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THE POLL TAX IN ROCHESTER, SEPTEMBER 1660.

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THE original manuscript assessment for the Poll Tax for Rochester, or rather for that part of the city which lies on the eastern side of the Medway, made in September 1660, immediately after the restoration of King Charles II., was one of the many interesting and valuable documents in the collection of the late Mr. Robert Hovenden, which were sold in the early part of 1910. This document was purchased by Dr. F. W. Cock of Appledore, a member of our Council, who was good enough to lend it to me, and to permit me to publish a copy of it.

The MS. consists of fifteen sheets of strong cartridge paper, 16 inches by 12 inches, each sheet divided into columns,* as the copy printed shews, and it contains the names of all adults above the age of sixteen then inhabiting the Rochester side of the city, and also the amount of the tax for which each individual was answerable.

Although this tax was popularly known as the "Poll Tax," it is observable that the Act of Parliament, 12 Charles II., cap. ix, by which it was imposed on the people, does not use that word in the title or in the preamble, or in any part of the Act.

* It appears from two labels or cards still adhering to the back sheet of the MS. that it had been in the possession of Mr. Thomas Fisher, the publisher and printer of *The History of Rochester, 1772*, but I do not find that he made any use of it in that work. The late Mr. Brenchley Rye had also had access to it, and refers to it in a Paper he wrote (*Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XV., p. 113).

According to Murray (*New English Dictionary*) the word poll, meaning "head," or more strictly "the crown of the head," appeared in the English language in the thirteenth century—"The devel wolde fain henten (lay hold of) him by the polle" (*S. Eng. Leg. c. 1290*). It soon passed into common use in reference to counting by heads, *per capita*, and thence came into modern use in reference to voting at elections. "Poll-money," for which "Poll-tax" is a later name, was used by Tyndale in his translation of St. Matthew xvii. 24—"They that were wont to gather poll-money came to Peter." Blount in his *Law Dictionary* (1717, third edition) says that poll-money (*capitatio*) is a tax upon the persons or heads of men, either on all indifferently, or else according to some known title or mark of distinction upon each, and that either of bare honour and dignity, or else of some office or calling, or both.

The tax was adopted in the first instance in the 51st and last year (1377) of the reign of Edward III., under the financial pressure caused by the wars with France: the property tax on movables, known by the name of "the tenth" and "the fifteenth," and the subsidies on wool proving insufficient to meet the needs of the time. In that case a tax of fourpence per head, commonly known as "the tallage of groats," was imposed upon all persons other than beggars and persons under fourteen. It was followed by the graduated poll taxes of the years 1379, and 1380, the age of exemption being raised to sixteen and fifteen respectively. In 1379 the scale ranged from a groat up to ten marks (£6 13s. 4d.), in 1380 from three groats (1s.) up to sixty (£1). These exactions fomented a growing discontent among the people, and were the immediate cause of the peasants' revolt under Wat Tyler. In the following century poll taxes were used only as a method of obtaining revenues from aliens, who could not be reached by the ordinary tenths and fifteenths and subsidies. In 1513 (4 Hen. VIII.) a general poll tax was again levied, but yielded unsatisfactory results, and the expedient was not again adopted until 1641, when £400,000 was raised for payment of arrears to the

army.* That case evidently formed the precedent for the poll tax imposed after the restoration in 1660, the levying of which, so far as Rochester was concerned, is the subject of this Paper.

I shall venture to set out, rather fully, certain particulars of this Act (12 Charles II., cap. ix), which seems to have been passed soon after the meeting of the Houses of Parliament in 1660, but the date of the Royal assent not being indicated it is impossible to say the exact day when it came into force. I may mention also that the statutes were not at this time numbered, nor were they divided, as now they are, into clauses and sections, but this statute bears the number "ix" in the collection of statutes in the British Museum, and also in Pickering's *Statutes at Large*, 1762-3, in which collection it is only mentioned as an expired Act.

The title is: "An Act for the speedy provision of money for disbanding and paying off the forces of the Kingdom both by Land and Sea," and the preamble proceeds as follows: "Whereas the present raising of great sums of money for the speedy disbanding of the forces both by land and sea is a matter of vast consequence and urgent necessity, so that not only the happiness and peace of His Majesty's Kingdoms, but also the well being and prosperity of them, depends upon it, which said sums of money cannot be suddenly raised all as the pressing occasions do require, without some extraordinary means used, to the which all his Majesty's subjects, at this visible exigence of this Kingdom, will heartily and cheerfully submit, seeing it is to free themselves from so great a burthen and daily-increasing charge, May it therefore please your most excellent Majesty that it may be enacted and Be it enacted," etc.

The operative part of the Act goes on thus: "That all and every person and persons, who, at the time of the execution of this Act shall be of the several ranks and degrees

* Authorities for the above: S. Dowell, *History of Taxation and Taxes in England* (1888), Stubbs' *Constitutional History* (1878), *Encyclopædia Britannica* (1911). I am greatly indebted to our Editor, the Rev. G. M. Livett, for all the above references, and for much other valuable advice and aid in preparing this Paper.

hereafter mentioned, shall for the purpose aforesaid contribute and pay the several sums of money hereafter, in this Act, set down and appointed, that is to say, Every person of the degree of a Duke of England, Scotland, or Ireland, inhabiting and residing within this Kingdom shall pay the sum of One hundred pounds.”

Then follow, in similar form of words, the sums to be paid for other ranks of the nobility, *e.g.*, a Marquis £80, an Earl £60, a Viscount £50, a Baron £40, the eldest son of a Duke, inhabiting and residing within the Kingdom, being of the age of one and twenty years, £60, the eldest son of a Marquis £50, of an Earl £40, of a Viscount £35, of a Baron £30, every Baronet of any of the said three kingdoms, or of Nova Scotia, £30, every Knight of the Bath £30, every Knight Bachelor £20, every Serjeant-at-law, and every person of the degree of an Esquire,* or so reputed, inhabiting and residing within this Kingdom, and above the age of one and twenty years £10. A widow was to pay the third part of what her husband, in his lifetime, was subject to. Every Parson or Vicar, being possessed of a Parsonage or Vicarage or other estate of the clear annual value of one hundred pounds, the sum of £2. Every Doctor in the Civil or Canon Law, and every advocate, £5. Every Judge or Commissioner in the Court of Admiralty or of the Probate of Wills £20. Every Proctor practising in those Courts £5, every Doctor of Physick £10. Then follows a clause for taxing the Lord Mayor (£40) and other officers of the Corporation of the City of London, and several pages of the Act follow, taxing alien housekeepers and traders, all the great officers of State, naming each officer and order separately, and the tax they were to pay, and among others every person “who is or hath been an alderman in any City within this Kingdom, if he be below the degree of a Knight or Esquire” (and it will be seen that several persons in Rochester were taxed under this head), “the sum of £5. Every attorney-at-law of any of the Courts of Westminster or of the Palatine Courts” (and

* It will be seen that a further Act was necessary to define more precisely who did, or did not, come within the degree of “Esquire.”

under this too), "the sum of £3. Every person in any office or place under his Majesty (except his Majesty's Household servants in ordinary*) who receiveth the yearly fee of Ten pounds, the sum of £10."

Then, lastly, follow the enactments that covered the great bulk of the population, as follows: "Every person that can dispend in land, leases, money, stock, or otherwise, of his or her own proper estate, one hundred pounds per annum, the sum of forty shillings, and so, proportionably, for a greater or lesser estate, provided it extend not to persons under five pounds yearly. Every person, being a single person, and above the age of sixteen years, the sum of Twelve pence. And every other person, of what estate or degree soever he shall be, within his Majesty's Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales, not rated before in this present Act, not receiving alms, and being above sixteen years of age, shall pay Six pence."

Everybody was to pay their due within twelve days after the proclamation of the Act, at the accustomed places in the several counties, and for the better assessing, ordering and levying of the tax Commissioners were appointed for the several counties, whose names were set out in Schedules to the Act, and powers were given to them to appoint bailiffs and others to make the assessments and collect the money, and, for that purpose, to divide and sever their jurisdictions among the hundreds, rapes, wapentakes, wards, or other places within their limits.

About fifty Commissioners were appointed for Kent, the first name on the list being Philip, Lord Strangford, and the last being the Mayor of the City of Rochester. After his name occur the officials for certain special jurisdictions within the county, the Cinque Ports, Romney Marsh, etc. No doubt the Commissioners so appointed made due proclamation of the Act on Penenden Heath, and proceeded to get the tax collected.

* And the Act referred to in the preceding note also had to define more clearly what this exemption meant or did not mean, or how it was dispensed with altogether.

But it seems that it became necessary to pass a supplemental Act, the 12 Charles II., cap. x, the title of which is: "An act for supplying and explaining certain defaults in the principal act," and by this it was enacted that "every householder, being master or mistress of a family, shall within two days after demand made by any assessor, or other officer, thereto appointed, deliver unto such assessor or officer of any parish, town, or place wherein such householder being such master or mistress shall dwell, a true and perfect list of all persons above the age of 16 years as shall be inhabiting or residing in the respective families, together with the names, surnames, degrees and qualities of such persons;" and this under the penalty of £5 in case of default. This Act also provided that the Commissioners were to make return of all sums of money rated, taxed, and assessed by virtue of the Act, before the 20th day of October next, to the Court of Exchequer, and pay over the money to the Treasurers appointed by the Act. It also granted a commission of one penny in the pound to the Collectors, and also provided that a person taxed in one place should be exempted from paying in another place where he might also have property or be liable to be taxed; also it gave powers of distress against defaulters.

But even this did not suffice, and before the end of the Session another Act had to be passed, 12 Charles II., cap. xxviii, entitled: "An act for further supplying and explaining certain defects in an act intituled An act for the speedy disbanding and paying off the forces of the Kingdom both by sea and land." This third Act recites in its preamble "that through some doubts arising upon, or from negligence in, the execution of the Act of this Parliament" (quoting the title of chapter ix), "and also of one other act" (quoting the title of chapter x) "the same acts do not answer the ends aforesaid, in such manner as was expected, without some further explanation of the sence (*sic*) thereof, and a review of the several assessments made thereby, so that some persons may not escape without payment at all, or go away at very small proportions, whilst others pay their just and

full due." It was therefore enacted "that all and every persons of the several ranks, degrees and qualifications in the said act or acts mentioned shall contribute and pay the several and respective sums of money there appointed to be paid, any pretence of exemption as being His Majesty's ordinary servants notwithstanding."

Having thus disposed of that exemption, or saving clause, in the first Act, no doubt to the great chagrin of many of the grandees and officials of the Court, it was further enacted that all bodies, corporate, ecclesiastical, or civil, as well as individuals, should be taxed at the rate of forty shillings for every £100 of income; next the Act dealt with those who were taxed as Esquires, but who had tried to escape on the ground that such an honourable title was above their degree—the clause runs: "Every barrister-at-law, and every other person that hath subscribed to any deed or writing wherein he, or they, have been written or entituled Esquire, or that hath acted by virtue of any commission, or Act, wherein he, at any time before the sitting of this Parliament, was written, or entituled, Esquire, shall pay as reputed Esquire within the said Act." Further powers were given to enforce payment of the tax by distress, and by imprisonment until payment, if there were no sufficient distress. Additional commissioners were appointed for some of the counties, and a committee of the House of Lords was set up to deal with those peers who did not pay their quotas.

Returning now to the assessment for Rochester, it will be seen that each sheet contains, besides the margin on the left-hand side (in which sometimes notes were made*), five columns, (1) the names of the persons assessed; (2) the "free estate and stock;" (3) "rent of houses not yet assessed;" (4) a column headed "H. and E.," which I take to mean "House and Estate," and in this column the amount of the tax which each person taxed had to pay is set forth; and finally, there is a column (5) which on the first of the fifteen sheets, but in that sheet only, has the heading £ s. d.

* In the printed copy which follows, these notes are placed in the first column either after or under the names to which they refer.—ED.

at the top, but no figures are set out in this column in the first or any other sheet, only a few notes at rare intervals.

The "free estate and stock" in the second column seems to answer that clause in the Act which imposed the tax of forty shillings upon "every person that can dispend in land leases money or stock or otherwise of his or her own proper estate £100 per annum, and so proportionably for a greater or less estate." The next column, "rent of houses not yet assessed," seems unnecessary for the assessing or levying of this tax, and, I think, must have been inserted for some extraneous purpose, possibly connected with other taxes and levies which were granted to the King during the same Session of Parliament. It is clear from the analysis which has been made that the amount of the tax was reached directly from column 2, and that the sums shewn in column 3 do not affect it in any way. Column 4, headed "H. and E." on the first sheet of the assessment, was discontinued, and does not appear on the subsequent sheets at all; it may be that when the assessors began their work they meant to add columns 2 and 3 together (or the sums in them), and to put the totals under column 4, "H. and E.," and then to insert the amount of the taxes, in the aggregate, in column 5, which, as I have said, was headed "£ s. d." on the first sheet only; but that, immediately recognizing that it would make no difference to the amount of the tax in any case, they put that amount under the column 4 (the "H. and E." column), and did not trouble to alter the titles on the first sheet, or to insert corresponding titles in the subsequent sheets.

Here is the analysis* referred to above, shewing:—

Number of Assessments at £5 or over.	Assessment of The Free Estate and Stock.	Normal Tax.	Variations from the normal.
	£	£ s. d.	s. d.
2	300	6 0 0	
1	250	5 0 0	
1	100	2 0 0	

* I have also to thank the Rev. G. M. Livett for this analysis, which he was good enough to draw up in order to demonstrate the basis on which the assessments were made.

Number of Assessments at £5 or over.	Assessment of The Free Estate and Stock.	Normal Tax.	Variations from the normal.
	£	£ s. d.	s. d.
2	60	1 4 0	
5	50	1 0 0	
2	40	16 0	
5	30	12 0	
5	25	10 0	
13	20	8 0	
1	18	8 0	
5	15	6 0	
1	13	6 0	
8	12	6 0	One 5 6
25	10	4 0	One 5 0
1	9	4 0	
8	8	3 6	
2	7	3 0	
24	6	3 0	One 3 6
10	5	2 0	
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The collectors did not descend to minute fractions or consider anything below 6*d.*, and in all cases the normal tax does not include "his wife," for whom an additional 6*d.* is imposed.

Nor does this analysis include the Mayor and Aldermen, on each of whom the tax is assessed at 100*s.*, or with wife 100*s.* 6*d.*, nor the tax of £10 on Doctors of Physic, nor the £5 on Barristers and Esquires, nor the £3 on Attorneys, with the additional 6*d.* if they were married.

The assessment shews that no part of Strood or Frindsbury was included in it, and that the portion that was included, that is to say, all that lay on the Rochester side of the Medway, was divided, for the purpose of the collection, into seven wards or boroughs, which are designated respectively Middleborough, Bully Hill, The College (*i.e.*, the Cathedral Precincts), Southborough, St. Clement's or Clements-borough, Eastborough, and Eastgate-borough.

I find that the assessment contains the names of, or references to, 1113 persons, presumably all adults over 16. This includes the wives, who are not generally mentioned by their Christian names, but only as "wife," and also includes the husbands who were absent from their homes on the day

of the assessment, but who paid the tax through their wives; their husbands' Christian names generally are stated.

There is only one instance of a person being excused from the payment on the ground that he had been assessed elsewhere.*

The total of the assessment is stated at the foot of column 3 of the last sheet of the MS. to be £186 18s. 0d., but on carefully adding up the figures I make the total £188 7s. 6d., and as the difference is so slight (and is probably attributable to some of the figures being very difficult to read) I have adopted the latter figure in the following table, which shews approximately the whole number of adults taxed, and the amount collected in each of the seven boroughs or divisions.

The MS. assessment was also so framed as to shew the number of houses, or families, as well as of the persons taxed; the name of the master or mistress of each family or house comes first, then the names of the other inmates are stated, but in an inner margin, so as to distinguish them; and thus we are enabled to get roughly at the number of the inhabited houses in each of the divisions, but only on the assumption that each family had a separate dwelling. They are set out in this table:—

	No. of persons assessed.	Number of the inhabited houses or of the families.	Amount of tax paid.
			£ s. d.
Middleborough . . .	79	27	25 2 0
Bully Hill . . .	39	16	18 9 0
In the College . . .	61	27	15 10 0
Southborough . . .	156	67	22 5 6
St. Clements Borough . . .	185	88	23 4 6
Eastborough . . .	267	115	47 9 0
Eastgate Borough . . .	326	147	36 7 6
Total . . .	1113†	487	188 7 6

* Mr. Thomas Bellowne of Eastgate Borough (folio 14 of assessment), taxed at 8 shillings, is stated in the marginal note to have "paid at London by a certificate."

† Some attempt may be made to ascertain, from these figures, the total population of this part of Rochester at the time of the Restoration. The late Mr. Scott-Robertson, our former Editor, in a public lecture which he delivered at Strood in 1877, while dealing with the population of that town from the

The highest individual assessment (of which there are three) was £10 0s. 6d. Francis Barrell, Esq.,* a Barrister, the Recorder of Rochester, who lived in the College, or, as we now call it, the Cathedral Precincts, is assessed (as a Barrister) at that sum. His wife is also assessed at 6d., so he was then married, but her name is struck through in the assessment. He had four inmates of his house liable to the tax, John Mapilzden, who was perhaps his clerk, Thomas Bundock (which sounds like a butler's name), and two females, probably domestic servants. His house was, I think, part of what had been the Bishop's Palace, and which then, as now, may have been divided into two or three separate residences. Augustine Cæsar, Doctor of Physic,† and his wife are also taxed at the same figure, he of course as such doctor. They lived in Eastborough and had one female inmate only in their abode. The third person who was so taxed was Richard Allen, Esq.,‡ with his wife. They also lived in Eastborough, and their establishment comprised four

data afforded by the returns of the poll tax in 1377, stated that the number of children under 14 (the age fixed by the poll tax of Edward III.) is generally found to be just half that of persons above 14; as the number of adults over 16, in these parts of Rochester in 1660, was, or may be taken to be, about 1113, if we add to that half the same number for the younger children under 16, less say one-eighth, in respect of the difference between the ages of 14 and 16, we should get at a total population at that time of about 1600; but this, I imagine, is an under-estimate.

By the Census (1911) the number of the population for somewhat the same area as is included in the assessment of 1660 is as follows:—

	Population.
St. Margaret's (including Borstal and Troy Town but excluding Chatham intra)	15,253
St. Nicholas, Rochester	1948
The Cathedral Precincts	105

but as to St. Margaret's no trustworthy comparison can be made, since Troy Town, St. Margaret's Banks, and Borstal were almost unbuilt upon in 1660, but are now very populous.

* Francis Barrell, Serjeant-at-Law, succeeded Anthony Welldon, who was dismissed from the office at the Restoration, as Recorder of the City. He was also afterwards elected M.P. for it, but so short a time before his death that he was not able to take his seat. He died on the 15th September 1679, æt. 52. There is a monument to his memory in the Cathedral with a long and laudatory inscription (Thorpe's *Registrum Roffense*, p. 707), and another to his eldest son Francis, who was also M.P. for Rochester in 1701 (Thorpe, p. 708). His son Henry was Chapter Clerk for thirty-five years, and died in 1754, aged 88 (Thorpe, p. 717).

† Dr. Augustine Cæsar, M.D., died in 1677, æt. 75. There is an elaborate and effusive epitaph on his monument in the Cathedral in which among other such hyperboles he is compared with his great namesake Julius Cæsar. *Nec Julio minor | morborum enim turbas aliis inexpugnabiles | Veniens, Videns | Vict* (Thorpe, p. 713). A son succeeded him, who, I think, was named Julius, and resided in Strood at one time.

‡ See note, p. 27.

grown-up people, one male and three females. Mr. Barrell and Mr. Allen are the only persons named in the assessment, excepting the Mayor, who are designated as "Esquires," and so were liable to the £10 tax.

Among the citizens taxed by this assessment there are some whose names are still well known, some that seem more or less familiar, and some which have survived to our own times. It would be useless and tedious to attempt to refer to them all, but among them these may be mentioned: in the division called *Middleborough* Hearne Thurston,* Richard Cobham, and Philip Bartholomew;† in *Bully Hill* George Woodyer, gentleman, Allen Ackworth, and Peter Buck;‡ in the *College or Precincts* George Maplezden (or Maplesden); in *Southborough* Robert Bassett; in *St. Clement's* Edward Batten§ and William Aldridge; in *Eastborough* Richard Head,|| Henry

* Hearne Thurston was one of the two persons who made this assessment. Both their names are appended to it. There is a memorial in the Cathedral to James Thurston (*juris peritus*), son of this Hearne Thurston, whose eldest son Morrell Thurston provided the stone. It was this Mr. Morrell Thurston who gave the Dean and Chapter the ancient Roll of their manor of Ambree (*Archæologia Cantiana*, Vol. XXIX., p. 93), and there is a tablet to his memory in the Cathedral (Thorpe, pp. 710, 720).

† There is a monument in St. Nicholas Church to the memory of Philip Bartholomew. He was an attorney. It was erected by his son Leonard. He died in August 1696.

‡ Peter Buck. This is not the Sir Peter Buck (called The Worshipful Sir Peter), the original builder of Eastgate House. The conveyance of that mansion and the adjoining property to Mr. John Parker for £400 (now deposited in the Rochester Museum), dated the 20th October 1687, is from Peter Buck of the Middle Temple, London, gentleman, then described as the only son of Peter Buck and Judith his wife. This Peter was himself, as the deed shews, the son of an elder Peter Buck; but even the last-mentioned person, the grandfather of the vendor in 1687, appears not to have been the Sir Peter the Knight, but he was probably the son or other near relation, and was in his lifetime the owner of the mansion.

§ The Batten family were leading inhabitants, long connected with Rochester, and provided the city on at least four occasions with its Mayors in the eighteenth and earlier half of the nineteenth centuries. The last of the family to live in Rochester was Miss Lætitia Batten, afterwards the wife of Jesse Thomas, Esq. (also in his time Mayor, whose pleasant presence many of the citizens will still remember). The present representative of the Batten family is Colonel Frederick Græme Batten, now in command of a regiment in India, son of the late General Sisley John Batten. For some generations past the family have furnished officers for both services. Another descendant is Mr. J. Lambly Thomas of Eltham, a member of our Society.

|| Richard Head (who was taxed on an income of £300) was created a Baronet in 1676. He was born and buried at Rochester, as we learn from the inscription on his monument in Rochester Cathedral (*Hæc urbium antiquissima Cunas ei dedit et Tumulum*). He was M.P. for the City 1667—1679, Mayor in 1683; died September 1689, æt. 80. It was in his house (now the Capital and Counties Bank) that King James II. took refuge on his first retreat from London early in December 1688, and from which, on his return on the 23rd of

Clegget, Peter Stowell,* and William Nicholson; in *Eastgate Borough* Barnabas Walsall† and Stephen Alcock.‡

Although the assessment only includes the adults, that is only those over 16, still one is struck in perusing it with the smallness of the numbers of most of the families. It is quite the exception for there to be more than two children living at home with their parents, and in one instance only, that of Mr. Alderman Francis Cripps in Eastborough, does there appear to be so many as four children or relatives in the house. In that case four were mentioned, William Cripps and Alice, Frances and Jane, beside two other females, apparently domestic servants.

It is to be regretted that there is no information to be gathered from the document as to the exact situation of any of the houses. No name or "sign" is given which would identify any of them, nor, except in a few instances, does the business or profession carried on by the occupiers appear. Doctor of physic occurs once, and the tax is £10 as before

that month, he made his escape through the back garden to the river, and so to France (a tablet affixed to the house records this). The King presented Sir Richard with a valuable emerald ring (*Burke's Peerage*, 1851). He was succeeded in the Baronetage by his grandson Francis (son of his eldest son of the same name, who died in his father's lifetime). His household in Eastborough in 1660, according to the assessment, consisted of himself, his wife, his son Henry, and five servants. The title has become extinct, but the Baronetage granted to Sir Francis Bond Head (a descendant through the female line, who assumed the name of Head) in 1838 still continues in the person of Sir Robert Pollock Somerville Head, Bart.

* Peter Stowell is recorded to have been a benefactor to the Cathedral, which he helped to put into repair after the Restoration. He also compiled the List of Charitable Bequests relating to the Diocese of Rochester, contained in Thorpe's *Customale Roffense and Antiquities, etc.*, pp. 39—58. He was at sometime a Proctor and Register of the Bishop's Consistory Court, and according to a note in Fisher's *History of Rochester*, p. 60, it was principally owing to him that the Dean and Chapter, after the Restoration, recovered many of their books, papers, and records, together with their old seal. He was Mayor of Rochester in 1667.

† Barnabas Walsall was a brewer or distiller, and connected with the Dalison family (see *Archæologia Cantiana*, Vols. XV. and XVII.). He was Mayor in 1643 and 1650.

‡ Stephen Alcock. In the year following the date of this assessment, in which he is rated at £250 per annum, there is an allusion to Mr. Alcock in the Diary of Samuel Pepys. On the 8th April 1661 he writes that "on that day," coming to Rochester, he "alighted at Mr. Alcock's and there drank and had good sport with his bringing out so many sorts of cheese," and on the 10th April, "Go to the Salvation Tavern where Mr. Alcock and many of the Town came and entertained us with wine and oysters and other things." Mr. Stephen Alcock was Mayor of Rochester in 1663. A Mr. Alcock (whose Christian name is not given) is entered in the Roll of the Manor of Ambree in 1683 as the owner of the "Star Inn" in Eastgate, and was probably this same person.

noted ; physician occurs also some three times, but they were probably general practitioners and not liable to the £10 tax ; a schoolmaster once, and several—I think three—attorneys, who are taxed, as the Act required, at £3 each ; no ecclesiastical dignitary, or officer of any sort, is named, and this is only what might have been expected with regard to the Cathedral body, who were not yet reinstated ;* no minister of religion is mentioned—were their official residences occupied or not ? Probably some were by officials of the Commonwealth, but the assessment affords no information as to that.

The districts or boroughs into which this Cis-Medway part of the city was divided may be guessed at with some degree of probability : *Middleborough* must be the portion of the city bounded on the east by the division called Eastborough, perhaps at Northgate, on the south by the Precincts or College and Bully Hill, on the west and north by the river and Clements or St. Clement's Borough, which latter, I suppose, occupied the north-west quarter of the city, including Horse Wash Lane, near which St. Clement's Church stood, and the Common ; *Bully* or *Boley Hill* we all know, and that it lies between the river or the castle walls on the west, the division called Middleborough on the north, the Cathedral Precincts on the east, and the mediæval arch or gateway on the south ; *The College* or Cathedral Precincts remains now pretty much as it did in 1660, so far as the boundaries are concerned. It comprised then, no doubt, as it does now, the houses on the south side of the High Street, from the Chertseys gate to Messrs. Tuffill and Son's premises. *Southborough* would, I think, be all the part of the city lying south of the Southgate and lying between the river on the one side and Eastgate or Eastborough on the other, excluding Borstal, which was probably in some other district for the purpose of the collection of the tax. *Clements*, or, as one would prefer to designate it, *St. Clement's*

* The Diary of Mr. Pepys for 10 April 1661 says, "then to Rochester and there saw the Cathedral which is now fitting for use, and the organ then a-tuning." So it is clear that up to that date the Cathedral had not been ready for Divine service. Mr. Fielding's recent valuable work, *The Records of Rochester Diocese*, also confirms this, and shews that the Dean's and Canon's stalls, as well as the Churches of St. Nicholas and St. Margaret, were all vacant in 1660.

Borough, lay probably, as before suggested, in the north-west corner of the city by Horsewash Lane, and was, we may assume, co-terminous with the ancient parish of St. Clement's. *Eastborough* would perhaps have been the part of the city between the point where Middleborough terminated (perhaps at the entrance to Northgate), and extended to the Eastgate, comprising all that part of the High Street which did not belong to the Precincts, and all of it to the north; then lastly, *Eastgate Borough*, lying to the east of Eastgate and extending so far as the city extended in the direction of Chatham, and perhaps including Crow Lane; but all this is more or less conjectural.

The assessment purports to have been made on the 25th September, and was all collected by the 29th October following, by far the greater part of it by the 21st of that month, which seems to shew that the citizens paid the tax very promptly, if not willingly. The Act required it to be paid before the 20th October.

There are a good many alterations and obliterations in the assessment relating to the Aldermen of the city: the annual election of these worthies took place under the City Charters on, I believe, Michaelmas Day; the assessment had probably been made up some little time before, and it had been assumed that the same gentlemen would be re-elected, which, however, in several instances was not the case, and so some alterations became necessary in this assessment. I do not understand the note at the end of it, viz., "allow for an abatement for the Eastgate Aldermen," but it may have to do with the result of the election, and may point to some allowance having to be made to those who had paid the tax in advance and had then lost their seats.

In the following copy the first page exactly represents the first folio of the original MS. In printing the subsequent folios the sums of money in the second, third, and fourth columns are shewn in modern form, omitting noughts or cyphers. The figures in the second and third columns represent pounds throughout.

[Folio 1.]

THE CYTY OF ROCHESTER, 1660.

An Assessment made y^e 25th of September 1660 by order from the Commission^{rs} for the Pole money according to an Act of the King and Parliament in that case made and provided.

MIDDLE BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	Rent of houses not yet assessed.	H. & E.		£ s. d.
		l.			
Mathew Parker Alderman & his wife } Bennite Burgis }			5	00	6
M ^r Thomas Lashly	010		00	4	00
William Pass, Ald ⁿ			5	00	00
M ^r Thomas Williams & his wife Margaret Thwaites	040		00	16	6
M ^r Thomas Redgway & his wife Edward Redgway	006		00	3	6
Thomas Redgway & M ^r Tho ^s } Margret Vousden Raysell }			00	04	00
M ^r George Alington William Dawling } Henry Bartlet } Ham. Harden } Margret Roche }	009	30	00	4	00
M ^r Edward Harris & his wife Alice Searles	006		00	3	6
M ^r Clement Brewer & his wife } Clement Brewer } John Hooper }	012		00	01	00
William Purse & his wife			00	06	6
M ^r Francis Rowlandson & his wife			00	02	00
M ^r Hearne Thurstone & his wife* Margret Godfrey	020		00	8	6
Mary Wild widd.			00	01	00
Deborah Drover y ^e wife of Thomas Drover			00	01	00
John Marten & his wife			00	01	00
Joane Cleget y ^e wife of M ^r W ^m Clegget } [m. rec ^d 1 ^s /- taken off since the book } was last ex ^d 3 ^s /-] }			00	4	00
Elizabeth Jones			00	01	00
Anne Gunton Widdow } Susanna Boorne }	025	14	00	10	00
Richard Ward & his wife			00	01	00
M ^r Richard Cobham & his wife } William Cobham } Thomas Cooke }	025	08	00	10	00
			00	02	00

* See note *, p. 12.

MIDDLE BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l.	s.	d.
[Folio 2.]				
John Marlow, Esq ^{rs} ,* Maior & his wife)		5	0	6
Nicholas Sim'ons)			2	0
Mary Edmunds)				
M ^r Robert Man & his wife)	8		4	0
Richard Newton)			2	0
Anne Goolding)				
M ^r Henry Dunning & his wife)	18		8	6
Henry Dunning)			2	0
Mary Brathredge)				
M ^r Richard Courthop & his wife)	6		3	6
Ann Seeres)			1	0
M ^r Richard Walford)	20		8	0
M ^r William Campen & his wife)	10		4	6
John Cadman)			2	0
Mary Miller)				
Thomas Crosley & his wife)			1	0
M ^r John Hogg & his wife)	6		3	6
Sarah Doule)			1	0
M ^r Phillip Bartholomew, Attorn., & his wife)		3	0	6
Robert Thomas)				
Jane Harden)			3	0
Rose Hockley)				
BULLY HILL.				
George Woodyer, Gent.)	300	6	0	0
Margret Johnson)			2	0
Elizabeth Harthrope)				
M ^r Robert Fowler [m. "now an Alderman" deleted] & his wife)		2	0	6
Elizabeth Well)			2	0
Elizabeth Boorne)				
M ^r Allen Ackworth & his wife)	12		6	6
Elizabeth Osbourne)			1	0
M ^r Richard Cranley)	20		8	0
francis Potter)				
Thomsin Cogger)			3	0
Joane Page)				
Thomas May, Ald ⁿ , & his wife)		5	0	6
Elizabeth Bunce)			1	0
Joan Crane the wife of Joseph Crane)			1	0
M ^r Thomas Whiton & his wife)			1	0
M ^{rs} Bridget ffereby)	12		5	0
M ^r Maurice Eady & his wife)	60	1	4	6
Martha Hutsone)				
John Burton)			3	0
Anne Westhenne)				

* The Mayor, although designated "Esquire," is taxed, probably as an Alderman, at £5 only.

BULLY HILL.	The free Estate and Stock.	Rent of houses not yet assessed.	l.	s.	d.
Peter Buck,* Gent ⁿ , & his wife	100		2	0	6
William Knowles & his wife	10	6		4	6
[Folio 3.]					
Joan Crotehley y ^c wife of Thomas				1	0
M ^{rs} Susanna Bayley				1	0
Elizabeth Holmes				1	0
Martha Brytey, wife to John				1	0
William Burgisse & his wife				1	0
IN THE COLLEIDGE.					
Francis Barrell,† Esq ^{re} [m. "and his wife" deleted]			10	0	6
John Maplizden					
Thomas Bundock				4	0
Anne Hoffer					
Elizabeth Wood					
M ^{rs} Elizabeth Cobham	20			8	0
M ^{rs} Anne Smith	13			6	6
M ^{rs} Rebecca S ^t Leger				1	0
Joan Wood				2	0
Grace Stowell				1	0
Henry Smith				3	6
Thomas Ward & his wife	6			2	0
Henry Paine				3	6
Elizabeth Fryer				1	0
William Ashly & his wife	6	3		3	6
Mary Andrews				1	0
M ^{rs} Robinson	6			3	6
M ^r John Petty & his wife	20	3		8	6
Mathew Boccocke				2	0
Mary Ellis				3	6
M ^r William Crump & his wife	6			1	0
Sarah Harthrope				1	0
William Bennet & his wife		6		1	0
Francis Bowen				2	0
Mary Cheesman				1	0
Frances Tomson				4	0
M ^{rs} Joan Edwards	10			2	0
M ^{rs} Mary Wood, widd.	5			1	0
Frances Davis, widd.				1	0
Judeth Rushen the wife of				1	0
John Heath				1	0
Edward Whitton & his wife				1	0
Joan Gray				1	0
William Rothwell & his wife	6			3	6

* See note †, p. 12.

† See note *, p. 11.

IN THE COLLEDGE.	The free Estate and Stock.		l.	s.	d.
George Maplizen	50		1	0	0
Joane Fowler				1	0
John Heath & his wife				1	0
Mr Abraham Stanton & his wife				1	0
Joan Johnson				1	0
Susannah London				1	0
[Folio 4.]					
Richard Houlding & his wife	15			6	6
William Ballard & his wife	6			3	6
Elizabeth Ballard				2	0
Mary Marshal				1	0
John Wood & his wife				1	0
. Waight, widd.				1	0
Mr Francis Kirke and his wife				1	0
SOUTH BURROUGH.					
John Batty & his wife	10	8		4	6
Henry Grig				2	0
Anne Strowde				0	0
Mr Francis Merrit	50		1	0	0
John Tredway				1	0
Joseph Webb & his wife				1	0
Roger Tathamclarke & his wife				1	0
William Chanler				1	0
William Chatbourne & his wife		4		1	0
Anne Chatbourne				1	0
Henry Stusbury				1	0
Anne Younge, widd.				1	0
Phabin : Biggs y ^e wife of William				1	0
Thomas Turner & his wife				1	0
John Bull & his wife				1	0
Daniell Miller				1	0
Margret Barlow, widd.				1	0
Daniell Barlow				1	0
Matthew Hawkins & his wife	20	3		8	6
Elizabeth Bull				1	0
Edward Andrews & his wife				1	0
Dorothy Staynes, widd.				1	0
Wulter fisher & his wife	20			8	6
Constant Cotton				1	0
Richard Hews & his wife				1	0
Kathren Sarbey				1	0
William Ellison (? Allison) & his wife	15			6	6
George West				1	0
M ^{rs} Elizabeth Atkins, widd.	25			10	0
M ^{rs} Needler				4	6
frances Atkins } Anne Baldwin } Serv ^{ts} Patience floyd } Margret Tym }				4	0

SOUTH BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.		l.	s.	d.
Mr Quarles Brown & his wife	60		1	4	6
George Ayres & his wife		6		1	0
Thomas Vallenge & his wife		3		1	0
John Penny & his wife	6			3	6
Henry Penny				1	0
M ^{rs} frances Rogers y ^o wife of M ^r Rogers				1	0
[Folio 5.]					
Mr Arthur Brooker & his wife	40		16	6	
John flud					
Edward Boorne					
Edward Kendal					
John Coale				4	0
Steven Ladd					
					[m. taken of for Coale 1/-]
Christopher Hads & his wife				1	0
John Bates				1	0
Mary Armore y ^o wife of Robert				1	0
Isack Leeds & his wife	5			1	0
Dorothy Hads, widd.				2	0
Anne Hennis				1	0
Elizabeth Leafegreen	12			1	0
Henry Wright & his wife				6	6
Rebecca Wright				1	0
Anne Wright	5			0	0
William Mortimore & his wife [m. taken of 4 ^r]		6		2	6
Thomas Kent				1	0
Mr John Plastow, Attorney			3	0	0
John Brome					
James Bucknall				3	0
Ellen London					
Mr Thomas Mott & his wife	10			4	6
Robert Norton [m taken off 1/-]					
John Reeves				3	0
Edward Hamon					
Jane Watson					
John Gage & his wife	10			4	6
Thomas Miller				1	0
Amie Large				1	0
Alice Cooper, widd.	6			3	0
Anne Getting				2	0
Dorothy Henecar					
Robert Heath & his wife	12			6	6
Mary Heath				1	0
Robert Leake & his wife	15			6	6
Mary Brooks				1	0
Theodor. Lovell & his wife				1	0
Ady Rowell				1	0
Alexander Dirkin	12	5		6	0
Margret Cheesman				1	0
Joane Halsteed, widd.	5			2	0
Dorothy Dirkin, widd.	20			8	0

SOUTH BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.		l.	s.	d.
Thomas Sharpe & his wife	10			4	6
Jane Norris				1	0
Edward Whiton* & his (three other words <i>deleted</i>)	50	8	1	0	0
Katherine Whitton				2	0
Ellen Calfe					
[Folio 6.]					
M ^{rs} Mary Haines, widd.	20			8	0
Bonham Spencer, Ald ^r			5	0	0
Anne Chambers				1	0
Anne Goldock	6			3	0
Thomas Staines	6			3	0
Barbury Cousens, widd.				1	0
M ^r James Wallison				1	0
Robert Taylor and his wife				1	0
Nathaniell Taylor				2	0
Thomas Taylor					
Richard Hutcheson & his wife	5	4		2	6
John Beard & his wife				1	0
Susanna Dunning, widd.				1	0
Susannah Cadman				1	0
Dorothy Venum y ^c wife of Richard				1	0
Thomas Chatbourne & his wife	5			2	6
Anne Collins y ^c wife of John				1	0
Martha Chaddocke, widd.				1	0
Susanna Chaddocke				1	0
Anthony Hailes & his wife				1	0
Mary Johnson y ^c wife of Thomas				1	0
Phillip Torkinton and his wife				1	0
Henry Bevington and his wife				1	0
Henry Nichols and his wife			6	1	0
M ^r Thomas Phillips & his wife	12			6	0
Joseph Phillips				1	0
Susanna Phillips				1	0
CLEMENTS BURROUGH.					
John ffalce				1	0
John Mabb, Ald ^r , & his wife			5	0	6
William Broad				1	0
Ursilla Smith				1	0
Susanna Browne				1	0

* Mr. Edward Whiton or Whettin was the Receiver, and his receipts given for the tax, or instalments of it, are endorsed on the assessment and signed by him. The words struck out may have been "wife," with her name added, but it was evidently intended to obliterate them, and it has been done effectually. He was Mayor in 1645.

CLEMENTS BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	ll.	s.	d.
William Kennet & his wife			1	0
M ^{rs} Anne Heade, widd. } Gilbert Young	10		2	0
M ^{rs} Sarah Young			1	0
M ^r Thomas Barton & his wife			1	0
John Bullaigne & his wife	6		1	0
John Matam			1	0
Josias Reed & his wife			1	0
Hester Larken			1	0
Thomas Copsey & his wife			1	0
Thomas James			1	0
Samuel Marlton & his wife			1	0
Phillis Milles			1	0
William Head & his wife	30		12	6
frances Head			2	0
Elizabeth Cleggett				
Robert Prat & his wife	10		4	6
Robert Bassett			1	0
John Pomfery & his wife			1	0
William Merryman & his wife			1	0
Margret Moore y ^e wife of Henry			1	0
Ann Victuall y ^e wife of Richard			1	0
Rachel Joanes, widd.			1	0
[Folio 7.]				
Mary Rockleife y ^e wife of Thomas			1	0
Sarah Marten y ^e wife of Henry			1	0
Elizabeth Marien y ^e wife of William			1	0
Dorothy Johnson y ^e wife of John			1	0
[verie poore] [m. 1 ^s /-]				
Robert Giffen & his wife			1	0
John Pickendon			1	0
Thomas Giffen & his wife			1	0
Robert Radlam & his wife			1	0
John Ripingal & his wife	3		1	0
Robert Bowen & his wife			1	0
Anne Reifeild			1	0
francois Iles & his wife [for y ^e marsh*]	8		1	0
Richard Waites & his wife	2		1	0
Richard Stevens			1	0
Thomas Chambers & his wife	2		1	0
Robert Attaway & his wife	2		1	0
Barnet Tanner & his wife			1	0
John Gilrae			1	0
John Puckle & his wife			1	0
William Kee & his wife	5		1	0
Richard Green, Ald ⁿ , & his wife		5	0	6
Anne Bunn			1	0
Christopher Wade, Ald ⁿ , & his wife		5	0	6

* Attached to figure 8 in column 3.

CLEMENTS BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l. s. d.
Sarah Starlen		1 0
Thomas Wiat & his wife		1 0
John Scot & his wife		1 0
John Keen & his wife		1 0
Elizabeth Bradley, widd.		1 0
Mary Griffen, widd.		1 0
Anne Reed y ^e wife of Thomas		1 0
Elizabeth Burrall y ^e wife of Thomas		1 0
Robert Curtice & his wife		1 0
Thomas Browne & his wife		1 0
Thomas fforeman & his wife		1 0
Elizabeth Maior y ^e wife of Peter		1 0
Elizabeth Shipwright y ^e wife of John		1 0
Robert Curtice, Sen ^r , & his wife		1 0
Mary Curtice		1 0
Anne Ansell y ^e wife of William		1 0
Bartholomew Bridgman & his wife	30	12 6
Thomas Seers & his wife		1 0
Robert Husted		1 0
Deverex Watson & his wife		1 0
Matthew Granger & his wife		1 0
Henry freeburne & his wife		1 0
Cutbert Dunkin & his wife		1 0
Dorothy Pollard		1 0
John Nellis & his wife		1 0
John Boad		1 0
Thomas Elnor (Alnor ?) & his wife		1 0
Mary Baynard y ^e wife of Walter		1 0
frances Searles y ^e wife of Richard		1 0
Thomas Hopwood & his wife		1 0
Dorothy Cleeve, widd.		1 0
Richard Combes & his wife		1 0
Alice Smith, widd.		1 0
John Green & his wife		1 0
[Folio 8.]		
Stephen Carrier & his wife		1 0
Richard Tombs, Sen., & his wife		1 0
Mary Skitter y ^e wife of John		1 0
John Dunning & his wife	10	4 6
Joane Parker		1 0
Nicholas Tong & his wife	10	4 6
Ambrose fellows		} 3 0
Benjamin Mitchell		
Jane Hutchins		
Christopher Wright & his wife		1 0
Allen Coombes & his wife	30	12 6
George Wilson		1 0
William Aldredg & his wife		1 0

CLEMENTS BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.		l.	s.	d.
Richard Marchant & his wife		6	1	0	
Mary Embers			1	0	
Edmund Rolfe & his wife		14	1	0	
Judith Assiter			1	0	
James Rolfe & his wife			1	0	
Richard			1	0	
Mr Thomas Hammond & his wife	10	5	4	6	
Barbury Taylor, widd.		2	1	0	
Edward Smith			1	0	
M ^{rs} Anne Goldwell, widd.	8	3	3	6	
Mr Richard Goldwell & his wife			1	0	
George Bat & his wife		5	1	0	
William Phillips, Jun ^r , & his wife			1	0	
Edward Batten* & his wife	8	10	4	0	
Marie Brooke			1	0	
EAST BURROUGH.					
Mr John Wild & his wife	10		4	6	
Robert Allen			2	0	
John Nash			1	0	
Mr John Huggins & his wife			1	0	
Mary Jones			1	0	
Mr Robert Paul & his wife			1	0	
Anne Searles			1	0	
William Davis & his wife			1	0	
Henry Head			1	0	
Richard Hunt			1	0	
John Haysell			1	0	
Robert Moyes			1	0	
Kendrick Lake & his wife	10	8	4	6	
Mary Joylesse			1	0	
M ^{rs} Jone Gofinch, widd.	6		1	0	
Mr Richard Head† & his wife	300	10	6	0	6
Henry Head			1	0	
William Lawton			1	0	
frances Cooke			1	0	
Susanna Brooke			1	0	
Elizabeth Gray			1	0	
Anne Webb			1	0	
John Dundey & his wife		6	1	0	
Edward Taylor & his wife			1	0	
Anne Cooper			1	0	
John Bradfield & his wife			1	0	
Jonas Paine			1	0	
M ^{rs} Elizabeth Rime			1	0	

* See note §, p. 12.

† See note ||, p. 12.

EAST BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l.	s.	d.
[Folio 9.]				
Mr Henry Wriothesley, Attourney, & his wife	8	3	0	6
Nicholas Stonehouse			1	0
Thomas Allen			1	0
Ellen Downes			1	0
Margret Wanecocke			1	0
Mr Richard Creswell & his wife	10	6	4	6
John Creswell			3	0
Richard Creswell				
Anne Warren				
William Attewell & his wife			1	0
William Bird & his wife		5	1	0
John Bird			1	0
Hanna Denerson y ^e wife of ()			1	0
Laurence Gascoine			1	0
Thomas Soudder		5	1	0
Jonathan Woodford & his wife			1	0
John Selvester & his wife			1	0
Stephen Childrey & his wife			1	0
Richard Wood & his wife			1	0
Henry Blewett & his wife			1	0
X'ropher Swifington & his wife			1	0
Anne Swifington			1	0
Henry Skeer & his wife		14	1	0
William Sexby & his wife			1	0
Susanna Dunkin			1	0
John Heely & his wife			1	0
Richard Nye, Alderman ("Gent., & his wife" deleted and "Alderman" substituted)			5	0
Margaret Nye			1	0
Grace Stevens			1	0
Mr William Phillips, Sen., & his wife	10	8	4	6
Jane Yorke			1	0
Henry feild			1	0
George Baker & his wife			1	0
George Nash & his wife			1	0
Samuel Stow & his wife			1	0
francis Stow			1	0
Henry Clogget & his wife	10		4	6
William Marshall			1	0
Elizabeth Marshall			1	0
John Marten & his wife			1	0
Arnal Rile			1	0
Elizabeth Barker y ^e wife of			1	0
Margaret Allerd			1	0
Richard Bayley & his wife			1	0
William Popeley & his wife			1	0
James surner & his wife			1	0
Richard Newman & his wife			1	0
Rawlins Rivers and his wife	10		4	6
Mary Rivers, wid.			1	0

EAST BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l. s. d.		
David Cunningham & his wife			1	0
Adryan Ebsworth & his wife			1	0
John Taylor & his wife			1	0
Thomas Lyfoote			1	0
Margret Tayler			1	0
[Folio 10.]				
Daniell Watson & his wife			1	0
Robert Popeley & his wife			1	0
M ^{rs} Elizabeth Austen, widd.	30		12	0
frances Sparkes			1	0
Richard Saywell & his wife			1	0
Jane Baker the wife of			1	0
Dorothy Norris, widd.			1	0
Anne Nordish			1	0
Thomas Osmand & his wife			1	0
Anne Thomas, widd. [m. did take Almes]			1	0
[m. 1 ^s /-]				
Joyce Straine [m. verie poore] [m. 1 ^s /-]			1	0
Thomas Stone & his wife			1	0
John Adames & his wife			1	0
Elizabeth Godden, widd.			1	0
Joan Griffen, widd.			1	0
Henry White & his wife		2	1	0
Augustine Cæsar,* Doct ^r of Phi., & his wife		8	10	0
Rebecca ffarnell			1	0
M ^{rs} Mary Dearing			1	0
M ^{rs} Mary Huggins			1	0
William Bowlen & his wife		5	1	0
Roger Hews			1	0
Samuel Bird			1	0
David Baker			1	0
Thomas Wood & his wife [Jo. Brookes]		3	1	0
John Wigmore & his wife		5	1	0
Thomas Owsbey & his wife		5	1	0
John Keen & his wife	6	5	3	0
John Hogg & his wife	6	5	3	0
William Oliver & his wife [M ^r Cobbey]		5	1	0
Peter Stowell, Gen ^t ,† & his wife	50	5	1	0
John Stowell			1	0
Anne Packe			1	0
M ^{rs} Mary Cooke, widd.	15		6	0
M ^r Bartholomew Browne & his wife	6	5	3	0
M ^r Richard Mathews & his wife	15		6	6
Samuel ffox				
William Betts		4	3	0
Isabella Shirbrooke				
[M ^y Olyver†]				
James Osmore & his wife			1	0
James Osmore			1	0

* See note †, p. 11.

† See note *, p. 13.

‡ Attached to the figure 4 in column 3.

EAST BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l.	s.	d.
Mr Thomas Heath	10		4	0
Elizabeth Brett			1	0
Richard Hills & his wife	6		1	0
Mordant Hills			1	0
Anne Burrows			1	0
[Folio 11.]				
Richard Allen, Esq ^{re} ,* & his wife	10	10	0	6
Michael Rabbitt				
Mary Day			4	0
Mary Reeve				
Mary Barrows				
Samuel Moore & his wife	4		1	0
William Nicholson & his wife			1	0
Mary Insley, widd. [m. takes almes] [m. 1 ^l /-]			1	0
Elizabeth Sanderson, wife of John [m. verie poore] [m. 1 ^l /-]			1	0
Edward Brimton & his wife			1	0
Thomas Gamon & his wife	8	6	4	0
Thomas Hodge				
Thomas Crooch			3	0
William Lucket				
Mr Tho. Browne, Schoolmaster	10		4	0
John Willmot & his wife	6		3	0
William Stonehouse			1	0
Elizabeth Jobson, widd.			1	0
Elizabeth Kennet			1	0
Matthew Collens & his wife	8		4	0
John Backett			1	0
Xr ^o fer Yew & his wife			1	0
Henry Britton			1	0
Elizabeth Wattle				
Joane Cullume y ^e wife of Giles			1	0
William Stymson & his wife			1	0
William Judry & his wife		4	1	0
Christian Gamber			1	0
George Garret & his wife			1	0
Robert Done & his wife		7	1	0
John Clun & his wife			1	0
John Brimton & his wife			1	0
William Smith & his wife			1	0
Alice Jones, widd.			1	0
Elizabeth Jones y ^e wife of Edward			1	0
Mr ^s Elizabeth Lamport, widd.	20		8	0
Zacharias Stevens & his wife			1	0

* On the 9th April 1661, during Mr. Pepys' visit, before referred to, he meets with a Mr. Allen and his two daughters, and visits them afterwards at their own house and has a violent flirtation with the younger daughter, Miss Rebecca Allen. It is probable that this entry relates to the same family, but the Diary does not shew where the Allens' residence was.

EAST BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l. s. d.		
Mr Richard Baldwin & his wife			1	0
Grace Winter			1	0
Mr James Wilkins & his wife			1	0
John Beecher			2	0
Ester Rolfe				
Mr George Roper & his wife	10		4	6
John Bracklesbe			2	0
Rebecca Mathews				
Thomas Dobson & his wife			1	0
Barbury White y ^e wife of Matthew			1	0
George Phips & his wife			1	0
Richard Drayhearne			1	0
Jone Robinson			1	0
Georg Oswell & his wife			1	0
X ^r ofer Cockewell & his wife			1	0
[Folio 12.]				
EASTGATE BURROUGH.				
Thomas Jacob & his wife			1	0
William Leake				
Virgill Rennals		2	3	0
Margret Kent				
[James Pollard*]				
James Atkins	8		3	6
Mary Waggon			1	0
Hugh Busse & his wife		3	1	0
John Matham & his wife		3	1	0
William Hixon & his wife			1	0
Hercules Hills & his wife	8		4	0
William Symons & his wife		4	1	0
Thomas Symons			1	0
Edward Edwards & his wife	6		3	0
Edward Couchman & his wife			1	0
Thomas Naylor & his wife			1	0
Mary Edwards			1	0
Thomas Jordaine & his wife			1	0
Nicholas May & his wife	5		2	6
Joane Maskall			1	0
James Smith & his wife			1	0
Richard Say & his wife		5	1	0
Mary Eason			1	0
Andrew Ellis & his wife		3	1	0
John Sneade			1	0
X ^r ofer Laughlen & his wife		2	1	0
Mr Barnabas Walsall† & his wife (now Alderman <i>deleted</i>)			1	0
Richard Tompson & his wife			1	0

* Attached to the figure 2 in column 3.

† See note †, p. 13.

EASTGATE BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l. s. d.		
Richard Langley & his wife	10		4	6
Thomas Charnock			1	0
Thomas Bensteed & his wife			1	0
Joane Bensteed				
Thomas Oliver			1	0
Anthony Brasset & his wife			1	0
Thomas Milson & his wife			1	0
Anthony Bravet [<i>m. is not</i>] [<i>m. 1^s/-</i>]			1	0
Edward Ongley & his wife			1	0
John Kemsley & his wife			1	0
Robert Usher & his wife			1	0
John Halliard & his wife			1	0
Samuel Morgan			1	0
John Gullison & his wife			1	0
Thomas Walton & his wife			1	0
John Pakering & his wife			1	0
Stephen Alcocke, Gent ⁿ [<i>“ Esq^o ”</i> deleted]	250	5	0	0
Mary Burrall			1	0
M ^{rs} Davis, widd.			1	0
Jonathan Pickering & his wife			1	0
Thomas Seaverne & his wife	25		10	6
Elizabeth Seaverne			1	0
George Hennis		4	1	0
Robert Phillips & his wife			1	0
Edward Williams & his wife [<i>m. takes almes</i>] [<i>m. 1/-</i>]			1	0
Rogison & his wife [<i>m. takes almes</i>]			1	0
Mr Gilbourne, Phisic ^o n	25		10	0
Elizabeth Mallow			1	0
Francis Cripps, Ald ⁿ , & his wife		5	0	6
William Cripps			1	0
[Folio 13.]				
Alice Cripps				
frances Cripps				
Jane Cripps			5	0
John Bristow				
Dorothy Smith				
Mr Daniel Tayler & his wife	20		8	6
William farham & his wife	10		4	6
Elizabeth farham			1	0
Anne farham			1	0
Thomas Troward & his wife		1	1	0
Robert Blake			1	0
Thomas Lowes		2	1	0
George Johnson & his wife			1	0
Arthur Pickman & his wife			1	0
Susanna Netter, widd.			1	0
John Bremsteede & his wife			1	0
John Cobham	6		3	0
Elizabeth Wood			1	0

EASTGATE BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l.	s.	d.
Mathew Silke & his wife		1	0	0
Margret Arnald		1	0	0
Elizabeth Netherland		1	0	0
Robert Colgate & his wife		1	0	0
Edward Davenport & his wife		1	0	0
Thomas Mitchell & his wife		1	0	0
John Pollard & his wife		1	0	0
Elias Rose & his wife		1	0	0
Stephen Ross & his wife		1	0	0
Hills y ^e wife of Daniell Hills		1	0	0
Henry Tayler [<i>m. interlined</i>]		1	0	0
Ursilla Paine, widd.		1	0	0
Nathaniel Richardson & his wife		1	0	0
Elizabeth Burmon, widd.		1	0	0
Elizabeth Ballard y ^e wife of (. . .)		1	0	0
William Harman & his wife [<i>m. takes almes</i>]		1	0	0
John Stone & his wife		1	0	0
Edward Gunton & his wife	5	2	6	
George Gunton		1	0	0
Mary Wild y ^e wife of Peter		1	0	0
Anne Tripcony y ^e wife of W ^m		1	0	0
William Garret & his wife		1	0	0
John Taylor & his wife		1	0	0
John Hills & his wife		1	0	0
Margrett Hills		1	0	0
John Kingson & his wife* [<i>m. 2s. 6d.</i>]	5	2	6	
Drew Kirke		1	0	0
Richard Hartrope & his wife	5	2	6	
Jesper Stone				
William Nellaby		3	0	
Anne Nubs				
Peter Tanner & his wife		1	0	0
Widd. Whitham		1	0	0
Richard Paxford, Ald ⁿ , & his wife		5	0	6
Dorothy Hammon		1	0	0
M ^{rs} Mary Cod	20	8	0	
M ^r Thomas Gurrall & his wife		1	0	0
M ^r Stephen Serten & his wife		1	0	0
M ^r John Stephens & his wife		3	1	0
John Pikelen & his wife		1	0	0
[Folio 14.]				
Samuell Cox & his wife		1	0	0
Phillipp Ham'ersley, widd.		1	0	0
M ^r Samuel Halwell & his wife	6	3	0	
M ^{rs} Sarah Quessonbury, widd.	6	3	0	
Sarah Quessonbury				
Mary Quessonbury		2	0	
John fortescue & his wife	4	1	0	

* It does not appear why this 2s. 6d. is noted in both margins; perhaps it was left for further consideration.

EASTGATE BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l. s. d.		
Cap ^t John Waller & his wife & sonne*		2	0	0
Susanna Hills [m. 3/-]		1	0	0
Henry Browne & his wife		1	0	0
Edmund Bonney & his wife		1	0	0
Charles Henicar & his wife		1	0	0
Susannah faireweather y ^e wife of francis		1	0	0
John Back & his wife	4	1	0	0
M ^r Thomas Peake, Phisic'on, & his wife	10	4	4	6
John Peake		1	0	0
Thomas Tayler & his wife		1	0	0
M ^r Abraham Browne & his wife		1	0	0
Alexander Arnald & his wife		1	0	0
Stephen Constable & his wife		1	0	0
Thomas Richardson & his wife		1	0	0
William Plummer & his wife		1	0	0
Thomas Godden & his wife		1	0	0
Parfet & his wife		1	0	0
Stephen Godard & his wife		1	0	0
Alexander Bolcome		1	0	0
Thomas Ollive [m. gone]		1	0	0
Edward Wymarke		1	0	0
Stephen Bonnett & his wife	8	4	0	0
Henry Best				
Daniell Gurling			3	0
Mary Deale				
Henry Venman, Ald ⁿ , & his wife		50	5	0
Christopher Venman				
Peter Southard				
Thomas Tayler				
John Walton			6	0
Martha Garet				
Jone Benstead				
M ^r Thomas Bellowme [m. p ^d at London by a certificate]	20		8	0
Robert Moorecocke and his wife	50	1	0	6
John Newing			2	0
Thomas Olive				
M ^{rs} Alice Haithorne, widd.	10		4	0
Sarah Lane			1	0
Rob ^t Mitchell & his wife		3	1	0
M ^r Rob ^t Cart & his wife	12		6	0
Charles Henley			2	0
Anne Castelton				
John Webb & his wife			1	0
John Asq & his wife			1	0
William Lewes & his wife			1	0
Margret Netherland			1	0
Hester Newell, widd.	6		3	0
frances Turner			1	0
Anne Pledge, widd.			1	0
Anne Post, widd.			1	0

* The words "& sonne" were inserted as an addition.

EASTGATE BURROUGH.	The free Estate and Stock.	l.	s.	d.
[Folio 15.]				
James Wotherd		1	0	
ffraith Baker, widd.		1	0	
Joseph Scott	7	3	6	
Anthonie Colly		1	0	
Alice Green		1	0	
M ^r William Parker & his wife	30	12	6	
William Parker				
James Etherington				
James Rennalds		5	0	
John Swingford				
Mildred Harman				
ffreeshwith Tayler, widd.		1	0	
Thomas Ashley		1	0	
Thomas Randall and his wife [m. takes almes]		0	0	
Samuel Betts & his wife		1	0	
John Nicholson & his wife		1	0	
John Moore & his wife—for the 3 tene- ments of M ^r Cart's		5	1	0
Marye Atwaters, widd.		1	0	
Anne Montgomery y ^o wife of John		1	0	
John Atwaters		1	0	
Robert Graves & his wife		1	0	
Benjamin Gabbet & his wife		1	0	
William ffoster & his wife	7	3	6	
Thomas Joyce		1	0	
Richard Tilden		1	0	
James ffryer		1	0	
Elizabeth Betts y ^o wife of Nicholas		1	0	
Nicholas Dodsley & his wife		1	0	
Walter Duke		1	0	
Ralph Strange & his wife		1	0	
Edward Shelley & his wife		1	0	
Laurence Baker				
Thomas Younge		1	0	
Anne Taylor y ^o wife of		1	0	
Robert Derrey & his wife		1	0	
Anne Browne y ^o wife of John		1	0	
Luke Capon & his wife		1	0	
Simon Huckmore & his wife		1	0	
Elizabeth Coats y ^o wife of Henry		1	0	
Margret Harden, widd.		1	0	
Rebaccah Baker the wife of Tho.		1	0	
Sum total		186	18	0

This is a true returne made to the Com'ission^r
the 26 day of Sept. 1660.

HEARNE THURSTON.
CLEMENT BREWER.

Allow for an abatem ^t for ye } l. s. d.	£206	16	6	
Eastgate Aldermen & poore. } 22 4 0	Rec ^d of M ^r Browne	1	4	6
The whole charge	208	1	0	

The following receipts are endorsed on fo. 14 of the MS. :—

Rec^d the 2 of October 1660 of Clement Brewer and Herne Thurston }
 Collectors for Rochester the some of one hundred and sixtye } 160 0 0
 pounds by me

EDWARD WHITTON.

Rec^d the 16 of October 1660 of Clement Brewer and Hearne Thurston, }
 Collectors for Rochester for the Pole mony the some } 20 0 0
 of Twenty pounds more in p't. I say rec^d by me

EDWARD WHITTON.

Rec^d now the 29 of October 1660 of Clement Brewer & Herne Thurston }
 Collectors for Rochester for the pole mony five pounds } 5 8 6
 Eight shillings 6^d. I say rec^d by me

EDWARD WHITTON.

185 8 6

In the MS. the “sum total” of the assessments is given as £186 18s. 0d., but on carefully adding all the figures, after collating them with the original, I make the true total £188 7s. 6d. The following figures may perhaps elucidate the final result.

The whole charge, as stated in the note at the bottom of the assessment, was 208 1 0

Then, according to the same note, there was to be allowed for an abatement for the Eastgate Aldermen (some of the Aldermen’s names are altered and interlined in the assessment as if there were difficulty in ascertaining them accurately—it may be that an election was just taking place) and poor £22 4 0
 Received of M^r Browne 1 4 6
23 8 6
184 12 6

The amount paid over by the Collectors, as appears from the three receipts copied above, was £185 8 6
 Deduct their commission at a 1d. in the £ say 16 0
184 12 6

A. A. A.