

Oi14 Ould Ned Cooke is putt to a new booke

Notes. This rare poem is clearly related to “Justice of late hath lost her witts”, and “Fower Cheyffe Justices late wee had”. All three poems comment on the elevation of Sir Nicholas Hyde to Lord Chief Justice of the King’s Bench in February 1627.

Ould Ned Cooke¹ is putt to a new booke

Learned Crue² is putt out for a new

Sage Ley³ is sett aside, up starts Sir Nicolas Hide.

Source. CUL Add. MS 29, fol. 2r

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¹ *Ned Cooke*: Sir Edward Coke, dismissed as Lord Chief Justice in 1616.

² *Learned Crue*: Sir Randall (or Ranulph) Crew (or Crewe), dismissed as Lord Chief Justice late in 1626 following his judgement on the illegality of the forced loan.

³ *Sage Ley*: Sir James Ley, Earl of Marlborough, Lord Chief Justice from 1621 until his promotion to Lord Treasurer late in 1624.
