

1770

## Memorandum of a lease of mill to Thomas Pearson, late of Dulcote in Somerset

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N.B. Dulcote (or Dulcote) in Somerset had two paper mills in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Thomas Pearson: 1767-69 listed a papermaker at Dulcote West Mill. In 1769 the mill was substantially damaged by fire.

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Memorandum That it is agreed this <sup>th</sup> day of March 1770 by and between Samuel Bownell Esq. on the part of His Grace the Duke of Marlborough on the one part and Thomas Pearson late of Dulcote in the County of Somerset Papermaker of the other part as follows.

The said Samuel Bownell doth hereby agree that the said Tho. Pearson shall have a Lease of Woolvercott Paper Mills and Loom Mill with the Dwelling House Engines Vats and Presses the Dits Orchard Garden and Close of Pasture call'd Pencroft Close to the same belonging now in the occupation of William Faichon for the Term or Terms of Seven or Fourteen Years at the option of either party from Lady Day next at the Yearly Rent of Thirty one Pounds and the further Yearly Rent of Five Pounds p<sup>cent</sup> p<sup>ann</sup> for all such Money as the said Duke shall lay out in the necessary alterations and repairs of the Dwelling House Mills and out Buildings by or before Michas. next (Five accepted) The said Duke to put the whole Premises into good repair and to allow said Tho. Pearson Six Pounds out of the first half Years Rent towards his loss of time while such Repairs are doing. The said Tho. Pearson to pay all Parish Taxes and to maintain all Repairs after first done being allowed by the said Duke necessary rough Timber. And the said Tho. Pearson agrees to accept of such Lease and to execute a Counterpart thereof and to pay Two Guineas and an half being the common Fee for the same Drawing Skins Stamps and Ingepsing included and for the said Premises to pay the said Duke the above City rent of Thirty one Pounds and the further rent of Five Pounds p<sup>cent</sup> p<sup>ann</sup> for all such Money as shall be laid out in the Alterations and Repairs as aforesaid and such is our Agreement as Witnesses our hands.

Witness  
M<sup>y</sup>. Baker

Sam<sup>l</sup> Bownell  
Tho Pearson

