



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 209/U/37

In the Matter of Erme Pound,  
Harford, Devon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Erme Pound, Harford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 260 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Devon County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the Duchy of Cornwall claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Exeter on 27 November 1979.

At the hearing the Duchy of Cornwall was represented by Mr C S Sturmer, its land agent.

The land in question is comprised within or forms the site of the ancient pound of the Southern Quarter of the Forest of Dartmoor. Questions arose between H R H Albert Edward, Prince of Wales as Lord of the Manor of Lydford and Forest of Dartmoor and the Lords of the Manor of East Harford touching the title to this and other lands. The matter was settled by a deed made 21 September 1867 between (1) H R H Albert Edward, Prince of Wales (2) Henry Rivers and Henry Bowen Rivers, whereby it was provided (inter alia) that Erme Pound should be and was thereby declared to be vested in the Prince of Wales as parcel of the manor of Lydford.

On this evidence I am satisfied that H R H Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Devon County Council, as registration authority, to register him as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this

11<sup>th</sup>

day of December

1979

Chief Commons Commissioner