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### **Document 12: Star Chamber: bill of complaint of Thomas Echard and Elyn his wife, from the reign of Henry VIII**

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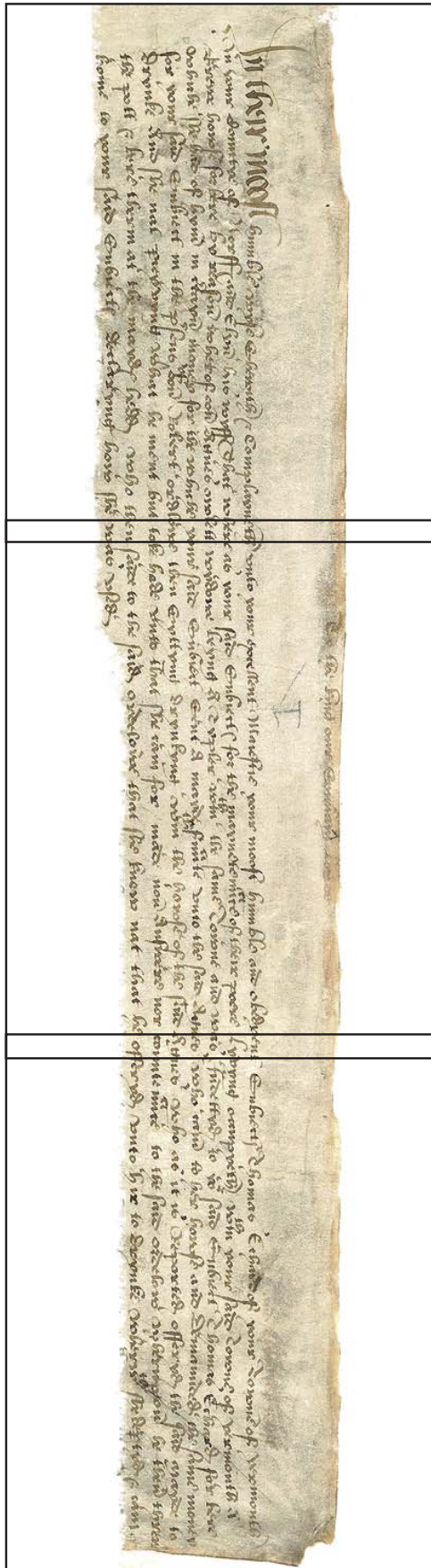
This series, Star Chamber (STAC) contains documents submitted or generated in the course of judicial proceedings, mostly in equity, heard before the king's Council at Westminster, and anachronistically known as the Court of Star Chamber.

Of all the documents in this series, depositions are perhaps of most use to family and local historians, containing biographical information about the witnesses, and often circumstantial and incidental evidence thought relevant to the questions asked.

Please note:

- The document is written in mixed cursive hand, with both secretary and legal forms.

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... into your excellent Maestrie your most humble and obedient  
servant your said Subiect for the preservation of their peace & the  
well ordering & welfare of the same Countie and shire  
your said Subiect sent a messenger unto the said shire  
and then your said Subiect sent the sheriff of the said shire  
to be holden that the same for made non assize nor con-  
victed to the said order that he know not that he off-  
ends



vent Gilbert & Thomas Esquires of your Towne of Wymouth  
I have amplye receyved your said Towne of Wymouth &  
are directed to the said Gilbert & Thomas Esquires for their  
newe order made to the said Gilbert & Thomas Esquires  
I have receyved it is reported offerred the said order to  
comite mee to the said order & appoynted by their letters  
& offerred unto the said Gilbert & Thomas Esquires

## transcript

1. In their moost humble wyse Shewith & Complayneth unto your excellent Maiestie your moost humble and obedyent Subiect[es] Thomas Echard of your Towne of Yermouth
2. In your Countye of Norff and Elyn his wyff That where as your said Subiect[es] for the maynete na[u]nce of their poere Lyvyng occupyeth w[i]thin your said Towne of Yermouth a
3. Brewe howse for bere by reason wherof oon Agnes owlett wydowe beyng A typler w[i]thin the same Towne and was Indettyd to yo[u]r said Subiect Thomas Echerd for bere
4. whiche she had of hym in c[er]tayne money for the whiche your said Subiect Sent A mayde s[er]vante unto the said Agnes who cam to her howse and Demaunded the same money
5. for your said Subiect in the p[re]sens of oon Robert ordlowe then Syttyng drynkyng w[i]thin the howse of the said Agnes who as it is Reported offeryd the said Mayde to
6. drynke And she nat p[er]cyvyng What he ment but toke hede unto that she cam for made non Answer nor countena[u]nce to the said ordelow Wherupon he then threw
7. the pott & bere therin at the mayd[es] hedd who then saide to the said ordelowe that she knew nat that he offeryd unto hir to drynke wherw[i]th she dep[ar]tyd & cam
8. home to your said Subiect[es] declaryng how she was used...