

## **Parish v Parson**

### **At Wilts Quarter Sessions**

The humble petition of the Inhabitants of Sutton Veny humbly showed; That in the Easter week according to the custom of the said parish the parishioners and inhabitants of Sutton did elect and choose two overseers of the poor in the presence of the parson and the parish, which said overseers the petitioners well hoped should have acted accordingly, but Mr. Burges their parson at a petty sessions (the other parishioners not being present) procured two others to be elected without the consent of the parish, who with the parson have altered the rates and manner of rating of the said parish and have eased themselves and laid the burden on the petitioners by making of a pound rate wherein the said parson has eased himself and under rated his parsonage of £50 at the least, and laid the burden upon the petitioners.

The petitioners therefore humbly desire that your Worships shall be pleased to grant the order that in all payments the usual way of rating may continue and that the first overseers elected by the parish may stand.

The matter was referred to two Justices to take such course as they think fit.

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