

In the Matter of Land South-West of Burledge Common, West Harptree, Avon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land south-west of Burledge Common, West Harptree, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 204 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Avon 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 Bath on 12 January 1983.

At the hearing the Duchy of Cornwall was represented by Mr N J Mould, its land agent.

The land in question is part of a farm let by an agreement made 15 July 1968 between (1) H R H Charles Philip Arthur George, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall (2) Lily May Redman and Maurice William Redman. The previous tenant was Mrs Redman alone.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that His Royal Highness is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Avon 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

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day of January

1983

Chief Commons Commissioner