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That whereas according to the Law and Custom of the Kingdom of England and the  
provision of old used and approved of all persons are required to keep by secure so safely  
and carefully their fire day and night that <sup>no</sup> Damage whatsoever shall happen to  
any person by means of the Negligent & Improvident Keeping thereof nevertheless  
the sd J<sup>d</sup> & Henry the tenth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and  
twenty five at Southwell County and within the Jurisdiction of this Court of the  
County of Lincoln made and kept that by means of their making & negligent and  
Improvident Keeping thereof the said fire the dwelling plantation of the said  
the day and year ad within the sd Jur<sup>t</sup> (in which said plantation of said W<sup>m</sup> Robert  
was then and there proposed of an Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in the Single)  
did enter and the Grass of the said W<sup>m</sup> to the value of three pounds Court money and  
one Elm tree of the said William of the value of five pounds Court money there  
late growing and five hundred seven sailes of the value of five pounds Court money  
of the goods and Chattels of the said W<sup>m</sup> then and then being then and then did  
burn consume and wholly destroy to the great Damage of the same W<sup>m</sup> and ag<sup>t</sup>  
the Custom ad where by the same William says he is worse and hath Damage to  
the value of thirty of Court money & thereof he brings this Suite do

And the sd J<sup>d</sup> & Henry hold by Geo. D. as their attorney come and defend the  
fore and Injures when Geo. and pray leave to impare here into until the next Court  
and they shall it and the same day is given to the sd Geo. here also

At to which said next Court to wit the sixteenth day of August Anno Domini one thousand  
seven hundred and twenty six come again as well the sd W<sup>m</sup> as the sd J<sup>d</sup> & Henry by  
their attorney ad and the said J<sup>d</sup> and Henry by their said attorney pray further leave  
thereof to impare here until the next Court and they shall it and the same day is  
given to the sd William here also

All which said next Court to wit the fifteenth day of November Anno Domini one thousand  
seven hundred and twenty six come again as well the sd W<sup>m</sup> as the sd J<sup>d</sup> & Henry  
by their attorney ad and the sd J<sup>d</sup> & Henry by their said attorney pray further leave  
thereof to impare here into until the next Court and they shall it and the same  
day is given to the sd W<sup>m</sup> here also

At to which said next Court to wit the twenty first day of March Anno Domini one  
thousand seven hundred and twenty six come again as well the sd William as the sd  
John and Henry by their attorney ad, and the same John and Henry by their said  
attly.