

APPENDIX TO VISITATIONS OF THE  
ARCHDEACON OF CANTERBURY.

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[The following items of information, extracted from the *Acta Curia* of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, relate to the Deanery of Westbere. They consist for the most part of suits for unpaid tithe. They include also a record of a cess or rate made upon their lands by the parishioners of Minster in Thanet for the reparation of their Church in the year 1624; of proceedings taken, apparently in the Consistorial Court, by a parishioner of the same place against an assessment made upon the glebe lands for the repair of the nave of the Church in 1676; and of the grant of a certificate of exemption, or licence for religious worship, in favour of "the people of God called Quakers" in the parish of Swalecliff in 1700. The volumes from which these excerpts are made are preserved in the Cathedral Library; there are a few odd volumes in the Wills Office. They are labelled with the title *Acta Curia* and the years which they cover; only part of the series is numbered. This contribution to *Archæologia Cantiana* forms a suitable appendix to Mr. Hussey's extracts\* from the series entitled *Comperta et Detecta* relating to the parishes of the same Deanery, and shewing the presentments made by churchwardens in the Archdeacon's Court from the accession of Queen Elizabeth to the reign of Queen Anne.—EDITOR.]

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## CHISLET.

31 January 1637. Ambrose Rose, senior, and Ambrose Rose, junior, Farmers of the Rectory of the Parish Church of Chislet, sued Roger Laminge of St. John the Baptist in the Isle of Thanet for unpaid tithe. Vol. 69 (1636-7) *Acta Guria*.

6 October 1640. Jane Gee, widow, relict and executrix of the testament and last will of John Gee,\* clerk, whilst he lived Vicar of the Parish Church of Tenterden [1633—39], sued for unpaid tithe Hugh Finn of the same parish. (Fol. 45.) Vol. 73 (1640-41).

## MINSTER.

24 April 1551. John Wildbore,† Vicar of Minster in Thanet [1550—57], brought an action for unpaid tithe against Matthew Griffin of the same parish. Also against William Poley and Edward Long. Vol. — (1550—52).

28 February 1598. John Batchelor, farmer of the Rectory of Minster in Thanet, sued William Troward of the parish of S. Lawrence in Thanet. (Fol. 81.)

20 June 1599. He sued William Swinfield of the same parish for tithe unpaid. (Fol. 101.) Vol. 41 (1598-9).

12 June 1601. Richard Clerk, D.D.,‡ Vicar of Minster [1597—1634], sued Nicholas Colbrand of the town of Sandwich for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 156.) Vol. 42 (1599—1601).

25 January 1625. William Jenkin, farmer of the Rectory of the Parish Church of Minster in Thanet, sued Roger Omer of the same parish for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 192.) Vol. 60 (1623—25).

[The following extract is of local interest as giving the names of the parishioners and the amount of land they occupied:—]

1626. A part of the Cess or Taxation objected to by Mr Tanager in the case of Jenkin against the churchwardens of Minster in Thanet, 23 May 1626; taken out of the cess book of the same parish.

\* See *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XXV., p. 25; *Dictionary of National Biography*, vol. xxi.

† *Ibid.*, Vol. XVIII., p. 449, and XXV., p. 104.

‡ *Ibid.*, Vol. XXV., p. 105.

“ A cess made and granted the ninth day of May by the churchwardens and collectors and others of the parish of Minster, for and towards the reparation of the Church of Minster, at a penny the acre marshlands, and a half-penny the acre upland, as well parishioners as outdwellers, by us whose names are underwritten.

John Picard }  
William Goldfinch } churchwardens.

Peter Ambrose, William Palmer, Roger Omer, Daniell Pamplett, Stephen Hunt.”

[Marshlands :—]

	Acres.	s.	d.		Acres.	s.	d.
William Barbett .	114	9	3	Thomas Giles .	7		7
Isaac Terry .	43	3	7	William Palmer .	14	1	2
John Fuller .	19	1	7	William Coffam .	6		6
Roger Omer .	58	4	10	Henry Arnold .	10		10
Stephen Hunt .	160	13	4	John Polyn .	3		3
Robert Turner .	66	5	6	Roger Baker .	10		10
Peter Ambrose .	30	2	6	John Brent .	4		4
Nicholas Consant.	39	3	3	Abraham Wood .	23	1	11
William Jenken .	5		5	Widow Omer .	5		5
Daniel Pamflett .	55	4	7	Edward Wildbore	3		3
Matthias Jones .	28	2	4	Nicholas Stander .	31	2	7
William Goldfinch	31	2	7	Thomas Jones .	3		3
Richard Terry .	35	2	11	Adam Terry .	15	1	3

Total, £3 9s. 8d.

Upland :—

	Acres.	s.	d.		Acres.	s.	d.
William Barbett .	320	13	4	Richard Terry .	60	2	6
Isaac Terry .	125	5	2	Adam Terry .	50	2	1
John Fuller .	16		8	John Gore .	80	3	4
Roger Omer .	135	5	7	Andrew Whitfield	70	2	11
Stephen Hunt .	210	8	9	Abraham Wood .	360	15	0
Robert Turner .	310	12	11	Nicholas Stander .	19		9
Peter Ambrose .	140	5	10	Widow Omer .	8		4
Nicholas Constant	100	4	2	William Palmer .	4		4
William Jenken .	115	4	9	John Bing .	7		3
Daniel Pampllett .	135	5	7	William Cossam .	6		3
Matthias Jones .	100	4	2	Henry Arnold .	8		4
William Goldfinch	120	5	0	John Polyn .	6		3

	Acres.	s.	d.		Acres.	s.	d.
Roger Baker .	8		4	Thomas Binge .	3		1
John Brent .	4		2	Thomas Wilde .	2		1
Edward Allen .	6		3	John Ambrose .	4		2
Henry Cosby .	6		3	Nicholas Jackson.	6		3
Edmund Wildbore	23		11	Henry Catlin .	2		1
James Jones .	9		4	Widow Tilson .	3		2
Thomas Vernam .	2		1				

Total, £5 Os. 10d.

24 March 1626-7. Received back again the Cess Book, out of and by which this above written is registered in the same manner that it was extracted, according to a decree in that behalf made the tenth day of October 1626.

William + Goldfinch.

Witnesses : Polycarp Tangett, George Norwood.

Vol. 61 (1625-26).

12 April 1676. John Castillion, D.D., farmer of the tithes belonging to the Rectory of the Parish Church of Minster, called Alland Grange.

That the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ Church, Canterbury, are seized in fee in the right of their Church, and are Proprietaries of the Rectory of Alland Grange, with the appurtenances belonging to the Parish Church of Minster aforesaid. And that Dr. Castillion is the lawful farmer of the said Rectory with the appurtenances, and hath the same in lease from the Dean and Chapter, and so accounted reputed and taken to be. That the Rectory with the appurtenances is, according to the custom used throughout England, charged with the repairs of the chancel of the Parish Church of Minster; and that the Dean and Chapter and their farmers or tenants for the time being have accordingly, time out of mind, maintained, and do still maintain, the chancel in repair, and that by reason thereof neither the rectory nor any part thereof ought, according to the custom of England, to be assessed or taxed towards the repair of the body of the Parish Church, and that it is by law actually discharged from the same, and that notwithstanding the said custom discharged by law the parishioners of Minster have in fact assessed and taxed the glebe lands, which is part and

parcel of the rectory, towards the repairs of the body of the Church, without the knowledge or consent of the Dean and Chapter and of Dr. Castillion.

That the said rectory doth maintain the repairs of the chancel as is alleged, and the glebe lands, being part of the rectory, is absolved towards the repairs of the body of the Church, but withal alleging that the glebe hath been, time out of mind, and at present is absolved towards the repairing of the body of the Church, according to a custom used in the Parish time out of mind; and that the said cesses have from time to time been constantly paid.

Whereupon the judge, for that full proof of neither end in this cause did appear unto him whereby to determine the right of either party, and for that it did not appear that the Dean and Chapter aforesaid and the said Dr. Castillion, the present farmer of the rectory, did ever assent to such assessment or payment, did direct (without prejudice to the right of the Dean and Chapter and Dr. Castillion, the present farmer of the rectory) that all further proceedings as to this present suit shall cease.

And in case the parishioners did hereafter assess the glebe towards the repair of the body of the Church, they should bring their suit or action for such assessment, in case they thought fit to demand or require the same. (Fol. 171.) Vol. 77 (1670—78).

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#### ST. JOHN'S IN THANET.

16 November 1624. Richard Gurnard, gent., and George Marly, farmers of the Rector or Grange of Salmeston with Deane or Le Dane, sued for unpaid tithes Geoffrey Jancock or Johncocke of the parish of St. Lawrence in Thanet. (Fol. 153.)

Vol. 60 (1623—25).

24 October 1626. They sued Augustine Stowes or Tooes; also Thomas Giles and William Chillenden, all of Minster. (Fol. 16.)

Vol. 62 (1626-7).

10 April 1638. John Tomlin, John Quilter, and Daniel Pamplett, farmers of the Rectory Colonice or Grange of Salmestone with Deane, or called Salmestone *alias* Dane or Deane, sued James Bennett of the parish of St. Lawrence in Thanet.

Vol. 69 (1636-7).

28 September 1640. They sued one William Bing of the parish of St. Lawrence for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 34.)

Vol. 73 (1640-41).

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#### ST. PETER'S IN THANET.

19 October 1624. William Parker, gent., farmer of the rectory of the Parish Church of St. Peter's in Thanet, and further farmer of the rectory of Callis Court or Callis Grange, sued for unpaid tithe Thomas Jenkin of St. John the Baptist in the Isle of Thanet. (Fol. 126.)

Vol. 60 (1623—25).

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#### SEASALTER.

14 July 1568. Robert Ben, farmer of the rectory of Seasalter, sued Thomas Lunse of the same parish for unpaid tithes.

Also James Swanton and Stephen Swanton of Whitstable for the like. (Fol. 39.)

Vol. — (1567-8).

23 February 1575. Thomas Gardiner, Vicar of the Parish Church of Seasalter, sued Edmund Bicker of the same for tithes and ecclesiastical dues unpaid. (Fol. 50.)

Vol. — (1573—78).

17 April 1577. Thomas Gardiner sued John Bownde of Seasalter for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 95.)

Vol. — (1578—82).

12 December 1599. Vincent Huffam, Vicar of Seasalter, sued William Hennan of Ospringe for unpaid tithe, £4. (Fol. 198.)

Also Hamon Rucke of Selling for 25s. (Fol. 198.)

Vol. 41 (1598-9).

4 June 1600. He sued William Crathorne of Whitstable for the like. (Fol. 48.)

22 October 1600. He sued Thomas Cowland of Ospringe and Hamon Rucke of Selling for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 114.)

Vol. 42 (1599—1601).

20 July 1614. Edward Gonneston, Vicar of the parish of Seasalter, sued for unpaid tithe Thomas Oliver of Sheldwich. (Fol. 19.)

Vol. 53 (1614-15).

24 January 1632. He sued Miles Bull of the parish of All Saints in Canterbury for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 262.)

Vol. 65 (1630-31).

## SWAYLECLIFFE.

11 April 1551. Lawrence Bright, Rector of Swaylecliff, sued John Holman for unpaid tithe. Vol. — (1550—52).

12 January 1601. William Cock, Rector of Swaylecliff [1587—1610], sued William Higgins of the parish of Holy Cross, Westgate, Canterbury, for unpaid tithe. Vol. 42 (1599—1601).

4 November 1612. Thomas Cleybrooke, Rector of the Parish Church of Swaylecliff, sued Thomas Gaye of same parish for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 13.) Vol. 52 (1612—14).

24 February 1633. He sued for the like John Menvile of the parish of Hackington or St. Stephen's, Canterbury. (Fol. 191.) Vol. 66 (1631—33).

To the Archbishop of Canterbury. We whose names are hereunto subscribed, in the behalf of the people of God called Quakers, do desire (according to the Directions of an Act of Parliament, entitled an Act to Exempt His Majesty's Protestant Subjects from the Penalties of certain Laws) that it may be Registered in the Registry a Meeting place for religious worship in the house of Robert Barrett in the parish of Swaylecliff in the County of Kent, and that we may have a certificate of the same: Henry Peene, Isaac Collins, John Love.

The abovesaid certificate was presented by John Love, and registered this 31st July 1700.

(Signed) Paul Lukin, Deputy Reg<sup>r</sup>. (Fol. 231.)  
Vol. — (1678—1735).

## WHITSTABLE.

19 July 1581. John Turner, farmer of the rectory of Whitstable, sued William Cheese of the same parish for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 142.) Vol. — (1580—84).

13 November 1583. Alice Turner, as relict and administrator (*sic*) of the goods of John Turner, deceased, whilst he lived farmer of the rectory of Whitstable, sued for unpaid tithe John Shipton of Nackington. (Fol. 30.) Vol. 30 (1583-84).

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15 March 1592. Joseph Turner, farmer of the rectory, sued Thomas Jagger of Saints Cosmus and Damien in the Blean for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 11.)

5 April 1592. He sued Richard Denne of Chartham for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 16.) Vol. — (1591—93).

24 September 1600. He sued Thomas Longe, one of the Aldermen of the City of Canterbury, for unpaid tithe. (Fol. 98.) Vol. 42 (1599—1601).