same into severall Ale-houses in the said
Towne and burned the same tippelinge and drinkinge
carrowes in excessive maner to the health of the said

Hughe and Griffith Nanney theire masters; And afterwards upon the same day they the said desperat persons repared neare unto the house of yo^r said subiects father and then and there railinge and useinge many scandalous speeches libells and songs against yo^r said subiect and his said father dareinge and challengeinge them to come out of the said house if they durst and useinge many other the like vile speeches and brutishe behavior towards yo^r said subiect and his said father And afterwards upon the said seaven and twentieth day of December in the afternoone in the time of devine service the said lewde and devill disposed persons not yet content wth all theise wrongs and Iniuries and entendinge to doe further mischieffe to yo^r said subiect and his father they the said disordered and lewde persons in warlike and riottous sort arraied as aforsaid repaired unto the said church of Dollgelley and then and there placed themselves in troupes in ryottous and Unreverent sort in the chieffest seats of kneelinge places in the said church where the best men In the parishe had theire seats and kneelinge places By reason whereof the said church beinge filled wth the said troupes

of disordered persons and their weapons yo^r said
subject nor his said father nor any other of the
principall men of the said parishe could nor durst
come wth in the said Church to heare devine service
that day accordinge to their usuall custome to the
disturbance of devine service fearfull disquiettinge
of yo^r Highnes said subjects And to the manifest
breach of yo^r highnes peace whereupon yo^r said subject
and his said father haveinge notice of the disorders
and the beringe of the said ryottous persons in the
said church yo^r said subjects father beinge then
deputy Lieutenant and one of the Justices of the peace
of the said County and knowinge that the entent and
purpose of the said ryottous persons was to murther
or kill him or yo^r said subject or some of his friends
or children he the said John Lewis Owen comaunded his
children and family to keepe at home the same day and
not to goe unto the said church nor the said Towne And
caused a proclamacon to be made accordinge to yo^r
highnes Lawes and Statuts of this Realme for the
observacon of yo^r highnes peace yet notwth standing
they the said wicked and lewde disposed persons
continued in that ryottous and disordered sort still
marchinge up and downe the said towne in warlike maner
to the great fear and terror of divers yo^r Highnes
loveinge subjects untill after sunne settinge of the

same day And then and there seeinge that they could
not meet wth yo^r said subiect nor his said father
nor any of his children nor friends to have executed
theire wicked purposes against them they the said
disordered persons departed out of the said Towne
and seperated themselves and some of them returned
unto the house of the said Hughe Nanney and the
rest went unto the house of the said Gr: Nanney
were they were rewarded cheerished and kindly
wellcomed for theire paines./.....

(C) The Penrhos Common Dispute

Nannau MS. 1171 (Undated).

To the kings most excellent Ma^{tie}

The humble peticon of yo^r Distressed supp^{lt}
hugh Nanney Esquier nowe prisoner in the Fleete.

Most humbly Shewing yo^r Ma^{tie} that on Edward
ap David servant to yo^r supp^{lt} was abouts five yeres
nowe last past murdered at Dolgelley by certenne of
the kinsmen and frends of on Rowland ap Elissey for
the w^{ch} fact two of the said murderers ar fledd
beyond sea, and for that yo^r supp^{lt} and his sonne
prosequeted against the said Murtherers and delivered
true evidence against theime, He the said Rowland ap
Elissey dyd many waies seeke the distruccon and undoinge
of yo^r supp^{lt} And in revenge therof Combyned togeather
wth three others beinge his neere kinsmen and wholly
at his disposicon and procured an Informacon to be
preferred in the exchequer on yo^r ma^{ties} behaulf
against yo^r supp^{lt} and his son for supposed spoille
of her late Ma^{tys} Woods growinge upoh a parcell of

ground called Benrhose in the Com' of Merionith.

At the triall wherof in hillary terme was twelve moneth at the exchequer barre by a Mydd(lesex) jury, the said Rowland ap Elissey and his said three kinsmen made means and procured themselves only to be produced as wittnesses, And gave in evidence that yo^r supp^{lt} and his sonne had sould ten thousand oak trees price iii s. apeece and that the said parcell of ground called Benrhose was y^{re} ma^{tys} Inheritaunce, wherupon a verdict and Judgment passed against yo^r supp^{lt} and his sonne for 1500 li damage where in trewth the soill of said Benrhose and all the wood therupon growing wthin the memory of man were not worth 200 li to be sould at the highest rate And wher in truth the soille of the said Benrhose was not yo^r ma^{tys} Inheritaunce as yo^r supp^{lt} can prove aswell by records as by the testimony of all the Inhabitants of that Country and as agreat nomber of the Justices of peace and principall men of that Country have allready certified under their hands to some of the boedy of yo^r ma^{tys} most ho. privy Councell.

Sir Robt. Brett knight in respect of his place in yo^r ma^{tys} service hopinge to optaine a graunt of

the said recovery, had proceedings in the said suet in
 yo^r ma^{tys} name, And notwthstandinge that yo^r supp^{lt}
 hath brought a writt of error in the exchequer chamber
 upon the validity of the former Judgm^t w^{ch} yet dependeth
 undecided and preferred an Informacon in the Starrchamber
 against the said Rowland ap Ellissey and the said 3
 others for their manifold and apparant periury, The
 proceedinge wherof is also staid in respect they were
 produced as witnesses for yo^r Ma^{tie}, Hath caused all
 yo^r supp^{lt} goods to be levied to yo^r Ma^{tys} use and all
 his livinge and his Sonnes livinge by Inquisicon to be
 found to 3l4 per annum being all it was worth, and w^{ch}
 is also levied accordinge to that rate, and the said
 Rowland ap Ellissey being not therewith contented
 procured further by the meanes of the said Sr.Robt.
 Brett a Cap' for the apprehencion yo^r supp^{lt} body, whoe
 not meaninge to keepe himself out or disobey was
 therupon taken and imprisoned in the County and for
 his further vexacon the said Rowland ap Ellissey and
 the three other witnesses procured meanes by the said
 Sr.Robt.Brett to remove yo^r supplt to the Fleette wher
 he now remaineth soe that there is left nether meanes
 nor libetie for yo^r supp^{lt} to seeke redres of his
 wrong or wherwth to mantaine himself in prison, beinge

an aged gen' and hertofoer all the daies of his lief
in good verdict and reputacon in the Country wher he
dwelled havinge served the late Qs ma^{tie} and yo^r
highnes in the place of Justice of peace of the
thirty yers last past,

And for that this manifest and intollerable
wrong (Tending)(not only the utter undoinge of yo^r
supp^{lt} but also of agreat number more and specialie
of his Children and Childrens Children being 38 in
number and the most part of them of very young yeres,
whoe were mantained some in the universities and many
in diverse gramer schooles by the means of yo^r supp^{lt}
only, who nowe for want of Mantenaunce most needs be
dissolved and disappointed of their bringing upp to
yo^r supp^{lt} greatest grieff, beinge a most lamentable
case grivinge the heartes of many hundreth that are
fully acquainted wth the maner of this wrong beinge
soe odious as the like was never heard of before in
that Country.

Yo^r supp^{lt} most humbly upon his knees beseacheth
yo^r sacred Ma^{tie} for the service and glory of god of
yo^r royal and princely disposicon defendinge the
oppressed and to be the poer mens king to vouchafe
to take notice of this intollerable wrong and of yo^r

supp^{lt} lamentable case, And therwth to take order that
the cause may be reheard againe wth all speed Convenient
that the very truth may be found out and Justice take
place, Preth that yo^r Ma^{tie} will mittigate the said
some of 1500 li to a reasonable porcon accordinge to
the qualities of the said supposed offence, and to
appoint a Convenient stallments for the paym^t therof
yerely.

APPENDIX 11**Letters:**

- (1) From Sir Thomas Jones to Hugh Nanney Hên.
- (2) From Hugh Nanney Hên to Sir Thomas Jones.
- (3) From Gruffydd Nanney to Lewis Owen.
- (4) From Gruffydd Nanney to William (?) Herbert.
- (5) From Edward Nanney to Gruffydd Nanney.
- (6) From (unknown) To Gruffydd Nanney.

APPENDIX 11

(1) Sir Thomas Jones to Hugh Nanney Hên.

N.L.W. Peniarth 327, Part 1.

Mr. Nanney wheras I understand that my friends
and kinsmen Edward Owen and his Sonne is in Troble
for a mame of yours And I hope ye knw that they are
guiltles But those that hath done the fact most
worthy to Answere I am (in their behalfs Good cozene
to desyre y^r kind favor and not to be egyer in
prosecuting this Sessions the offence to the uttermost
hoping both yo^r friends and myne will paciffie the
Same to your liking Contentm^t and Credit Thus
repossing my trust in yo^r self as yt may use me in
eny thinge I may not doupting of yo^r frendshipp
heerin I hartely Comend me unto you wishing yo^r health
I end. Abermorles the viith of Julii 1601

Your very loving Cozen

Tho: Jhones.

Dorse: To the Worshipfull my very lovinge Cozen

Hugh Nanney Esq. at Harlech yeve this.

(2) A copy (undated) of Hugh Nanney's reply to
Sir Thomas Jones.

Nannau Ms. 1166.

Right wor(shipful) my harty Comendations
remembred etc./ I have receaved yo^r letter of the
seaventh of this instant whearin you request my
favour for this sessions in prosecution ageynst
Edward Owen and his Soon./ I perceave you have been
wrongfully enformed of the state of the cause/ for
Edward Owen his soon is an offender in the highest
degree of willfull murder beinge a plotter of the
thinge afore the day and the first and cheefest actor
therin/ and if yt hadd been but a sudden fallinge out
yt would not soe much greeve me as that is a chaunce
that may befall any man/ but yt beinge upon a long
pretensed practise the rather (as I take yt) because
he was any man cannot be wee brooked by any gentlman./
yett at yo^r request I will not say but I may be
perswaded though this doe in soom degree greeve me
also that they should procure my wor(ship's) good
formes in sort to take ther partes in this accon/ though
they have better opportunity of acquaintaunce wth you

I presume to be yo^r kinsman also and at need to doe
 any thinge at yo^r request as any on of them all that
 professe to be yo^r alisemen/ and for the cause now
 in hand asure yo^rself if they would doe then endeavour
 to take such of the principalls as are fledd (as I
 know they may) you should be Judge yo^rself of the
 rest of my proceedinges Soe hopinge you will bear
 wth me in such discontentm^t to write somewhat humorous/
 remembering my duty to yo^r good lady as unacquaynted
 I rest

Yo^r assured lovinge kinsman to Comaund

Dorse: A letter from Hugh Nanney to Sr. Thomas
 Jones.

(3) Gruffydd Nanney's Challenge to Lewis Owen (Undated)

N.L.W. Peniarth 327, Part 1; Arch.Camb. 1864, P.104.

Mr. lewes owen, I receaved a lettere subscribed with yo^r name, as yt should seeme intendinge a challenge to me and my Cozen Edmond lloyd. The maner of yo^r sendinge, fyrst I utterly dislike, That soe base a messenger should be sent between gent in a matter of that nature, and wth all the lettere to be delyvered me in the open markett, and all the towne to knowe the contents befor yt come to my handes, therfor in my judgement, yt was yll handled. I might justly take exceptions to the contents also, beinge in every sentence imperfect; for you make mencion of a litle jarr between us, which you doe not recite. And agayne you make Edmond Lloyd and yo^r brother John owen partakers in this accion, which I doe not allowe: if there be eny dislike between them lett them answer on an other, as they will. I doe not doubt but my Cozen Edmond will performe the part of a gent. To my accions in this matter noe body shall be party nor pryvy but we both, althoughe your letter be blazed over the country allready; and wher you make mencion of an oath, yt is never used, for the credyte of a gent. ys sufficient

in that case, because the woords and the honor are
 the grounds whereupon poynts of armes doe depend,
 whereof I greatly marvayle that you are ignorant;
 and for secresy do not think that Gruff Nanney's
 shyrt shall knowe of our meeting. And in yo^r
 post scriptum you name three kyndes of fyght, the
 last whereof is generally condemned for gent to
 use. And judginge which is fyttest, you seeme to^{direct me}
 being deff^t but I am not so rawe but that I knowe
 I am to appoynt the weapons, the tyme, the place,
 and the maner cosonant to the rules of armes. To
 answeare therfor yo^r challenge (althoughe I might
 take many exceptions thereunto, neverthesse to
 avoyd the generall judgement of men) I doe promise
 by the fayth of a gent. to be at the sea shore wth in
 full sea marke; about half waye between barmouth
 and harlech, directly under the church of llanddwy, y,
 upon friday nexte by viii of the clock in the morning,
 and there to stay an houre at the lest: the weapons
 that I will bringe wth me shall be only a rapier and
 dager, the company myself alone, for I will have noe
 person lyvinge partaker of such an accion in my
 behalf. The length of my rapier blad I doe send
 by the berer, what yt meaneth he doth not knowe. I
 will not fayle to performe what I have written, by

the help of the just god to whome I comend my defence,
and in whome I only trust.

G.N.

P.S. Because you dyd send yo^r man wth yo^r letter

I doe send my man, which I knowe is unseemly.

(4) Gruffydd Nanney to William(?) Herbert (Undated)
N.L.W. Peniarth 327, Part 1.

Coppi of a letter from Gr: Nan: to my lord
Herbert.

Right ho: our bounden duties unto yo^r ll. most
humbly Remembred, although yt may seeme presumption
in us to write to soe honorable a personage beinge
alltogether unacquaynted yett we are emboldened
therunto partly by the knowen noble disposition of
yo^r woorthy ancestors in Respectinge and favorably
enterpreting whatsoever proceeded from ther poore
kinsmen and Friends in this country howe playne and
simple soever/ and cheefly for that wee hould yt our
duties to advertize yo^r ll. howe on Richard Nanney
(pretendinge hymself to be yo^r honors servant in
lyvery) doth molest and trouble diverse poore honest,
and symple men of this country somtymes wth writts
of subpenas from the high court of starrchamber and at
other tymes wth the like writts out of the Chamber of
exchequer wthout any color of cause and by this means
getts of some vl. of others mor or lesse as the party
ys in substance/ diverse of the poore men greeved

(whose names wth the severall Bribes by them gyven
and contayned in thenclosed schedule) have at sundry
tymes Reported to us beinge officers in the Countie
to make ther complaynts /and for that wee would be
loath to extend ye punishment although deserved upon
any that hath the.....(doct. torn) to be yo^r ll.

servaunt befor you should be certified of his misbehavior
w^{ch} thought good hearby to advertise yo^r ll. that the
sayd Richard Nanney ys of very yll name and fame in
this country a comon Brawler and very troublsome to
all hys quiet neighbours the particularities of whose
offences would be to tediousse to be conteyne any
letter/ and therfor our humble Request unto yo^r ll.
is that yt will pleas you (upon further knowledge from
yo^r honors good kinsmen and Friends in these partes to
whose Reports wee Reffer the truth of this to be tried
if you doe mistrust this Certificate) eyther to discard
the sayd Richard Nanney as a man by quality and behavior
not woorthy to serve the meanest of yo^r llordshippes
servants/ or if yo^r ll. be mynded that he shall continue
yo^r servant to Comaund hym not to trouble eny of hys
neighbours wthout good cause and to carry hymselfe
cyvely and lyve in honest and quiet sort as becometh
on that proffessed such ho: servyce/ Soe Refferringe

all to yo^r ll. honorable consyderation cravinge
pardon for our bouldness we humbly take our leave

Yo^r ll. most Ready to be Comaunded.

(5) Edward Nanney to Gruffydd Nanney. (Undated)

N.L.W. Peniarth 327, Part. 1.

Lovinge Brother I hartely thank you for yo^r
discreet and woorthy letter w^{ch} I receaved by Mr.
Phivion, I like well of all the newes that you
acquainted me wth all savinge of our supposed
kinswoman whome I for mine part doe altogether denie
and utterly abhorre and did of ould, I would wish
you likewise, I ame sorie of it in respect of the
deade and his children, but seeinge she proved her
self naught (God amend her) never doe you move yo^r
patience at any such simple incontinences for like
it was ould, (as you say) baggige, I have noe newes
to signify unto you but that my lord hereford is
retired frome such.....(doct. torn) and ther was
letters receaved this weeke frome the(doct. torn)
chif embacive for Spaine of his saf landes and of
his Roialle entertayment, ther is liklihoode of
great love betwixt us and Spaine, the holanders had
great spoil of the Spaynards uppon sea, as they came
wth provision for tharchduke they wer met by the
holanders whoe chased and hunted them most cruelly,
they tooke one of ther ships they burnt another and
the third was sunk the rest being xii wer driven for

sucor into the harbor of donere and dar not shew out
 therfrom (?) for they ly som ther/ and soe many more
 driven....(doct. torn) cost of Spayne, soe that they
 meane to save the.....(doct. torn) for this peace./
 the frence kinge we most not by. the king of france
 is in verie great league wth the holanders and sends
 thunderinge woords to England and speaks verie hard of
 our kinge....(script illegible) I have seene a french
 booke dedicated to the french kinge by his foole w^{ch}
 did Run alltogether in derision of our kinge most
 bitterly soe that ther is thought of some dealinges,
 the curt remanes as herinclosed you shall understand
 in the (script illegible) of his progresse, heare
 is soe many fleminge ladies dayly in curt comencinge
 now effares out of all reason more then you have in
 Merionithshire but some alteration will be verie shortly
 as when the embacidor of Spayne doe returne, it was
 comonly reported in curt that Mr. secretary was president
 of Wales, it is nothings soe as yet, sav at (?) he doth
 expect of he will leave the curt; I ame highly bounde
 to pray for hime, for he doth favor me I thinke him
 farr above my defects, he tould me himself he would
 preferre me when please my self to any man in England
 as farfurth as his credit would extend, I ame bound
 as yet to continue wth hime for a while and then my

father and yorself make choise of any man you please
 and hime I will follow, then most my allowance be soe
 mounted accordinge to the place./ I can learn nothing
 of the proceedinges of this sute that is against my
 father and yorself, but I could advise you to looke
 to hit in time befor you have two heavie adversaries./
 I met wth younge Mr. price in town tould me that his
 father was furthcominge but not comminge furth, I
 thinke he will out verie shortly, my Cozen piers
 lloyd is in and Sir Thomas Midlton makes great search
 for hit to rest... (doct. torn) but Piers will not be
 founde and will have his money everie peny of Mr.
 Price befor he goeth furth./ Mr. Phivor (sic) requires
 great hast or elles I would writt much more unto you,
 but if you doe writt unto me I will requitt it wth
 such stuffe as you see, hopinge you will accept of it
 as if more curiously pend, Good Brother I shall desire
 you to remember my humble dutie to my deare parents
 and excuse me to my father because I doe not writt
 unto hime all the newes at this time, soe wth my due
 comendacons to....(script illegible) my good sister,
 my Cozen Hughe, Anne, Kadw. Thomas and will./ and all
 the rest of all our frinds in the cuntry wishinge you

and them all encrease of felicitie and prosperitie
I humbly take my leave, allwayes Restinge./

from Chancerie lane
xiith of June

Y^r obedient Brother
Edward Nanney.

Kindest Comendacones to yo^r selfs my aunt Will to
and all etc. I have binne wth Mr. Budde sithence
abouts yo^r matter divers times but he tells me that
he canne doe noe goode(?) therin/ And this wth thanks
for yo^r kindest Comendacons I Comende you and yours
to God

Yo^r lovinge Cozen

assuredlye to use

Ellis lloid

Dorse: To his very lovinge brother Gr. Nanney Esq.
at Maylan.

(6). Letter to Gruffydd Nanney.¹.

N.L.W. Peniarth 327, Part.1.

Cousin I am right hartelie sorrie of yo^r
 (doct. torn) doe wishe yow weare freed therof....
 (doct. torn) in London hit was my chainece to b.....
 (doct. torn) certen knights and gents at a
 (doct. torn) the meremayd in Bredstreet som.....
 (doct. torn) strangers unto me and other of my.....
 (doct. torn) acquaintance and amongst other table....
 (doct. torn) one Sir Daniell Morton asked me whether
 I knewe a welche gent one Mr. Hugh Nanney. I answered
 therunto that I knewe him well ther is a frende of
 mine hathe somewhat to do wth him for a wasb comitted
 by him upon the kings ma^{ties} woods in the Countie of
 Merioneth I tould him that I had herd therof and that
 I did think that Mr. Nanney was greatlie wronged by

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1. The document is torn at the top right-hand corner and also at the bottom right hand corner. Consequently the name of the writer is missing. The dorse contains a note, however, which is almost illegible, in a later hand, reading: "Master(?) Herberts letter to Gr. Nanney."

his prosecutors and yelded him some reasons that moved
 me so to do Well sayd he Sr. Robert Brett hathe
 offered him by frends an easie composition and yett
 wolde but Mr. Nanney houlds out w^{ch} will prove to his
 more hurt this passed at the table after supper I spake
 wth Sr. Daniell Morton apace and desired that he wold
 be a meane to Sr. Robert for an end he tould me that
 he wolde gladlie at my request do his best but (sayd
 he) Mr. Nanney will not come to try (?) speech wth
 Sr. Robert albehit that hit hath bine often times
 motioned but stands upon the triall of divors w^{ch} is
 but a detracting of time and nothing for his good in
 thende I desired his furtherance one my Cousin Nanney
 his behalf upon occasion, w^{ch} he ther promised what he
 w..... (doct. torn) do I can not tell for that hit was
 on first acquaintance (sic) But I have good interest in
 a Knighthood (sic)(doct. torn) his familiar frends
 w^{ch} were.....(doct. torn) place, This is all I can
 say.....(doct. torn).

Yours....(doct. torn)

Ma....(doct. torn)

. 3d of Aprill

1607

Dorse: To the wo(rshipful) my verie lovinge Cousin
 Gruffith Nanney esq..

APPENDIX 111

- (1) Undetermined actions at the close of
Hugh Nanney Hên's shrievalty, 1588.**
- (2) Extracts from Recognisance Book kept
by Gruffydd Nanney and Hugh Nanney Hên.**
- (3) Licenses for Selling Ale, 1606.**

Appendix lll.

(1) 16 January 1588. A list of the actions and causes undetermined at the close of Hugh Nanney Hên's shrievalty.

Nannau Ms.158.

This indenture made the xvith daye of Januarii in the yere of the Raigne of oure Sovraigne Ladie Elizabeth By the grace of gode Queene of England Fraunce ande yerlande deffend^r of the feathe etc. the thrittiethe, Betwen Hughe Nanney of Nanney in the countie of merionethe esquier Late sherif of the saed countie of the one partie, And Gruff Vaughan esquier nowe shiref of the saed countie of the other partie Witnessethe that the said Hugh nanney late shireff accordinge to the tenor of the Queenes ma^s writt of discharge unto ~~hym~~ directed hathe delivered unto the said Gruffith Vaughan esquier nowe shireff aswell all such books pendants accons, undetermined, writtes, muniments, ande scroolls belonging and appertayninge unto the said office of shiriefcontie (?) being in the custody of the said Hugh Nanney Esq. latte Shireff as also all and singular Prisoners Remayninge and Beinge in the queenes ma^{ties} Jayle of the..... (doct. torn) countie of merionethe under the custodie and kepinge of the said latte shireff comitted and apprehended, for felonie or

other misdemeanors or for recoveries or prosecutions (?) recovered agesnte theym and everie of theym or ellis attached and committed by vertu of her highnes writte or process unto the said latte Shireff directed, The particularities of all w^{ch} thinges and everie of theym ar and be severallie, conteyned, declared and specified in the schedule hereunto anexed. In witness wherēof the parties above named to thiese indentures interchaungeable have putte theere handes and seales the daye and yere above written.

In primis the pendants, or Bookes wiche were undetermined before Hughe Nanney esquier latte shireff of the countie of Merion' in Suche sorte, nature, degree and effectt as the same weere in the originale Books of the said latte Shireff viz

The Book of the countie court containing (sic) -
xiiii accons.

The Book of the hundred of Estim(anner)
conteyninge xxxiii accons.

The Book of the hundred of Tallapont conteyninge
in theym _____ xxxiiii accons.

The Book of the hundred of Ardudwy conteyninge
in theym _____ xxxii accons.

The Book of the hundred of Penllyn conteyninge
in theym _____ X accons.

Item one letter from the ma^s counsell of the
courtte of march directed to the saed Late Shiref and
to be returned successively to the newe shiref.

Item the Bodie of Thomas ap Howell ap Jeuan
convicted of Felonie^{and} reprieved.

Item the Bodie of Edward ap Humpffrey committed
for susspetins of Felonie.

Item the Bodie of Margaret vch Gruff committed
for suspitins of burgular and felonie.

Item the Bodie of Katherin Du comitted for
suspitins of burgular and felonies.

Item the Bodie of Edward ap John ap Llewelin
comitted for suspitins of Burgular.

Item the Bodie of Hoell ap Gruff ap Richard to
Satisfie Gruff ap David Lloid of the some of three
pounds and xiid. debt and xxxiiis. and iii d. cost and
chardge recovered before the chieff Justice of Northwales
together wth the writte of cap' returned.

Item the Bodie of the said Hoell to satisfie Margaret vch. Ric. of the some of vis. viiid. debts peyd coosts recovered before the said late Shireff.

Item one capias upon the Bodie of Will morrice the younger to satisfie George Euston. Returnable as aforsaed.

Item one Exigente of felonie agenst Margaret vch Gruff of Darowen and others. Returnable as aforsaed.

Item one capias of trespase agenste John ap Rhys Lloyd and others. Returnable as aforsaed.

Item one venire fac' of trespase from the greate Sessions agenste Thomas ap Mores ap Rhys Vaughan and others. Returnable as aforsaed.

Item one capias of felonie from the saed Sessions Agenstte one owen ap mores ap Rhys Vaughan Returnable as aforsaed.

Item one exigente from her ma^{ties} court at Westminster agenst Thomas Vaughan ap Cadwalladr.

Item ii writtes of Recordaces. Returnable as aforsaed the first daye of the next greate Sessions.

Item one capias ut legat from her ma^{ties} courte of the comon pleas at west(minster) against Thomas ap Rhys ap David Gouche of penal Returned. Returnable in crastino purificatione etc.

Item one writte of fier' fac' of the goods and cattells of Thoms ap Richard and David ap Ieuan ap Tudr Vaughan at the suite of Robert Lloyd gent. unexecuted. Returnable the first daye of the next great Sessions..

Item one writte of dures tecum agenste John Powes and the Bodie of the said John Powes, to answer Thomas Maddwyn Esquier.

Item one writt of Justicies agenst Mores ap John ap Ritherch and others defts and John ap Howel gouche pl.

Item one capias upon the Bodies of John Hughes, Robert Owen, Hughe Lloyd, Tudur Vaughan, and John Lewes ap Meredith To satisfie Edward Harvartt Esquier of the Some of Fivettie five poundes debt and xxxvi s. coosts recovered agenste theym before the chief Justice of Northwales (sic)....(Doct. torn) and executed. Returnable the firste daye of.....(doct. torn) greate Sessions.

Item the Bodie of Thomas ap Rees Vaughan gent. To satisfie Thomas fletcher of the Cittie of chester of the some of xLvs. iid. debt and xxviiiis. cooste recovered agenst hym in the great Sessions.

Item the Bodie of Davyd Lloyd ap persone attached by vertue of her ma^{ties} proces from the counsaile in

the marches of wallis for a certen feine upon hym by
ther honors taxed And returned Langwidus.

Item the Bodie of William ap Hoell Bedo clerke
to answer to Thomas Maddryn esquier by a writte of
dures tecum.

Item the Bodie of Lewes ap Jeuan ap Rhys attached
by vertu of her ma^{ties} writte of attachm^t at the suite
of James Barkafild and returned Languid'.

Item the Bodie of Edward ap William ap Hoell ap
Dio to satisfie Elisse ap Dd. Lloyd of the same of
xls. recovered agenst hym in the greate Sessions.

Item one Recordance at the suitt of Jeuan ap
Jeuan deft. and Gruff ap Hoell Gruff. plaintiff.

Item one fier' fac' of the goodes and cattells of
Dd. Johns and John Fytton.

Item one capias upon the Bodie of Richard Owen
alias Grydd to satisfie Richard ap Llewelyn.

- (2) Extracts from a Recognisance Book kept by Gruffydd Nanney and Hugh Nanney Hên.

^{Additional}
N.L.W. Peniarth 332 A, PP.43-44, 74-75.

1601

Recognisaunces taken the year afforsayd by me
Griff: Nanney after Easter quarter sessions.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. ad
m(agnam)
s(essionem) | Lewes gruf of Mallwyd per pledges Hughe
ap davyd ap llewelín de eadem &
Edward ap mores de Cowarth in xl li; |
| 2. ad
g(eneralem)
s(essionem) | gruf ap Wm of Dyfrydan in comitatu
predicto yoaman pro seipso in xx li.
Hugh ap John ap Rhys de llanglynin in
comitatu predicto yeoman in x li. et
Hugh David ap Owen de garthgynvor in
xli. pro predicto gruf ap Wm quod pacem
etc./ et precipue erga hoell ap John
ap llew' de Dyfrydan predict' etc./ |
| ad
m(agnam) | Rh.Wyn de dolgelley generos et gruf ap
Wm de eadem ceperunt in balivam John
Robinson de garthmaylan/ad magnam
sessionem sub pena. C li. |

M(anucapiuntur)	Edward Owen, et William Owen pro
M(agnam)	Davyd ap Robt. sub pena C li.ut supra
ad	Edward Owen manucepit pro Willimo
m(agnam)	owen sub pena C li.ut supra.
ad	William Owen manucepit pro Edward
m(agnam)	Owen sub pena C li.ut supra.

Humfrey Phivian and Owen ap Wm manuceperunt pro
Mary vch Enion quod pacem etc./ et ad (sic) prosequendam
versus guen' Owen.

gruf ap Meredudd et Tudur gruf Manuceperunt pro
Elisa gruf ut supra et precipue erga (left blank)
vch Jeuan.

Recognisance taken after hillary.
quarter sessions xliiiith Elizabethe

26 Ma: Joan goodall per plegia Wm gruf et Ric ap tomas/
precipue Elizabeth vch gruf ap Maredudd.

26 Ja: Peter Jones per plegia John Mores et Jeuan Lewes,
precipue Ellin vch Jeuan.

- 26 Ja: Ellin vch Jeuan per plegia Jeuan ap
tomas et Tudr Owen precipue Elizabeth
vch gruf ap Merik.
- 15 feb. Elisa gruf de dolledr per plegia lewes
gwyn de dolyserre et Symond Owen de
Cefnyrowen/ precipue Ellin vch Jeuan.
- 19 Mar: Hugh ap Elisa de llanylltyd per plegia
Ric. Nanney de Cefndyddwr et Robt gruf
ap hugh de Nanney, precipue Ellin vch
tomas.
- ut supra. Henry ap Sion gruf per plegia lewes ap
Rhys et tomas gruf precipue gwen vch
Eden'./
- 20 Mar. Elisa gruf per plegia holl gruf et Elisa
ap Rh. David ap Morgan/ pro disquesicione
et uxor eius similiter per eodem plegia.

1. Januarii anno tertio Hugh ap Elisa de llanylltyd
per plegia Richard Nanney et John ap Wm ap Richard de
eadem qualibet manuceperunt.....(script illegible)

et precent hugh in x li./ upon condicon he keep an
alhouse according to the orders layed downe etc. /

Coram Hugone Nanney et gruf Nanney.

4 Januarii anno predicto Sr tomas Jones Clercke ad
+ pacem per plegia Harry Owen et Humffrey phivian de
6 dolgelley et precipue humffrey mores et ad comperiendum.¹/

1. Januarii anno tertio John ap Wm ap Rich ad pacem
precipue et ad comperiendum per plegia Richard Nanney
et hugh ap Elisa de llanylltyd precipue John ap Rhys
deu.

1. Richard ap Wm ap Richard per eosdem plegia ut supra./

15. Januarii Elisa gruf ap holl ap ynyr de dolgelly
in x li. et Elisa Owen de eadem in v li. et gruf ap John
de Kefnyrowen in v li./ bond to sell ale and to observe
the orders etc. /

Coram H.N. et G.N.

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1. The phrase when extended read: "ad comperiendum
apud.....Sessionem"; vide W. Ogwen Williams,
"Calendar of the Caernarvonshire Quarter Sessions
Records", PP. 195-239.

16 Februarii anno tertio Davyd ap lewes de Nanne ad
pacem precipue Hugh ap Wm et ad comperiendum ad
proximam per plegia lewes gwyn de Brithdir et Edmond
lloyd de Nanney in xl li. etc.

17. februarii anno predicto John Hughes de Maesypandy
et tomas Humffreys de Nanney manuceperunt per hugh
ap Wm to sell ale etc.

Coram H.N. et G.N.

- (3) Licenses for Selling Ale (1606), from the Nanney
Recognizance Book.

^{Additional}
N.L.W., Peniarth 332A, P.73.

12 Decemb. These are allowed to sell ale in
Talybont Uwcherugenau and bound to keep good order.

Nanney. John tomas Wydd (?)
 John ap John
 William ap Wm.
 John howell
 William Dd. ap Rhys.
 gruf ap Rhys Vaughan.

Dolgelley Lewes Dd. lloyd ap Tudr at Gwanas
 Tudor Vaughan
 Meredudd ap gruf
 Davyd ap hoell
 Elisey gruf ap lewes
 Edward ap William
 Rowland / y / go
 Elisey ap owen
 Margerett vch John lewes
 Mary vch lleu' gouch
 Wm. gouch
 Wm. ap Jeuan ap Dd.

Kaddr ap hoell ap Wm.
Tuddr owen
Jeuan lewes
gruf ap Wm. power
....(illegible) gruf dailwr.
Robte lloyd
hugh ap tudr
humphry phivien
Jeuan ap Jeuan
John Dd. ap Rh.
tomas ap Dd.
Richard ap tomas
Owen ap William
Elisey ap hoell tomas
tomas ap Rhy. ap gwillim. 26.
