

1 Junic peimo febr 1568 Th[e] answer of John dethick Esquire def[endan]t to the
 2 Bill of compl[aint] of Thomas Stanhoppe Esquir[e]
 3 Coppat S17.a. Complaint
 4 Q sles The said def[endant] saminge unto him th[e] advantage of excepcon to the intevteintre and tusufficiencye of the said Bill of compl[aint] For aicuofsor ther[e]unto
 5 Saieth That John Dethicke Esquire decessed late fath[e]r of the said def[endant] was Lawfullye seized in his demeane as of fet*rfer tayle As he Daelye
 6 thincketh amongst divrs[e] oth[e]r mannors Landes and tenements of and in one wood called Dethick highe wood w[hi]ch the def[end]a[ant] supposeth to be the
 7 wood named in the said Bill ~~named~~ of compl[aint] And lieth neither in the p[ar]ische of Sponden nor Chaddeston As he lik[e]wise supposeth And
 8 of and in certene arable pasture wast[e] and wood groundes Advantage to the number & quantitie of a hundred acres or ther[e]aboutes Sitt
 9 lienge and beinge in Sponden or Chaddeston in the said Bill mencioned, as in eyther of them And he so beinge ther[e]of seized aboute x
 10 years nowe last past died ther[e]of of suche estate seized By and after whose death the parishe discended & carre As of right they
 11 ought to discend and com[p]l[an]tnathes said def[endants] As soane and next here of the john dethick. By virtue wher[e]of the said def[endan]t entred
 12 into all the parish And the saiae hath sithuis enioyed to his owne use And taken the profittes thereof quietlye As lawfull was and ys for
 13 him to do But wheth[e]r the said wood before mencioned be the wood intended of in the sayd Bill, Or wheth[e]r the Landes or tenements
 14 before pecified be or do concerne the Landes or tenements also intended of in the said Bill, The said des[endan]t knowith not But for his full
 15 pargacios of any maner of intr[e]wsion into any of the landes ten[emen]tes or hereditamentes of our said sovaigne Ladye the Queene in right of her
 16 said Duchye in the said Townes or any of them, he saieth uppon his O[a]the That he never intended entred into nor never clamed any
 17 other Landes tenem[en]tes nor hereditamentes in the said Townes nor any of them, But suche As in maner and forme before alledged bene
 18 dicended to him from his said father And w[h]ene the ancient Inheritances of his anncesters And by them quietly enioyed, to his knowleg[e]
 19 time oute of mynd of man W[i]thout that that the said dest entered uppon landes or tenementes that to his knowledge were the sayd
 20 Thomas Tavaray Or hath conveyed unto him self or unto any oth[e]r p[er]sones unknowen to the said Compleynant any se*tt estate or estates of the
 21 puiysse To the disuherson of the Queene ma[ges]tie Or to the losse and hinderance of the sayd Complynant As in the said Bill of
 22 complain]t ys untrwely alledged And w[i]thout that that any oth[e]r matter or cause contyned in the sayd Bill of compl[aint] matryall
 23 or effectuall to be Answered unto And not in this Answer sufficientlye confessed and a*oyded devieded traversed ys true

24 All w[hi]ch matters the said des[endan]t is readye to a*r* and prove As this hon[our]able Courte shall Award And praeth to be descuyssed out

25 of the same *wth his reasonable costes and charges in this behalf wrongfullye sustenied Cobeleetie Twrer

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