

ORDER BOOK EPIPHANY 1652 to MICHAELMAS 1661

item: 'Hockley, Prittlewell, Eastwood' date: 1656

'Upon full hearing and Debate of the matter in difference betweene the Inhabitants of [th]e severall parrishes of Hockley, Prittlewell and Eastwood in this County, it appearing to this Court that the one John Godwin heretofore Intermarried with [blank] Willingales, widdowe, a settled person and Inhabitant in the parish of Hockley, haveing Three children liveing by her said former husband Willingale, where the said Goodwin alsoe settled himselfe with his said wife and children, and shortly after his said wife the naturall mother of the said children dyed att Hockley aforesaid, after which the said Goodwyn tooke another wife and then removed his habitac[i]on to the parrish of Prittlewell and carryed the said children with him, where hee lived for some tyme and is now lately removed from thenceto the said children with him, where hee lived for some tyme and is now lately removed from thence to the said parrish of Eastwood with the said Three children, this court upon full hearing of the parrishoners of the severall parrishes and their Councells, and upon mature deliberac[i]on conceiveing that the said Goodwin being father in Law only to the said children cannot by Law bee charged with their maintenance, and that the said children being young and unsettled persons and in present want to releife, Doth conceive and declare That the said Children ought to be sent and provided for att Hockley aforesaid where both their naturall (word deleted) parents were settled persons and lived and dyed, and Doth Order the same accordingly, And that the Churchwardens and overseers of the Poore of that parish doe releive and provide for them accordingly.