

*Extracted from The Great End Book of Ravenstonedale (WDMG 14/1)*

The Acts, orders and proceedings of the Four and twenty Tabled which are written in the first part of this Book faithfully compar'd with their originals by me Anthony Fothergill publick notary

**The Settlement and Agreement of the Four & Twenty, and the other Tenants in the Parish of Ravenstonedale in Westm'land, made and Subscribed in the year of our Lord 1724**

Whereas it hath been the Ancient Laudable and Immemorial Custom in the said Parish that Four and Twenty Persons be Chosen to Act & Order in Publick Matters for the Welfare of Themselves & of the rest of the Tenants in the said Parish, as in the famous Instances of the Suits about the Hay-Tithe, Enter-Common, Infant-Forfeiture and many other momentous Affairs, when Persons out of Selfish Views or Sinister Designs have endeavour'd to make Encroachmts upon our ancient customs, Rights & Priviledges – and Whereas on sepr 24<sup>th</sup> 1724 it was Order'd and mutually Consented to, & Agreed, That the Majority of the Tenants who live in each respective Angle shou'd choose their proportionable Number of Men in each Angle to be of the Sd Four & Twenty – And Whereas also the New four & Twenty were Elected duly & conformably to the Sd Order – And Whereas further, that the Sd Four & Twenty may be Perpetuated, it is Order'd and mutually Consented to and Agreed, That if the Majority of the Tenants who live in any of the Four Angles in this Parish shou'd at any time hereafter not be pleas'd with or shou'd want One Man or More, to be of the said Four & Twenty, the majority of the Tenants in the Said Angle or Angles shall not fail in Four weeks time to choose One Man or More to serve for their respective Angle or Angles (being Tenant or Tenents, Parishioner, or Parishioners) instead of such Person or Persons as they shall not be pleas'd with, or shall be wanting; And shall also take Care that such Person or Persons so Elected, do in the said 4 weeks time subscribe His or their Name or Names to This Agreement in this Book.

In Pursuance therefore of the said ancient Custom Orders, &c numerous Precedents of our Ancestors, and to prevent many future imminent Ruins & Inconveniences, and for the more Satisfaction of every Tenant in This Parish, We the Four and Twenty now Elect, whose Hands are hereunto put, Do Hereby Oblige and Engage ourselves Each One to another, & to every Tenant in this Parish, that We will stand to Defend and Maintain All our ancient Customs & Priviledges & Particularly will oppose the most Unjust Claim of an Infant Forfeiture. And We & Each one of us do by these presents, faithfully Promise and Engage to do our best, & to stand Firm and Close to each other in every Case, or in all Cases, that may concern the Weal? Publick of our Selves and Neighbours, Such Case or Cases being first consider'd and judg'd to be of general and publick Benefit and Concern to the Tenants in the Said Parish by the Four & Twenty for the time being, or the Major Part of them. And we the other Tenants also of the Said Parish whose names are hereunto subjoin'd do faithfully Covenant Promise and Agree, for ourselves and Heirs and every of us respectively to and with the said Four and Twenty for the time being, and their successors, and every of them forever, that We will give our Assent and Consent and bear our equal Proportion of Charge to such Sutor Suits in Law or Equity, as have been, or may be undertaken by the said four & Twenty or the Major part of them in Defence of the said Tenents Civil Rights, particularly in Opposition to the said unjust Claim of an Infant Forfeiture, Or any other Breach or Invasion that shall be attempted to be made Upon or Against our ancient laudable Customs, Civil Rights & Priviledges only.

To this Settlement & Agreement the said Four & Twenty (as they stand Elected for their respective Angles) and other the said Tenants in the said Parish have interchangeably set their Names as Follows

<b>Town Angle (8)</b>	<b>Newbiggin Angle (6)</b>	<b>Fell-End Angle (6)</b>	<b>Bouderdale Angle (4)</b>
Tho. Toulmin	John Fothergill	James Dent	John Eubanck
Godfrey Milner	James Fothergill	Stephen Dent	Peter? Bousfeild
George Fothergill	Anthony Knewstubb	Anthony Fothergill	Peter Giles
Richard Fothergill	Anthony Fothergill	Thomas Hunter	Thomas Elyetson
John Bousfield	Michael Bovell	James Bayliff	John ?Ede
John Milner	Rich. Dixon	Stephen Dent	Richard Elliotson
Hugh Shaw	<del>James Alderson</del>	John Robinson	John Elliotson
Thomas Shaw	James Moorson?	John Rogerson	George Murthwaite
<del>Robert Fothergill</del>	John Spooner	Anthony Fawcett	John Murthwaite
Richard Huxley?	James Alderson	John Robinson	John ... .. (too faint)
James Richardson	John spooner	James Perkins	Edmond Whitehead
John Hewetson	Wll Knewstupp	Ralph Alderson	
Robert fothergill	James Alderson	John Fawcit	
John Hewetson	John Spooner	Elener Dent	
Robert Fothergill	James Aldersen	Elez Dentt	
James Richardson	Thomas Perkins	Thos Close	
John Fawcett	John Cautley	Isabel Thornburrow	
Richard Hunter	Tho Brooks	Isabel Fothergill	
Richard Poselthwaite	Stephen Fawcet	Robert Fawcett	
James Fothergill	Stephen Fothergill	Tho Adamthwait	
George Fothergill	Margret Breaks	Sibbe Adamthwait	
Thomas Green	Joseph Hanson	?J.... (too faint to read)	
George Parkin	Robart Breacks	Ralph Robinson	
Anthony Shaw	John Blackburn	Thomas Chamberlane	
Stephen Fothergill	Thomas Blackburn	Thomas Fothergill	
Anthony Parkin	John Fothergill	Thomas Fothergill	
John Morland	Mary Cave		
George Perkin	Richard Brown		
Richd Mitchell	Thomas Brown		
Elizabeth Beck	Thomas Fawcett		
John Blackburn	William Knewstupp		
Ro bert Fawcett	Rich. Dixon		
William Milner	Thomas Robinson		
Gyles Fothergill	Annas Knewstupp		
John Robertson	Ann Fothergill		
Marey Robertson	John Atkinson		
William Bayliffe	John Udall		
Tho. Robinson	Stephen Chamberlain		
Robart Fothergill	Richd Fawcet		
	John Richardson		
	Elizabeth Powlak		
	Will. Green		
	George Fothergill		
	William Wilson		
	Robart Fawcett		
	Richard Green		
	Henery Fothergill		