1. *Parnell Bowdo* v. *Peter Bowdo*[75]

1.1 *Court Order* *25 November 1542* *REQ 1/7, fo. 136*[76]

Forasmoche as it ys seen to the Kings honorable Counsaill upon the heryng of the complaynte of Parnell Bowdo, presented to the Kynges magestie against Petre Bowdo gonmaker, hir husbonde, that he of his wylfull mynde contrarie to the ordre of matrimonye withoute cause of devorce or eny other matur[77] suede or proved according to the ordinaunce and lawes of the churche, hathe withdrawen hymself from hir companye and woll in no wyse[78] suffre that she shall comme or bee in the same, but unnaturally commaundithe hyr to seke hyr remedye, levyng hir clerly destitute withoute any manner of goodes or lyvyng, to hir great hevynes and uttre undoing. The said Counsaill uppon examynacion of the said matur, havynge knowledge the premysses to bee true, and the said Peter Bowdo to have xvj *d* by the day of the Kyngs gyfte, paiable at two termes of the yere by the handes of the chambrelayns of the Exchequer for the tyme beyng, have nowe therfore ordered and decreede as well in consideracion of the premysses as the Kyngs magesties commaundemente, that the said Parnell duryng the tyme the said Peter shall enjoye the wag[e]s or fee afforsaide, she therof to have to hyr owne use twentye pens[e] by the weke for and towards hyr sustentacion [and lyvyng?[79]] to be paide unto hyr hands [at the feasts?] of Ester and Mychelmas [. . .] feasts the same his wages is [. . .] And [. . .] hir fynding [*fo. 136v*] to bee deducted and allowede of the wag[e]s of the said Peter for the tyme he shall enjoye the same as afforsaid, unto suche tyme as he shal be reconsyled to his said wyf or els to prove sufficiently matur of devorce by the ordre of the lawe.

[75] See also BL Lansdowne MS 125, fo. 118; Caesar, *The Ancient State*, p. 143.
[76] Originally fo. 137.
[77] i.e. 'matter'.
[78] i.e. 'will in no manner'.
[79] The bottom of the page is damaged.

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