

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, NEW ROMNEY.
RECORDS RELATING TO ITS REMOVAL IN A.D. 1550.

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Petition from New Romney to Archbishop CRANMER.

"In moste humble wyse . . . showeth vnto your good grace your devout oratours the Baylie, Jurats, and John Cryse Vycar of Newe Romeny of y^r Graces Dioces. That whereas there are in the same towne twoo parisshe Churches that is to sae the church of Saincte Nicolas and the chapell of St. Marten annexed therevnto whiche are appropriated vnto the Colledge of all Sowles in the vniuersitie of Oxforde.

"And for that the towne is not so populus, nor the deuotions of the people so liberall in paying of personall tythes as thei have been heretofore the proffitess of the same arr not sufficient nor hable to fynde twoo curates to serve bothe the sayd churches and thei vnited were but a competent and reasonable lyving for one lerned curate. The churches when thei were together and either of them hable and mete to receyve all the people of the . . . and more and the keping vppe of theym bothe may . . . parsonage as the inhabitants of the sayd twoo parissshes cannot . . . well . . . to come to any one of the sayd churches. It maye therefore please your grace to assign and appoynte by your l'tres directed vnto the hole towne one of the same churches whiche shall seme to your grace moste mete for thair parisshe church willing and requiring the people to accepte the same for thair onelie parisshe church. And further that your grace will take order that certyn honest men maye be charged with the goodes comyng of the church whiche shalbe desolated to be employed to the benefite and commoditie of the church and towne so that thei maie stande bounde to yelde vnto yo^r grace accompte of the same frome tyme to tyme when and as often as you shall require the same. In accomplishing wherof yo^r grace's sayd oratours shalbe dailie bounde to praie to God for the long preservation of your good grace long to endure."

The Archbishop's Answer.

"To my lovyng ffrendes the Baylif, Jurats and parissshons of Newe Rummy. After my right hertie recomendation found Percceyving by your application that you cannot agree amonge your

selfes whiche of your churches you may take for your onlie parisshe church, you havynge twoe churches either of them mete for your sole towne and by cause that by no equitye nor without great consid . . . the people of the church may come to the chapell nor of the chapell to the church, these are to . . . wylle you to take the church of Seynt Nycholas for your onlie parisshe church. And that such as shall have or take the other church and implements thereof shall before any alteration thereof be made be bounde by sufficient wrytynges obligatory before Peter Hayman my surveyor whom I have appoynted therevnto for the employnge of theym and of the money thereof comynge, to the common poore and best proffyte of the towne and parisshe and to take a trewe accompt thereof . . . as eyther an . . . they, or any of them, shalbe thervnto requyred. Thus hartelie fare you welle ffrom Lambethe the xxvij daye of May 1549.

"Your Lovinge ffrende,
"T. CANT."

Here aft^r folowth the Receipte of the goodes of Saint Martens Church in New Romeneŷ as folowith.

Inp'mis Receyved of one Edenberie and of Will ^m partridge of Rie ffor iiij thousand and Sixe hundreth of bell metall to them sold at x li. x s. le thousand	xlviij li. iiij s.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge the ijde day of Ap'ill Anno R' R' Edwardi vj dei gracia re'qui'to for e'ten lead to him sold at vj s. viij d. le hundreth	v li.
It'm Rec' of Will ^m tadlow for viij c. d. [$d = \frac{1}{2}$] of lead to him sold the xxij th of Ap'ill Anno p'dicto at v s. le C.	xlij s. vj d.
It'm Rec' of Willm Walter for v C. of lead to him sold at v s. le hundreth	xxv s.
It'm Rec' of Peter Wallishe ffor xij C. of lead to him sold at v s. le hundreth	ij li.
It'm Rec' of Radulphe devonishe for x C. of lead to him sold at v s. le hundreth	1 s.
It'm Rec' of John Whit ffor viij C. of lead to him sold at v s. le hundreth	xl s.
It'm Rec' of Thomas Pelland ffor vij C. of lead to him sold at v s. le C.	xxxv s.
It'm Rec' of Nicolas ffan black Smith ffor iiij C. d. [$d = \frac{1}{2}$] of iron to him sold at vj s. viij d. le hundreth	xxx s.
It'm Rec' of the said Edenberie and partridge ffor x ffother of lead to them sold at v li. le ffother	1 li. [£50]
[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side cxvij li. vj s. vj d. [£117 6s. 6d.]	

John hoonle [?] pr. thom's hoonle Sm. grosse c xxxvi li. xvi s. x d.
[£136 16s. 10d.]

This sum gross or total is written at the foot of the first MS. page, not at the end of the account.

Here ffolowth the iij billes specified in the Acompt grosse.

ffirst Rec' of gregorie holton ffor iij gistes	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Richard buntinge ffor iij gistes	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Willm Walt' ffor viij gistes	iiij s. x d.
It'm Rec' of John cheseman ffor ij gistes	xij d.
It'm Rec' of pet ^r Wallishe ffor iij gistes	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor iij gistes	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Willm dornell ffor iij gistes	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of John curtes ffor one gist	viij d.
It'm Rec' of Marten padih'm ffor one gist	viij d.
It'm Rec' of John gorram ffor old wood	ij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt Snode ffor a bell fframe	xij d.
It'm Rec' of John curties ffor a bell fframe	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Radulphe devonishe ffo ^r a bell ffra'	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor a beame	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of peter Wallishe ffor a bell fframe	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of John Whit ffor ij C & viij li of lead	x s. vij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor the great bell fframe...	ij s. iij d.
It'm Rec' of Sand ^r Kepell ffor iij gistes	ij s. viij d.

Thus endeth the ffirst bill. [*These words, and those in the line following, have been erased.*]

Here ffolowth y^e contentes of the second bill.

It'm Rec' of Ric ^d buntinge ffor c'ten paving tiles to him sold—Sm.	iiij s.
It'm Rec' of the same Ric ^d bunting ffor a tombstone ...	v s. iij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor a tombstone	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Radulphe devonishe ffor c'ten paving tiell	vj s.
It'm Rec' of Richard buntinge ffor ij tombstones*	viij s.
It'm Rec' of John Morres ffor parte of the timbr of the chaunsell*	iiij s.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor the ffounte	xij d.
It'm Rec' of John b'rges ffor a table	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor c'ten boards†	v s.
It'm Rec' of Adrian M'den ffor the pulpit	xij d.
[<i>At foot of MS. page.</i>] Sm. on this side iij li. ij d. [£4 0s. 2d.]	
It'm Rec' of Thom's belomie ffor c'ten timbr	iiij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm Eppse ffor c'ten stones‡	iiij s. iij d.
It'm Rec' of John berre ffor c'ten lime that was in y ^e church	xviij d.
It'm Rec' of John Morres fo ^r ye selinge ov ^r y ^e Rood loft	iiij s. iij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor a q't of pavinge tiell.....	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of xpo ^r ffor cowchman fo ^r c'ten old timbr§ ...	xij d.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm ffor a fforme	vj d.

* In the chancel of "our Lady," says another copy of this MS.

† From the back of the vestry.

‡ The cross stone.

§ From an altar.

It'm Rec' of Thom's harnden ffor a benche of stone & ffor vj other great stones	x s.	
It'm Rec' of Symon padih'm ffor a preket*.....		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of John elson ffor a preket*.....		vj d.
It'm Rec' of thom's belomie ffor the sepulcre fframe †		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt bedle ffor ij C brick.....		xiiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt davie ffor xvj paving tyles		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of James cristean ffor x paving tielles		v d.
It'm Rec' of m'ten padih'm ffor xx paving tielles		x d.
It'm Rec ^d of thom's parres ffor c'ten paving tielles ...		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor c'ten paving tielles ...		x d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm Epps ffor xxiiij paving stones.....	viiij s.	
Item Rec' of Robart bedle ffor ij C d. of paving tielles	iii s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of x'poffer cowcheman ffor the tombe of y ^e sepulcre.....		xij d.
It'm Rec' of thom's tadlow ffor c'ten stones		xiiij d.
It'm Rec' of oliver darbeshire ffor c'ten old timbr ‡ ...		xx d.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm and gregorie holton ffor bords	iiij s.	
It'm Rec' of Symon padih'm Thom's tadlow & Marten padih'm ffor the up' loft of the Steple	x s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt brewer for ij pec's of timbr		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of James cristean ffor c'ten bricke		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric buntinge ffor a beame		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar ffor a beame		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor a beame.....		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Marten padh'm ffor ij pecs of timbr		xj d.
It'm Rec' of Raffe devonishe ffor iiij gistes	ij s.	viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar for ij gistes		xvj d.
[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side iiij li. viij s. x d. [£3 8s. 10d.]		
It'm Rec' of John parker ffor viij gistes	ij s.	
It'm Rec' of John drincker ffor one gist		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt davie ffor ij gistes		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric Seed for iiij gistes	ij s.	
It'm Rec' of thom's parres ffor one giste		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of John gorram ffor an old Rotin gist [rotten joist]		ij d.
It'm Rec' of John clarke ffor ij gistes		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm ffor iiij gistes	ij s.	viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Rich' geffray ffor one gist		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's tailor ffor a beame and ij small timbr peces	ij s.	ij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's harnden § ffor iiij load of ruff stone	ij s.	vj d.
It'm Rec' of Adrian m'den ffor a stole		v d.

* A candlestick with pricket top.

† Framework of the Easter Sepulchre.

‡ From the porch. § Of Lydd.

|| Adrian Marden, a smith.

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It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor a cowerter [p counter]	iiij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's pellant ffor iiij C. paving tile ...		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm dornell ffor iiij old planckes		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Alex' Kepell ffor qt' paving tile		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Symon padih'm ffor m ^l * paving tile	iiij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor a fforme		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' garrard ffor a tombestone.....	iiij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor iiij C. of bricke		xxj d.
It'm Rec' of [in another copy Sir William] the p'son of hope† ffor a deske		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of John curtes ffor a qt' of pavinge tile		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor c'ten stones		xiiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor c'ten pavinge tile		x d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor the bord of the ffount‡		ij d.
It'm Rec' of John cheseman ffor a torche		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor a torche		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of John gorrom ffor a chist		xiiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod for a longe settle		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of John Mores ffor c'ten timbr tiele & stone§ to him sold	xx s.	
It'm Rec' of John Wells ffor c'ten old lathes		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of James cristean ffor vj C. tile	iiij s.	
It'm Rec' of Alex' Kebell ffor old lathes		iiij d.
[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side iiij li. xxiij d. [£3 1s. 10d.]		
It'm Rec' of will'm hacket ffor ij C. tile		xij d.
It'm Rec' of John burges ffor lates		vj d.
It'm Rec' of oliver darbeshire ffor lates		ix d.
It'm Rec' of Ric ^d buntinge ffor m ^l paving tile	iiij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of M ^{rs} dod widdow ffor iiij C. paving tiles ...		xviiij d.
It'm Rec' of the glasiar of Rie ffor asshes		viiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor vj C. tile	ij s.	vj d.
It'm Rec' of oliver darbeshire ffor ij C. of tiles		xj d.
It'm Rec' of Simon padih'm ffor a pec' of lead		xiiij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' cheseman for one beame ij C. & d. of tile	ij s.	v d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor c'ten stones.....		vj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor a doore	ij s.	
It'm Rec' of thom's dod ffor p'te of the Ruffe of y ^e churche		xij s.
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor p'te of the Ruffe of the churche		xij s.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm ffor p'te of the said Ruffe		xij s.
It'm Rec' of will'm Walt ^r ffor parte of the same Roffe...		xij s.
It'm Rec' of Robt bedle ffor p'te of the same Roffe ...		xij s.
It'm Rec' of Ric' garrard ffor a beame.....		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm Walt ^r ffor vj C. tiles	ij s.	viiij d.

Thus endethe the second bill. [These words have been erased.]

* A thousand.

† The rector of Hope, in Romney Marsh.

‡ Font cover.

§ Forming the vestry.

It'm Rec' of Will'm padih'm for c'ten old timbr & c'ten Stones vj s.
 It'm Rec' of leonard pomtes [? Pointes] ffo' iij but- tresse & A beame..... vj s. viij d.

[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side iij li. xviiij s. vij d. [£4 18s. 7d.]

It'm Rec' of Ric. Wallar ffor viij li. of lead iij d.
 It'm Rec' of Adrean M'den ffor the stones that were in the churche porch iij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor a doore of the churche ij s. v d.
 It'm Rec' of w^m ffinche of hoope fo' a load ffree stone ij s. viij d.
 It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffo' half a lood of tiles iij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of M^r Kempe ffor ij thousand a half of paving tiles viij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of M^r Kempe ffor one stone xij d.
 It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar ffor C. paving tiles iij d.
 It'm Rec' of M'ten padih'm for iij C. tile xvj d.
 It'm Rec' of thom's pellant ffor ij C. tile viij d.
 It'm Rec' of John Clarke ffor iij C. tile xxiij d.
 It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar ffor v C. tile ij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of George Rowse for C. & d. pavinge tile & vj corn' tile viij d.
 It'm Rec' of thom's parres ffor a load of tile vj s. viij d.
 It'm Rec' of John padih'm a thousand tiles..... iij s. viij d.
 It'm Rec' of Raffe devonishe ffo' half a load tile..... iij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of John parker fo' half a lood tile iij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of gregorie holton fo' half a load tiele iij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of thom's dod fo' vj C. tiele ij s. viij d.
 It'm Rec' of will'm dornell fo' half a load tiele iij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of Robt bedell ffor a thousand pavinge tile.. iij s. vj d.
 It'm Rec' of Robt bedell ffor half a thousand tile ij s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of thom's parres ffor xxiv Rafters ix s. iij d.
 It'm Rec' of thom's dod ffor the Roode loft x s.

[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side iij li. xj d. [£4 0s. 11d.]

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In the MS. this total is noted on the first page of the account here concluded. Vide ut supra, p. 156, at foot.