

YEALM PILCHARD FISHERY

Unfortunately the left-hand side of this copied document has been lost perhaps in photocopying and the document is incomplete. ('Lost' words are guessed at in a different type face.)

[All of this document is written in a beautiful copperplate hand]

Proposals for a concertship between the proprietors of the Yealm Pilchard Fishery on the one part and Mr. Robert Hoopell on the other part for the season 1834.

Each Party to furnish one good Stop Sean and with a Tuck Sean and ...ary Gear Boats and Implements and the usual complement of managing the same.

If any of the Seans Boats Gear and implements of either party is injured in fishing or shooting at fish because of weather or otherwise whilst fairly engaged in the joint service /except thro' wilfulness or negligence / the same to be forthwith ????? at the joint and equal expense of the parties but each party to keep ????? Sean with the appurtenances throughout the Season / that is to say (sic/six) ????? on the 4th day of August/ on whomsoever the necessary repairs shall fall. Fish taken by either Sean to be disposed of as follows - As much as is fresh at a fair price to be sold accordingly and the remainder put(?) to the Yealm Cellars and there cured for exportation at the joint expence of the parties and the said Robert Hoopell paying or allowing (a moiety?) of the Salt and therein at a fair price and a reasonable (sum?) for a moiety of the Use of the Cellars by way of rent. Provided the fish be sent to Mothecombe for a Market & should all be not sold the surplus shall be cured for exportation in the cellar of the sd. Robert (?) at the like joint of equal expense of either party paying or allowing fish supplied

for the other -

*Robert Hooppell to have the use of the Yealm Furnace for his
Seans - and in return to provide sufficient good oak bark for the
Yealm Stop and tuck Seans so often as he shall bark his own.*

*Such time as Fish shall be on sale or transmitting to the
party to be at liberty to send a proprietor or deputy to account
and receive the money and each of the parties respectively
answerable for so much as shall be received by each proprietor
or deputy*

It is unclear whether this is the end of the agreement.
Perhaps further research at Plymouth or Exeter might
shed light....

There is also (frustratingly) a column of names which
appears to have been cut from an adjacent column
which probably gave the signatures of the Yealm
'investors'. The extant 'list' is of the Hooppell signatories
and each is preceded by an '&' before which, I assume,
was the name of a 'Yealm' investor but this is sheer
guesswork which may only be validated or contradicted
by seeing the complete document.

8/8/2009

Dennis Belvidere

SIGNATORIES (the 'Hooppell' list?)

The lettering is difficult and therefore some of the names may be slightly misspelt.

E. Hyne

G. Locke

Garland Cuming

Nicholas Roach

John Denham

E. Wroth

G. Cocker

R. Hooppell

B. Hooppell Jnr.

W. Hoskin

G. Coker

Robt. Hooppell

E. Wroth

Wm. Hoskin

? Adrill?

Mr. Crimp

Mr. Bowden

John Worth

I put 'signatories' at the top of the list. The handwriting throughout the list is quite similar but I assume that this is due to a taugt copperplate. I don't take it to be the work of one clerk/secretary. The apparent duplication of names is interesting but the differences are sufficient for assuming different signatories.

8/8/2009

Bennet Holmister

Proposals for a Concurrence between the proprietors of
the Yealm Fishery on the one part and Mr Robert
Kedpell on the other part for the season 1834,

party to furnish one good Hop Sean with a Tuck Sean and
any Gear boots and Implements - and the usual complement of
managing the same -

~~either~~ ^{any} of the Seans boots Gear and Implements of either party
of weather or otherwise whilst fairly engaged in the joint Service (except this willfully or negligently
injured in fishing or shooting at Fish, the same to be forthwith
at the joint and equal expense of the parties - but each party to keep
one Sean with the apparatus throughout the Season (that is to say, see-
ing on the 1st day of August 1834) on whomsoever the necessary repairs shall fall -
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fresh at a fair price to be sold accordingly and the remainder
to the Yealm Cellars and there cured for exportation at the joint
expense of the parties and the said Robert Kedpell paying or allowing
a reasonable