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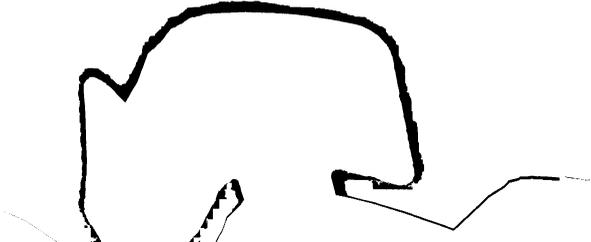
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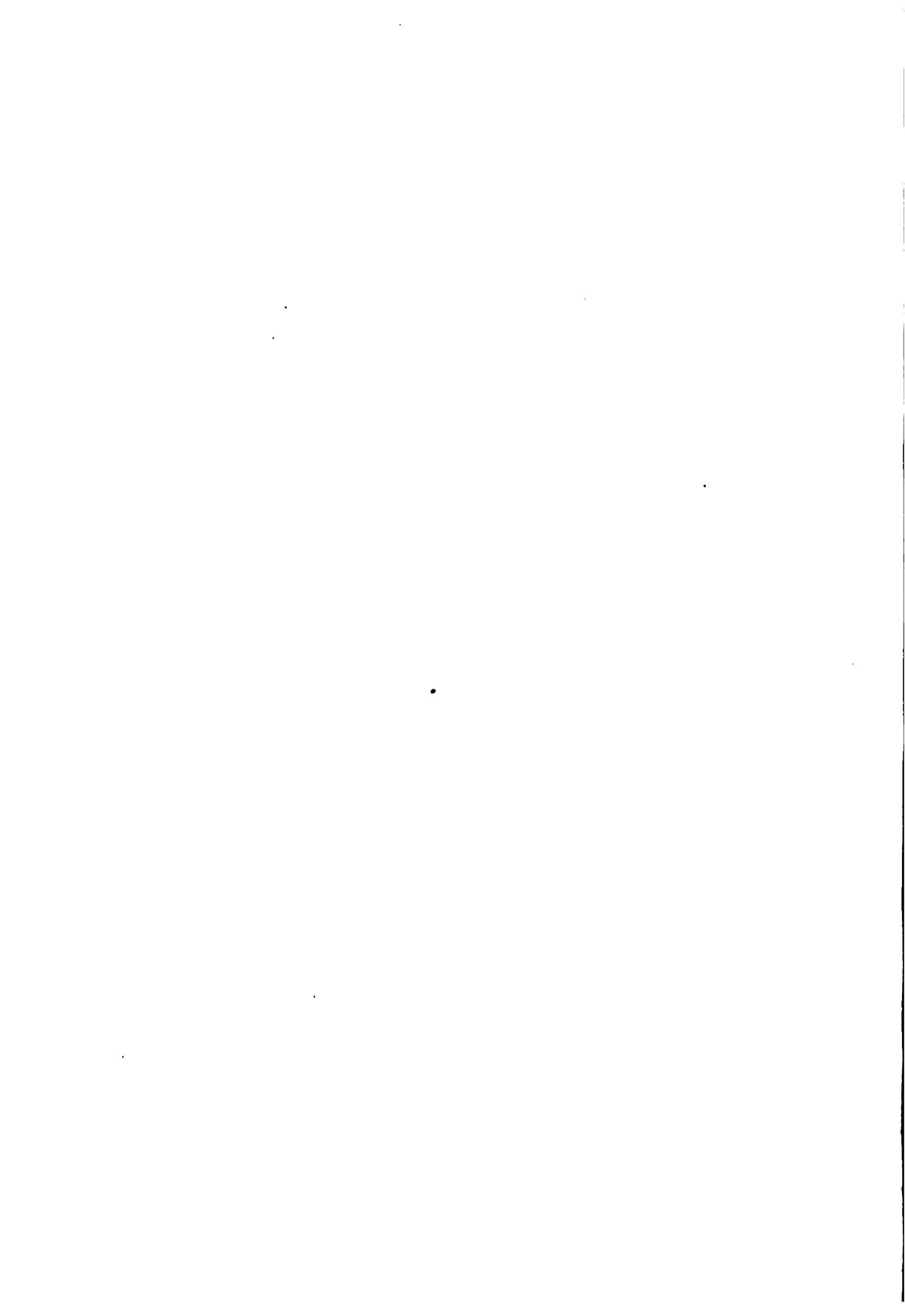


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RELATING TO THE BOROUGH,

From its INCORPORATION by QUEEN MARY, 1554,

To its RECONSTRUCTION by ACT of PARLIAMENT, 1889.

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P R E F A C E.

THE reconstruction of the Municipal Borough of Chippenham, with enlarged boundaries and increased responsibilities, which in a few days will take place, under authority of Parliament, affords a fitting occasion to call attention to its history since its incorporation three-and-a-half centuries ago; and to collect out of its Records the principal events affecting the town and its inhabitants, from the time of its chief benefactress, Queen Mary, down to the days of Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebration.

The subject has, no doubt, an interest for many who care to learn something more of the occupations, customs, and modes of life of former days, and to picture in their minds the domestic manners and sentiments of their forefathers at different periods, as far as these may be gathered from their Minute Books and Registers of Account; as well as to recall stirring scenes of English History, in which their ancestors played a part, which may be found recorded or referred to in the Charters, and documents in the Borough Chest.

Information too, which may be obtained from these sources, with regard to the lands, houses, roads and boundaries in and about the town, form additional links with the past, and are memorials of by-gone generations, which will be appreciated by local antiquarians.

The abundance of material has necessitated this volume being strictly confined to the Records belonging to the Corporation, leaving much to be written in connection with them, and illustrative of them, and much too with regard to the Ecclesiastical Manorial and Parochial History of the Town—the

Hundred of Chippenham—the adjacent Manors of Sheldon, Lowden, Rowden, Monkton, Stanley, &c., &c.

My thanks are heartily accorded to the Corporation for permission to publish their Records, and to the Town Clerk (F. H. PHILLIPS, Esq.), and the Borough Treasurer (J. LANE, Esq.), for affording every facility for their perusal. And last, but not least, my own acknowledgment, and that of the reader's, must be tendered to the Wiltshire historian, Canon JACKSON, for his kindly allowing the reprint of his charming History of Chippenham, which makes so appropriate an Introduction to the consideration of the original documents.

FREDERICK HASTINGS GOLDNEY.

CHIPPENHAM,

November, 1889.



ON THE HISTORY OF CHIPPENHAM.

BY THE REV. CANON J. E. JACKSON, F.S.A. (1)

THE History of Chippenham as a topographical subject has not been much investigated. Though it may not contain much that is curious or remarkable, still the place has a history. The difficulty has been where to find it; for, in most of our more ancient chronicles, local memoranda are excessively rare. A short reference to ancient times will be necessary; but only so far as the better to understand the original condition of this neighbourhood, without which it is impossible to throw a proper light upon the early history of the town itself.

Everyone knows that Britain, as our island was at first called, was visited in turn, by what an old writer⁽²⁾ calls four scourges; the Romans, the Saxons, the Danes, and the Normans.

THE BRITONS.

Of the primitive state of this part of Wiltshire before the first scourge fell upon it, there can be very little doubt. It was covered with forest, cleared here and there by a scanty population, and affording the finest hunting ground—not for fox-hunting, which, in its present style at least, is a modern invention—but deer hunting. If anybody could have been found to follow him so far, a stag might have run, almost without leaving shelter, from North Wilts to the lower part of Hampshire. Of this long, and as it must have been, beautiful range of open forest scenery, the names and traces are still left in the forests of Braden (which came down as low as Bradenstoke), Calne and Bowood, Chippenham and Pewsham, Blackmore, Selwood, Groveley, Gillingham, Cranbourne Chase, and the New Forest. At no great distance we still have Savernake and Marlborough Forest, probably a fair sample of what the whole must have been. It is quite certain that no county in England has been at all times more famous for field sports than this.

It is scarcely possible to open a barrow upon the Downs, without finding by the side of the skeleton the heads of hunting-spears, or bones and horns of deer.

THE ROMANS.

There is no mention of Chippenham in the Commentaries of Julius Cæsar, for several good reasons, of which two will suffice. First: because in his time there was probably no such place, certainly no such name; and next, even if there was such a

(1) This Paper was read in the Town Hall, Chippenham, at the Third General Meeting of the Wilts Archæological and Natural History Society held there Sept. 11th, 1855. It is here reprinted by the Author's permission.

(2) Henry of Huntingdon.

place, Cæsar did not come into Wiltshire to look at it. It may be added, that even if he had come so far and had described it, I do not know that we should be bound to put implicit faith in his description. For though Cæsar was undoubtedly a very great soldier, he was also occasionally given to story telling. He has been convicted of this by (amongst others) a Wiltshire clergyman, of this very neighbourhood, the late Rev. Henry Barry, Rector of Draycote, in a little treatise called "Cæsar and the Britons." Mr. Barry maintains, ingeniously and with much learning, that the Britons could not have been the absolute savages described by Cæsar; and though, perhaps, Mr. Barry may have ridden his own hobby a little too far into the opposite extreme, and would appear to attribute to them a higher degree of civilization than they are likely to have possessed; still he points out some gross misrepresentations in Cæsar's narrative.

Cæsar was an invader, but not a conqueror. He was forced to retire; and as soon as the Britons had driven him out, they became as independent as before. The real conquest was by Claudius, 62 years after Christ; and under the Romans this island remained until A.D. 450. Not that Chippenham so remained; for (as just observed), as to any town or village having been on this site during the Roman period, no trace seems to have been discovered. In the neighbourhood there are several marks of Roman habitation; as at Studley, Bromham, Lacock, Box, and Colerne; near Bath, of course, very frequent. But at Chippenham, so far as I know, nothing. Devizes rejoices in a Roman name—a mark of the scourge: but (as will presently be explained), that of Chippenham is Saxon, and therefore, later than Roman. The site of the town is within an angle formed by two great Roman roads; the Foss on the north, which ran from Bath by North Wraxhall and Sherston; and another on the south, which went from Bath by Neston, and a little south of Lacock, through Spye Park, past Wans House and Heddington, to Marlborough. No main road passed over the site itself, so that as there is no Roman "Chippenham station" to stop at, we may go on to the next scourge.

THE SAXONS FROM A.D. 450.

It is to the early part of the Anglo-Saxon period, that Chippenham seems capable of being traced; the name is undoubtedly of Saxon date, and as to its meaning, there is no difficulty. It is not spelled quite in the original way, but names are often spelled as they are pronounced; railway pronunciation has reduced it to two syllables—"Chip'nam:" and, on their labels, for the sake of still greater despatch in business, they have even shortened it to one—"Chip." In so doing, however, (though without having any design to restore the Anglo-Saxon tongue in its purity), really returning to that which is called in grammar, the root of the word. In Saxon, c-e-a-p, pronounced cheap, signifies goods of any kind, cattle, or whatever is bought and sold; and the place where the buying and selling went on was called—"the chepyng." The word is still retained in some of our towns, as Chipping Sodbury

and Chipping Norton. In London, we have Cheap-side and East Cheap. In Bath, we have Cheap street; and all who go to buy, with the laudable design of making a good bargain, are still so far Anglo-Saxon, that they do their best to "cheapen" their purchases. The word "chepyng" continued to be used for markets long after the Saxon period. In the first English translation of the Bible, by Wycliffe, about 1330, the text in St. Matthew (xi. 16), which is now translated, "It is like unto children sitting in the market," is rendered "It is like unto children sitting in *chepyng*." The name still survives at Wotton-under-Edge and Tetbury.

"Ham," the last syllable, is also Saxon, signifying either a house, a farm, or a village. In the latter sense we still use it, in the diminutive hamlet. Chepyng-ham, therefore, signifies neither more nor less than "market-village."

How it came by the name will be obvious, when you recollect what has been already said as to the early state of this neighbourhood; that it was chiefly open forest, cleared here and there, and peopled by degrees. As numbers increased, and some place, of course, would be required for buying and selling; hence, judging from the name only, the origin of the town. But we have other information.

Having at length got possession, the Anglo-Saxons established, not as it is commonly said, seven—but eight separate kingdoms. One of those was the kingdom of Wessex, or the West Saxons. It included Berkshire, Hampshire, part of Devonshire, Somersetshire, and Wiltshire. After many years of contest for supremacy, the Kings of Wessex became the masters of England; and the last battle which made them so was fought at Wilton. So long as there were eight petty kings, each resided within his own province, and the King of Wessex being as fond of field sports as his predecessors, like them came to North Wilts for that purpose. He had several *hunting seats*—one at Chippenham, for this is all that is meant by the *Royal Palace* which constant tradition has given to this place. It is not necessary to suppose that there was a Windsor Castle at Chippenham. The Windsor Castle of the King of Wessex was at Winchester. Chippenham was his Balmoral, or his Osborne.

The Wessex Crown had a very large property in this neighbourhood, including the whole parish; or, as it would then be called—Manor of Chippenham; all Calne, Bromham, Melksham, Corsham, and Warminster. These Manors together formed one noble demense, of which the king was landlord. Whatever villages or farms may have been within it, were held directly of the king, without any intermediate lord. Of course, wherever kings take up their residence, were it even in a wilderness, there will presently spring up the needful establishment of followers and appurtenances; a church and chaplains, farmers, labourers, mechanics, and the other materials of society. The places just named, of whatever size they were in Saxon times (probably humble enough), must have owed their origin and growth to their dependence upon the Crown of Wessex.

Such, then, was the condition of this neighbourhood, when scourge the third suddenly fell upon England in the form of

THE DANES.

These visitors also, like their predecessors, came from the northern coasts of Europe, Jutland and thereabouts, and made their first descent, A.D. 833.

Not long after this, King Alfred was born at Wantage, in Berkshire. He was properly, and by family descent, King of Wessex; but, by position, King of all England. His history, so well known, must only be alluded to, so far as concerns the present subject.

In A.D. 866, (Alfred being seventeen years old, and not yet king), a swarm of Danes settled on the east coast, under two leaders, Hungar and Hubba. They spent their winter where they landed; and in the spring went to York, took it, and then came to Nottingham, where they wintered again. They then turned their steps westward, taking Reading in their line; where they fought a battle at a place called, in the Saxon chronicles, Englefield, since called (probably from one of these two Danish chiefs) Hunger-ford. "After that," says one of the Chroniclers (and here is the first time that this town is named), "they fought at Chippenham; and there was Hubba slain: and a great hepe of stones layes coppid up, where he was buried."⁽¹⁾

There are in the neighbourhood, two or three ancient mounds, or burial places, which had been piled up, no doubt in memory of some event of this kind. One, one hundred feet long, composed entirely of stones, laid with the hand, is close to Badminton Park, on the side towards Alderton. Another stood, until lately, on the boundary of the parishes of Leigh-Delamere and Castle Combe, but being made of earth, and not of stones, it had no claim to the distinction of containing the remains of Hubba.

The place hitherto supposed to be the one alluded to, and long called Hubba's Low (*Low* being a corruption of *hlaw*, the Saxon word for a burial place), stands three miles north-west of Chippenham, by the side of the road leading to Marshfield, in Lauhill mead; the property of Mr. Neeld. It corresponds exactly with the description in the Chronicle, being a large pile of stones now covered with bushes and moss. Part of it was taken away some years ago.

The Danish wars continued; Alfred becoming king, in A.D. 871, defeated them in his first battle at Wilton; afterwards he was less fortunate. In the seventh year of his reign, A.D., 878, they had got possession of the whole kingdom north of the

(1) The *Scala Chronica*, quoted by Leland (*Collect.* II. p. 521). Another account says that Hubba was killed on landing, at Appledore, on the north coast of Devon. The late Dr. Thurnam (*Wilts Arch. Mag.*, vol III., p. 72) says, "There is no sufficient proof to be derived from the earliest authorities that Hubba was ever in the neighbourhood of Chippenham. . . . He, almost certainly, fell at Cynvit." (Kenwith Castle, now destroyed, near Bideford.)

Thames; and even that (says the Chronicle), they grudged him. In the winter of that year they advanced after Twelfth-night from the central part of England into Wessex, and took up their quarters at Chippenham. From this place they over-ran the country, driving the people out; Alfred himself they forced to take refuge in the wild country (as it then was) about Athelney, below Glastonbury.

Now, as Chippenham, from the nature of the case, could not have been at that time a place of any size, what could induce the Danish army to come here? The answer seems very simple: they wished to catch the king at home. Here was his residence, in the middle of the royal demesne just described. That he did live here there is proof. His sister, Æthelswitha, was married at this place to the king of central England, then called Mercia; and (says the Latin authority), the nuptials were celebrated with royal splendour, "in the *villa regia*, which is called Cippenham." (1)

Some topographical writers upon Wiltshire, without duly considering the previous state of things, have been misled by these two words "*villa regia*," to describe Chippenham as having been at that time "a considerable city, one of the strongest and finest towns in England!" I cannot flatter your local vanity by confirming that statement. There is in this immediate neighbourhood, it is true, a highly respectable town, which, for some reason or other, assumes the privilege of bestowing upon its suburb the exalted title of "the City"; but Chippenham is more modest than Melksham: and though, if any manor in England had a fair right to dignity of title, arising from connection with the Crown, this certainly had; still, looking at the plain circumstances of the case, though a royal *residence*, it is simply absurd to suppose it to have been what we usually understand by a royal *city*. In the remote days now alluded to, it was only a humble "Chepyng-ham," or market-village. But, being the king's own estate and residence, it would naturally be a point of chief attraction to a Danish army, whose first object would be, above all things, to pounce upon the crown itself. Further, as a military position, for winter quarters, it may not have been a bad one; for it stands upon a kind of peninsula, the river winding round it in the form of a horse shoe. On the land side, towards the south-east, a line of earthwork would easily protect a temporary camp.

After a few months, Alfred came out of his Athelney retreat, and defeated the Danes, who broke up their quarters at Chippenham and retired to Cirencester, leaving him at liberty to re-occupy his *villa regia* in peace. He died in A.D. 901, and was buried at Winchester, leaving, by his will, his Chippenham manor to his youngest daughter, Alfritha, who married Baldwin, Count of Flanders. This, of course, was only a provision for life; as Chippenham continued to belong to the Crown for centuries afterwards. It is next mentioned in the reign of king Edward the Confessor,

(1) Leland Coll. III. 280. Ex Chronico. Mariani Scotti.

about A.D. 1042, when we have a partial description of its condition. The record states that there was a church; the rector was one bishop Osbern, and one hundred acres belonged to the church. King Edward had also given to his huntsman Ulviet, a small farm for his life; and three others are named, to whom small portions of land had been granted; but, with these exceptions, the whole manor was still in the king's own hand. It paid no tax or assessment of any kind; so that this must have been its golden age. But iron days were drawing near; the fourth scourge was ready, and Chippenham manor fell into the hands of

THE NORMANS.

One of the Conqueror's most celebrated acts, was the great survey of England, called Domesday Book. In making it, he had two objects in view; the first, to find out how much he was himself worth; the second, what everybody else was worth, and how much taxing they would bear. He sent commissioners into every manor (the word parish does not occur in Domesday Book⁽¹⁾, who made inquiry so searching, that, as one person complains, the king knew of every cow and pig in the country, and even how many hives of bees the old women kept. The return made from Chippenham manor shows, that during the preceding forty years since Edward the Confessor, it had undergone very considerable change; that cultivation, and the number of the inhabitants, had very much increased; and that, instead of being unprofitable pleasure ground, it was broken up into useful farms; all, however, still held directly of the king, as landlord. Amongst them there were 113 holders, great or small, of arable land; 23 hog-keepers, with six miles square of wood; and 12 mills. The number of persons mentioned in various employments (altogether about 180), referring probably to heads of families only, we may suppose the whole population to have been about 600 or 700.

At this point in the history of Chippenham (the Norman Conquest), there comes, in all printed notices of the place that I have ever seen, a dead blank for more than three centuries, till the reign of Henry VI. Its name does not occur, as those of Malmesbury, Devizes, and Trowbridge, frequently do in the wars between Stephen and the Empress Matilda; and we must therefore, infer that there was no strong castle here, as there was in those towns. Whether it continued to be visited occasionally as a hunting seat, by the early Norman kings is uncertain. They had several other villas for that purpose in this county, as at Corsham, Fasteerne near Wotton Bassett, Marlborough, Clarendon, and Tollard Royal. But their chief residence was now in or near London; and if they spent Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, as their custom was, in the country, it was generally at some of the larger towns, as Gloucester and Winchester. I fear that, after the Conquest, Chippenham must have

(1) Notices on the Domesday Book for Wiltshire, by H. Moody, "Memoirs of the Archæol. Inst. at Salisbury," p. 177.

lost favour with royalty, and that our villa regia would be—"to let, unfurnished," the various dependents being left quietly to follow their own ways, cropping lands, driving mills, and fattening hogs in Chippenham Forest. Still, the place has a history during those 300 years, as well as since; and this I believe it is now in my power to bring to light, from the Conquest down to the present day. As you will not care to require from me continual reference to the authorities from which it has been obtained I will only say, once for all, that every statement that may be made, rests upon the evidence of original documents.

The Manor having been for some hundreds of years private demesne of the crown, began under the early Norman Kings to be granted out piecemeal, until at length it was all disposed of to various subjects. The matter will be clearer if taken in the following division :—

I. GRANTS TO LAYMEN.

II. GRANTS TO RELIGIOUS HOUSES.

I. THE GRANTS TO LAYMEN consisted of

1. The Manor of Shelton and Lordship of the Hundred of Chippenham.
2. Rowdon.
3. Lowdon.
4. Chippenham and Pewsham Forest.

I. THE MANOR OF SHELDON.

(Forming the western side of the Parish) AND THE HUNDRED OF CHIPPENHAM.

This was given by one of the early Norman Kings (the authority does not state which) to William de Beauvilain, a Norman, on whose death it reverted to the crown. ⁽¹⁾In 1231 King Henry III. bestowed it upon Sir Walter de Godarville and his heirs. The Godarvilles were also Norman. They had another estate in Wiltshire, at Cheverell, and were keepers of Clarendon Forest. The last of them left two daughters, co-heiresses, one of whom married Sir Godfrey Gascelyn, of a Dorsetshire house; who, in right of his wife, became owner of Sheldon, and lord of the Manor of Chippenham. The Gascelyns continued for about 174 years, from 1250 to 1424, during which time they obtained for the town two of its fairs; one held on the 17th May, and the Long Fair held on the 22nd June. In grateful memory for these benefits, Chippenham still wears as one of its two coats of arms, the shield of Sir Walter Gascelyn—a golden field surmounted by ten billets azure, and a label gules. There are copies of the charters for these fairs, as well as many particulars of the Gascelyn property, in deeds dated at Sheldon, from which it appears that the family resided there. It ended in an heiress, Christina Gascelyn who married Edward Hales, Esq.; and in the year 1424 (2 Henry VI.) she and her husband sold the

¹ The Hundred Rolls mention also among early owners of parts of Chippenham Manor, Wm. de Wendevale, Reginald Pavely (both of whose lands came to the Goscelyns), the Prioress & Convent of Martigny, and Robert St. Pol, who had Barrow, by annual render of a sparrowhawk.

Hundred of Chippenham and the Manor of Sheldon for the sum of £1,000, to Walter Lord Hungerford, High Treasurer of England.

Sheldon continued in the Hungerford family for about 250 years, being during that period more than once forfeited, but again restored. In the year 1684 Sir Edward Hungerford, having reached the crisis of extravagance, was compelled to break up all his noble inheritance. He sold Sheldon (then under lease to Mr. Gorges Scrope) to Richard Kent, Esq., of London, afterwards Sir Richard Kent, Kt., and M.P. for Chippenham. Sir Richard did not keep it very long; for, being in debt, his estates were sold by order of the Court of Chancery in 1698, and the purchaser of this part was Sir Richard Hart, of Hanham, near Bitton, beyond Bath. In twelve years it changed hands again, and was bought in 1710 by Mr. Norris, of Lincoln's Inn. The last owner of this name died at Nonesuch some years ago.⁽¹⁾

The lordship or liberty of the Hundred of Chippenham accompanied the Manor of Sheldon through the older families, down to the Hungerfords. It fell to the Crown on Lord Hungerford's forfeiture in 1540. It was then, and has since continued, severed from the Manor of Sheldon. King Edward VI. sold the fee simple of this hundred to Thomas Lord Darcy, K.G.⁽²⁾ Lord Darcy sold it to Sir William Sherington of Lacock. In 1650 it belonged to the Danvers family of Dauntsey. When forfeited by Sir John Danvers the regicide, King James II. granted it to Charles Mordaunt, the celebrated Earl of Peterborough. From him it descended to Mr. Mordaunt Fenwick, who sold it in 1854 to Joseph Neeld, Esq.⁽³⁾

2. ROWDON.

SOUTH-WEST OF CHIPPENHAM.

Rowdon lies on what was formerly a down (the old name was Rughdon, probably meaning *Rough down*), and is traversed by the road to Bath. Upon the principal estate there is an old mansion, now a farm-house, close to the Avon. It bears marks of having seen better days, when it was the residence of families influential in this town; and it was once the scene of a little military exploit.

The oldest document I have seen relating to it is (if correctly interpreted) a curious one. King Richard I. about the year 1190 charges Rowdon with £7. 10s. a year, as a provision for life to a person described in the Latin document as "Hodierna Nutrix," a name which seems to admit of but one translation, "Hodierna the Nurse." The name of Odierne is still attached to a parish in South Wilts. Knoyle Odierne or West Knoyle, in the Hundred of Mere; and Sir R. C. Hoare, in

(1) Sheldon has since become the property of Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.

(2) Sir T. Phillips's Index to Grants in the Augmentation Office, temp. Edw. VI, p. 6, Bund. D., No. 12.

(3) The Hundred of Chippenham was anciently (*i.e.* in the year 1423), called the Hundred of Bishopstone, Donelewe, and Chippenham. The connexion of any Bishopstone with the hundred of Chippenham I cannot explain. Dunley survives within it: it lies between Grittleton and Alderton, and was formerly a small hundred of itself, about which there are records.

his account of that parish, p. 38, gives authority to show that lands at Knoyle also belonged to this very Hodierna the Nurse; but who she was, he says he never could find out. A simple solution of the difficulty may perhaps be that she had been nurse to the king himself; chief controller of the juvenile department of Queen Eleanor's household, when Cœur de Lion was in his long-clothes. It is certainly a tradition in Wiltshire that his brother, King John, was christened in the font of Preshute Church, close to Marlborough; and in John Aubrey's time the people about Wootton Bassett would have it that Cœur de Lion was born at FASTERNE near that town, then one of the Royal hunting-seats. For this there is no authority; but be that as it may, Richard I., like other mortals, must have required in the early stage of his life, those peculiar attentions which none but a nurse can render; and possibly Queen Eleanor may have sent to Chippenham for that important domestic; but whoever nurse HODIERNE was, and wherever she came from, she was rewarded for her services with part of the rents of the king's estate at Rowdon. Such manner of provision was common enough. We have already seen that Edward the Confessor pensioned an old huntsman, with part (probably the same part), of this parish; and many other similar cases might be produced. Nothing is more likely than that Richard, being rather short of ready money in the days of the Crusades, adopted this way of making his old nurse comfortable; and all admirers of the lion-hearted king will be of opinion that the rents of Rowdon were very well bestowed, in rewarding any "bonne," who could succeed in managing so unmanageable a young gentleman as he must have been.

When nurse HODIERNE ceased to require the rents, they were again used for similar purposes for two lives; and at length the estate was granted (subject to a rent to the Crown of £7. 10s.) by King Henry III. in 1250, to the Lady Agnes, widow of Sir Godfrey St. Maur, sometimes called "Agnes de Roudon." Her son Henry St. Maur, being obliged to abscond in 1274, on a charge of felony and rebellion, Rowdon was forfeited. But it was afterwards restored, and Henry St. Maur sold it to Nicholas HUSEE. This family held it for 142 years, down to 1392. Their name in Latin is "Hosatus," signifying "*hosed*" or "*booted*," and their armorial device was "three boots sable," which is the second of the two shields now used by the Borough of Chippenham. What particular service the Husees may have rendered to the town does not appear, but the arms used by the town are clearly those of the two private families; Gascelyn, Lord of Sheldon, and Husee, Lord of Rowdon. Whence the palm tree, from which the two shields depend, was borrowed, I know not. It is a tree remarkable for unfading verdure, and is often referred to in Scriptural language as an emblem of the prosperity of the upright. Finding it therefore introduced into your municipal blazonry, in association with the motto of "Unity and Loyalty," I gladly regard the whole as an auspicious emblem, both of your flourishing condition, and of the principles which animate the heart of Chippenham.

It was mentioned just now, that when King Henry III. granted Rowdon to the Husees, he reserved an annual rent of £7. 10s. Out of that sum his successor, King Edward I., granted a pension of £5 a year, to the Monastery of Ederose or Ivy-church, near Clarendon. In the schedule of the property of that monastery, taken at the dissolution 300 years afterwards, this identical pension of £5 a year, appears as paid out of lands at Chippenham and Rowdon, formerly belonging to Nicholas Husee. There cannot be much doubt which were the particular lands that provided the pension of Ivy-church monastery. The name itself seems to indicate that it must have been what is called "the Ivy-house, and the islands in the Ivy," close to Chippenham bridge. The origin of the name of that property has long been a puzzle, for which this pension to Ivy-church may perhaps suggests a satisfactory explanation.

In the year 1392; the Husees sold Rowdon to Sir John Erleigh, of Beckington in Somerset. His only daughter Margaret Erleigh, married Sir Walter Sandes, Kt.; and in the year 1434, Sir Walter Sandes and Margaret his wife sold Rowdon to Walter Lord Hungerford, who, ten years before, had purchased Sheldon and the Manor and Hundred of Chippenham. Some of the Hungerford family resided at Rowdon House. In January, 1469, Sir Thomas Hungerford, Kt. (a young man, eldest son and heir of the baron of the day, and great-grandson of the purchaser), was beheaded at Salisbury for an attempt to restore King Henry VI. He is described in the indictment as "of Rowdon." During the civil wars of Charles I., it was the property of Sir Edward Hungerford, the Parliamentary Officer; and after the battle of Roundway Down, the Parliament troops occupied it as a garrison. It was immediately surrounded by the Royalists. Col. Stephens governor of Beverstone Castle (near Tetbury) for the Parliament, came to its relief with a body of horse, and forced his way in: but instead of forcing his way out again as fast as he could, he being tired with his gallop from Tetbury, stayed to eat and drink, giving the Royalists outside the house time to rally and send for more help. So the Parliamentary gentlemen being cooped up were obliged to capitulate. The Royalists then dismantled the house, which was at that time a large one, with a quadrangle inside, and a moat round it. Sir Edward Hungerford the owner died in 1648, and a few years afterwards it passed to a relative, the spendthrift Sir Edward. The story is that he lost this estate by gambling, and that at a bowling match he staked the property, calling out as he threw his last chance, "Here goes Rowdon." Whether this story is true or not, Rowdon certainly *went*; but the legal way in which it disappeared from his rent-roll was this:—Sir Edward mortgaged it for £3,000. The mortgage was assigned to Sir Richard Kent (mentioned before as the purchaser of Sheldon), sometime M.P. for Chippenham.

When Sir Richard Kent's property was sold by order of the Court of Chancery in 1698, Rowdon was bought by Mr. Thomas Long of Monkton, near Melksham,

from whom it has descended to the present owner, Walter Long, Esq., of Rood Ashton.

3. LOWDON.

WEST OF CHIPPENHAM.

This was granted by the crown, first to the Pavely family of Westbury; afterwards to the family of Turberville or Turvile. Whilst in their hands, King John granted to Roger de Turberville, a market at Chippenham every week, on Wednesday, and one fair every year, viz.—that which is now held on the 29th October. In 1258, King Henry III. gave the property to William de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, his half-brother, a foreigner, and a very troublesome gentleman. He took part against the king at the battle of Evesham, and so lost Lowdon, which was restored to the Pavelys. In 1272 they sold it to the Gascelyns of Sheldon.

From this period, *i.e.* the union of the Lowdon and Sheldon estates under the Gascelyns, the Manor of Chippenham came to be called (as it still continues to be) the Manor of Chippenham, Sheldon and Lowdon. Christina Gascelyn and her husband Edward Hales, Esq., sold Lowdon with Sheldon to the Hungerfords. It is now broken up into various smaller holdings. The Knights of St. John of Jerusalem had some land in Chippenham, I do not exactly know where, but probably in this part of the parish.

4. CHIPPENHAM AND PEWSHAM FOREST.

This portion of the royal manor continued in the hands of the Crown many hundred years after all the rest had been granted away. From the dimensions given to Chippenham Forest in Domesday Book, where it is called six miles square, it would seem probable that the forest extended originally much farther, than what in later times was Chippenham and Pewsham Forest proper. The forest proper lay towards the south, extending from the town to Derry Hill. The western side of it lay towards Lackham. It formed what may be called the home park of the king's hunting villa. The forest was fenced round for deer, and within it also ranged, by special license, the living Wiltshire bacon belonging to the monks of Stanley and of Farley. The monks of Bradenstoke were still more favoured. King John, who was frequently at their Abbey, allowed them grazing within the forest for forty cows, as well as a place, then called Aldebiri, for building a dairy farm.⁽¹⁾

In the year 1275, (1 Edw. I.) owing to the confusion that had arisen in course of years, from various grants of land by the Crown, and from encroachments made upon the king's rights all over England, a royal commission was issued, to inquire into and correct these abuses. The return for the Manor of Chippenham (made by a jury at Malmesbury) is amongst the public records, and is a valuable illustration of the history of the town. In this document the Forest of Chippenham, then of course

(1) Is not *Derry Hill* a corruption of *Dairy hill*?

in the king's own hands, is described as beginning at a place called "Fermerie House," and ending at "Hinlond." "Fermerie" is no doubt a corruption of "Infirmery," and the place meant is, in all probability, the same that is now called "Spital" *i.e.* (*Hospital*) "Farm." This stands exactly on the southern edge of Chippenham Forest. It is believed to have been the infirmary belonging to Stanley Abbey, and it is now the property of the Marquis of Lansdowne. "Hinlond," the other extremity, is a large piece of ground close to the town of Chippenham, and as it is now commonly known by the misnomer of "England's," the present opportunity may be taken of correcting this error in the parish nomenclature. *Inland* is a Saxon word, which meant exactly what we now call "home ground," lying about a mansion, as distinguished from land outlying, and let to tenants. This "inland" lay close to the site, or the reputed site of the king's villa, which tradition assigns to the spot now occupied by the premises adjoining the new County Court, including perhaps the Angel Hotel.

Pewsham takes its name from a little stream, anciently called the Pewe, which rises at Lockswell, and runs at the back of the Swan public house into the Avon, opposite Lackham. In the record of the inquisition held at Malmesbury, mentioned above, the jury particularly state that the Abbot of Stanley had committed a trespass, by some hindrance to the Pewe rivulet, which had caused it to overflow and flood the king's highway, to the annoyance of his liege subjects and all passers-by.

The Forest was granted by King James I. to Christopher Villiers, Earl of Anglesey (brother of the Duke of Buckingham who was stabbed by Felton). It was disafforested in the year 1630. The people of Chippenham (as well as the monks of Stanley, Farley, and Bradenstoke) had certain rights of feeding within it, and the loss of these rights seems to have given rise to a serious riot in the neighbourhood. This fact is incidentally obtained from Sir William Davenant's poetical works, amongst which is "A copy of verses written to the Countess of Anglesey, upon being led away captive by the rebels at the disafforesting of Pewsam." John Aubrey also preserves a doggerel rhyme, current in his day (1670), relating to the same event.

"When Chip'nam stood in Pewsam's wood,
Before it was destroyed,
A cow might have gone for a groat a year,
But now it is deny'ed."

"The metre," he adds, justly enough, "is lamentable; but the cry of the poor was more lamentable." He adds that "he knew several, amongst them Robert Smyth of the White Hart, that did remember the going of a cow for 4d. a year. The order was, how many they could winter they might summer; and pigges did cost nothing the going."

The Earl of Anglesey, to whom the Forest had been granted, had two granddaughters, co-heiresses. One of them married Mr. Edward Cary of Tor Abbey in Devonshire, by whose son, George Cary, the principal part of Pewsham was sold in

1791, to Mr. Montagu of Lackham; and on the breaking up of his property, it was bought by Mr. Lysley, whose family are now the owners of the Lodge Farms. Elizabeth, the other grand-daughter of Lord Anglesey, married James Touchet, Lord Audley, and Earl of Castlehaven; and her portion of the Forest now belongs by purchase to Mr. Ludlow Bruges.

Pewsham is extra-parochial, a privilege which is perhaps a relic of that golden age (before alluded to), when, being royal demesne, taxes and assessments were unknown within the manor.

The Wardenship of Chippenham Forest was attached to the office of Constable of Devizes Castle.

The portions of the parish thus far described as having been granted to Laymen, were on its southern, south-western, and western sides. We now come to the district on the north-west, east, and south-east, granted to Religious Houses, consisting of the principal estates of ALLINGTON, MONKTON, and STANLEY.

1. ALLINGTON.

This was given by King Stephen to the alien Nunnery of Martigny, in the upper valley of the Rhone; and by the Prioress and Nuns of that house, it was transferred in the reign of Edward I. to the Priory of Monkton Farley, near Bath. The monks held it in their own hands, and had a farming establishment there. There is an account of their farming stock when they were deprived of it. Wheat was then 5s. a quarter, barley 2s., oats 1s. 4d., and their oxen were valued at 6s. 8d. apiece.

Allington was granted, at the dissolution of monasteries, in August, 1537, to Sir Edward Seymour, Viscount Beauchamp, afterwards the Protector Duke of Somerset. In 1623 it was the residence of Sir Gilbert Prynne, of a Bristol family, who, with his lady (Mary Davys) was buried in Chippenham church. In the house which he occupied, now a large barn, fire-places and windows may still be observed.⁽¹⁾ Algernon Duke of Somerset, who died without heirs male in 1749, was succeeded in one of his titles (the Earldom of Egremont) and in some of his estates by Sir Charles Wyndham. In this way Allington came to the Wyndhams, Earls of Egremont, from whom it was purchased in 1844 by Mr. Neeld.

2. MONKTON.

N.E. OF CHIPPENHAM, BEYOND THE AVON.

This portion of the royal manor was also given by Matilda the Empress (mother of Henry II.), to the Priory of Monkton Farley. There does not appear to have been any house on the estate for the residence of a religious society, though they cultivated the lands on their own account, probably under the superintendence of one or two of their order. At the dissolution, it was granted by Henry VIII. to Sir Edward

(1). The present farmhouse is later. In front of it is a stone shield of arms, PRYNNE, impaling DAVYS, probably brought from the older building.

Seymour, who (as above stated) had recently obtained the grant of Allington-Monkton remained in his family till the marriage of the heiress, Lady Elizabeth Seymour, with Thomas Lord Bruce, afterwards Earl of Ailesbury. In 1686, Lord Ailesbury sold his property at Monkton, to Mr. Arthur Esmeade of Calne, from whom it passed by family arrangements, first to the Edridges, and from them to the present owner G. Moore Esmeade, Esq.

2. STANLEY ABBEY.

Of Stanley Abbey nothing is left but the green site, which lies just within the eastern edge of the parish of Chippenham. It was a house of Cistercian Monks, placed originally at Lockswell, near the top of Derry Hill, but removed two or three years after to the lower ground on the bank of the rivulet of Mardon. What the monks may have lost in fine air, they gained in good land. The house was founded by the Empress Maud, and her son King Henry II., and further endowed by Edward I. with a large portion of the land in that quarter of the royal manor, extending southward from the Marden, under Derry Hill, to Nethermore. For a history of this monastic establishment there is plenty of material, but of the appearance and extent of the building itself, I am not aware that any view is preserved. The monks were the improvers of a large tract of waste land on the outskirts of the Forest; and in Nethermore where the various landowners of Chippenham had rights of feeding, they, by degrees, procured the transfer of those rights to themselves. At the dissolution, the principal part of the Stanley Abbey estate was purchased by Sir Edward Baynton of Bromham, to whose representative, the owner of Spy Park, it still belongs. The Abbot's house stood for some time afterwards, and was occupied by a family of Ansty, one of whom married the daughter and heiress of Andrew Baynton, Esq., who is buried in Chippenham church.⁽¹⁾

THE BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM.⁽²⁾

THE BAILIFF.

Chippenham is now ruled by a Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors. As a municipal power these officers are very young, not much above twenty years old, having been created under the Municipal Reform Act. Before that time the town was governed by a Bailiff and twelve Burgesses, who traced their title as a Corporation to a Charter granted by Queen Mary in the first year of her reign, dated 2nd May, 1554, just 300 years ago. It was confirmed by Letters Patent of Elizabeth, dated 29th January, 1560; and was afterwards surrendered, and a new one granted by King James II. five weeks after he came to the throne, and dated 13 March, 1685.

Concerning the government of the town before the charter of Queen Mary,

(1) The Stanley property has since been purchased by Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart,

(2) In the "Book of Musters, A.D. 1598, (a MS. at Longleat) Sheldon and Lowdon, Foghamshire and Cockleborough are reckoned as separate Tithings.

nothing appears from the borough records, as they only begin in 1554, and throw no light upon more remote times. But from other sources the state of things seems to have been as follows :—

Whether he had, or had not, a council of discreet and honest Burgesses to assist him, I cannot say, but Chippenham was certainly under the authority of a chief officer called the Bailiff, for many hundred years before the charter of Mary. There are (as will be shown) notices of such an officer in the reign of King Edward I., 300 years before Queen Mary; but I believe the fact to be that the town always had a Bailiff, ever since it was a royal demesne, which as you have already heard, was a very long time ago. Every private estate of the Crown was under the charge of some resident official. He was not always called Bailiff, but sometimes Steward, as was the case of Calne; or Portreeve, as at Great Bedwyn; but Bailiff was the title of Bromham, Corsham, and Melksham, all which places like Chippenham, were royal demesnes. The duty of this officer was to protect the king's property, and to keep things right, if he could; and that the Bailiff of Chippenham was originally armed with formidable powers so to do, and was a person not to be trifled with, is clear from the fact that he had not only a pillory and a prison at his command, but also a gallows. In short, in the manor he was second only to the King himself. All this may have worked very well so long as the whole manor was in the king's own hands, and there were no rival proprietors to quarrel with the agent of the crown. But when the king's demesne had been granted out in parcels to noblemen and others (as has been described), and the royal authority began to be less absolute, the Bailiff had sometimes a hard matter to hold his own. The "market village" growing by degrees into a town, and various new rights arising, the old ones would suffer encroachment. This statement is founded upon evidence. In the year 1275 (3 Edw. I.), when the inquiry (alluded to before) was made into the state of this manor, it was reported to the crown amongst other grievances, that several matters touching the king's authority at Chippenham required to be looked to, that his Bailiff was thwarted either by the Sheriff of the county, or by some of the principal landowners under the crown within the parish. Two or three distinct cases are mentioned in the record. A certain fellow imprisoned in the castle of Old Sarum on a charge of felony, had turned king's evidence, and had implicated in the charge one "Solomon the Jew of Chippenham." The Sheriff of Wilts issued his warrant to Robert Stoket the Bailiff of Chippenham, to arrest the said Solomon. But before he had time to do so, Godfrey Gascelyn then lord of the manor of Sheldon and Chippenham, interfered by forbidding the Bailiff to meddle in the matter until he, Gascelyn, had conferred with the Sheriff upon the subject. The consequence was that the Bailiff's perplexity was the Jew's opportunity. Solomon improved it; took to his heels, and when at length he was wanted, was "nowhere to be found."

Another case was thus :—During the civil troubles in the preceding reign of

Henry III., raised by Simon de Montfort against the Crown, the same Robert Stoket, Bailiff of Chippenham, had seized as they were passing through the town, sundry packs of wool, which one Simon the Draper was conveying from Bristol to Southampton; but the Sheriff ordered the Bailiff to release the wool.

Again: one Nicholas Hamund, imprisoned by the Bailiff on a charge of larceny had been released by the Sheriff. The jury quietly add in their report, "how much the Sheriff got from Nicholas they do not know."

These cases show, first, that Chippenham had a permanent officer under the title of Bailiff long before the charter of Mary; and next, that his power was subject to continual challenge. Perhaps it may safely be concluded, that when Queen Mary granted a charter with a view of settling the local authority upon a fresh footing, it was not before it was wanted.

THE BOROUGH LANDS.

It was of little use to grant a charter to the town and to endeavour to set the local authority on a better basis, without providing ways and means for strengthening its usefulness and dignity. Accordingly, together with the charter came the Borough Lands. The history of this donation is curious. It will be seen by reference to the dates of the several grants of land above recited, that in the reign of Mary no part of the original royal demesne remained in the hands of the Crown except the Forest of Chippenham. This portion was still available, but it was probably of insufficient value. The alternative therefore was to take what was required from somebody else. Very conveniently for the purpose, it happened that Walter Lord Hungerford of Heytesbury and Farley, owner (by descent from the Lord High Treasurer of that name, temp. Henry VI.) of a large part of Chippenham parish, had, a few years before Mary came to the throne, fallen into fatal disgrace by calling King Henry VIII. a heretick, and by having conspired with one William Byrd, Vicar of Bradford (in Wilts) against the king's life. The conspiracy (so far as appears) only amounted to this; that the reverend gentleman was a dabbler in the strange, but then popular branch of chemistry called alchymy, and had ventured upon some experiments in Lord Hungerford's house, to find out how long this heretick sovereign should live. His Majesty not approving that sort of inquiry on the part of his subjects, and being no doubt very sensitive of the stigma of heresy, called the two alchymists to account more sharply than they had probably anticipated; for Lord Hungerford lost his head on Tower Hill. His Manors of Chippenham, Sheldon, and Lowdon, besides a very considerable number of good Wiltshire manors elsewhere were forfeited, and remained in the Crown until the next heir, then a minor, should reach the age of twenty-one. Before that time arrived, King Henry and his successor King Edward VI. died: and Queen Mary wishing to ingratiate herself with her new Bailiff and Burgesses of Chippenham, severed a goodly slice from the Hungerford estates and bestowed it upon them. The Bailiff and Burgesses were only just

in time to receive it, for the heir of Lord Hungerford came of age twenty-three days after the date of the charter, when all the rest of his family property was restored to him by Letters Patent.

About sixty-six acres of Lord Hungerford's land given by Queen Mary, were afterwards claimed by the Crown, as assart land of the Forest of Chippenham, but on payment of £40 they were secured to the borough by Letters Patent of King James I., dated 21st November, 1607.

THE PARISH CHURCH.

exhibits samples of various styles.

That a church, held by one Bishop Osbern, was here in the reign of the Confessor, has been already stated, but as Chippenham had even at that time been for some hundreds of years the residence of Wessex Royalty, some building of the kind, with a clerical establishment attached to the court, would probably have been on the spot from the first conversion of the province to Christianity. No visible part of the present church is quite so old as the Norman Conquest, but the chancel arch is not far short of it, being apparently of about A.D. 1120.⁽¹⁾ The masonry of the chancel walls outside, consisting of small unhewn stones, and a small window on the north side, are also much older than the general body of the church. If the chancel was built about A.D. 1120, (Henry I.) it must have been almost before any part of the manor had been granted to subjects; also before the Tithes were appropriated and whilst there was a Rector resident.

Into any detailed description of Chippenham church I cannot now enter. The best parts of it (both of them much later than the chancel) are the two chapels on the south side; the one against the chancel, the other against the nave. The former was, I believe, dedicated to St. Mary,⁽²⁾ the latter to St. John the Baptist. Both were originally Chantries for the use of private families, the Hungerfords, and the Beauchamps of Bromham, or their successors the Bayntons. The difficulty has been to decide which was built by which, for the evidence usually decisive of such points (as monuments, family devices, coats of arms, &c.), is so confused that it is not easy to distinguish the respective founders. That the chapel against the chancel was built by the Hungerfords seems most probable, for the ceiling is still covered with their arms, and Aubrey who lived close to Chippenham in 1650 and knew the living Hungerfords well, describes this part of the church as theirs, identifying it by certain marks which still remain. In the corner of it is a monument to Andrew Baynton, Esq., which has been perhaps the reason why this has often been called the Baynton

(1) Since this Paper was written, Chippenham Church has undergone great alteration. The old Chancel arch mentioned in the text, is now placed on the north side of the Chancel.

(2) One of the tenements with which this chapel was endowed, was in that part of Chippenham called "Foghamshire," and was known as "the house of St. Mary."

chapel. But as his family were living in 1579 (the date of his death) at Rowdon House which belonged to the Hungerfords, possibly he may have been buried in the Hungerfords' chapel.

There are notices of a third chantry dedicated to St. Andrew. Where this was is uncertain. A few years ago a large fragment of gravestone was found under the church floor, bearing a portion of a very old inscription, which mentions a chantry founded by one — Clerk and Alice his wife. ¹⁾

Some part of the church was also used for sacred purposes by a guild (a company formed either for protection of trade or for some benevolent purpose), called "The Fraternity of St. Katharine," and their altar was endowed with lands and houses.

The church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and to this the town owes its fourth fair. I have already mentioned three fairs as granted to the town by charters. For the fourth there was no charter, and the reason is this. The fair is now kept on the 11th of December. Before the change from Old to New style it used to be kept on the 30th of November, and the 30th of November is St. Andrew's Day. There is therefore no doubt that this fair arose out of the holiday originally kept in observance of the Dedication of the Church, and that this is therefore the oldest fair in Chippenham.

THE TOWER.

The common tradition is that it was built by Lord Hungerford, lord of the manor in the reign of Henry VI. That he did so or helped to do it, is very likely, as his coat of arms within the Order of the Garter (and he was the only one of the family who was a Knight of that Order) is, amongst others, still preserved high up against the present belfry. But his lordship's tower came long since to an untimely end, through the partiality of Chippenham for bell-ringing. An old Churchwardens' book testifies that the townfolk appear to have been ready with a peal for everybody. They rang when King James I. passed through the town in 1621, and when his son the Prince came back safe out of Spain; for my Lord Bishop; for all the days of triumph in the year; when Sir John Danvers's son came to town (he was the son of the lord of the hundred); and for the routing of the Scotch; and when Colonel Cromwell came through and slept at the White Hart, they not only welcomed him in the usual way, but in order to make his evening still more agreeable, presented him with two bottles of sack. With so much ringing, no wonder the old tower began to quake. A few violent storms brought matters to a crisis; so in 1633 they took down and restored (an old church-book says) tower and spire. This cost £320, towards which Sir Francis Popham, then M.P. for the borough, gave £40, and as bankers' checks and penny postages were in those days unknown,

(1) This is now (1889) fixed into the wall of the Hungerford Chapel.

the town spent 8s. 2d. in sending to Littlecote for his donation. The arms of Sir Francis are on a large shield above the western door.

In 1655 the north side of the church was rebuilt.⁽¹⁾

THE RECTORY AND VICARAGE.

Chippenham would have a Rector resident until about A.D. 1150, when the tithes were for the first time severed from parish uses. They were bestowed, about that year, by the Empress Maud, on the Monastery of Monkton Farley; the gift consisting of the tithes of the whole parish, including the chapelries of Titherington-Lucas and Slaughterford.⁽²⁾ The Prior and Monks then appointed a Vicar, with a small endowment. The Vicar frequently complained that it was too little, and the Bishop, Rob. Bingham, augmented it. Again he complained, and again it was increased by Bishop Wyle. Under the second application of the Episcopal screw, the Prior and Monks began to wince, and presented a remonstrance in their turn that the Vicar's share was too large, that his income was now "immoderate;" whereupon the Bishop, Rob. Wyckhampton, directed an entirely new Ordination. A copy of this document is preserved in the Registry at Salisbury, and it forms in fact the title-deed of the present Vicarage. In it the Official, one Master Stephen, professes his determination to pursue a just and middle course. He will do on the one hand, not too little, on the other not too much. The Vicar's income, for all time to come, shall not be lean, but it must not be exuberant. The Parish Priest must live, but to be pampered is not good. Following out these cautious principles, his sentence therefore is that the first augmentation by Bishop Bingham shall stand, and that in addition to it, the Vicar shall take and enjoy the profits of the chapelry of Titherton-Lucas, the tithes of which had hitherto belonged to the Prior. But Master Stephen's mind still secretly feared the error of excess to the secular clergy. The Vicar might, after all, be overpaid and underworked. He would have indeed upon his hands the care of the parish, and the ministrations of the parish church. This might one day be enough, whilst the emoluments of Titherton might be superfluously plenteous. The further precaution was therefore taken, that out of the Titherton incomings the vicar should pay a pension of 40s. a year to the impoverished Prior of Farley, and should also provide for the services of Titherton chapel, by proper ministers, at his, the Vicar's own cost. This deed is dated 20th April, A.D. 1272, the 56th year of King Henry III. This was the way in which the chapel of St. Nicholas and Rectory of Titherton-Lucas became annexed to the Vicarage of Chippenham.

(1) The north aisle, after undergoing further disfiguration since 1655, was entirely taken down and rebuilt in 1887.

(2) Abbrev: Plaiol: 243.

Things having been thus amicably arranged between the Prior and his Vicar, the Monastery of Farley continued to take the tithes (plus the 40s. a year from the Vicar) until the dissolution, when the estate of the Priory in this parish was bestowed (as mentioned above) upon the Protector Somerset. The Rectorial tithes were then transferred, not, as they ought to have been, back to the parish, but to Oxford being granted by King Henry VIII. to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, then newly founded. The grant is dated 11th December, 1546, just two months before the king's death.



List of Plate

BELONGING TO THE CORPORATION.

SILVER MACE.

Given by JOSEPH NEELD, Esq., M.P., in 1844.

GOLD CHAIN, AND GOLD BADGE *bearing the Borough Arms in coloured enamel.*

Subscribed for by the Members of the Corporation in 1874.

LOVING CUP.

Given by Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, Bart., M.P., in 1882.

LOVING CUP.

Given by Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, Bart., M.P., in 1885.

LOVING CUP.

Given by HERBERT SMITH, Esq., in 1887.

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RECORDS OF CHIPPENHAM

RELATING TO THE BOROUGH;

From its Incorporation by Queen Mary, 1554, to the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1837.

AND

REFERENCES TO DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS OF EARLIER DATE, BELONGING TO THE CORPORATION.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK No. 1.

Commencing 1597 and ending 1684.

"A NOTE OF THE BORROUGH ARMES AS THEY WERE VIEWED BY THE BAYLIFFE & BURGESSIS ATT THEIRE ASSEMBLYE ON THE XVIIITH DAYE OF NOVEMBER ANO DMO 1636 AND DELIVERED INTO THE CUSTODYE OF HENRYE BULL GENT: & RICHARDE HARDINGE THEN CONSTABLES OF THE SAID BORROUGH."

"Imprimis ffoure Corsletts & ffoure Gorgetts

Itm ffoure Pikes

Itm ffive Musketts

Itm ffive Rests

Itm ffive Bandileers

Itm Seaven Swords

Itm one other sword bought by Henrye Bull & Richarde Hardinge Constables.

Itm Nyne Headpeeces."

“ A TERIOR OF ALL THE LANDS LYEINGE AT LARDGE OF THAT TENEMENT NOWE IN THE HOLDINGE OF ONE JOHN HULBERT IN OR NIGHE ROWDONS DOWNE HAD & MADE THE XXTH DAYE SEPTEMBER 1605.”

“ In primis One Acre of Meadowe in a certaine meadowe or Grounde called Ladye Meade.

Itm Eighte Acres of Arable lande in a certaine newe Inclosure taken out of Lowdon fielde nowe Sr Edward Hungerfords K^t (A) ffor w^{ch} there is laied by exchange Eighte other Acres in another Comon field called Little fielde.

Itm Three halfe Acres of Arable Land lyeinge nighe unto Allington in the newe Inclosure of Willm Baylyffe Esquier ffor w^{ch} there is laied by exchange One other Acre & a halfe of meadowe at a certaine place in the aforesaid Little fielde called Salters Crofte.

Itm One Acre of Arable Lande lyeinge upon Kingsbrooke Hill in the further fielde betweene the lands nowe in the holdinge of Willm Gale and Willm Townsende ffor w^{ch} there is laied by exchange One other Acre upon the same Hill late the lands of Thomas Reeve.

Itm One other Acre of Arable lande in the aforesaid Lowdon fielde nighe Duryards and the Greene waye there betweene the nowe Lands of John Scott & Mounckton Lands.

Itm ffyve Acres of Arable land in one peece lyeinge upon Kings Brooke hill aforesaid betweene the lands sometymes Kents Lands & Mounckton Lands.

Itm ffoure Acres of Arable Lande in one peece lyeinge in Kings Brooke corner betweene the lands nowe in the holdinge of Robert Linsey the ffarmo^r of Sheldon.

Itm One Acre & a halfe Acre of Arable lande in the same ffelde lyeinge under the Hedge of one John Hulbert and shooteth upon the Greene waye that leadeth to Corsham.

Itm ffoure Acres of Arable lande in one peece lyeinge in the same ffelde shootinge upon Corsham waye betweene the nowe Lands of Moses Signett & the ffarmo^r of Sheldon.

Itm ffyve Acres of Arable Lande in the same ffelde in One peece lyeinge in a certaine corner there w^{ch} adioyneth to the nowe Grounde of one Robert Hulbert.

(A) Of Rowdon, afterwards of Farley Castle—died 1607. He purchased Corsham Manor in 1602, of Henry Smyth, third son of “Customer” Smyth. It was sold by “spendthrift” Sir Edward Hungerford, in 1684, to Richard Kent, Esq., M.P. for Chippenham. After several re-sales, Corsham House and Manor were purchased in 1746 by Paul Methuen, Esq.

Itm One Acre of Arable lande in Lowdon fiede aforesaid adioyneinge upon a certaine waye there leadinge to Duryards betweene the lands of Thomas Reeve & the ffarmo^r of Mounckton.

Itm One other Acre of Arable lande in the same fiede lyeinge upon the further syde of the Waye aforesaid between the nowe Lands of the said Thomas Reeve and one John Elye.

Itm Two other Acres of Arable lande in th same fiede shootinge upon the same Waye one of which was exchaunged with one Roger Payne deceased for an acre in Pipsmore.

Itm Two other Acres of Arable lande in a certaine Inclosure of William Wastfields in Pipsmore.

Itm One other Acre of Arable Lande in the same ffiede in a certaine ffurlonge there called the middle ffurlonge betweene the lands belongeinge to the ffarme of Mounckton on both syds.

Itm Two Acres of Arable lande in the same fiede adioyneinge to the Waye there leadinge to Duryards one acre the nowe lands of one John Slade lyeinge betweene them onlye.

Itm Three Acres of Arable Lande in the same fiede lyeinge under the hedge of the aforesaid newe Inclosure of S^r Edward Hungerfords K^t

Upon the admeasureinge of one newe Inclosure or newe inclosed Grounde in Popplesmoore als Pipsmoore beinge the lands of the Borroughe certaine pcells of the same Borrough Lands were founde to lye abroade nighe the same Inclosure & not inclosed—viz^t

Thirtye seaven pole or perch of Arable lande in Pipsmoore pcell of the lands inclosed there adioyneinge to the lands now in the holdinge of Robert Linsey.

ffiftye pole or perch of Arable Lande more there of the same lands inclosed under the Hedge of the same inclosure adioyneinge to the lands late of Roger Payne.”

The above entries appear before others of an earlier date. As there still remain several blank pages at the commencement of the book, it is probable that these entries were made upon pages left blank when the Customs were written in, and were copied from an older book, or memoranda, not now amongst the Corporation documents.

THE CUSTOMS.

“THE ORDENNCES CONSTITUTONS AND DECREES made and heretofore ordeyned at Chippenham in the full Boroughe there And nowe againe upon the Tenth daye of October in the nyne and thirtieth yeare of the raigne of our Sovraigne Ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God of Englande ffrance & Irelande Queene defendo^r of the faith &c [1597] Likewise ordeyned & approued there By Willm Gale then Bayliffe of the said Borroughe Edwarde Stafforde John Scotte Gabriell ffarnewell [alias Goldney] Willm Ameat Willm Kyte Willm Exham Willm Geale Henrye Berye Willm Westfeilde Nathaniell Colman Willm Banks & Henry Banks then Burgesses & in their presence & w^t their assent & w^t the consent of the cheif Comons authorised to be put in due executon & in chardge giuen of them & their posteritye for eu^r more to be deulye observed & thoroughlye kepte to the advancem^t of the glorye of God & the utilitye & ornam^t of the publike weale.

¹
Accompts of the
Bayliffe to his
successor.

In primis It is ordeyned by the saied Bayliffe Burgesses and Comons there, That the Bayliffe of the Borrough hereafter to be chosen & their Successors shall within fourteene dayes of his electon & of the takeinge, call & receyue of his prdecessor the former Bayliffe accompts of the yearelye rent & revenues of the whole Borroughe Landes, And of all other Issues & comodityes thereunto belonginge with the Charter & Comon Seale of the Borroughe, by a Byll indented, thone pte thereof to remaine with the saied Bayliffe, and thother pte w^t the Burgesses. And if the saied former Bayliffe refuse to make & deliver his saied accompte & make payment thereof to his Successor beinge sufficientlye called thereto Shall forfeit & loose to the comon Coffe^r xl^l. To be leveyed by waye of distresse of anye goods or cattles of the saied offendo^r w^{tin} the Borroughe ov^r & besydes all such stocke or somes of money soe beinge in their handes & that w^{tin} three dayes of such offence or defaulte of makeinge accompts & payem^t thereof made.

²
Burgesses muste
attende on the
Bayliffe.

Item if for reformaton of anye misorder or for anye necessarye cause, the Bayliffe shall sende for anye of the Burgesses by his sub Baylye or other minister to come unto the Guilde Halle or other convenient place and they or anye of them haveyng noe sufficient lett or urgent busines shall refuse at the saied warneinge to giue attendance haueinge notice thereof giuen one hower before at the leaste, shall forfeit & loose for eurye such offence to the use above saied iij^s iiij^d.

³
All Inhabitants
muste attende on
the Bayliffe.

Item if anye of the Inhabitants householders shall refuse to attende and assiste the Bayliffe & Burgesses sendinge for them in manner above saied for the compositon & mainteynance of good order and anye other occason wthin the saied Borroughe, That then eurye one offendinge in the prmises shall for the first offence forfeit & loose to the uses above saied xij^d for the seconde offence iij^s iiij^d & for the thirde offence theire whole freedome, & be debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrowe Landes untill he or they submitt themselves to be receyved in againe accordinge to the orders & agreements established.

⁴
Causes of
disfranchisinge.

Item That if anye psone or psons inhabitinge wthin the Borroughe disseveringe themselves from the politique head & members of the Borroughe nowe incorporated into one bodye and by open demonstraton shall shewe themselves ennimyes unto the same shalbe disfranchised unto such tyme that they wilbe conformable tractable & obedient unto all such decent orders & honest decrees made & to be made accordinge to the Queenes Highnes Charter or Lres patente & laudable customes of other Borroughes. And that all psons offendinge in the prmises are to exercise noe trade of buyeinge sellenge or other comoditye of the Borroughe to enioye dureinge the tyme of theire disobedience. And shalbe farther amerced & punnished accordinge to the qualitye & quantitye of theire offence by the discreton of the Bayliffe & Burgesses. Provided that if anye mann^r of psone or psons shall in contempte of the Bayliffe and Burgesses exercise his trade or mysterye or seeke anye remedye of lawe else where, shall the first tyme loose & forfeit to the uses aforesaid xx^s & the seconde tyme be imprisoned untill he or they be reformed to better order at theire owne costs & chardge.

⁵
Emblements.

Item that none wthin the Borroughe admitte anye under Tenante or Tennants but upon resonable consideratons and that by the assignem^t or alloweance of the Bayliffe and Burgesses. And that eurye householder haveinge anye under-tennante is to avoyde hym by the daye assigned him by the Bayliffe and Burgesses or some of them upon payne to forfeit & loose for eurye daye that anye such shalbe retheyned after the daye prscribed & sett downe ij^d. And be debarred of all benefitt out of the Borroughe Lands until he or they submitt themselves and be received in againe accordinge to the orders and agreemts established.

⁶
Makeinge of
Apprentice.

Item it is ordered, That noe Artificer take anye Apprentice but accordinge to the tenor of the statute therefore made &

vided by Indenture made by the Towne Clarke and none other, and sealed in the prsence of the Bayliffe, the ffect of theire Covenante to be sett downe & registered upon the Towne book w^t the date & wage. And at thende of theire terme the saied wage to be paied in the prsence of the Bayliffe for the tyme beinge. And eurye person takeinge Apprentices otherwise and doeing or causeinge the prmises to be done shall forfeit and loose to the use abovesaied xiiij^s iiiij^d.

⁷
Erectinge of
Butts. Item it is ordered, That soe often as it shalbe needfull to erect or repayre the comon Butts^(A) either in the Iveye or beyonde St. Maryes Streete The Bayliffe for the tyme beinge shall give warneinge unto eurye householder & others to come or sende his deputye to helpe to errect & repayre the same. And eurye pson abovesaied refuseinge to come or sende his deputye w^{tin} one hower of the tyme appointed shall forfeit and loose iiiij^d.

⁸
Bakers. Item it is ordered, That eurye Baker offendinge and makeinge defaulte in thassize of bread, lackinge v^s waighte and soe upwarde to x^h in a peny loafe, shall, for the first offence forfeit and loose iij^s iiiij^d for the seconde offence vi^s viii^d for the thirde offence the whole batch, & the fourth tyme offendinge subibit judicium Pillioræ.

⁹
Bakers foraine. Item it is ordered, That none bake bread to sale, but those that be or shalbe appointed. And that noe Tipler sell anye breade by retayle of anye foreyne Bakers upon payne to forfeit for eurye offence iij^s iiiij^d, or else all the breade soe taken to be sold.

¹⁰
Tiplers. Item it is ordered, That eurye Tipler hereafter settinge up Tiplinge shall paye to the comon coffer iiiij^d. And that eurye of them be bounde by recognizaunce accordinge to the Statute. And not anye otherwise to sett up tiplinge upon payne to forfeit & loose iij^s iiiij^d & punishm^t accordinge to the statute.

¹¹
Reformation. Item it is ordered, That noe Inhabitant w^{tin} the Borrough shall seke for reformaton or Justice to be ministered in anye matters touchinge good order w^{tin} the Borroughe at anye Justice, Stewarde,

(A) The name "The Butts" still attached to a field and cottages adjoining St. Mary Street, no doubt marks the original site. Archery was at this time a very fashionable as well as common sport; but notwithstanding the interference of the Legislature in its favour, it gradually declined; and at the conclusion of the seventeenth century was almost discontinued.

It is stated that in 1676, Sir Edward Hungerford presented Queen Catherine, the wife of Charles II., with a silver badge displaying an archer with a drawn bow, and inscribed "Reginæ Catharinæ Sagittarii."

Courte, or officers hande, other than at the Bayliffe & Burgesses wtout license of the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses upon payne to eurye offender to loose his and there whole freedom.

¹²
Removers out of
the Borrough. Item it is ordered, That if anye of the Borrough remove to dwell out of the Borrough and soe remayne out of the same by the space of one whole yeare and a daye and in the meane tyme paye not scott and lott w^t the Borrough, shall loose all the whole fredom and libtye of the saied Borrough.

¹³
Muxens and
Doonge. Item it is ordered, That noe psone or psons wtin the Borroughe laye any doonge or soyle or make any muxen in anye streete of the saied Borroughe, But that they and eurye of them carrye or convey the same doonge or soyle to the place appointed wtout the Borroughe upon payne to eurye one for eurye tyme offendinge to the contrarye the some of xij^d.

¹⁴
Seinge of
Burgesses. Item it is ordered, That noe Burgesse shall sue or present law againste anye of his brethren the Burgesses wtout license of the Bayliffe. But shalbe content to be reconcyed & ordered by the Bayliffe and other Burgesses whoe seinge all duetyes reasonablye yielded and recompensed shall not further vexe or greiue hym upon payne to forfeit and loose x^s.

¹⁵
Butchers. Item it is ordered, That all Butchers bringeing fleshe to sell in the markett, shall alsoe bringe with them the hydes & fells of all such ware so boughte and killed layeing them before there standinge openlye if they bringe the whole carcasses upon payne to forfeit for eurye hyde or fell soe lackinge xij^d. And in like manner they & eurye of them shall bringe there Tallowe accordinge to the quantitye of the fleshe soe by them broughte upon payne to forfeit for eurye time iij^s iiij^d.

¹⁶
Brewers. Item it is ordered, That the Brewers appointed to serue the Towne for the gallon under the clensor the day of clensinge & the morrowe after beinge setled & stale for the gallon and not above. And the Tiplers to serue the Towne an Ale quarte for a peny wtin dore & wtout. The Ale taster to see yt sufficient before it be clensed. The smale Ale coenly called peny ale to be sold for a peny the gallon. And that the saied Brewers & Tiplers have there measures of Tree, viz the Gallon, halfe Gallon, quarte & pynte examined with the standard & sealed, by w^{ch} they are to sell there saied Ale & Beere, upon payne to eurye

Brewer for eurye gallon solde otherwise iiij^d & to eurye Tipler for eurye quarte solde otherwise ij^d.

¹⁷
Quarrellers. Item it is ordered, That if anye psone or psons quarrell or drawe anye dagger or other weapon w^{tin} the Borrough to strike a Townes man or shall call hym by any opprobrious name he they and eurye of them shall forfeit & lose the same weapon & be punished in the open stocks or otherwise by the discreton of the Bayliffe & Burgesses & farther paye to the comon Coffe xij^d. And it is farther ordered, That for the better suppressinge of quarrells & conservaton of the Queenes Ma^{tie} peace w^{tin} the Borroughe eurye Burgesse shall have in his house one staffe & Clubbe. one clubbe & eurye other inhabitant householder shall have in his house one clubbe, And that they come forth wth the same soe often as neede shall require touchinge the premises, upon payne to eurye one not haveinge the same weapon & not comeinge forth w^t the same when they shalbe lawfullye called thereunto for eurye tyme offendinge xij^d.

¹⁸
Swyne. Item it is farther ordered, That if anye psone or psons suffer their Swyne to go abroade w^{tin} the Borroughe upon the markett daye, & the same apprhended & taken by the sub baylye or anye other lawfullye authorized They & eurye of them shall forfeit & lose for eurye pigge soe taken abroade as aforesaid—

¹⁹
Conspirators upon Victualls. Item it is ordered, That if anye Butcher, Baker, Brewer, Poulterer, Cooke, Costermonger or ffruterer w^{tin} this Borroughe shall conspire promise or covenante or make anye mutuall othes, that they shall not sell their victualls but at certaine prices made & agreed w^{tin} themselves. Then eurye pson offendinge herein & beinge thereof duelye convict by wittnesse confesson or otherwise shall lose & forfeit x^l to the Queene if he have sufficient to paye y^t, or else suffer twentye dayes Imprisonment haveinge onlye bread & water for his susteynance, accordinge to an estatute made A^o 2 Ed: 6. 15.

²⁰
Reteyners of continent persons. Item it is ordered, That if any psone inhabitinge within the Borrough beinge an householder shall reteyne supporte or in anye wise succour or haue in his or her house anye manner of woman being with childe or is of evill fame knowen to be of incontinent lyueinge above the space of one nighte shall for the firste offence forfeit and lose vi^s viij^d. Thone moitye to be employed to the poore mens boxe and thother moitye to the discreton of the Bayliffe & Burgesses. And for the seconde offence

to be disfranchised of his whole freedome and be debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrowe lands untill he or they shall submitt themselves & be received in againe accordinge to the orders & agreem^{ts} established.

^{21.}
Tipplinge
in tyme of
Devoyne service. Item it is ordered, That if anye Innholder or others keepeinge anye victuallinge or Tipplinge house within the Boroughe shall permitt & suffer anye psone or psons wtin anye theire houses or dwellinghouses to playe at anye mann^r games or to contynue or make theire aboude there in bankettinge drinkinge & other like disorder dureinge the tyme of Divine service or preachinge of the worde, upon anye Sundaye or other holye daye straungers & wayfareinge men excepted shall for the firste offence forfeit & lose to the poore mens boxe xij^d for the seconde offence ij^s & for the thirde offence iij^s iiij^d and be cleerely disfranchised and be debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrowe lands untill he or they shall submitt themselves and be received in againe accordinge to the orders and agreem^{ts} established.

²²
Hostlers and
Hostleryes. Item it is ordered, That if anye Innholder Tippler or anye other psone wtin the Borroughe shall reteyne or keepe anye Hostler to wander abroad upon the markt daye to intreat ask or crave anye manner of horse beaste to be sett up or placed wtin any house stable backsyde or yarde there, And if anye of the said psons sett up or place upon the markt daye anye horse beaste soe to them broughte or willed or requested to fetch or take by the owner or owners of them for anye lesse price then one penyee apeece. And if anye blacksmith wtin the Borroughe have or reteyne anye more horse beaste upon the markt daye before his dore then he may convenientlye tye or keepe under his pentice or forge, eurye of the saied psons for eurye tyme offendinge in the premises shall forfeit and lose xij^d.

²³
Waterstands. Item it is ordered, That eurye psone beinge an householder wtin the Borrough shall yearelye ffrom the first of Maye untill the viiith of September have & sett at his dore in the streete one Barrell, standard, Payle or other sufficient vessell full of water, & soe contynnuallye to be kepte full of water dureinge the saied tyme upon payne to eurye psone for eurye nighte makeinge defaulte after warneinge giuen in that behalf ij^d.

^{24.}
Tearers of hedges
stealinge of other
things. Item it is ordered, That if anye psone inhabitinge wtin the Borroughe doe or shall sende his familye or anye other psone to steale take or carrye awaye anye hedge woode or anye other woode boughte or appointed for the pvision of anye psone or psons or anye fruite out of

Orchards or other places or anye herbes cabbages or rootes out of Gardens, or milke kyne, Or anye corne or graine out of the feildes or else where (except such corne as is lawfullye glayned or gathered) Or shall in his or her own psone perform the same, or wittinglye receyve into his or her house or custodye anye such woode, fruite, herbes, milke, corne or grayne soe unlawfullye taken, & beinge thereof convicted, shall suffer punishement in the open stocke for the space of ij dayes, And farther make restituton to the partye greived & paye such amerciament to the poore mens boxe as by the discreton of the Bayliffe and Burgesses shalbe thought convenient.

²⁵
Lodginge of
straungers. Item it is farther ordered, That eurye Tippler wtin the Borroughe shall have one bedd at the leaste at all tymes in readynes to lodge such straungers or wayefareinge psons as shall at anye tyme be broughte or sente unto him or them by the constables of the Borroughe accordinge to the lawes pcribed & ordered of charitye commended upon payne to eurye one for eurye tyme soe founde wtout such bed, or refuseinge the contrarye (wtout sufficient & lawfull excuse) to forfeite and lose to the poore mens Boxe xij^d.

²⁶
Allowance to the
Clarke. Item it is farther ordered, That of all fforfeitures & amercyaments with other transgressions resultinge happenninge or comeinge of the Ordennancs Constitutons & Decrees made or to be made within the Borroughe from iiij^d & soe upwarde to xij^d shalbe allowed to the Towne Clarke ij^d. And of all the prmises from xij^d and soe upwarde shalbe allowed to the saied Clarke iiij^d. And for eurye man made free or sworne to anye office iiij^d & for regestringe of eurye Apprentice his name w^t the effect of his Indentures iiij^d & of yearelye stipende or wage xx^s prlye to be paied by even portons.

²⁷
Gatheringe of
rente ffynes amerciaments et al: Item it is farther ordeyned & pvided, That for the more quietness of the Bayliffe & Burgesses & thinhabitants of the Borroughe, in touchinge & concerning the levyinge gatheringe and takeinge up of all manner rents ffynes forfeitures amerciam^{ts} & other duetyes ariseinge happenninge & groweing wtin the Borroughe by the Ordenauncs Constitutons & Decrees made or to be made or otherwise due to the Comon coffer & poore mens boxe. It shall & maye be lawfull to & for the Bayliffe and Burgesses from tyme to tyme to depute, make, ordeyne, constitute & appointe the sub Baylye w^t some one or more of the Borroughe to levye receyue & take the amercam^{ts} ffynes, penaltyes & forfeitures off anye psone whatsoever wtin the

Borroughe by him or them forfeited lost or otherwise due. And upon denyall of payem^t thereof to take beare and carrye away from anye ^{Distresses.} such psone for deteyninge the pmisses sufficient distresse & distresses for the same. And eurye psone resisting hym or them in doeinge theire office theire aydeors & abettors shall for the first offence forfeite vi^s viii^d over and beyonde the saied duetyes, and for the seconde offence shall loose theire whole freedome. Provided that if the saied distresse be not redeemed wtin the space of iij dayes nexte after the takeinge thereof. Then it shalbe lawfull ^{Sale of Distresses.} unto the Bayliffe and Burgesses to prayse the same & make sale thereof to the best advauntage for satisfyeinge of all dues chardge & expense and the surplusage immediatlye to restore unto the owner thereof.

²⁸ Rowdons Downe Item it is farther ordered, That if anye psone or psons inhabitinge wtin the Borroughe doe or shall cutt fell or carrye away or cause to be cutt felled or carryed away from the coppice of Rowdons Downe anye rodde or underwood dureinge the incopiceinge or prseruaton thereof and beinge thereof convicted, eurye Burgesse shall forfeit & lose for eurye tyme offendinge therein x^s. And eurye other psone for eurye offence in the pmisses shall forfeite and lose iij^s iiij^d.

²⁹ Contempts of the Bayliffe. Item it is further ordered, That if anye psone or psons inhabitinge wtin the Borroughe doe or shall contemptuoslye demeane or behave hymselfe towardes the Bayliffe either in worde or deede & beinge proved againste hym or them eurye Burgesse for eurye such offence shall suffer imprisonment in the Guilde Hall chamber two dayes and two nights and paye to the poore mens boxe iij^s iiij^d. And anye other psone for eurye tyme offendinge in the pmisses shalbe punished by the discreton of the Bayliffe & Burgesses. And if anye Burgesse or Burgesses laye or offer vyolent handes on thè Bayliffe or on anye of his brethren the Burgesses, or else defame revyle or call hym them or anye of them by the approbrious name of knave or such like, shall (ipso facto) utterlye be disfranchised and not accompted a fitt member for that place. And be debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrowe Lands untill he or they shall submitt themselves & be receyved in againe accordinge to the Orders and Agreem^{ts} established.

³⁰ Wilfull offendinge or opposinge againste the Decree. Item it is farther ordered and agreed, That if anye psone or psons inhabitinge wtin the saied Borrough doe or shall wittinglye or willinglye offende or oppose or sett hym or

themselves against any Order Article Clause or Agreement comprised & specified in the Decree established, and the same being proved against him or them, eurye such psone for eurye such offence shall (ipso facto) be debarred of all benefitt & commoditye out of the Borrough Lands untill he or they submitt hym or themselves, and be receyved in againe, and paye for composition of eurye such offence the some of iij^s iiij^d & not above or under.

Item, it is farther ordered & agreed, that noe ynn keeper Tipler ³¹ Horse Beasts. or anye other psone within the said Borrough shall at anye tyme by hym or themselves or keepe or retaine anye other to wander abroad upon the mkett or ffayre dayes to intreat aske or crave anye manner horse beasts to be sett up wtin anye House Stable or Backside there, but that the same be either broughte or sent unto the doores where they are to be sett up by the owners themselves, or else by them requested to come unto the place of unloadinge & there receyve & take them. And that noe psone or psons useinge the occupaton of a Blacksmith there, have or retheyne anye more horse beasts upon the dayes aforesaid before his or their doores than maye convenientlye be tyed or kept under his or their pentices or fforges upon payne to eurye one offendinge to the contrarye for the firste offence xij^d ffor the second offence iij^s iiij^d and for the third offence his & their whole ffredome, & be debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrough Lands untill he & they submitt themselves & be receyved in againe accordinge to the Orders and agreem^{ts} established."

"THE OATH OR CHARGE TO BE MINISTERED UNTO THE BAYLIF."

You shall true allegiance beare to the K. highnes, his Heires and lawfull Successors Kinges or Queenes of this Realme. You shall haue regarde to see the Kinges Maiesties Peace duelye observed and kepte, To the uttermoste of your power and abilitye. uprightlye ministringe Justice to all psons, spareinge none for favour or affecton, nor doeinge Violence or Wronge to anye for hatred or malice. You shall to the uttermoste of your wisdom and knowledge see the Lawes and Statutes which to your office apperteyne duelye putt in executon. And in especiall, That the assize of Breade be duelye observed and kept, and soe often as neede shall require to be weighed and looked upon;

and that the same be wholsomelye made and ordered for the meete sustentaton of the K. leige people.

You shall also mainteyne and upholde all the Libertyes, ffranchises, Privilegs, Decrees, Graunts, Ordinancs and Customes alreadye giuen graunted & made or hereafter to be giuen graunted or made by anye wayes or meanes to this Borroughe: And all other good Orders made or to be made for the better goverment of this Borrough and thinhabitants thereof. And you shall gather, or cause to be gathered all manner of Rents, Revenues, Yssues, profits and summes of money due or ariseinge out of the Borroughe Landes, & of all other Commodities of the Borrough, and a true & iuste accoumpte thereof at the daye lymited by the Decree to yelde and make. And all other things which to yo^r office shall or maye belonge or apperteyne, you shall well and faithfullye doe and execute soe neere as God shall give you grace.

Soe helpe you God, in &c."

At the foot of the above oath is the following postscript, in a different handwriting, but which is crossed out by ink cancellations of another colour again. This postscript, and subsequent cancellation, need no explanation.

<p>"The words of this postscript (beinge the Nationall ingagemet) is to be ministred in the first place before the residue of the oathe above written</p>	}	<p>1652 Yo^u shall sweare that you wilbe true and faithfull to the Comon wealthe of England as it is nowe established without a King or House of Lords."</p>
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"THE OATH OR CHARGE OF A BURGESSE."

"You shall a good and true Leige man be to our Sovereigne Lord the Kings Maiesty, his Heires and lawfull Successors, Kings or Queenes of this Realme. You shall a faithfull and true Burgesse be of this Borroughe. You shall alsoe to the uttermoste of your power wisdome and knowledge mainteyne and defende the ffranchises libertyes priviledgs and jurisdiction of this Borroughe. You shall not reveile or disclose the secretts of your Bayliffe, or other matters of weichte touching the prmises: But shall gladlye and willinglye obey and assiste your Bayliff in all points, matters and things, touchinge the good Orders made, or to be made, for the utilitye or better Regiment, and Govern-ance, of this Borroughe and the Inhabitants of the same. And all and

singular other thinge and things, doe and execute, which belonge and appertaine to the office of a Burgesse of and for this Borroughe, to the uttermoste of your power understandinge and knowledge: Soe helpe you God in his promise conteyned in His moste holye Worde."

In handwriting of a somewhat later date, the following Oath is inserted at the foot of the page.

"THE OATH TO BE MINISTRED TO A FFREEMAN NOWE IS"

"You shall sweare that yoⁿ shalbe obedient aydinge assistinge to the Baylyffe and his brethren, the Burgesses of this Borrough and their Successors in all matters touchinge good order of this Borrough upon reasonable warninge & knowledge to be giuen. And that so farre as in yoⁿ lye yoⁿ shall strengthen maynetayne and defende all the lawfull ffranchises liberties and iurisdictions of this said Borrough and obedientlie receive and followe all lawfull honest and necessarye orders and constitutons made or to be made by the Baylyffe and Burgesses or the greater pte of them for the utilitye and better regiment and governance of the same and the inhabitants thereof. And in all other things shall behave yourselfe as a true & faithfull member of this Borroughe ought to doe to the uttermoste of your power knowledge & wisdom. Soe help you God."

Then follows, in due order, and in the former handwriting.

"THE OATH OF SEARCHERS AND SEALERS OF LEATHER."

"Yee both shall sweare, That yee shalbe true searchers of Leather within this Borroughe, and shall search look and see that all manner of Tanned Leather offered or put to sale within this Borroughe, be well sufficientlye and thoroughlye Tanned Wroughte and Deyed. And neither for favour or affecton of anye pson or psons yee shall allowe or Seale anye such Leather which is not sufficientlye or thoroughlye tanned wroughte and deyed. And all other matters and things which belonge and apperteyne unto yo^r office herein to be done accordinge to an Acte of Parliament in the firste yeare of the raigne of o^r Sovereigne Lord Kinge James in that behalfe made & pvided, yee shall truelye & faithfullye observe and keepe, soe neare as God shall give you greace. Soe helpe yee God &c."

	Of olde.	Increase.		Of olde.	Increase.	
Richarde Ashley Gent.	ij ^d .	ij ^d .	v ^d .	Johan Buryman . . .	xiiij ^d .	ij ^d .
Henry Plancke Gent.	xviiij ^d .	iiij ^d .		Richarde Atkins Gent.	ij ^a .	iiij ^d .
William Bushe . . .	viiij ^d .	ij ^d .		Mr. Norborne . . .	iiij ^a .	vj ^d .
William Hulbert . . .	xviiij ^d .	ij ^d .		Goosey Meade . . .	x ^d .	ij ^d .
William Webbe . . .	iiij ^a iiiij ^d .	vij ^d .		Agnes Bancks vid:	vj ^d .	
Widd: Hills . . .	x ^d .	ij ^d .		Christian Bancks vid:	vj ^d .	
Widdowe Jenkins . . .	x ^d .	ij ^d .		Picks & Pevowlls . . .	x ^d .	
Hooks Parke . . .	x ^d .	ij ^d .		Edward Westfelde . . .	vij ^d .	vj ^d .
Hughe Barrett Gent.	xvj ^d .	iiij ^d .		Widdowe Hulbert . . .	vj ^d .	
Thomas Wilcoxe . . .	xx ^d .	iiij ^d .		Mathew Aland . . .	vj ^d .	
Rogers Crofte & } Milshams holde }	xx ^d .	iiij ^d .		Picks & Pevowlls . . .	x ^d .	
John Godwyn . . .	ij ^a x ^d .	vj ^d .		The Tenem ^t late Ed. Gale	x ^d .	
Robert Childe . . .	xvj ^d .	iiij ^d .		Widdowe Hulbert of }		
John Batten . . .	ij ^a ij ^d .	iiij ^d .		Langley . . . }	x ^d .	
Widdowe Batten . . .	xviiij ^d .	iiij ^d .		John Hulbert in the }		
John Scott . . .	xviiij ^d .	iiij ^d .		Downe . . . }	vj ^d .	"

"THE NAMES OF THE BENEFACTO^{RS} TO THIS BORROUGHE OF CHIPPENHAM,
THE PLACES OF THEIR HABITATION & THE SEVERALL SUMES OF MONEY
BY THEM GIVEN."

"In primis John Smyth, als Baker, of Chippenham . . .	...	...	...	...	£x.
Philippe Cave, of the same Parishes... . . .	...	...	...	...	£v.
Thomas Wield, Vicar of Chippenham . . .	...	...	...	...	xx ^s .
John South Woode, of the same Towne . . .	...	...	...	...	xx ^s .
Willm Walker, Vicar of the same Church... . . .	...	...	...	...	xx ^s .
Mrs. Aber, of the same Towne, Widdowe... . . .	...	...	...	..	xx ^s .
Mr. ffynmore, of Whetham . . .	...	...	...	...	£v.
Widdowe Hawkins, of Chippenham . . .	...	...	...	...	xx ^s .
John Archar, of Lynehan . . .	...	...	...	...	£x.
Mr. Karmishe, the Parson of Compton Bassett . . .	...	...	...	...	£xx.

(b) " Hughe Atwill, Parson of Calverley in the County of Devon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	xx ^s
(c) Thomas Snell, of Loxwell, Gent.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	xl ^s
(d) William Bayliffe, of Mounckton, Esquier	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£x.
Henry Stockman, of Chippenham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£x.
Mr. John Scott, in the tyme of his Baylyewicke out of the Borroughe Lands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	xxx ^s
(e) Henry Bull, of newe Sarum, Gent.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£xx.
(f) Sr. Henry Bayntun, of Bromham, K ^t	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£xx.
(g) Richarde Woodlande, of Chippenham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£v.
(h) Gabriell Gouldney, of the same	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£iiij.
Walter Barrett, of Titherton Lucas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£x.
(i) Raphe Pearce, als Hurd of Hilmarton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£v.
(j) William Geale, of Chippenham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	xl ^s
(k) Gabriell Gouldney, the younger, in the tyme of his Baylyewick out of the Borrough Lands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£iiij.

The following names appear to have been entered at a somewhat later date, and at various times :—

(l) Robert Gale Citizen and Vintner of London deceased gave after the decease of Dorothee his wief the sume of £xx yearelie for ever to be distributed by the Baylyffe & vj of the auncient Burgesses of this Borroughe to the poore of the Towne of Chippenham on the ffeaste daie of St. Thomas the Apostle & ffortye shillings pr annum to other uses That is to saie twentye shillings to the Preacher for his Sermon on that daie and xx^s for the said Baylyffe & Burgesses to drinck withall } £xxij^{pr} annum.

(b) A contemporaneous extract from his will is amongst the Borough Documents.
(c) Died 1607. Buried at Chippenham.
(d) See note (b) on next page.
(e) Paid 18 December, 1618.
(f) This sum was paid over to the Bayliffe and Burgisses on 29 September, 1616, by Sir Edward Bayntun, the son and executor.
(g) Paid by his executor, 21 August, 1618.
(h) Gabriell Goldney, Son of the first Bayliffe, and Relator in the Decree of James I.
(i) Paid 23 August, 1623.
(j) Receipt given on 20th April, 1627, to Henry Goldney, the son-in-law and executor.
(k) Son of the above Gabriel Goldney.
(l) This distribution continues to be annually made.

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(c) Sr. Henry Bayntun K ^t	. . . ix ^a	Rogers Crofte . . .	xvii ^d
(d) Tho: Snell gent.	. . . vi ^a	John Godwyn . . .	ij ^a ij ^d
Edward Ashley	. . . ij ^a ij ^d	John Berryman . . .	xvii ^d
Walter Banks . . .	xvii ^d	John Batten . . .	ij ^a ij ^d
Mr. Hande . . .	ix ^d	Widdowe Stockman . . .	xvii ^d
Thomas Hulbert . . .	xvii ^d	Thomas Buryman . . .	ij ^a iii ^d
William Webbe . . .	vi ^a	Widdowe Batten . . .	xvii ^d
Edw: Bayntun . . .	ix ^d	Widdowe Norborne for Red- breath, Mills Holde Oxen } lease, Park & Bottenodge }	ij ^d
Widdowe Jenkins . . .	ix ^d	Jo ^a Hill . . .	ix ^d
Hooks Parke . . .	ix ^d	(*) Sr. Tho: Snell for Goosye- meade . . . }	ix ^d
Hughe Barrett gent.	. . . xvj ^d	The Barrow . . .	ij ^d .
Jo ^a Scott . . .	xx ^d		

There is no date to the above Rate, but it was probably made about 1604.

“ THE OTHE OR CHARDGE TO BE MINISTRED UNTO THE BAYLIFFE.”

“The othe of the supremacye.”

“ I, A. B., doe utterlye testifye, & declare in my conscienc^e. That the Q. Highnes is the onlye supreme governour of this Realme, & of all other her highnes Dominions and Countreys, as well in all spirituall or Ecclesiasticall thinges or causes, as Temporall. And that noe foraine Prince, pson, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or oughte to have anye jurisdiction, power, superioritye, preheminance or authoritye ecclesiasticall or spirituall within this realme. And therefore I doe utterlye renounce, and forsake all foraine jurisdiction, powers, superiorityes and authorityes, & doe pmise that from henceforth I shall beare faith & true alegiance to the Queenes Highnes Her heires & lawfull successors, and to my power shall assyste & defende all jurisdiction, priviledges, preheminences & authorityes, graunted or belonging to the Queenes highnes, her heires & successors, or united & annexed to the Imperial Crowne of this Realme soe helpe me God.”

(c) Of Bromham. Died 1616.

(d) Of Lockswell. Buried at Chippenham, 1607.

(e) Of Kington St. Michael. Married Anna, daughter of Sir Robert Long, of Wraxhall.

“ Bayliff's othe
nowe out of use.” “ You shall true alegiance have to the Q. Highnes her heirs & lawfull successors Kings or Queenes of this Realme. You shall well & truely exercise the office of the Baylywicke. You shall see the Q. Maj^{ties} Peace duelye kepte, uprightlye ministeringe justice to all psons sparainge noe man for favour or affecton, nor doeing vylence or wronge for hatred or malice. You shall see the lawes & statuts of the which to your office appertayne duelye putt in executon. You shall maintayne all the Libertyes, ffranchises, priviledges, graunts, Customes, Ordinences, Decrees & Constitutions, given graunted & made to this Borroughe by anye meanes, or hereafter to be given or made. And all other good Orders made or to be made for the good government of the Borroughe. And in especiall that thassize of breade & ale be duelye observed & kept, & as often as neede shall require to be wayghed & looked upon, & that the same be wholsomlye made & ordered for the mete sustentaton of the Q. leige people. Alsoe you shall see good order of all mann^r of victualers, for their victuells whatsoever, as fishe, fleshe or others. That they sell noe corrupt victuells, but such shalbe good and wholsome for the Q. leige people, & that without excessive gaine. And that the Chaundlers of this Towne & Borroughe be duelye looked unto, that they make their candells of sufficient lighte. And that the Butchers bringe with their fleshe the hyde and tallowe. And that you gather or cause to be gathered all such rents, somes of money, forfeitures & other things whatsoe^r due or ariseinge out of the Borroughe landes & of all other graunts & commodities of this Borroughe & a iuste accoumpte thereof at the daye lymited to yelde & make. And all other things which to y^r office shall or maye belonge or appteyne you shall well & faithfullye doe & execute, soe helpe you God in his pmise conteyned in his holye Worde, & in the contents of this booke.”

“ THE OTHE OF A BURGESSE.”

“ Out of use.” “ You shall a good & leige man be to our Souraigne L. the Q. Ma^{tie} & to her heires & lawfull successors Kings or Queenes of this Realme. You shall a faithfull & true Burgesse be of this Borroughe. You shall to the uttermoste of your power & wisdomes mainteyne and defende the ffranchises, Libertyes, Priviledges & Jurisdictiones, of this Borroughe. You shall not reveile or disclose the secretts of yo^r Bayliffe, or other matters of weighte touchinge the prmises. But shall gladlye and willinglye obey & assiste your Bayliffe in all points touchinge the good orders made for the better Regiment of this

Borroughe. You shall not Impleade, moleste, greive or accuse anye the Burgesses yo^r brethren without license of your Bayliffe. And all and singular other thinge & things doe & execute which belongeth to thoffice of a Burgesse to the uttermoste of your power understandinge & knowledge, soe helpe you God in His pmise conteyned in this book &^c”

“THE OTHE OF A FFREE MAN.”

“*Out of use.*” “You shall a true & leige man be to the Q. Ma^{tie} her heires & successors Kings or Queenes of this Realme. You shalbe obedient aydeinge and assistinge to M^r the Bayliffe and his Brethren the Burgesses of this Borroughe & theire successors in all matters & callings touchinge good Orders of this Borrough as tyme and place shall require, & that upon reasonable warneinge & knowledge to be giuen you. And that as farre as in you maye lye you shall strengthen mainteyne and defende all the lawfull franchises, libertyes, & jurisdictiones of this said Borrough, & obedientlye receyve & followe all lawfull honest & necessarye Orders & constitutions made or to be made by the Bayliffe & Burgesses or the greater pte of them for the utilitye & better Regiment & gournance of the same & thinhabitants thereof, and speciallye in assistinge the Bayliffe, Burgesses, Constables & other officers for the conservaton of the Q. peace, & suppressinge of felonious, Ryotous or other seditious psons makeinge anye resistaunce, affraye or other Tumult within the saied Borrough. And in all other things shall shewe yo^r selfe as a true & faithfull member of this Borrough ought to do as well by open demonstraton as by secrett practise to the uttermoste of yo^r power knowledge and wisdom soe helpe you God in His pmise conteyned in His holye worde & in the contents of this booke.”

“THE OTHE OF SEALERS OF LEATHER.”

“Yee shall swears that you shalbe true searchers of leather wthin this Borroughe, and shall duelye search looke and see that all manner of Tanned Leather offered or putt to sale within this Borroughe be well lawfullye and sufficientlye Tanned and wroughte. And neither for favour or affecton of anye pson or psons yee shall allowe anye Leather which is not sufficientlye wroughte and Tanned. And all other matters and things which belonge and apperteyne unto your office herein to doe accordinge to the Lawes and Statuts of this Realme & the auneyent usage and customes of this Borroughe, Yee shall

truelye and faithfullye observe & doe so neere as God shall giue yee grace. Soe helpe yee God &c."

"THE OTHE FOR FLESHE."

"You shall true Inquisition and search make throughout all the Houses of all Butchers, ynnkeepers, Tiplers, Taverners, victualers and other suspect houses or places within this Borroughe, for such as contrarye to the good lawes of this Realme. Doe without especiall Lycense, kyll or sell, or cause to be killed or solde anye fleshe, or shall dresse suffer or consent to be dressed, or shall eate or suffer to be eaten anye fleshe within anye of their Houses in this tyme of Lent, and true prsentment thereof make to M^r. Bayliffe & his brethren the Burgesses of this Borroughe, wtout favour affecton or respect of psons. Soe helpe you God in His pmise conteyned in His holye worde &c."

"THE OTHE OF CONNERS OR SEARCHERS OF THE FFAYRES & MKETTS."

"Yee shall haue regarde & see throughout the ffayres & Mketts of this Borroughe, that all mann^r of victualls as ffishe fflesh & others, that there be solde noe corrupte or unholosome victualls, but such as shalbe good & holesome for the K. Ma^{tie} leige people, wtout takeinge excessive gaynes for the same. And all other things which to yo^r office apperteyne wtout favour or affecton you shall truelye doe & execute. Soe helpe you God."

"THE YEARLYE PAYEMENT FOR THE PISHE OF CHIPPENHAM, TOWARDS THE RELEASE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MARSHALSEY, KINGS BENCH, MAYMHED SOLDIERS & THE GAOLE OF FFISHERTON ANGER AS FOLLOWETH, VIZ^t."

"In primis out of the Borroughe	xj ^s	x ^d
Out of Stanley & Nethermore	xj ^s	x ^d
Out of Allington & that parte	xj ^s	x ^d
Out of Titherton lucas	vj ^s	vij ^d
Out of Rowdon ffarme	iiij ^s	vj ^d
Out of Mounckton ffarme	v ^s	v ^d
Out of Harnehuishe	iiij ^s	vj ^d
Sume	liij ^s	iiij ^d

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION.

“ The xiiijth daye of October 1597 William Ameat late Bayliffe yelded up his accoumpt, and deliured to the foresaid William Gale nowe Bayliffe in stocke Nihill.”

“ Md. That upon the xiiijth daye of Januarye A^o pd Josephe Barnes glasier undertooke to susteyne mainteyne amende & keepe the two Glasse windowes in the Guildhall Chamber in all necessarye & needfull repaton of glaseinge. In consideraton whereof it is agreed by the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses, That he the said Josephe shall have paied hym yearelye in the feaste of S^t Michael Tharchangle the some of vj^d.”

“ Md. That upon the xiiijth daye of ffebruarye A^o pd. It is agreed by the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses, That the copice called Rowdons Downe Copice shall forthw^t be encopiced or bounded & afterwards solde & felled.”

“ The names of the Jurye that are Impaunelled & sworne for search of eatinge of fleshe the 26th of March 1598.”

“ Edw ^d Bentley	} Jur :	Niclus Pinchinge	} Jur :
Robtus Hawkins		Johes Gryffyn	
Willms Orpen		Johes Brewer	
Thoms Pytt		Willms ffranklyn	
Petrus Josslyn jun ^r .		Johes Chapman	
Willms Hyll		Henricus Ladd	

Omnia bene.”

“ The names of the Jurye that are Impaunelled & sworne for the search of eatinge of fleshe the xth daye of Aprill 1598.”

“ Robtus Hawkins	} Jur :	Willms Younge	} Jur.
Edns Essington		Henricus Ladd	
Willms Orpen		Johes Hyll	
Willms Webbe		Thos Pytt	
Johes Scott		Willms Hyll	
Willms Drake		Nichus Pinchinge”	

“ Qui quidem jurat psent sup sacru sun q^d milli inhitates in villa de Chippenham pd comederunt carmen tempore quadragesimale.”

“In the feaste of S^t Michaell Tharchangle A^o Dm 1598. And in the fortieth yeare of the raigne of our Souveraigne Ladye Elizabeth nowe Queene &^c William Geale was elected & chosen Bayliffe of the foresaied Borroughe of Chippenham. And prsentlye sworne to the executon of the same office w^{tin} the saied Borrough, before Willm Gale then late Bayliffe, Edwarde Stafforde, John Scott, Willm Ameatt, Willm. Exham, Willm. Kyte, Willm Westfielde, Nathaniell Colman, Henry Berge, Willm. Banks, & Henrye Banks, beinge then Burgesses of the same Borroughe, & succeedeth the saied Willm. Gale.”

“The xjth daye of October A^o pd^o. The foresaied Willm Gale late Bayliffe yelded up his accoumpts. And delivred into the hands of the foresaied Willm Geale Bayliffe in stocke ^liiij. ij^v vj^d”

The same daye the saied George Willms and Willm Drake were sworne searchers and sealers of leather w^{tin} the saied Borroughe.

The same daye Robert Giffard thelder was made free & sworne, his fyne is iij^v iij^d

The same daye Willm Kyte jun^r was bounde Apprentice unto John Williams Cordweyner for the terme of seaven yeares from the feaste of S^t Luke the vangeliiste laste paste. his salarye at thende of the saied terme onlye. Double rayem^t for holye dayes and workeinge days.”

“The laste daye of June Ao pd Westmeade grasse was solde by ffarrendles to the inhabitants, p acre vj^v viij^d”

“Upon the feaste daye of S^t Michaell Tharchangle A^o Dni 1600. And in the two & ffortieth yeare of the Raigne of o^r souveraigne Ladye Elizabeth, nowe Queene &^c William Bankes Cordwayner, was elected and chosen Bayliffe of the foresaied Borroughe of Chippenham. And forthwth sworne to the executon of the same office within the saied Borroughe, Before Henry Berrye then late Bayliffe, Edwarde Stafforde, William Ameat, John Scott, William Exham, Gabriell Gowldney, William Geale, William Gale, Henry Banks, William Westfielde, and Edwarde Bentley beinge then Burgesses of the same Borroughe, and succeedeth the saied Henry Berrye.”

“The xvth daye of October A^o pd. The foresaied Henry Berrye late Bayliffe yelded up his accoumpte. At w^{ch} tyme rested due unto hym upon his saied accoumpte the some of ^liiij. xvij^v iij^d”

“The xvijth daye of November, A^o pd Gabriell ffarnewell als Gowldney is Disburgessed, for that he hath made a contempte & misdemeaned hymselfe

towards the saied Mr. Bayliffe and hys Brethren contrarye to his Oath. By the saied Willm Banks nowe Bayliffe, Willm Ameat, Willm Geale, Henrye Berry, Nathaniell Colman, Henry Banks, Willm Wastfelde & Edwarde Bentley.

Memorandm that upon the xxiiij daye of the foresaied Moneth November, A^o pd. It is assented & agreed by the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the foresaied Borrough namelye subscribed, That if the saied Gabriell ffarnewell alias Gowldney shall at anye tyme hereafter commence anye suite plainte or acton againste the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses touchinge his disburgessinge as is aforesaied, That then we all assent & agree, that in defence thereof the charge shalbe borne out by the foresaied Borroughe Landes, as in other cases the same hath heretofore usuallye bene done, Willm Banks Bayliffe, Willm Ameat, Willm Geale, Henry Berry, Nathaniell Colman, Henry Banks, Willm Wastfelde & Edwarde Bentley.

The same xxiiij daye of November A^o pd. John ffabyan is elected into the office of a Burgesse & sworne the same tyme to the executon thereof, & succeedeth the saied Gabriell ffarnewell als Gowldney."

"The ixth daye of March A^o pd. Henry Ladd is disfranchised, for that he favoureth or rather alloweth the abuse of his wief late done and openlye comitted againste the saied nowe Mr. Bayliffe.

The same daye John Scott surrendered & yelded up his office of Burgishippe unto the foresaid Mr. Bayliffe in the psence of the said late recyted Burgesses."

"The laste daye of Julye A^o pd. John Berett & John Brewer are disfranchised for offending in the causes sett downe in the iiiijth Article of the Orders nowe in force for the better Regiment of the Borrough aforesaied."

"The xixth daye of Maye A^o dni 1602. Edwarde Stafforde the elder & Willm Exham are disfranchised & excluded out of the ffellowshippe of Burgishippe, for that by learned Councill, theire habitatons & dwellings are wtout the foresaid Borroughe, & beinge not wtin the Lymitts & Boundes of the same Borrough are therefore not to be members of the bodye Politick there."

"Md that upon the xxixth daye of September, A^o pd, ante horam nonam eisdem diei, It is agreed by mutuell & comon assent of the whole Bodye politicke there assembled together, That unto Willm Ameat, Henry Berry,

Willm Banks, Nathaniell Colman, Edward Bentley & Joⁿ ffabyan nowe Burgesses, in consideraton of their late expences touchinge the complainte of^(A) Gabriell Gowldney & others lately exhibited in her highness Courte of Chauncery againste them, shalbe allowed unto them the said Burgesses laste before recyted, & eurye of them the some of twentye shillings apeece towards their saied costs to be paied unto them & eurye of them their executors or assignes yearelye by iiij^s apeece either in grasse out of Westmeade, or rather some other waighe if the same convenientlye maye be done."

"These Inhabitants have their Turnes."

IN PIPPESMORE.

Edwarde Essington.	Thomas Baker.
Robert Barton.	Richard Paste.
Henry Banks.	William Drake.
William Ancker.	Henry Milsham.

IN BOLTS CROFTE.

William Ladd.
 William Exham.
 William Stephens.
 William Banks.
 John ffabyan."

[Here follows a copy of the Decree of 1 James I.]

"THE NAMES OF ALL THE INHABITANTS HOUSEHOLDERS BEINGE NOW YNMATS WITHIN THE SAIED BORROWE ACCORDINGE TO THEIR AUNCIENTYE ALREADY REGISTERED."

[No date, but probably 1604.]

" Johan Vizer vid :	William Wastfeilde.
Katharyne Orpyn vid :	Elianor Balden vid : defunct.
George Higgins.	William Ladd.
John Norwaye.	Richard Vincent.

(A) The important Decree of 1 James I. was the result.

Edward Stafford.
 Johan Hopkins vid : defunct.
 Robert Exham.
 William Ameat.
 Robert Hawkins.
 William Banks.
 Millecent Nashe vid:
 Agnes Collyns vid : marit.
 William Hyll.
 John Thomas.
 James Howithropp.
 Henry Ladd.
 Phillippe Smith.
 John Banks.
 Robert ffarre alias Linsey.
 John Berett Taylor.
 Leonard Griffyn.
 John Roberts.
 John Hyll.
 William Harmer.
 Edward Essington.
 Robert Barton.
 William ffrancklyn Sen^r.
 Henry Banks.
 William Ancker.
 William Exham.
 William Stephens.
 Richard Lloyd als Paste.
 Thomas Baker.
 William Drake.
 John ffabyan.
 Walter Little.
 Henry Milsham.
 Nathaniell Colman.
 Henry Godbye.
 Henry Berye.
 ffancis Barnes.

Henry Stafford.
 Gabriell Gouldney.
 William Gale.
 Gyles Humfrey.
 Thomas Pill.
 Robert Webbe.
 Richard Surrell.
 Josephe Barnes.
 John Gale.
 John Sineawe.
 John Griffyn.
 Agnes Plant vid :
 John Scott Clothier.
 Edward Haynes.
 Henry Saunder.
 John Baker.
 George Cooke.
 Robert Baker.
 John Brewer.
 Hughe Brewer.
 Samuell Colman.
 Nicholas Pinchinge.
 Thomas Traunker.
 Edward Bentley.
 Edward Godbye.
 Edmund Russe.
 Roberte Giffard.
 Richard Wastfielde.
 John Cole.
 John Johnson.
 John Hinds.
 Zacharias Cartwrite.
 Thomas Orpyn.
 Nicholas Collyns.
 William Ely Thomas Atkins gen^t.
 William Escoate.
 John Scott Weaver.

William Mariwaye.
 Edmund Warman defunct.
 John Hibberd.
 Edward Wastfeilde Jun^r.
 Richard Wastfeilde gent.
 John Bull.
 Robert Phillipps.
 Thomas Hawkins.
 Gabriell Milsham.
 Richard Bonde.
 John Batten.

John Creed.
 Robert Alwaye.
 John Berett dyer.
 George Harford als Willys.
 William Jones.
 Henrye Bishoppe.
 John Essington.
 John Scott Weaver.
 Thomas Norwaye.
 Robert Banks."

"The viijth daye of October 1604 Gabriell ffarnewell als Goldney was elected & sworne a Burgesse of the Borroughe aforesaid."

"The xxvijth daye of October A^o pd two cheeks, two Pats & one shanke of red leather seized the xvijth of the same moneth by the searchers were tryed accordinge to the statute A^o primo Jacobi Regis.

	by	
William Banks	} Jur :	Robert Banks
John Hibberd		John Hearne als Starre
John Spencer		William Baylye
		} Jur :

which saye upon their oath, That the saied leather soe seyzed as aforesaid is insufficiently Tanned whole & therefore the same is forfeited accordinge to the saied statute, & they alsoe prize the same to xx^d."

"William Hyll Richard Wastfeilde & Henry Moodye are appointed comrs of the ffayres & marketts."

"The vth daye of April 1605 Bolts Croft and Burleasue allotted to

Nathaniell Colman	Henry Stafford	} Bur :
Henry Berye	Gabriell Goldney	
Gyles Humfreye	William Gale	
Robert Webbe	Thomas Pill	
John Smearve	John Griffyn	

The same daye Pippesmore allotted to

Henry Godbye	John Gale	} Bur :
ffrancis Barnes	John Scott Clothier	
Richard Surrell	Edward Haynes	
Joseph Barnes	Henry Launder "	

“The vth of Julye 1605 Robert Drake was charged to have committed a trespas in the Coppice by cuttinge downe a younge saplinge there late groweinge, which he denyed not, for which offence he was amerced ij^s. And the same prsentlye given toward the amendm^t of the highe waye in the streate of the Borroughe aforesaid.”

“Md That upon the xvijth daye of September A^o. superdict: ffor the more increase of grasse in Westmeade & the better feedinge of sheepe there in tyme of winter for eurm^{ore}. It is Ordeyned granted & agreed, That such pson^e or pson^s as shall hereafter buye compounde or agree for the herbage & winterleazue for sheepe in the saied meade called Westmeade, shall not have thereupon depastured & fedd above the number of fflower score sheepe in all at anye one tyme, upon payne to forfeite & loose for eurye such sheepe over & above the saied number of lxxx soe there wittinglye & willinglye suffered to depasture & feede, the some of iij^s. iiij^d. By John ffabyan nowe Bayliffe Edward Stafford, William Ameat, William Wastfelde, Gabriell Goldney, Nathaniell Colman, Henry Berry, William Banks, Edward Bentley then Burgesses.”

“Item That whereas in the Decree established menton is made of allowance unto the Bayliffe of the Borroughe for the tyme beinge upon the makeinge of his accoumpte, the some of sixe Poundes yearely for such causes & things as in the saied Decree are expressed. And whereas the Bridge & Causwaye are in greate decaye, And the Rents Revenues yssues & profitts of the Borrough Lands smale, untill the Leese heretofore made of pte of the same Lands called Englands, unto one Roberte ffranklyn deceased, be expired and determined. In consideraton whereof, It is alsoe the same daye further Ordayned graunted & agreed, That the Bayliffe of the foresaied Borrough for the tyme beinge shall not at anye tyme hereafter dureinge the contynuance of the Lease last before remembered Haue or be allowed upon the makeinge of his accoumpte aboute the some of fflower Poundes in money yearelye for & towards the causes & things in the saied Decree mentioned, anye matter or thinge in the saied Decree mentioned or conteyned to the contrarye thereof in anye wise notwtstandinge. By the laste before named Bayliffe & Burgesses.”

“The xxiiijth daye of Auguste A^o. pd. A rate for Taxaton was made accordinge to the Decree, for Wardinge upon the markett & fayre dayes dureinge the tyme of infecton in Corsham, for the muster M^r and dressinge of Armour

delivered to the Constables Willm Crooke & John Hinds amountinge to the some of xxxij^a viij^d. Towards w^{ch} Richard Lloyde als Paste one of thinhabitants of the foresaied Borroughe was assessed to paye ij^d w^{ch} beinge of hym demaunded obstinatlye refused the same to paye. Therefore he is disfranchised & debarred of all benefitt out of the Borroughe Lands accordinge to the Decree and Order established."

"The xxvith daye of October A^o ultimo infra script : ix payre of shoes of diurse sizes, seised upon the xviiith daye of the same moneth in the open fayre by the searchers aforesaid, were tryed accordinge to the Statute A^o primo. Regis Jacobi.

	by			
William Banks	}	John Hibberd	}	
ffrancis Barnes		Jur :		John Essington
Henry Bishops				John Spencer

Which saye upon their Oath, That the foresaied ix payre of shoes are made pte of calves leather & therefore not sufficient wares accordinge to the saied statute, for w^{ch} cause they finde them all forfeited by the saied statute, & they price the same shoes at vj^a "

"The tenth daye of January A^o pd. One rate or Taxaton was made accordinge to the Decree for the Marshalsey Kings Bench Mayhmed Soldiers and Gaole money, & delivred unto ffrancis Barnes Churchwarden amountinge to the some of xx^a."

"The xviiith daye of ffebruarye A^o pd. A proportionable Rate was made accordinge to the Decree for the Burgesse of the Parliam^t, viz^t :—xij^d a piece eurye Inhabitante w^{ch} beinge demanded of Robert Webb & Samuell Colman, They & either of them obstinatlye refused the same to paye, Therefore they & either of them are disfraunchised & debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrowe Lands accordinge to the Decree & Order established."

"The Jurye Impannelled for the eatinge of fleshe & sworne upon the xiiijth of Aprill 1606 saye upon their oath. That Thomas Baker & Robert Baker Butchers have killed dressed & solde fleshe in this tyme of Lent in their houses w^{tin} the foresaied Borroughe. And that the saied Robert this psente morninge offered & put to sale in his shoppe one quart^r of veale one Loyne of veale 1 qrt^r of mutton iij should^rs of mutton & 1 brest of mutton contrarye to the statute. All which valued at iij^a iiij^d."

"The xvijth daye of October A^o Dni 1606 Westmeade was broken & the herbage enjoyed by thinhabitants accordinge to the Decree."

"The firste daye of Julye A^o pd The crophe of Westmeade was solde to thinhabitants householders of the said Borroughe beinge noe Inmats accordinge to the Decree established, & then allotted, viz^t To the Bayliffe & his Brethren the Burgesses, One Acre appeece; & unto lvij other Inhabitants one ffarrendle apeece. And the surplusage or resedue then remaininge viz^t One Acre & three ffarrendles was likewise allotted to the auntiest Inhabitants viz :

Johnan Vizer	} Widdowes	John Norwaye
Katharyne Orpett		Elianor Balden vid.
George Higgins		Agnes Ladd vid. Richard Vincent."

"Memorand That whereas of late certaine of the Borroughe Landes, that is to saye, Inglands Westmeade & Bolts Crafte are founde or thoughte to be ^(A) Assart Lands, & thereby whollye in his saied Ma^{ty} hands. And that upon new Composition & purchasinge thereof againe unto the said Borroughe, certaine unknowen summes of money forthwith are to be disburssed & laied out as well unto his saied Ma^{ty} Commissioners for the same in that behalf authorised & appointed as alsoe in advise of Counsell, perfectinge of assureaunce, & travell in effectinge the same. It is therefore upon the xxixth daye of October A^o Dni 1607. Ordered graunted and agreed. That whasoever summe or summes of money are or shalbe defrayed disburssed or laied out in & aboute the premisses & eurye or anye pcell thereof in the Lawe or otherwise. The same and eurye pcell thereof shalbe raised, made, paied and discharged out of the saied Borroughe Landes, soe soone as the same maye convenientlye be had, made, & gotten, unlesse a more speedye satisfacton shall therefore be founde out & pvided.

It is likewise expresslye Ordered & agreed. That for & in consideration of the rayssinge and makeinge up of those summes of money, which for the obteyninge and effectinge of the foresaid prmisses are or shalbe defrayed or layed out. The grasse in Westmeade shall forthw^t be allotted to the saied

(A) Assart Lands were those at some time included within the bounds of a Royal Forest; they were by no means necessarily covered with trees. In early times Chippenham Forest was a feudal appendage to the Royal Castle of Devizes.

Bayliffe Burgesses & the Inhabitants of the saied Borroughe for two cropps onlye at tenne shillings per Acre, and to paye the moneys therefore beforehand. And such of the said Burgesses and Inhabitants as doe or shall refuse soe to doe, maye either allowe or putt over their Lotts or Turnes unto anye other of the said Inhabitants, or else in defaulte thereof, it shall and maye be lawfull to & for the said Bayliffe of the said Borrough to sell and allott the same soe refused to anye other of the saied Inhabitants that are or shalbe willinge to accepte thereof and paye the moneys therefore before hand. Alsoe the dispasturinge and ffeedinge of Bolts Crafte Burleazue and Pipsmore shall likewise be solde or lett forth unto anye person or persons that will yelde or paye moste profitt for the same before hande for two yeares onlye from the feast daye of Thannuntiaton of the blessed Virgyne Marye nowe nexte comeinge. And likewise the Woode of the Copice shortlye to be allotted amongst the said Bayliffe Burgesses and Inhabitants at twentye shillings per Acre accordinge to the Decree. And the moneys of all and singular the saied pmises soe to be made raised up and receyv^{ed} in manner & forme aforesaid shall & maye be used layed out & imployed by the foresaid Bayliffe for thintents & purposes laste before mentioned.

And whereas it nowe appeareth upon the castinge up of all summes of money in obteyneinge the pmises before mentioned. The Totall thereof doth amounte to the summe of fflower score seaven Pounds Three shillings & Tenne pence of currant English money. Whereof there hath bene receyved of the Bayliffe Burgesses & Di^{ns} of the Inhabitants of the said Borrough for the grosse yearelye groweinge for Haye in Westmeade for Two Yeares from the feast of Thannuntiaton of the blessed virgyne nexte ensueinge, the summe of thirtye fower Pounds. Of Thomas Pill for two years pfitts of Bolts Crofte The summe of Nyne Pounds. Of Henrye Bysshoppe for two yeares pfitts of Burleazue, The summe of Eighte Pounds for the saied grounds called Pipsmore for Two years, the summe of ffive pounds three shillings and Tenne pence. Of the Bayliffe Burgesses and Inhabitants of the said Borroughe for Woode now solde out of the Copice The summe of twentye one Pounds Tenne shillings. And of Edward Stafford towards the saied compositon for the saied Borrough Lands soe newlye purchased & otherwise, The summe of Tenne Pounds. All which ptcular summes have been receyved by the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses of the saied Borroughe, & beinge soe receyved doe amount unto the before mentioned summe of fflower score Seaven Pounds Three shillings Tenne pence.

And whereas alsoe at the tyme of the Compositon made w^t the Kings Ma^{tie} Commissionrs for the saied Borroughe Lands whereunto his Ma^{tie} was lately entitled unto. It was expresslye concluded in the saied Compositon, That the saied Edward Stafford Tennant unto certaine of the same Lands called Inlands, shouldbe (in consideraton of the summe of fflower Poundes of currant English money by hym to be paied towards the saied Compositon) Quietlye enjoye those Grounds called Inlands for & dureinge all the tyme & terme for yeares mentioned & expressed in a Writinge thereof made by the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the foresaied Borroughe unto one Robert franklyn Gent. deceased, Which tyme or terme doth not exceede the number of Nyne Yeares at the feaste of St. Michaell Tharchangle laste paste. Which saied fflower Poundes the saied Edward Stafforde hath accordinge to the saied Compositon paied. And for his more peaceable enioyeinge of the prmisses, Hath beside giuen towards the great Chardge in obteyninge settlinge & establishinge the saied Borroughe Lands to the said Bayliffe & Burgesses & their Successors, the summe of sixe Poundes of like currant English money w^{ch} he likewise hath accordinglye fullye satisfied.

Giuen in record at a Meetinge or an assemblye in the Guilde Hall of the Borroughe aforesaied the xxvith daye of ffebruarye A^o Dni 1607. By Thomas Hawkins Bayliffe, Edward Stafforde, Willm Ameat, Willm Wasteilde, John Roberts, Gabriell Gowldney, Henry Berye, Willm Gale, Nathaniell Colman, John ffabyan Burgesses of the saied Borroughe, Assisted with Thirteene of the moste discrete and moste sufficiente Inhabitants of the saied Borroughe."

"The names of certaine psons with their paym^{ts} Quarterlye for certaine the Builte standings from the feast of the Nativitye of St. John Baptiste 1608, viz^t "

"Henry Berye ... ..	... ..	iiij ^s	William Hill ... ..	... ..	iiij ^s
Thomas Pill ... ..	... ..	iiij ^s iiiij ^d	John Baker of Calne ...	... ..	ij ^s vi ^d
Edward Haynes ... ..	... ..	iiij ^s	William Jones ... ..	... ..	ij ^s vj ^d
William Elye, jun ^r ... ..	... ..	iiij ^s iiiij ^d	William Wheeler ... ..	... ..	xviiij ^d
John Harrys Cutler ... ..	... ..	iiij ^s iiiij ^d	Gyles Humfrey, sen ^r ...	... ..	xv ^d

"Certaine Orders and Ordinauncs made by the Bayliffe [Gabriel Goldney] and Burgesses of the Borrough of Chippenham aforesaied with the

comon consent and good allowance of thinhabitants there, concluded and agreed upon at there generall meetinge in the Guildhall the xxixth daye of September 1609."

"Undertenant
or Inmate
forreyners." In primis. That noe Inhabitante from henceforth receave to dwell within the Borroughe, anye Tennant, undertennante or under tennants, Inmate or Inmats, beinge forreyner or forreyners, without the consente and alloweance of the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the saied Borrough or the more pte of them thereunto firste had. To thende the said Borrough maye be the better freed from chardge. And if anye shall take upon hym or them to doe the contrarye, everye such to be debarred in takeinge anye profit of the Borroughe Landes, untill upon his or there reformaton and submisson he or they shalbe restored and admitted to receyve the same againe by and with the consente and alloweance of the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses or the more pte of them.

"Controversye
or debate." Item for the better nourishinge of neighbourlye Amitye wtin the saied Borroughe, It is ordeyned, That if anye controusye Question or debate whatsoever betweene neighbors or neighbour shall happen to arise or growe for anye matter or cause whatsoever whereof informaton is giuen unto, or notice thereof taken by the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses. Then if the saied Bayliffe and Burgesses shall endeavour by all good meanes to settle paice & agreem^t betweene the disagreeinge pties, and shall sende unto the saied pties to haue them to come before them to treat of a neighbrlye reconcil^mt betweene them for disagreeinge. And the saied disagreeinge pties shall wilfullye refuse to come before the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses to that ende. Then everye such to be Debarred in takeinge anye profit of the Borroughe Lands, untill upon his or there reformaton and submisson, he or they shalbe restored and admitted to receyue the same againe by & w^t the consente & alloweaunce of the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses or the more parte of them as aforesaied. Prouided alwayes, That if noe such neighbourlye reconciliaton maye be obteyned by the meanes aforesaied (which is wished & desired maye be) That it shall or maye be lawfull to everye such disagreeinge ptie to seeke his ordinarye remedye for the rightinge of hymself elsewhere.

"Comon
Nusance." "Item for the better prservaton of the saied Borroughe from corrupte unwholesome & noysome savors which ingendereth infecton of the ayer to the comon nusance of thinhabitants of the saied Borroughe, It is Ordeyned that noe inhabitant shall from henceforth throwe caste out or

laye in anye street within the saied Borroughe anye Carrion Mucke or Dunge or make within the saied Borroughe anye comon or other Muxon or Dunghill, And shall not within Seaven dayes after notice thereof given or within shorter tyme if neede be require, Purge clense rydde & carrye cleane awaye all the Carrion Mucke & Dunge soe by hym or them or anye their servantes thrown cast out or laied in anye such street within the saied Borroughe. That then all and everye such pson & psones soe offendinge contrarye to the Tener hereof, shalbe Debarred in takeinge anye profitt of the Borroughe Landes, untill upon his or their reformaton & submisson, he or they shalbe restored & admitted to receyue the same againe by and the consent & alloweance of the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses or the more pte of them.

"Charitable uses." Item Where heretofore diurse godlie disposed psones out of charitable dispositon have given & bestowed diurse summes of money to be employed in stocke for the releife both of young Marryed Couples, and alsoe of ancient inhabitantes beinge somewhat decayed in their estates, which summes of money have not wroughte the good which it woulde have done, if it had bene Ymployed as it was intended, It is nowe Ordeyned by genrall and mutuall consent of the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses, That from henceforth the saied stocke of money shalbe yearlye lent & sett forth freelye by waye of loane upon good securitye to the psons as aforesaid, and noe one pson to have thereof yearlye a lesse Summe than Three Pounds, nor a greater summe thereof yearlye than fyve Pounds.

"Depravinge the Bayliffe or anye Burgesse." Item whereas greate chardgs and expenses have bene disburssed and much travell and labour have bene bestowed in establishinge & settlinge the Borroughe Landes (as nowe it standeth Decreed by Decree of the Highe Courte of Chauncerye) and especiallye to thende to unite, establishe, nourishe and settle pfect peace and amitye betweene the saied Bayliffe Burgesses and Inhabitants which for longe time have remained at variance & unreconciled by meanes of some few psones haueing Turbulente and workinge spiritts and beinge of frowarde dispositon, and some fewe of such kinde of Turbulent psones still springinge up to the disquiett trouble & vexaton of the comon peace and tranquilitye of the saied Bayliffe Burgesses & Inhabitants, whoe doe nothinge more Desire than that true friendshippe & neighbourlye love continue amongst them. It is nowe Ordeyned, That if anye such Turbulent pson or psons, shall from henceforth (out of a factious or seditious humor) either in wordes or speaches Deprave or abuse the saied

Bayliffe or anye the Burgesses of the saied Borroughe in or aboute the saied pmisses soe worthilye established and decreed as aforesaied, or shall move or stirre up anye other of the saied inhabitants to be adherents or consortes unto hym or them in anye such factions or seditious & purpose. That then everye such pson or psones soe offendinge, shalbe debarred in takeinge anye profit of the Borroughe Landes until upon his or their reformaton and submisson, He or they shalbe restored and admitted to receyve the same againe by & with the consente and alloweance of the saied Bayliffe and Burgesses or the more pte of them.

Item whereas in the saied Decree established (amongest other things) it is ordeyned & Decreed, That noe Inhabitant wthin the saied Borroughe shall at anye tyme then afterwards Devide his Tenem^t House or Habitation into diurse pts or Habitations, or into more habitations than one whereby anye pson or psons inhabitants thereof shall or maye take anye benefitt of the saied Borrough Landes by vertue of the saied Decree. And that noe Inhabitant which at anye tyme afterwards shall dwell in anye newe erected house within the saied Borroughe where noe house or habitation was at the tyme of the makeinge of the saied Decree, shall have or take anye benefitt of the saied Borroughe Landes or of anye pcell of the same. It is nowe Ordeyned, That all such Devision of Houses & newe Erected Houses shall from tyme to tyme be registrd by everye Bayliffe before his Departure out of his office, or at the tyme when he yeldeth up his accoumpte. To thende the truth in the pmisses maye the better appeare. And that the antient Inhabitantes of the saied Borroughe maye not by anye such meanes be prvented or delayed of their Turnes & benefitts in & out of the saied Borroughe Landes."

"A NOTE OF SUCH DEVIDED & NEWE ERECTED HOUSES WHICH HAUE BENE DEVIDED & BUILTE WTHIN THE SAIED BORROUGHE SITHENCE THE DECREE MADE IN CHAUNCERYE. A^o. DNI 1603."

The list describes in detail the newly erected or divided houses, with the date of erection or division ; amongst others :—

"In primis, One Cottage upon pte of a pocke of pasture nowe Robert Hawkins adioyneinge unto the late Dwelling house of one Henrye Godbye deceased, in w^{ch} one John Johnson nowe inhabiteth. Erected & finished, A^o. Dni. 1605.

Item one other little Cottage in Rotten Reawe betweene the nowe houses of one Robert Alwaye & Willm Harm^r in w^{ch} one Robert Exham nowe inhabiteth Erected and finished A^o Dni. 1608.

Item one other Cottage upon pcell of a ground called the Ymberrie adioyneinge unto certaine gardens in Cookstreete in w^{ch} one John Lowe nowe inhabiteth. Erected & finished 1609.

“ Item all other shoppes heretofore used for standings in the saied shambles & in the markt place (whereof some are nowe converted for habitations) are not to be accounted & taken for ancient Cottags or Houses, but onely shoppes or standings as heretofore they were & have bene accounted used & taken.”

“ Sheep leasue in Westmead.”

Ga : Gouldney	} liij ^s iiij ^d .
John Gale	
Henrye Berrye	
William Scott	
Henry Ladd	
Richard Bond	
Roberte Barton	
Thomas Baker ”	

“ Allotments A^o Dni 1610 ”

Here follow the names of those receiving allotments in Bolts Croft, Burleasue and Pipsmore.

“ Westmeade Grasse.”

“ The same vjth daye of July Anno pd. The croppe of Westmeade was solde to the Inhabitants Householdiers of the said Borroughe beinge noe Inmats accordinge to the Decree established, & then allotted, that is to saye, To the Bayliffe and his brethren the Burgesses one acre apeece. And to four score Inhabitants free men one farrendle apeece. And the surplusage or residue then remaininge viz^t one acre was likewise allotted to the next auintientest Inhabitants viz^t

M ^{rs} Ameat	}	Widdowe Nashe	}
Robert Hawkins		John Thomas ”	

“Aboute the feaste of Whitsontyde laste paste, The infectious Disease of the Plague & Pestilence began to be pceyved & to begine wtin the foresaid Borrough and there for the space of fyve monethes at the least did in moste fearfull manner remaine & contynue. In which tyme, great afflicton miserye and calamitye amongst thinhabitants of the same were often felte and indured, manye psons both of riche and poore removed out of the same to dwell untill the beginninge of October and some longer, And manye others taken awaye in the same visitaton to rest in the Earth as appeareth upon the Register Booke of the Pshe. Alsoe for the better releif mainteynance and comforte both of thinfectid sicke and other poore distressed people wtin & neere the same then remaineing & beinge. Thoroughe the mediaton & meere clemencye of the moste pte of the right wor^{ll} Justics nexte adioyneinge. The cuntrye as well wtin fyve myles compasse for three monethes together As alsoe wtin tenneth myles compasse for the fourth & laste moneth in veye christian sorte & commiserat manner contributed and were helpfull. (thankes be given unto God for all his mercyes).”

“The xvijth daye of October 1612 The Meade called Westmeade was broken, and the Herbage or after leasue thereof was enioyed by thinhabitant householders of the same Borroughe accordinge to the Decree.”

“The iiijth daye of December Anno suprdict : The winter Leasue or feedinge for sheepe of Westmeade was graunted unto J^{no}. Scott sen^r Gabriell Gouldney John Gale sen^r Thomas Hawkins Richarde Bonde Robert Barton John Bonde & William Kyte untill the xxvth daye of Marche then nexte followinge accordinge to the Decree & Order established, for the rente of liij^s. iiij^d.”

“Memorandum. That upon the xvith daie of the moneth and yeare afore-saied, John Berrett Taylor & John Cole two Inhabitants Householders wtin the said Borroughe were founde to be Turbulent men, and Disturbers of the Quiett state & govment of the saied Borrough and to have Publiquelye in veye reproachfull and uncivell manner misbehaved themselves againste Edwarde Essington one of the Burgesses & late Bayliff of the saied Borroughe concerninge somethinge done in the tyme of his office not agreeable to their Humores. And in itteratinge the same, their uncivill & inhumaine behavior soe farre exceeded both in taunts scoffs & malicious wordes & charges, that they semed to tend to the causeinge of a Tumult or mutinye wtin the saied Borroughe for matters & things they knewe not what, & to the disturbance of

the peace and Quietnes thereof. Therefore seeinge their malice soe farre appeared, & their misdemean^r & bad example founde to be soe dangerous. It is Ordered & agreed, That they the saied John Berrett & John Cole shall from henceforth be de-barred all benefitt out of the Borrough Lands untill they submitt themselves & be receyved in againe accordinge to the Decree & an Order in that behalfe established."

"The xxist daye of Maye 1613 Gabriell ffarnell als Gouldney jun^r an Inhabitant housholder wtin the foresaid Borroughe, and beinge onlye borne there was admitted and made free to take benefitt of the saied Borroughe Lands accordinge to the Decree & paid for registeringe and recordinge his name as an Inhabitant Householder accordinge alsoe to the Decree. iij^s. iiij^d."

"Md. That where John Berrett an Inhabitant Housholder of the saied Borroughe latelye by Order debarred of his benefitt out of the Borroughe Lands for some offencs by hym formerlye comitted and done. Nowe the saied John haveinge submitted hymselfe in such sorte as the same hath been accepted. It is therefore Ordered, that the saied John Berrett shall forthwith be restored againe to his former place and to have his benefitt accordinge to the Decree. Gratis."

"The vijth daye of Julye 1613 The croppes of Westmeade grasse was allotted & solde to thinhabitants housholders of the saied Borroughe beinge noe Inmats accordinge to the Decree, that is to saye To the Bayliffe and his brethren the Burgesses One Acre apeece. And to fourscore & foure then recorded free Inhabitants one ffarrendle a peece, and noe overpluse remaininge."

"The names of thinhabitants housholders within the said Borrough were Collected and their Dwellinge Houses wherein they inhabited pticularlye named & sett downe, beginninge at the upp^r end of Highe Streete nexte the Woodlane leading to the fforest, viz^t "

"And re-collected in the year 1651."

[Then follows a long list of names for 1613 against which are set the names of the occupants of the same houses in 1651, thus:]

" Robert Giffard thelder . . .	Ada Goldny
Edwarde Essington called the Bull	Theoph: Comly
Alice Harrys Widdowe . . .	Edw: Bayliffe
Gabriel Gouldney the younger . . .	Gab: the Grandchilde
Gabriel Gouldney thelder . . .	Gabr. the sonne now sen ^r ."

“The thirde daye of December 1614. The Bayliff & Burgesses of the foresaied Borroughe, received and had of John Woodlands Executor of the last Will & Testament of Henry Bull gent late deceased, the Sume of Twentye Pounds current Englyshe money, given by hym the saied Henry Bull And to be from tyme to tyme by the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the Boroughe aforesaied lett forth to ffoure tradesmen dwellinge in Chippenham aforesaied, accordinge to the laste Wille & Testam^t of the saied Henry deceased. Which the saied nowe Bayliffe & Burgesses imediatlye performed.”

[An extract from the will follows.]

“Memorandum the tenth daye of Aprill Anno Dni 1615. That Whereas in the tyme of Willm Gale his late Bayliewicke, Three iron Crooks were made & pvided for the better pservaton and savegarde of the whole Towne, upon anye suddaine accident of fire ariseinge within the same Towne. The chardge whereof amounted unto the summe of xx^s. Which shoulde and oughte to haue been borne and paid by Thinhabitants of the same Towne, and not the Lands of the Borroughe to be chardged therew^t all.”

“Memorandum. That whereas of late some parte of the Bridge hath fallen downe. The breach whereof can in noe wise be repaired and amended, without re-edifyinge of one Pillar or Stagge from the foundaton, parte of two other pillars or staggs and whollye two Arches, Which will amounte unto some greate and unexpected chardge, then the Comon Stocke, Rents, pfitts and Revenues of the Borroughe Lands in this yeare ariseinge will satisfye and dischardge, by reason, That the Causwaye thoroughe the great need that it hath to be forthw^t repayred and a greate parte thereof to be newe maide, will take & drawe awaye soe much thereof. It is therefore, upon the laste daye of Maye Anno Dni 1615, Ordered graunted and agreed, That whatsoever sume or sumes of money are or shalbe anywayne defrayed disbursed or laied out in and aboute the re-edifyeing newe makinge or repayreinge of that parte of the Bridge or anye other parte thereof moste needfull to be done: The same and everye parcell thereof, shalbe raised, made, paied, and discharged, out of the Share or Croppe of Grasse and Hay of Westmeade parcell of the Borroughe Lands, and such other parcells of the same Lands as shalbe thought moste fitt and convenient, in such manner as occason shall require or otherwise. And that, the share or croppe of Westmead this psent yeare to be taken and enoyed, shalbe allotted unto the Bayliffe & Burgesses

of the saied Borroughe and thinhabitants housholders of the same (in respect of the psent necessitye) at the rate of xij^s p. le Acre. And iij^s p. le ffarrindle. To be paied by the saied Bayliffe Burgesses & Inhabitants at the allottinge thereof. By Henry Berrye Bayliffe of the Borrough Henry Bayliffe Esquire, Edward Stafforde, John Scott, Gabriell Gouldney, Willm Gale, Nathaniell Colman, John Gale, Edward Essington, Willm Geale, John ffabian, Thomas Hawkins & Thomas Pill then Burgesses of the saied Borroughe. Beinge assisted with Robert Linsey, Gyles Humfrey, ffancis Barnes, Edward Godby, John Woodland, Nathaniell Thorley, Henry Bishoppe, Robert Colman, Gyles Cooley & Phillipp Coggeswell inhabitants housholders of the saied Borroughe. The Decree or anye Order Article or Clause therein conteyned to the contrarye thereof in anyewise notwtstandinge."

"AND WHEREAS, in goeing forwarde of the worke about the saied Bridge, greate chardge more and more did daylye arise and abounde, as well in wages to Masons & Labourers weeklye chosen and appointed for the same. As alsoe in buyeing of Lyme, and stones both free and roughe in greate aboundance, and the digginge and carriage of stones, Soe as the moneys before raised and receyved are well nighe spent disburssed and laied out, and the worke not half pfected. It is therefore further upon the Thirde daye of Julye in the yeare laste aforesaied, Ordered, concluded, condiscended and agreed, That in consideraton of the pmisses, The Share or crophe of Grasse and Hay in Westmeade aforesaied, shall forthwith be allotted to the saied Bayliffe, Burgesses & Inhabitants of the saied Borroughe, for Two Cropps onlye nexte to come & ensue, at x^s p le Acre, and ij^s vj^d p le ffarrindle and to paye the moneys for the same before hande, and such of the saied Burgesses and Inhabitants as doe or shall refuse soe to doe, maye either allowe or sett over their Lotts or Turnes unto anye other of the saied Inhabitants. Or els in defaulte thereof, it shall & maye be lawfull to and for the saied Bayliffe of the Borroughe, To sell & allott the same soe refused to anye other of the saied Inhabitants that are or shalbe willinge to accepte thereof and paye the moneys therefore before hande. And the moneys soe to be made raised up and receyved of and for the pmisses in manner and forme aforesaied, shall and maye be used laied out and imployed by the foresaied Bayliff, for thintents and purposes aboute the Bridge, as laste before is mentioned."

This order was made by the Bayliffe and Burgesses assisted by certain Inhabitants householders of the Borrough whose names are set out.

“AND WHEREAS further after longe and manye dayes contynuaunce about the Reedyfyenge of the foresaid Breach in the Bridge (the Worke now draweing towards an end) wherein haveinge spent disburssed and laied out all the moneys raised and agreed upon out of Westmeade, onlye upon Lyme, Masons, and Labourers wages aboute the same worke, restinge (as yet) to be discharged all manner of stones & the carriage of them and diverse other things apperteyninge to the finishinge and endinge thereof, beside other places and great decayes in the same Bridge forthwith to be amended, leiste the delaye thereof bringe in shorte tyme another such, or rather a worse inconvenience. And therefore upon due consideraton hereof had, and findinge noe waye or meanes to raise and pcure money to beare the psent chardge and burthen of the saied worke But onlye out of the Rents Profitts and Revenues of Bolts Croft, Burleasue and Popplesmore als Pipsmore, other pcells of the saied Boroughe Lands, and not hitherunto chardged and allotted as Westmead is, and hath bene for two Sumer Cropps as aforesaid, (which chardge that waye is sufficient alreadye) and otherwise to raise and collect the same by a pportionable Taxe or Rate upon all Thinhabitants, woulde verye hardlye be broughte to passe, and of some never to be hoped for, by reason of their inhabityte and weeke estate, and manye of them not gettinge mainteynance for this present lief. It is therefore upon the daye of Auguste 1615 further Ordered, Concluded, Condisceded and agreed upon That from the feaste of Thanuntiaton of the blessed Virgyne Marye nexte comeinge, for the Terme of Two Yeares then nexte followeing, ALL manner of Lotts and Turns touchinge and concerninge the Closes or Grounds laste before named, shall staye and not goe forth to anye of Thinhabitants of the saied Borroughe AND THAT it shall and maye be lawfull to and for the saied nowe Bayliffe of the Borrough, To graunte or putt forth the saied Closes called Bolts Crofte and Burleasue, to the beste Comoditye and advantage that maye be made and raised out of the same, for and towards the better of the worke aforesaid, and for the better ease and disburtheninge of the poorer sorte of Thinhabitants from that chardge. And the Overplus thereof (if anye be) w^t the Rents whollye of Pipsmoore the saied Two yeares before specified, To be ymployed and laied out upon the uses mentoned in the Lres Patent and Decree established.

AND WHEREAS FURTHER upon the endeinge and finishinge of the foresaid

worke in the Bridge, and the dischargeinge of all things touchinge the same worke, And findinge that the saied Bayliff of the Borroughe hath disbursed and laied out about the same worke more summes of money then hitherunto he hath anye waye rec^d from and out of the saied Borroughe Lands, and that the Closes of Grounds before mentioned doe as yet remaine unput forth to anye for the saied terme of two yeares before expressed.

IT IS THEREFORE, upon the thirteenth day of September 1615, further Ordered Concluded Condiscended and Agreed, That the saied Henrye Berrye nowe Bayliffe of the saied Burroughe, in consideraton of the sume of Sixteene Pounds of current Englishe money by hym before hand paied in and aboute the prmises, shall or maye from the saied feaste of Thanuntiaton of the blessed virgyne Marye next comeinge as aforesaid, for and dureinge the saied terme of Two yeares then nexte to ensue. Quietlye have holde and enioye, The foresaied severall Closes or Groundes called Boltscrofte and Burleasue, without anye Lett suite trouble or interrupton. Upon this conditon nevertheless, That if in the meane tyme, the sume of seventeene Pounds of like good and lawfull English money shalbe well & truelye contented and paied unto the saied Henrye Berrye his executores or assignes by Thinhabitants of the saied Borroughe or anye of them, Then this psent Order and agrement shall cease and be utterlye voyed and of noe effect to all intents and purposes.

AND WHEREAS alsoe further, it nowe appeareth upon the castinge up of all particular sumes of money aboute the repayreinge and amendinge of the breach in the saied bridge as before is mentioned, the totall thereof doth amounte unto the sume of Three score Nyneteene Pounds Seaven Shillings & Tenne pence of currant Englishe money, whereof there hath bene receyved of the Bayliffe, Burgesses and Inhabitants of the saied Borroughe for the grasse groweinge for Haye in Westmead the laste sumer, the sume of xx⁶ viij^s And of the saied Bayliffe Burgesses and diverse of the Inhabitants for the grasse yearlye to be growen for Haye in Westmead for two yeares from the feaste of Thanuntiaton of the blessed virgyne Marye nexte ensueinge, The sum of xxxiiij⁶ And of the saied Henry Berrye for two yeares pfitts of Bolts Crofte and Burleasue from the saied feast of Thanuntiaton of the blessed Virgyne Mary next comeinge the sume of xvj⁶ ALL WHICH particular Sumes of money, have bene receyved, by the saied Bayliffe and Burgesses of the saied Borrough for the cause and worke last before mentoned, and beinge soe receyved, doe amounte unto the sume of lxx⁶ xii^s And for the Quiett settlinge

and Peaceable enioyeinge of the premisses before Lymited in manner and forme aforesaid, It is therefore lastlye, upon the xxiith daye of September 1615 aforesaid, Accorded Concluded Condisceded and agreed by and betweene the saied Bayliffe Burgesses and Inhabitants of the said Borroughe, That the psons before named and everye of them theirre and everye of theirre Execut^r & Administrat^r shall for the saied Two yeares before mentioned, Quietlye pceyue receyue and take, the seurall pfitts of the pmisses to them ptticularlye graunted or lymited, Without anye Lett, suite, trouble or interup-tion, Unlesse he the saied Henry Berrye or his assignes shalbe paied the saied sume of xvii^l in manner & forme as aforesaid, By Henry Berrye Bayliffe Edward Stafford John Scott Gabriell Gouldney Nathaniell Colman Willm Gale Willm Geale John Gale Edward Essington John ffabian Thomas Hawkins Thos Pill & John Gale Jun^r the Burgesses beinge assisted with the Inhabitants laste before named."

"MEMORANDUM That upon the feast daye of S^t Michaell Tharchangell Anno Dni 1616, The Lease of certaine Pasture Grounds called Inglands pcell of the Borroughe Lands late in the occupaton of Edward Stafford was fullye expired ended & determind. And upon the ffirste daye of December A^o pd. The winter leasue or feedinge for Sheepe and otherwise of & in the Grounde aforesaid was graunted unto the saied Edwarde Stafford untill the feaste daye of thannuntiaton of the blessed virgyne Marye then nexte followeing accordinge to the Decree."

"The same daye, The Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Borroughe aforesaid, Recd and had of S^r Ed : Bayntun K^t Executo^r of the laste Will and Testam^t of S^r Henry Bayntun K^t his late father deceased, the sume of Twentye Pounds of currant Englishe money guien by hym the saied S^r Henry Bayntun, To be from tyme to tyme by the saied Bayliffe and Burgesses lent out yearlye to poore Artificers & Tradesmen dwellinge in Chippenham aforesaid, accordinge to the laste Will and Testam^t of the saied S^r Henry deceased."

"The xiiijth daye of October Anno Dni 1616. A rate or Taxaton was made accordinge to the Decree, for sendinge certaine to the Gaole of ffysherton Anger comitted for felonye, & for match and powder at the late Trayneinge; the muster M^r & Soldiers theirre paye the same Trayneinge, dressinge of the Armorer and dispatch of certaine Soldiers into Ireland for his Ma^{ty} service, Delivered to the nowe Constables John Gale and Gyles Cooley, amountinge in the whole to iiij^l ij^s vj^d. Towards w^{ch}, one Richarde Lloyd

als Paste one of th inhabitants of the saied Borrough was assessed to paye ij^d w^{ch} beinge of hym demanded by the saied Constables, obstinatlye refused to paye the same. Therefore he is disffranchised & debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrough Lands, accordinge to the Decree & Order established the last daye of Aprill 1617."

"Memorandum. That whereas heretofore diverse godlye disposed psons out of a charitable dispositon Haue Giuen and bestowed diverse sumes of money To be employed in stocke by the Bayliff and Burgesses of the Borroughe aforesaied, for and towards the relief and better mainteynance both of younge marryed Couples, and alsoe of annient Inhabitants within the saied Borroughe beinge somewhat decayed in their estate. Which sumes of money have not wroughte the good which it woulde have done, and as it was intended, by reason certaine of the psons aforesaied and sometymes verye manye have bene verye slacke and negligent to repaye, bringe in & laye downe the same moneys once lent unto them, accordinge to their bonds or bills obligatorye in that behalfe: But have deteyned the same from yeare to yeare, yea diverse yeares together to the great trouble of the saied Bayliff and Burgesses in makeinge often meetings about & concerninge the same, the noe lesse dislike of manye others th inhabitants that never or verye seldom have tasted anye benefitt thereof, and chieflye to the noe small discouragem^t of manye other like godlye disposed psons whose charitable dispositon mighte otherwise have bene moved to doe the like, and become alsoe benefacto^r to the saied Borroughe. It is nowe therefore, Ordeyned & agreed by mutuell consent of the saied Bayliff & Burgesses, That from henceforth, If anye of the psons aforesaied, shall not paye bringe in & laye downe unto the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses their Successors or assignes, All such sumes of money as shalbe from tyme to tyme Lente unto them of the moneys and stock aforesaied, in and upon the daye Lymited & accordinge to their Bonds or Bills obligatorye in that behalfe, but shall from thenceforth wtholde & deteyne the same, the space of eighte dayes nexte after their time expired & demande thereof, That then it shall & maye be lawfull to & for the Bayliff of the saied Borroughe for the tyme beinge and his assignes, to put in suite of lawe his & their Bonds or Bills Obligatorye & everye of them soe not taken up and discharged as aforesaied, and by waye of account thereupon to recover the same moneys and everye parte thereof And the psone & psons so deteyninge & wtholdinge anye such moneys, and againste whome lawe shalbe procured or comenced for recoverye thereof, shalbe deemed unworthye of anye further

benefitt of the same moneys and stocke for the terme of three yeares then nexte followinge, unlesse upon good consideraton had, it shalbe by the saied Bayliff & Burgesses or the greater parte of them otherwise thought needfull and convenient."

"Memorand: That whereas of late diverse and sundrye psons inhabitinge within the saied Borroughe and neere adioyneinge thereunto, Have from tyme to tyme soe accustomedly used & practised to fell & cutt downe greene & unlawfull wood for fuell, both wtin his saied Ma^{ty} fforest & else where, & psentlye solde or done awaye the same by Burthens & otherwise to other Inhabitants wtin the same Borrough, That they have made the same their best parte of mainteynance & relief, if not thonlye, & little regardinge anye lawfull vocaton or practice. It is therefore now Ordeyned by generall & mutuall consente of the saied Bayliff & Burgesses of the saied Borrough, That from henceforth If anye Inhabitante housholder of the saied Borroughe shall buye or receyve into his house or possession anye such Woode soe cutt downe & brought or solde by anye psone or psons soe named as aforesaied everye such psone soe offendinge in the prmises shalbe debarred in takeinge anye pfitt of the said Borroughe Lands untill upon his or their reformaton & submisson, he she or they shalbe restored & admitted to enioye the same againe by & with the consente & allowance of the saied Bayliff & Burgesses or the more parte of them."

"The xxith daye of November 1617, The Yearlye rent of xv^s due unto the ffarmer of the Parsonage of Chippenham & then agreed upon to be paied yearlye out of Englands for all manner of Tythes is from tyme to tyme yearlye to be paied unto the saied ffarm^r by the Bayliffe of the saied Borrough viz^t p. Ann: xv^s."

"The xviiith daye of Maye 1618. Eliano^r Drake widdowe a late Inhabitant wtin the saied Borroughe is nowe founde to become an Inmate & noe Householder. Therefore she is debarred of all benefitt out of the Borroughe Lands accordinge to the Decree."

"The thired daye of Julye Anno Dni 1618. Richarde Berrye an inhabitant Householder of & wtin the saied Borroughe, was founde to be a comon drunckard & psone of evil behavio^r phibited in the Conditons of the Decree established. Therefore he the saied Richarde Berrye for the saied offence

by hym comitted is debarred of & shall lose all Benefitt out of the Borrough Lands accordinge to the said Decree untill &c."

"The xxith daye of Auguste Ast Dni 1618. The foresaied Bayliff & Burgesses of the Borroughe aforesaied, Receyved & had of John Woodlande Executo^r of the laste Will & Testam^t of Richard Woodlande his late Brother deceased, The sume of ffyve Pounds of currant English money, accordinge to the laste Will & Testam^t of the saied Richarde Woodland deceased, Inter alia sic continet^r. *Item* I give unto the Bayliffe & Burgesses of Chippenham & theire Successors ffyve Pounds in money, upon conditon that the same money shalbe lent to such of the Inhabitants of the same Towne as they shall think fit takeinge securitye for repayem^t hereof at thend of each yeare, & soe to contynue for ever."

"The xvijth daye of December 1618. The sume of xx^l giuen by Henry Bull Gent. deceased, was brought into the hands of the Bayliff & Burgesses of the Borroughe aforesaied & psentlye lent out againe accordinge to the last Will & Testament of the saied Henry."

"The xvith daye of Aprill 1619. Henry ffarnwell als Gouldney Jun^r an Inhabitant Householder in one of the aforesaied antient Tenem^{ts}. And beinge borne & alsoe marryed the Daughter of an Inhabitant Householder wtin the saied Borrough was admitted & made free to take benefitt out of the saied Borrough Lands & then paid for registeringe & recordinge his name as an Inhabitant accordinge to the Decree iij^s iiij^d."

"The xxviith daye of December 1619. Gabriell Gouldney Jun^r an Inhabitante within the said Borrough was named elected & chosen a Burgesse of the same Borrough in the room & place of the said John Scott deceased. And then psentlye sworne to the executon of the same office wtin the said Borrough. Before John Gale Bayliff, Gabriell Gouldney the elder, Willim Geale, Henry Berry, Nathaniell Colman, Edwarde Essington, John ffabian, Thomas Hawkins, Thomas Pill, John Gale Jun^r, Edward Stafford, John Woodland, then Burgesses of the said Borrough."

"In the feaste daye of St^t Michaell Tharchangell, in the yeare of our Lord God 1620. And of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of God of Englande ffrance and Irelande Kinge defender of the faith the nyneteenth, And of Scotland the ffyve and fiftieth, Gabriell Gouldney was elected and chosen Bayliffe."

“ffor soe much as Richarde Berrett an Inhabitant householder within the said Borroughe is nowe founde to be a psone of evil behavior distempered often tymes with drinke & drunken contrarye to the Provison in the Decree. Therefore he the said Richarde is upon the xxixth daye of March 1622 debarred of all benefitt out of the Borroughe Lands untill he conforme hymselfe & lyve altogether temperatly followeing his vocaton and escheweinge drunkenesse.”

“Md. That at the laste allotm^{nt} John Gale the younger haveinge his turne in Inglands did putt into the saied grounds One Steer Bullock to depastur therein in the place of one Cowe, And thereupon the saied Steer beinge there founde contrarye to the Decree was taken & ympounded as unfitt to depasture & feed w^t the Keyne of thother Inhabitants then allotted in the same Grounds.”

“For soemuch as Thomas Lord an Inhabitant householder wthin the saied Borroughe, the laste yeare in the tyme of Gabriell Gouldney his Baylyweeke. Did ingrosse all the fyve Turnes or Lotts of Burleasue into his owne hands contrarye to the decree, therefore he the said Thomas is debarred of all benefitt out of the Borrough Lands, untill &c.”

“Forsoemuch as Richarde Stretche another Inhabitant housholder the laste breach of Westmeade, did buye foure parts & enoyed the same besides his owne contrarye to the Decree alsoe. Therefore he the said Richarde is also debarred of all benefitt untill &c.”

“The xxiiijth daye of Auguste 1623. The Bayliffe & Burgesses of the Borroughe aforesaid, Receyved & had of Edwarde Baynard Gent., Philipp Swadden, Clothier & John Thrifte yeoman joynt Executors of the laste Will & Test^{mt} of Ralph Pearce als Hurd late of Hilmarton deceased the sume of fyve poundes Given by hym the saied Ralphe in his laste Will & Test^{mt} in these words followeing, vizt. Item I give & bequeath to the Poore of the Towne of Chippenham fyve Pounds. And my Will is, that the money soe given shall remaine as a stocke for the benefitt of the Poore of the saied Towne for ever.”

“The xvijth daye of September 1623. The Meade called Westmeade was broken (by reason of a Muster & Trayninge then appointed) And the herbage or after leasue thereof enoyed by thinhabitant housholders of the saied Borroughe accordinge to the Decree.”

“The vith daye of Aprill, 1626. Anne Bassett Widdowe an Inhabitant housholder wthin the said Borroughe was admitted & made free to take benefitt out of the saied Borrough Lands & then paied for registringe & recordinge her name as Inhabitant accordinge to the Decree xx^s.”

“The xvith daye of Aprill 1627. Anne Bassett widdowe before registred was founde not to be the relict of anye Inhabitant Housholder within the said Borroughe, Nor that Nicholas Bassett her late Husband was ever admitted & made free to take benefitt out of the said Borrough Lands. Therefore she is nowe debarred from all benefitt out of the same Lands.”

“The same daye Henry Baylyffe Esquier a late Burgesse wthin the saied Borrough was founde to be returned to his former House within the same Borroughe there to inhabite, and beinge founde to haue done nothings against the Decree, was admitted to take benefitt out of the Burrough Lands accordinge to the Decree.”

“The twentieth daye of the moneth & yeare laste before mentioned the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the Borrough aforesaid receyved & had of Henry Gouldney Executor of the last Will & Testam^t of Will^m Geale his late father in law deceased, A sume of ffortye shillings of Currante English money, given by hym the said William Geale deceased unto the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the Borrough of Chippenham, upon Conditon that they shall yearelye lend & putt forth the same money out of their hands freelye to such inhabitant or Inhabitants of the saied Borrough as they shall think fitt, takeinge securitye onlye for repayem^t thereof at thende of everye yeare & so to contynue for ever.”

“In the feaste daye of S^t Michaell Tharchangell in the yeare of our Lord God 1627. And in the Thirde yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland Kinge Defender of the faith &c. Gabriell Gouldney the younger was elected and chosen Bayliffe.”

“Memorandum. That whereas in the Decree established. It is Graunted, & Agreed, That thinhabitants beinge householders, and noe inmats wthin the saied Borrough & their successors for evermore shall or maye haue yearelye Two & Twentye Keyne & not above wthout anye Agistm^{ts}, To goe feed & be depastured in & upon certaine Pastures & Groundes called Inglands in the Pshe of Chippenham yearlye, and that the saied Inhabitants beinge Housholders & noe inmats & their successors for evermore shall or maye have

ffyve Keyne or other Rother Beasts & not above without anye Agistm^{ts}, To goe feed & be depastured in & upon One Close or Grounde of Pasture called Bolts Croft yearelye, alsoe, from the thirde daye of Maye untill the feast of S^t Andrewe Thapostle. And that the saied Inhabitants their Successors for evermore beinge Housholders & noe Inmats shall or maye yearelye Tenne Sheepe & not above wtout any Agistm^{ts}, To goe feede and be depastured in and upon the saied Close or Ground called Bolts Croft yearlye from the feast of S^t Andrewe Thapostle untill the feast of Thannuntiaton of the blessed Virgyne Marye. AND whereas by an Order (by comon assent made & agreed upon That th inhabitants beinge Housholders & noe Inmats w^{tin} the saied Borrough & their successores for evermore shall or maye have yearlye One hundred and Twentye Sheepe & not above wtout anye Agistm^{ts}, To goe feede & be depastured in & upon the saied Pastures & Grounds called Inglands And in & upon One Meadowe called Westmead from the saied feast of S^t Andrewe Thapostle untill the feast of Thannuntiaton of the blessed Virgyne Marye. Yeldinge & payeinge for the saied Keyne & Tenne Sheepe in Bolts Croft as in the saied Decree is mentioned and sett downe. And yeldinge & payeinge yearlye for the winter leasue of the saied Sheepe in Inglands & Westmeade soe much Rent as by the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses or the greater parte of them shalbe thought fitt & reasonable. All which saied Pastures or Grounds before expressed doe lye & adioyne one to thother & be nowe kept bounded & severed aparte both Sumer & Winter. It is nowe therefore thought verye convenient for the avoydeinge of unnecessarye costs in makeinge Bounds or keepinge reparatons betweene the saied Grounds called Inglands & Bolts Crofte That the laste recyted Grounds shall from henceforth lye opⁿ One to thother & never hereafter be parted or bounded asunder w^t a crosse hedge or Partiton. And that the Sheepe the Winter Leasue shall feede and depasture thoroughe the whole Grounds called Inglands Bolts Crofte & Westmeade without anye Lett or Denyall—By Gabriell Gouldney Jun^r. Bayliffe.”

“ The xxijth daye of Januarye Ano Dni 1629, John Gale the elder one of the Burgesses of the aforesaied Borrough of Chippenham departed this psente lief.”

“ The xxvijth daye of Januarye 1629 aforesaied Henrye Bayliffe Esqr. an Inhabitant Housholder w^{tin} the saied Borrough was named elected & chosen a Burgesse of the same Borrough in the roome & place of the saied John Gale deceased.”

"The xxvijth daie of October 1630, John Baker the Register or Towne Clerke of and for the Borroughe of Chippenham deputed this liefte, And upon the xxixth daie of the same moneth Edward Berrye was elected & chosen by the Bayliffe & the greater pte of the Burgesses of the same Borroughe assembled together in their usual place of meetinge to succeed the said John Baker in the same office."

"The xxiiijth daie of December 1630, the sume of twentye pounds given by Henrye Bull gent & formerlie lent out by the Baylyffe and Burgesses in the tyme of Richard Scott his late Baylywicke was nowe by them repaied and brought into the said Baylyff & Burgesses and psentlie lent out agayne accordinge to the last Will and Testament of the saied Henrye Bull to these psons followeing vizt.

Suretyes.

To	{	William Elye Jun ^r	}	Henrye Brinckworth the ffather & Henrye his Sonne
		Paule Deane		Richard Deane his ffather & Richard his Sonne
		Walter Bancks		Thomas Elizander & Tho: Bancks his Brother
		Thomas Fitch		Henrye ffarnewell als Gouldney & Barnaby Pill."

"The twentieth daie of Aprill 1631 the Baylif of the Borrough aforesaid receid & had of Proudlove executor of the last Will & Testam^t of William Proudlove late Viccar of Chippenham his late ffather deceased the sume of ffortye shillings of currant Englishe money given by the saied William Proudlove to the comon stocke of the Borroughe of Chippenham aforesaid. The same to be yearlye delived forthe by the Bayliffe and Burgesses there to the Tradesmen and occupiers wtin the same Borroughe free lie as other moneys heretofore given are nowe used & employed."

"The fifteenth daie of August 1631, by reason of a muster appointed to be kept in the meade called Westmeade the said Meade was broken and the herbage or after leazue thereof was enjoyed by the inhabitants housholders of the said Borroughe accordinge to the Decree."

"The nyneteenth daie of September Anno pdict by reason of another Muster appoynted to be kept in the said Meade called Westmeade the said Meade was broken the second tyme and the herbage or after leazue thereof was enjoyed by the inhabitants housholders of the said Borroughe accordinge to the Decree."

"The eighteenth daie of November 1631 the seull accompts of the

layeing out and disbursments of seuell sumes of money due to be paid by the inhabitants of the Borrough aforesaid disbursed & laied out by John Berrye & Joseph Willis constables of the same Borroughe A^o Dni 1630 And by John Woodland & Rob^t Pinchin Constables of the said Borroughe alsoe for this yeare last past and by William Russell Tithingman of Mounckton amounting in the whole to the sume of And to the intent and prpose that eurye of them should be satisfied of their sevrall disbursm^{ts} eurye inhabitant wthin the said Borroughe was then & ther rated & taxed according to their sevrall abilityes by the Bayliffe & Burgesses aforesaid with the apprbacon & allowance of the chieftest ffreemen of the same Borrough as by a rate in writing under their hands appeareth which said rate amounteth but to the sume of soe the residue remayneth unsatisfied."

"The xxiiijth daie of Aprill Ao Dni 1632 the Bayliffe of the Borroughe aforesaid received & had of William Steevens the younger Executor of the last Will and testam^t of John ffabian late deceased the sume of ffive Pounds of good and lawfull money of England given & bequeathed in and by the last Will and Testam^t of the said John ffabian to be lent out yearlye upon good securitye."

"The xxvijth daye of December 1632 the Bayliffe of the Borroughe aforesaid received and had of the Executors of the last Will and Testam^t of Richard Wastfield gent. late deceased the sume of ffive Pounds of good and lawfull money of England given and bequeathed by the last Will and Testam^t of the said Richard Wastfield to remayne as a stock wthin the same Borroughe to be lent out freelie upon good securitye and to be employed as other money heretofore given are nowe used & employed."

"Whereas the next genall quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Countye of Wiltes is appoynted to be held within this Towne and Borrough upon the xvijth daye of Julye next. And noe place within the said Borroughe being soe meet and convenient for the holdinge and keepinge of the said Sessions as the Guildhall of the said Borrough is or maye be made w^{ch} is nowe verye unmeet and unfittinge for the entertaynm^t of soe worthye assemblie of diverse right Wor^{ll} Justices of the Peace of this Countye w^{ch} will there assemble and meete for the holdinge of the Cour^t of Sessions: By reason that the walls of the said Hall are much impayred and defaced and divers other materials nowe wantinge muste be made redye & pvided for agaynst that tyme for the convenient holdinge and keepinge of the said Court; And whereas the lands

belonginge unto this Borroughe were heretofore given and bestowed by the late Queene Marye to be employed unto & for divers good uses menconed in her Letters Pattente of the gift and graunt thereof: And alsoe to and for the utilitye and better regime^t and governem^t of the inhabitants of the same Borroughe. And for that such genall and publique assemblyes and meetinges have bin much benefieall unto the greatest pte of the inhabitants being Artificers and tradesmen lyveing in such Townes where the like assemblyes and meetings have bin held: And that this said assemblye and meetinge is like alsoe to be noe lesse benefieall unto the said inhabitants of this Borroughe. IT IS THEREFORE upon the nyneteenth daye of June Ao Dni 1633 fullye concluded condiscended and agreed unto by and betweene the Bayliffe and Burgesses of this Borroughe or the greater pte of them together wth the expsse unanimous consent and agreeme^t of xiiij^{ea} other of the inhabitants of this said Borroughe this psent daye assembled: That all and eurye such sume or sumes of money as shalbe laied out and disbursed either for the repayringe or amending of the said Guildhall or anie pte thereof or for the makeinge of Benches or seates fittinge for the said Justices to sitt on and for other convenient roomes and place for the Clarke of the Peace and for other officers and attendnts belonginge to the same Court for the dispatchinge of the businesses to their sevall offices & places belonging or for the makeing and addinge of more lights or windowes into the same Hall or for anie other matter or thinge whatsoever for the makeing of the same Hall convenient for the ppose aforesaid or for the beautifieing or adorning thereof shalbe deducted raysed and levied out of the rents yssues and pfitts of the said Borrough lands And that Thomas Hawkins nowe Baylyffe being assisted by Philip Coggeswell in surveyinge of the worke to be done therefore shall disburse and laye out all such sumes of money as will defray the chardge for the effectinge and finishinge of the said work And after the end and expiracon of his office of Baylyweeke shall yeeld up and deliver a true and pfect accompt of all such sevall sumes of money by hym to be disbursed and laied out as aforesaid at such tyme and place as he the said Thomas Hawkins according unto the Decree shall bringe or yeeld up his other accompte concerninge his receipts and disburseme^{nt} out of the pfitts of the Borroughe Lands; And thereupon shall have deducton and alloweance thereof made unto hym out of the said rents yssues and pfitts of the said Borroughe Lands the Decree or anie thinge therein contayned to the contrarye thereof in anie wise notwithstandinge."

FORASMUCH as the Constables of this Borroughe of Chippenham have of late tyme bin verye slack and negligent in bringing in unto the said Baylyffe and Burgesses their bills of accompt concerninge the seuell sumes of money w^{ch} they have bin chardged wth to laye out & disburse for and on the behalfe of the said Borroughe in the tyme of their seuell offices w^{ch} they should and ought to have done ymediatelie upon or at the end and expiracon of their said offices of Constabeshipp whereof they have deferred and delayed sometymes for the space of ij^o or three yeares togeather or more Soe that as well such delayeing officers as alsoe such other succeedinge officers in their seuell yeares have brought in three or ffower seuell bills of accompt unto the said Baylyffe and Burgesses to be allowed and confirmed at one tyme w^{ch} must neede amount unto a farre greater sume than the ordinarye rates doe come unto to be brought in at the end of eche yeare and by that meanes eche inhabitant hath bin sett and rated at a greater taxacon & payme^t then usuall, At the payme^t whereof they have much grudged and repined And manye inconveniences and hartburnings have thereby arisen amongst the inhabitants of this Borroughe to the great trouble and vexacon of th said Baylyffe & Burgesses and other inhabitants in makeinge often meetings for the certifieinge of the same rates ffor the prencon of anie such future discontente And for the quietinge and setlinge of a ffuture peace and tranquilitye amongst the said inhabitants in this matter. It is upon thaforsaid nyneteenth daye of June likewise ordered That the Constables of this Borroughe for the tyme beinge shall hence forwards wthin one moneth after the end and expiracon of their seuell offices (if the said Baylyffe and Burgesses shall assemble and meete wthin the said moneth or otherwise at their next assemblye and meetinge after the end of the said moneth) bringe and deliver in unto the said Baylyffe and Burgesses a pticuler pfect and true accompt in writing of all sumes of money w^{ch} they or either of them have disbursed and laied out in the tyme of their seuell offices for and on the behalfe of the said Borroughe and w^{ch} the said inhabitants are liable or ought to paye Desireinge to have a rate and taxacon thereupon to be made for the collecting & gatheringe thereof which if the said Constables shall deferr neglect or refuse to doe or pforme That then the said Constables shall not have anie taxacon or rate thereupon afterwards to be made or allowed But for their remissnes & slackness therein shall stand wholye themselves to the losse of all such their moneys soe by them disbursed & laied out as aforesaid (whereof they are to take notice.)”

“The eleaventh daye of October 1633 the said Thomas Hawkins late Baylyffe made and yelded up his accompt before the said Gabriel Gouldney the nowe Baylyffe and certayne of the Burgesses (vizt.) Henrye Berrye Edward Essington Henrye Baylyffe Esq^r John Woodland Gabriel Gouldney the younger and fifteen other of the inhabitants (vizt.) Edward Godby Nathaniel Thorley John Bond John Willis William Wheeler Hughe Twyne William Russell Thomas Lord William Powell Thomas Bond Henrye Lambert Henrye Gouldney William Steevens John Berrye and William Alford. And his accompt was then and there published accordinge to the decree.”

“fforasmuch as heretofore and nowe of late tyme diverse poore people have removed themselves from their place of habitacon and abode in other pishes and are come to inhabit and dwell in this pische: And many of them have bin received and taken in to lyve here by certayne poore psons wthin this pische chardgeable or redye to become chardgeable unto the pische haveing some void place of habitacon wherebye the number of poore people hath and doeth daylye increase. And the Taxacons and rates imposed upon the inhabitants of this pische towards the releif of the poore have bin doubled wthin these fewe yeeres and continuall chardge therebye is likelie to come and accrue dayly more and more upon this said pische. And whereas it is doubted That the yearelie bequest and legacye of xx^s p Ann given by Rob^t Gale late Citizen and Vintner of London that worthy benefactor to be yearelie distributed for ever unto the poore people of this Towne and pische maie be a meenes to add and increase the number of poore people and so induce and drawe them out of other pishes to inhabite and dwell in this pische in hope to receive some pt and benefitt of the said legacye (There beinge scarce anie pische wthin this countye to whom anie such benefitt is bestowed concerninge the releif of the poore). It is therefore upon the ffaste daye of S^t Thomas the Apostle A^o Dni 1633 fullye concluded and agreed upon by and wth the mutuell consent and agreeme^t of the Baylyffe and Burgesses of this Borroughe. That as well such pson or psons to whom anie pte or pcell of the said legacye is or shalbe distributed as aforesaid wch shall soe receive or take into this pische anie such pson or psons dwellinge or inhabitinge out of anie other pische to inhabite or dwell into their or anie of their said habitacons as alsoe such pson or psons as aforesaid wch shall soe come to inhabite or dwell wthin this said Towne or Pische or shalbe soe receid or taken in as aforesaid shalbe from thenceforthe utterlie debarred from

tyme to tyme and at all tymes then afterwards in eurye yeare in wch the same legacye is to be distributed as aforesaid from receivinge or havinge of anie pte or pcell thereof untill it shalbe otherwise thought needfull & convenient by the Baylyffe & Burgesses or the greater pte of them whoe ought to have the distribucon of the said legacye."

"Memorand: That upon the fflower & twentieth daye of December 1634 Edward Essington Bayliffe of the Borroughe aforesaid deputed this psent lief. And upon the xxixth daye of the said moneth Henry Berry was elected & chosen Bayliffe of the Borroughe and succeedeth the said Edward Essington."

"The vjth daye of March Ao: Dni 1634. The Copice is allotted To the inhabitants Housholders according to the Decree And did beginne with John Brewer Henry Lambert Thomas Nash Henrye Durneford John Plant John Gale Barbor Henrye Goldney Henry Webb John Barnes John Apthomas John Iles Joseph Willis Robert Hawkins William Carawaye and William Edwards which onelie had noe lotts at the last allotting of the same Copice upon the xvijth daye of Januarye 1627. And from them to the eldest inhabitants householders and soe in order downwards."

"fforasmuch as Letters of excommunicaton have bin latelie graunted forth from the Ecclesiasticall Court of this Dioces agaynst John Williams an inhabitant housholder wthin this Borroughe wch were upon some Sabothe daye latelie past openlie read & denounced against hym in this pshe Church of Chippenham wherebye all psons are commaunded and forbidden to come into his companie or to have anie comerce or dealing wth hym: He the said John Williams is therefore thought to be a pson noe wayes capable at this tyme to have or receive anie benefitt or pfitt out of the said Borroughe lands: And therefore the daye and yeare last above written the said John Williams by the full and whole consent of the Bayliffe and Burgesses aforesaid or the greater pte of them then assembled is utterlie debarred from haveinge or receivinge anie benefitt or pfitt at all out of the said Borroughe lands untill such tyme as he the said John Williams shall by order of the ecclesiasticall lawes of this realme be restored & receid agayne into the Congregation of God's Church."

"The xxth daye of Julye Anno pdict (At the request of diverse of the inhabitants of this Borroughe alleginge that by reason of the long continuance of drye weather the grasse in their grounds was utterlie dried up & withered

and the water in the ponds or pooles of their said grounds was alsoe spent & naught remaining. Soe that their Cattle were like to pishe.) The Meade called Westmeade was broken."

"The two & twentieth daye of Aprill Ano Dni 1636 William Head an inhabitant wthin the said Borrough having been formerlye made ffree, & afterwards deputed out of the saied Borrough, is now againe become an inhabitant there, & restored to his ancient place & admitted to take benefitt of the saied Borrough Lands accordinge to the Decree."

"The same daye Nicholas Bayliffe was made free."

"fforasmuch as the Citye of London & divers other parts & places of this Kingdome are now visited wth the Infectious Disease of the Plague & Pestilence; And for that some of the Inhabitants of this Borrough have benee & are veye negligent & carelesse in entertheyneinge & lodgeinge in their Houses All sorts of psns (as well of the saied Citye of London as elsewhere) resorteinge and comeinge thither (notwithstandinge they have had admoniton and warneinge to the contrarye) Wherebye the saied Borrough hath bin & is greatlye endaungered to bee infected with the saide Disease Did not the Lorde in mercye prserve the same. It is therefore upon the feaste daye of Saint Michaell Tharchangell Ano Dni 1636 (before the electon of the next succeedinge Bayliffe) Ordered concluded & agreed upon by & wth the whole consente of the Bayliffe & Burgesses or the greater pte of them assembled. That if anye pson or psons Inhabitants Housholders of this Borrough either by themselves or by anye of their familye or Housholds, Shall at anye tyme hereafter (untill it shall please God to withdraw from amongst us the saied Sicknesse or Disease) Entertheyne in their Houses by Lodginge or otherwise anye Straunger or Straungers whatsoever, without the consent and approbaton of the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the saied Borrough or of anye Two or more of them thereunto first had & obteyned. That then and from thenceforth eurye such pson or psons offendinge herein shalbee utterlye Debarred & excluded from takeinge or receiveinge anye benefitt out of the saied Borrough Lands untill upon submisson or reformaton they shalbe received againe by & with the whole consent of the saied Bayliffe & Burgesses or the greater pte of them."

"In the ffeaste daye of Sainte Michaell the Archangell Ano Dni 1636 And in the Twelveth yeare of the Raigne of o^r Sovereigne Lorde Charles by the Grace of God of Englande Scotlande ffraunce and Irelande Kinge Defender of

the faith &c. Gabriell Gouldney the younger was elected & chosen Bayliffe of the Borrough of Chippenham aforesaid."

"fforasmuch as Henrye Webb an Inhabitant Householder within the saied Borrough, out of his evill disposition, Did of late secretlye bringe & pcure to bee harboured within the saied Borrough one Arthur Estmeade an Inhabitant of the Towne of Calne, where the plague of Pestilence is now raigneinge in an moste fearefull manner, to the endaungeringe of the Inhabitants of the saied Borrough to bee infected of the saied disease by the saied Arthur Eastmead (from which God defend) And thereupon the saied Henrye Webb beinge found to bee a pson of evill behaviour, not regardeinge the comon weale and Tranquillitye of the saied Borrough, Hee the saied Henrye Webb is therefore upon the said xiiith daye of June above mentoned Debarred from takeinge anye benefitt att all out of the saied Borrough Lands untill upon his submisson hee shalbee received in againe."

"The sixteenth daye of October Ano Dni 1638 Gabriell Gouldney sonne of Gabriell Gouldney Jun. beinge an Inhabitant housholder in one of the before mentioned Tenem^{ts}, & beinge onelye borne wthin the saied Borrough, was admitted & made free to take benefitt out of the Borrough Lands, And then payed for regestringe & recordinge his name as an Inhabitant accordinge to the Decree iij^a iiij^d."

"Upon the ffeast daye of All Saints Ano Dni 1638 the Sum of Sixe Pounds pcell of this yeares Rent made & raised off the lands att ffoxham, was by the noiation & appoyntm^t of S^r ffrauncis Popham K^t payed unto Three poore ffreemen of the Borrough aforesaid."

"The tenth daye of Aprill Anno Dna 1639, The Bayliffe & Burgesses of the Borrough aforesaid reced & had of Marye Hawkins Widow Executrix of the last Will & Testament of Thomas Hawkins her late Husband deceased, the sume of Ten Pounds of lawfull money of England, Given by him the said Thomas To bee from tyme to tyme lett forth by the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the saied Borrough, to Two Tradesmen dwellinge wthin the Borrough aforesaid, accordinge to the last Will & Testam^t of the saied Thomas Hawkins deceased. Which the saied now Bayliffe & Burgesses imediatlye lent forth."

"The ffoure & twentieth daye of Aprill Ano Dni 1639 Gabrill Gouldnye thelder one of the Burgesses of the aforesaid Borrough of Chippenham deputed this present lief."

“ It appeared unto the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the saied Borrough, by the Testimonye of Theophilus Comlye & Richard Bond Shoemaker Two Inhabitants of the saied Borrough, That in the presence of them & others, Henrye Webb an Inhabitante Householder of the saied Borrough had before that tyme publiclye uttered certayne speeches tendinge to the depravation of the Bayliffe & most of the Burgesses of the saied Borrough (vizt.) That all those that passed not their Voyces for S^r ffancis Popham K^t in the then late electon of Burgesses of the Parliam^t for the saied Borrough were Rogues or Knaves (hee knoweing that the saied Bayliffe & all or the greater pte of the Burgesses had not passed their Voyces in the saied Electon for the saied S^r ffancis). Therefore the saied Henrye Webb is Debarred from henceforth to take anye benefitt out of the said Borrough Lands untill upon his submisson hee shalbe restored agayne.”

Here follows “ A true copy of the Charter [of Queen Mary] translated verbatim out of Latine into English.”

“ The ffifth daye of March Ano Dni 1639, Richard fforman one of the Burgesses of this Borrough deputed this present lief. And upon the nynth daye of the same moneth of March Henry ffarnewell als Gouldney an Inhabitante housholder of the saied Borrough was received elected & chosen a Burgesse of the same Borrough in the roome & place of the saied Richard fforman.”

“ The twelveth daye of Januarye Ano Dni 1640, Henrye ffarnewell als Gouldnye one of the Burgesses of this Borrough deputed this prsent lief.”

“ The nyne & twentieth day of September Ao Dni 1647 Adam Goldnye an Inhabitant Housholder wth in the said Borroughe was admitted to take benefitt out of the said Boroughe Lands.”

“ The nyneteenth daye of Januarye Anno pdict the Copice is allotted to the inhabitante housholders accordinge to the Decree.”

“ It is this daye ordered and soe fullie agreed and consented unto by & wth the full & whole assent & consent of the said Baylyffe Burgesses and

freemen of this Borroughe or the greter part of them assembled in the Guildhall of the same Borroughe. That diverse unrulye and disorderlie people not onelie of this Towne & pise but alsoe of other pishes adioyneinge hereunto have of late tyme as it were made havock by cuttinge downe & carryeing awaye of the underwood of the same Copice to the grete destruction of the increse and growth of the same and to the grete preiudice at the tyme of the ffelling of the same to the psons allotted thereunto. That the underwood of the said Copice shalbe fforthwth and wth as much convenient speed as may be cutt downe And the bigger trees thereupon groweing or being shrouded and the Stowles and moores &c of the underwood utterlie rooted out extirpated and cleane taken and carried awaye by the small owners of the Allotme^{ts} of the same to their owne pper use. And that the said Copice thereby shalbe from henceforth converted yearlye to as much or more benefitt (by estimacon) in the compas of twoe yeares as it would redound in the space of seaven yeares if the same Copice should remayne disincopiced w^{ch} is henceforwards to be enjoyed by the inhabitants of this Borroughe by Turne in such manner and forme as they and everye of them have or ought to have their seull allotme^{ts} in the residue of the said Borroughe Lands allotted unto them And that for the better encouragement and reward of the psons allotted for this psent allotme^t in the said Copice in their care & paymen^t takeinge in the rootinge out and cleere extirpatinge and takeinge awaye of the rootes & moores of the same (accordinge to the course of good husbandrye eche pson allotted as aforesaid eche inhabitant allotted shall have (in some convenient tyme) twoe of the bigger trees allowed unto eche of them by the nowe Bayliffe of the said Borroughe and other his Assistants And that the said Trees soe to be allowed as aforesaid shalbe also extirpated rooted out and carried awaye this springe season nowe appchinge by the severall psons to whom such alloweance shalbe made as aforesaid And for that the said Copice in regard of such spoyle and havock as hath bin thereupon made as aforesaid the said Copice is nowe allotted forthe to be enjoyed this psent yeare by the inhabitants aforesaid, beinge the terme of one yeare rather than formerlie it hath bin used to be allotted eche inhabitant nowe allotted in the said Copice shall paye for & towards the maynetence of the uses mencoed in the Letters Pattente of the Gift and graunt of the said Borroughe Lands but onelie the sume of ffower shillings & fower pence for eche ffarthendell of the said Copice Wood Provided alwayes that if anie pson or psons allotted for this psent Allotme^t shall under cover of such alloweance of trees as aforesaid Lopp

topp digg roote up or carrye away anie other of the bigger or taller trees then are herein before prescribed. That then all & everie pson or psons shall forfeit for everye bigger tree soe to be digged rooted up & taken awaye as aforesaid (contrarie to the Tenor of this Order) the sume of twentye shillings to be paied into the Comon stock of the said Borroughe And otherwise to be dealt wthall therefore & to take such advantage & remedie agaynst the pson or psons offendinge in this behalfe as the lawes & statuts of this Relme doe pscibe The Decree or anie thinge herein conteyned to the contrarye hereof in anie wise notwithstandinge."

"Whereas the Bigger trees of the said late Copice Ground have bin latelie cutt downe (exceptinge onelie some pte of them left for standers and storers of the same ground) have bin ymployed by waye of sale for the benefitt of the inhabitants of the said Borroughe, And the Mores of the same trees with the Rootes Mores & Stowles of the Underwood late groweing or being in the said Ground have bin extirpated rooted up & carried awaye accordinge to the Tenor of an Order made for that purpose recorded in the tyme of James Essington his Baylyewecke, And the said Copice Ground is nowe Leased forthe for seaven yeares unto Henry Winckworthe & Thomas Hulbert at the Rent of Sixteen Pounds p Annum. It is therefore Ordered & consented unto upon the nynth day of April 1649: That Twentye of the inhabitants of the said Borroughe shall yearely & everye yeare duering the said terme be admitted to take benefitt by Turne out of the Rent reserved for the said late Copice Ground in such manner & forme as the other inhabitants of the said Borroughe have or ought to have their sevrall allottme^{ts} to be by them enioyed out of the residue of the said Borroughe Lands yearlie allotted, And that the yearely sume of Twelve Pounds dueringe the said terme pcell of the said Rent soe reserved as aforesaid shalbe yearlie paied unto such Twentye inhabitants as aforesaid whose lotte shall happen to be allotted in the same Ground. And fflower Pounds the residue of the said yearely Rent shalbe receid by Baylyffe of the Borroughe for the tyme beinge to remayne in stock & otherwise to be ymployed as occasion shall require to & for the uses menced in the Letters Pattente of the Gift & graunt of the said Borroughe Lands ffor the w^{ch} the said Baylyffe receiveinge the same shalbe accomptable therefore in such manner & forme & at such tyme as in & by the Decree is limited & appoynted for the said Baylyffe for the tyme beinge."

"The three & twentieth daye of Julye 1649 Philip Cogswell Sen^r one of

the Burgesses of the said Borroughe deputed this present lief; And upon the seaven & twentieth daye of Julye aforesaid Gabriell Goldnye jun^r an inhabitant householder of the said Borrough was named elected and chosen a Burgesse of the said Borrough in the roome & place of the said Philip Cogswell."

"Upon the twentieth daye of the same moneth, one Mr. Wither an officer appoynted by or under the Lord Genall of the force of England or Ireland came wth a grete Convoe of Ammunition in Wagons & other carriages for the service of the warrs intended for Ireland made a composicon of Six Pounds & thirteene shillings wth the said nowe Baylyffe for putting in of fflower hundred hors beasts in the said Meade called Westmeade w^{ch} were there depastured that night w^{ch} the said Baylyffe receid accordingle."

"And upon the seaven & twentieth of Julye aforesaid another Convoe of Ammunition for the service aforesaid rested here for but one night in the said Borroughe and the said nowe Baylyffe receid upon a Composicon for the depasturinge & feeding that one night of the hors beastes w^{ch} came wth the said Ammunition the sume of Three Pounds, As by the Booke wherein the said Baylyffe accountes are recorded it doeth appeare: of bothe w^{ch} sumes eurye inhabitant housholder of the said Borroughe receid an equall share & benefitt."

"Upon the xxvijth daye of August 1649 the Meade called Westmeade was broken and the then after Leazue thereof enjoyed by the said inhabitants w^{ch} paid onelie but twoe pence a beaste in regard that the herbage thereof was soe formerlie eaten up by the said hors beasts as aforesaid."

"In the ffeaste daye of Saynt Michaell Tharchangell in the year of our Lord God 1649, Gabriel Goldney als ffarnewell sen^r was elected and chosen Bayliffe of the said Borroughe."

"Upon the sixth daye of August 1650 Adam Goldnye an Inhabitant housholder of the said Borroughe was named elected & chosen a Burgesse of the said Borroughe in the room & place of Robert Smithe deceased."

"In the ffeaste daye of S^t Michaell Tharchangell in the yeare of our Lord God 1650, Richard Scott was elected & chosen Baylyffe of the said Borroughe, And afterwards sworne to the execution of the same office before Gabriel ffarnewell als Goldnye then late Baylyffe Anthonye Neate gent Nathaniel

Thorley William Kyte M^r. Henrye Bull James Essington Gabriel Goldnye Jun^r. & Adam Goldnye then Burgesses of the said Borroughe and succeedeth the said Gabriel Goldnye.

The same day the Comon Stock of the said Borroughe lent out was cast up and found to amount to unto the same in the whole unto 176^l 18^s 10^d."

"A TRUE COPYE OF THE AGREEME^T BETWEENE THE PSHIONERS OF CHIPPENHAM LANGLEY BURRELL & HARDENHUISHE CONC^NING THE REPARCONS & AMENDME^{TS} OF THE HIGHE WAYES (AS FOLLOWETH) VIZT."

"This agreeme^t Tripartite made the fifteenth daye of June Anno Dni 1651 Betweene William Lord and William Milsham Surveyers of the Highwayes and within the Pshe of Chippenham in the Countye of Wiltes And Richard Scott Baylyffe of the Borroughe of Chippenham. Antho: Neath Gent. Gabr^l Goldnye sen^r. & Nathaniel Thorley inhabitants of the & within the said Pise on the behalfe of themselves and of and wth the consent of the rest of the inhabitants of the same Pise of the first ptie Richard Aland & Edmond Hort Surveyors of the Highwayes of and wthin the Pshe of Langley Burrell in the said Countye And John Aland Charles Aland John Aland Weaver William Hulbert Thomas Sergeant Rob^t. Jefferyes inhabitants of and wthin the said Pise on behalfe of themselves and of and with the Consent of the rest of the inhabitants of the said Pise of Langley aforesaid of the second pte. And Nicholas Godwyn Surveyer of the Highe wayes of the Pise of Hardenhuishe Rob^t. Hawkins Clothier & Thomas Brewer on the behalfe of themselves & of & with the Consent of the Rest of the inhabitants of the said Pise of the Third pte. That where the Highe wayes of the Pise doe lye intermixt the one wth the other some neerer unto and some farther remote from eche Pise: for the better supplye in amendme^t of the said Highe wayes And for the better ease and more conveniencye of all the said inhabitants for and concerninge the amendme^t & repayringe of the same And for their future peace and quietnes: It is condescended concluded and agreed unto by and betweene all the said inhabitants in manner followinge. And the said inhabitants of Chippenham Langley Burrell & Hardenhuishe Doe for themselves and the rest of their inhabitants nowe or hereafter beinge herebye interchangeablye graunt condescend conclude & agree eche of them wth the other

That the inhabitants of the said Pise of Chippenham shall & will at their owne ppr Costs & chardge from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter soe often as shalbe needful well & sufficiently Repayre & amend soe much of the Highe wayes as Doe lye in either of the said Pishes of Langley Burrell or Hardenhuishe hereafter mencoed (That is to saye) from the further pte of the Grype oposite unto some pte of Sambornes ffarme through Sambornes Lane on the hollowe waye comonlie called Bristol waye unto the hither pte next Chippenham of the inclosure of the said Rob^t Hawkins And alsoe from the Mill end up the Hill to the Crosswayes in the ffield And from thence in the highe waye comonlie Tedburye or Malmesburye waye unto the hither pte next Chippenham of Rob^t Baker's Leaze comonlye called Butts: And that the said inhabitants of the said Pise of Langley Burrell shall & will alsoe from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter soe often as shalbe needfull at their owne ppr costs and chardges well & sufficiently Repayre & amende soe much of the said Highe wayes as Doe lye in either of the said Pishes hereafter mencoed of Chippenham & Langley Burrell hereafter mencoed (That is to saye) the wayes extendinge from the said crosswayes bothe unto Suttons field gate and Keylwaye's Bridge And that the said inhabitants of the said Pise of Hardenhuishe shall & will alsoe from tyme to tyme & at all tymes hereafter soe often as shalbe needfull at their owne ppr costs & chardges well & sufficiently Repayre & amend soe much & such pte of the said Highe Wayes as Doe in either of the said Pishes of Chippenham & Langley Burrell hereafter mencoed (That is to saye) from the hither pts' of the inclosure of the said Rob^t Hawkins to the top of fferwood hill And alsoe from the said hither pte of Rob^t Bakers Leaze commonlie called Butts unto Kynton Yate in the Pise of Kynton St. Michaell in the Countye aforesaid And that the inhabitants of eche Pise shall from tyme to tyme & at all tymes hereafter have defend & keepe harmeles and indemnified eche of them the other of & from all costs chardges & damages w^{ch} shall or maye at anie tyme hereafter yssue forthe or be levied upon or agaynst them or anie of them respectivelye out of anie Court or Courts whatsoever of this Comon Wealthe for or by reason of anie default or insufficiencye of anie of the said highe wayes lyeinge & beinge in anie of the said Pishes for the w^{ch} the inhabitants of the seuell & respective Pishes have urther taken and have herebye severally graunted and concluded to repayre & amend: And it is further concluded & agreed by & betweene all the said inabitants That this psent agreem^t shalbe soe speedilye & convenientlye as maye be at the equall & indifferent costs &

chardges of the inhabitants of eche Pischeⁿ inrolled amongst other the records of the Court of the Genall quarter Sessions of the Peace of this Countye To the end That if anie of the inhabitants of anie of the Pishes aforesaid shall not anie tyme hereafter observe & keepe on their & everye of their pts & behalves seuallye & respectivelye this psent agreemen^t in repayringe & amending the said seull highe wayes as aforesaid. The inhabitants of anie of the said Pishes sustayninge Damage hereby maye appeale unto the Court of the Genall quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for this County there to be releived as the Court shall order & adjudge agaynst anie other of the said inhabitants w^{ch} shall not observe & keepe this said psent agreemen^t In wittnes &c."

" 24th daye of April 1655. It was then found that Adam Goldnye a late Burgesse of the said Borroughe was removed from his place of habitacon wth in the said Borroughe unto Rowdon house."

Ordered " the 22^d daye of April 1656 by the Bayliffe & Burgesses and the greater pte of the inhabitants of this Borroughe then assembled That seaven more Lotts shalbe added to the former number of 73 : to make up 80 Lotts complete: Alsoe then ordered: That for the Ceesinge & redressinge of all grievance & murmurings amongst the said inhabitants concerninge the said Lotts to be given forth: That eche Lott either over or under 13^s 4^d shalbe reduced to the same pporcon of 13^s 4^d: And if anie inhabitant of the said Borroughe shall refuse to paye to anie other inhabitant of the same whose alotme^t shall fall in Inglands the sume of 13^s 4^d for such allotme^t (over & above 5^s 4^d decreed for the uses &c) That then it shall & maye be lawfull (after eight dayes of that daye whereupon the Lotts in the yeare shalbe given forthe) to & for such inhabitants as aforesaid to sell his or their alotme^t to his & their best benefitt & advantage to anie forayner or stranger. The decree or anie thinge therein contayned to the contrarye thereof notwithstandinge. And this Order to continue until it shalbe thought fitt by the Bayliffe & Burgesses or the greater pte of them to alter the same."

" In the ffeaste daye of St. Michael Tharchangel in the year of our Lord 1658 John Scott was elected & chosen Bayliffe of the said Borroughe. And then prsntlie sworne to the execution of the same office before Gabriel Goldney Jun^r then late Bayliffe."

"A NOTE OF WHAT LANDS THE TOWNE HAVE OF THE BULL."

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Itm one Acre & a halfe in Little field being	1	0	19
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A NOTE OF WHAT LANDS THE BULL HAVE OF THE TOWNE.

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"In the ffeaste daye of S^t Michaell tharchangell Ano Dni 1662, And in the ffourteenth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God & John Glanvill Esquire was elected & chosen Bayliffe of the Borrough aforesaid; And upon the thirteenth daye of October then next followeing, the saied John Glanvill, was sworne to the execucon of the same office within the same Borrough; Before John Stevens late Bayliffe Gabriell Gouldney thelder Richard Scott William Kyte William Edwards Edward Hawkins Gabriell Gouldney Jun^r John Ely & William Gale, And succeedeth the saied John Stevens."

"The tenth day of November Anno Dni 1667 William Ady one of the Burgesses of this Borrough departed this psent life. And on the fifteenth day of the same moneth Henry Gouldney an Inhabitant and Housholder within the said Borrough in one of the before mentioned Tenements beinge borne within the said Borrough was admitted and made free to take benefitt out of the said Borrough lands And then paid for Registring and recordinge his name as an Inhabitant of the said Borrough according to the Decree 3^r 4^d And alsoe uppon the same day was nominated elected and chosen a Burgesse of the same Borrough in the roome and place of the said William Ady."

"The seaventh day of October Anno Dni 1667, The Winter lease and feedinge for Sheepe (vizt.) 130 sheepe to goe feede and be depastured in Westmeade Inglands and Boultscroffte was lett out accordinge to the Decree unto John Gale at the rate of 09^s 00^s 00^d."

"In the ffeaste day of S^t Michaell the Archangell Anno Dni 1668, Henry Gouldney was elected & chosen Bayliffe."

“In the feast day of S^t Michaell Tharchangell Anno Dni 1673 : Gabriell Gouldney was (according to the Charter) elected and chosen Bayliffe.”

“The 10th day of November 1676: John Short an Inhabitant and Housholder being convicted by severall witnesses for approbious words spoken against John Stevens one of the Burgesses of this Burrough ; as alsoe others of the fraternity by calling them knaves and other scurilous Language it is agreed by W^m Scott Bayliffe John Scott William Gale &c. that the said John Short be debarred &c.”

“In the Moneth of May Anno Dni 1680 came to the hands of the said Bayliffe A Letter ^(A) dated the fifth day of the same Moneth of May subscribed by severall Lords & others of his Maities most Hon^{ble} Privy Counsell, Requireing the said Bayliffe and Burgesses, (By the then name of the Cheife Magistrates of the Corporacon of Chippenham in Wiltshire) in his Maities name with all convenient speede to give an Account to his Mai^{ties} att ye Counsell Board Whether the Act made in the 13th yeare of his Mai^{ties} Reigne Intituled an Act for the well Governing & Regulateing of Corporacons had benee duly putt in execucon from time to time within the said Burrough And if not imediately to cause the same to be putt in execucon As by the said Letter now remaineing amongst the Records of the said Burrough more at Lardge appeareth. Whereupon the said Bayliffe & Burgesses peruseing the contents of the said Letter And ffindeing That Gabriell Gouldney John Scott & John Stevens Burgesses of the said Burrough were soe elected before the makeinge of the said Act, and did then soe continue, And that William Gale one other Burgesse of the said Burrough was then departed this psent life, And alsoe ffindeing that Sam^l Twyford gent one other Burgesse of the said Burrough was thereunto duely elected according to the said Act & none other of the said Burgesses of the said Burrough were soe duely elected They the said Gabriell Gouldney John Scott John Stephens & Samuel Twyford pceeded to a new election of a Bayliffe & eight Burgesses as followeth viz^t :

The seaventeenth day of June Anno Dni 1680 Richard Kemm gent was elected Bayliffe of the said Burrough who at the time of such his election tooke the Oathes and Subscribed the Declaraton As by the said Statute is directed. The same day William Stephens William Scott May Pinchin & John Hulbert were seually re elected Burgesses of the said Burrough who at the time of

(A) This letter is still amongst the Corporation documents.

such their seuell electon tooke the Oathes and Subscribed the Declaracon As by the said Act is directed. The same day William Bedford & Thomas Webb gent Two other Inhabitants & householders of the said Burrough were nominated and elected Burgesses of the said Burrough & sworne ut prius."

"The accompt of Edward Hawkins, Bayliffe of the Issues and Profitts of his office for one whole year (to witt) ffrom th ffeast day of S^t Michael the Archangell in the ffive & thirtieth year of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles the Second over England &c Unto the ffeaste day of S^t Michael the Archangell in the Six and Thirtieth year of his said Ma^{ties} raigne (as followeth):

		£	s.	d.
1683	Received of Thomas Webb the late Bayliffe he not giving up his Accompts	00	00	00
	Recd of Gabr: Norris for his Rent for Burleaze	07	02	06
	Recd of Jona: Scott Gent. for his Rent for the Tenam ^t	09	10	00
	Recd of M ^r : Stokes for the Sheeps leaze in Inglands &c	12	05	00
	Rec: of the Burgesses and others Alotted to the 34 Acres of Grass in Westmead this Account ^t being one	10	04	00
	Recd at the Breach of Westmead	01	03	00
	Recd of Edward Barnard and John Short their ffees on making them ffree	01	03	04
	Recd of John Kipping for Rent for Pipsmore Grounds there being 2 ^s abated on the Ten ^{ts} death	10	00	00
1684	Received of 36 Inhabitants allotted in Inglands and Claypoles for the Lotts there	2	12	00
	Recevd in all	60	19	10

"DISBURST BY THIS ACCOUNT^r: AS FOLLOWETH:

Paid the Trustees for the use of Mr. Edmunds for Tythes for the Burr: Lands	05	02	08
P ^d . for 40 foot of Planks at 3 ^d . pr foot for to amend y ^e Pooll at Inglands	00	10	00
For 24 foot of Elming Planks for the same use	00	04	01
For 24 foot of square Timber 4 ^s . and p ^d . Charles Tayler for emptyng the said Poole &c 6 ^s . 8 ^d . in all	00	10	08

	£	s.	d.
P ^d . him more for worke	00	02	00
P ^d . Robert Richards for Worke in Inglands	00	03	06
P ^d . Charles Tayler and his boy for carrying the Soyle from the Poole	00	03	06
P ^d . John Sheath and his boy & for timber about the Poole	00	03	06
P ^d . for Soyle and carrying it to improve Bolscroft ...	01	10	00
P ^d . John Ferret for mending the Gates at Bowscroft & other places	00	05	03
P ^d . Expences and Horsehire for a Man with me to Sarum to be Sworne	00	15	00
Spent at the Breach of Westmead	01	01	00
1684 Paid Henry Winkworth for carrying of stones (it is charged to the Bridge and Cawsey)	00	00	00
Paid Richard Deanes and Will Jones for Laying hills in Inglands	00	14	00
Paid for beer for the Workmen in Inglands	00	02	10
Spent at the Breach of Inglands	00	02	06
Money allowed for this Accountant's Trouble in his office and the under Bayliffs Livery	06	00	00
Paid the Cryer	00	00	06
P ^d . Rich Deans y ^e under Bayliff his halfe years Wages ...	00	15	00
P ^d . him for Work in Inglands	00	14	06
P ^d . for Wine to treate the Officers of the Militia at a Muster of ffour dayes in all	02	04	10
P ^d . Samuell Elliott his Bill for Worke done to Towne Armes	00	10	10
Spent at seizing the Corne in Pipsmore Grounds on the death of John Kipping	00	09	06
Paid William Bedford Constable for the use of the Militia and other uses	02	02	00
P ^d . M ^{rs} Bayliff ^e her Rent	00	02	00
P ^d . the Cryer for Crying the Allotm ^{ts} & ^c	00	01	00
P ^d . Richard Lovell for Wanting the Grounds	00	14	00
P ^d . for Assart Rent	00	09	04
P ^d . the Register	01	00	00
P ^d . to 28 Inhabitants for their Lotts in Burleaze Pipsmore and the Tenement	18	13	04
Paid for treding out the Grass in Westmead	00	11	04
Paid the Hearth money for y ^e Town House	00	02	00

ABOUT THE BRIDGE.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Henry Winkworth for Carying of Stones Six dayes to amend the same	02	02	00
P ^d . Henry Hillier for helping load the same	00	07	06
Paid for beer at laying them... ..	00	02	04
Paid Hugh Goodcheap for Stones for the Bridge	01	05	06
P ^d . severall men for their helping the greatt peices of Ice through the Arches of the Bridge in the great frost... ..	00	12	06
P ^d . for three sacks of Lime	00	04	00
P ^d . for six Sacks of Lime	00	08	00
P ^d . William Head for Pointing and Cramping the Bridge	01	07	04
P ^d . John Gale for Cramps	00	16	10
P ^d . for 4 Sacks of Lime	00	05	04
P ^d . for beer for y ^e Workmen in mending the second Arch	00	04	06
P ^d . Thomas Sticklow for Cramps	00	03	06
P ^d . for Stone & Lime more	00	05	10
P ^d . Henry Winkworth for cary ^s of Stone for the second Arch	00	05	00
P ^d . Hugh Goodcheap his Bill for Worke	03	13	09
P ^d . for Lime & Hair	00	09	11
P ^d . more for Stone	00	02	00
P ^d . more for 19 Sacks of Lime and for Hair	01	06	00
Disburst in all ...	60	02	06

The whole sune of this Accountants }
Receipts doe Amount unto the sune of } 60 19 10

His Disburstm^{ts} in the whole doe }
Amount unto } 60 02 06

Soe there remaines in this Accountants }
hands which is by him paid over to }
the succeeding Bayliffe the sune of } 00 17 04

The aforesaid Account was made and yeilded up according to the Decree of the High Co^{rt} of Chancery in that behalfe made upon the eight & 20th day of Februa Anno Do: 168⁹."

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK No. 2.

Commencing 1684, ending 1774.

"A COPPY OF THE CHARTER OF CHIPPENHAM GRANTED BY KING JAMES Y^s SECOND ANNO DOM: 1685 AND TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH AS FOLLOWS."

[Such copy follows accordingly.]

"The former Charter granted by Queen Mary was (with divers other Charters of this Kingdome) surrendered into the hands of our late Sovereigne Lord King Charles the second Anno Dom: 1684: Soon after whose decease this Charter was obtayned and the ffees thereof freely Given to this Burrough by the Hono^{ble} Richard Kent ^(A) of Corsham in this County Esq^r."

1684. Sept^r 29th—John Flower was elected Bayliffe.

"Forasmuch as the said John Flower was (as it herein after appeareth) further elected or continued to execute the said office of Bayliffe for the year then ensueing his Accounts were not required or yielded up untill &c."

"The names of the Bayliffe Burgesses and ffreemen of the said Burrough who were sworne in all respects according to the Direction of the Charter granted by our Sovraigne Lord King James the second Anno Dom: 1684 are as followeth—viz^t."

" John Flower Bayliffe Sharington Talbot Esq ^r . Jonathan Rogers Gen ^t . William Stephens Samuell Twyford Gen ^t . William Gale Sen ^t .	}	Burgesses.	Roger Warne John Short Sen. William Lord William Gale Jn: Tho: Webb Gen ^t . James Gingell	}	Burgesses. John Weeks not sworn.
William Russell Gabriell Godby	Rich: Sorrill John Hulbert	John Lovegrove Willi: Weeks			

(A) The purchaser of Corsham Manor from Sir Edward Hungerford. He was elected M.P. for Chippenham 1685.

Antho. Guy	John Russell	John Holbrow
Gabri. Norris	Edw: Wilcox	John Jeffry
John Hillier	John Grant	John Weston
John Zealy	Phillip Gage	Henry Goldny
Hugh Bawne	John Webb	Tho: Ladd
John Bond	Walter Ladd	John Greenwood
Rich. Martin	Charles Aland	Willi: Bedford
Will: Palmer Jn.	Matthew Light	Will: Palmer
Willi: Hobbs	Thomas Chappell	Tho: Mayor
W ^m . Smith	Phill: Edwards	Rob ^t . Nicholls
John Reynolds	John Guill	John Jaques
Henry Palmer	Steph: Harford	Edw: Moxham
John Morly	John Ryall	Henry Ladd Jn.
Willi: Hayward	Geo: Baker	Tho: Godwin
Rich. Phillips	Rich: Bond	Emanu: West
Will. Nicholls	Gabri: Barnes	James Gage
Tho. Naish	Tho: Bawne	Henry Parker
Will: Ruming	Sam: Elliott	John Kington
Christo: Rowles	John Burgis	Sam: Flower
Rich: Godwin	Joseph Brown	Rich. Cowles
Ambros Thurman	Edward Barnard	John Twiny
Jonath: Head	John Short Jn:	John Stephens Sen ^r .
Walter Bond	John Gale	Thomas Slade Sen.
Henry Sturage	Jacob Church	Thomas Scott
Joseph Willis	Willi: Bayliff G ^t	Rich: Billet."

"The 16th day of March Anno Do: 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ Henry Baynton Esqr. and Sherington Talbot Esqr. were elected Members to sit in Parliament for this Burrough.

And the 25th day of August 1685 (the said Sherington Talbot being dead) Richard Kent Esqr. was elected in his place to sitt in Parliament for this Burr: by the Bayliffe Burgesses & ffreemen thereof."

"The Names of the Inhabitants Householders Registered and Recorded according to their Antiency untill the 29th day of September 1685, as followeth."

" Gabriell Godby	Gabriell Norris	James Gage
William Russell	John Hillier	Willi: Gale
Elianor Hawkins Wi:	Grace Aland Widd:	Hester Dickox Wid:
Jane Goldny Widd:	Tho: Webb	Henry Parker
Richard Sorrill	Gabri: Barnes	John Kington
John Hulbert	Tho: Bawne	John Grant
Alice Light Widd: .	Eliza: Arch Wid:	Phill: Gage
William Lord	Margar: Taylor Wid:	Edw ^d : Barnard
Ann Stephens	Samu: Elliott	John Short Jn:
William Smith	John Burgis	John Gale
Eliza: Glover Wid:	Mary Goldny Wid:	Jacob Church
Eliza Godwin	Joseph Browne	Will: Bayliffe Sen:
John Reynolds	Hugh Bawne	John Holborow
Henry Palmer	John Bond	John Jeffry
John Morly	Rog: Warne	John Weston
Will: Hayward	Rich: Martin	Henry Goldney
Rich: Phillips	Willi: Palmer	Tho: Ladd
John Short Sen:	Willi: Hobbs	John Webb
Will: Nicholls	Mary Stephens Wid.	Walter Ladd
Tho: Naish	Rob ^t : Nicholls	Charles Aland
Willi: Ruming	John Jacques	Willi: Palmer Sen:
Christo: Rowles	Edw: Moxham	Tho: Mayer
Willi: Weeks	John Greenwood	Tho: Chapwell
Eliza Vizard Wid:	Henry Ladd Jn:	Edw: Ady
Anthony Guy	Emanu: West	Tho: Russell

Some Names are herein omitted w^{ch} may be found in the next years Register."

" John Zealy	John Ryall	Ambros: Thurman
John Twinny	Matthew Light	Jonath: Head
Ann Goldny Wid:	Samu: Twyford	Walter Bond
Phill: Edwards	George Baker	Henry Sturge
John Flower	James Gingell	Joseph Willis
Judith Jones Wid:	Rich: Bond	John Russell
John Gill	Samu: Flower	Edw: Wilcox."
Stephen Harford	Rich: Cowles	
Jonathan Rogers	Rich: Godwin	

1684. March 13th.—William Lake, Vicar; William Bayliffe Gen^t Francis Grub Gen^t John Holborough John Jeffry John Weston Henry Goldney Thomas Ladd John Webb Walter Ladd and William Gale were made free.

“In the Feast day of S^t Michael the Archangell Anno Dom: 1685 and in the first year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord King James the second of England &c Wiliam Gale was elected Bayliffe of the Burrough of Chippenham in the Roome or place of John fflower and Adjourned the Swearing of him untill the sixth of October next.

Oct: 6th 1685.—The Bayliffe and seu'all of the Burgesses mett at the Guildhall in Chippenham aforesaid according to the Adjournment made the 29th of Septemb^r last and Adjourned to the ffourteenth instant at the place aforesaid.

Oct. 14th 1685.—The Bayliffe and Seaven of the Burgesses mett according to the last Adjournment; But the said William Gale Refusing to undertake the said office of Bayliffe. This day Samuell Twyford was elected Bayliffe and Adjourned the Swearing him untill the eight and twentieth of this instant October.

In the Interim of w^{ch} time the Bayliffe and Burgesses observing that the said Samuell Twyford was forced to abscond & conceale himselfe by Reason of seu'all Debts by him Contraced; And believing him thereby unfitt and incapable of managing the said office. *Did* therefore (and for other considerable causes) forbear to Meet at the Time appoynted whereby the said office was continued upon the said John Flower for the year ensuing who undertook the same accordingly.”

“The Ninetenth day of Aprill Ano: Dom: 1686 these persons under named were Allotted to the Sumer Leaze as followith.”

INGLANDS.

Eliza Godwin Wid:	John Hillier	Samu: Twyford
Henry Palmer	John Twinny	Gabr: Barnes
John Morly	Phillip Edwards	John Burges
Willi: Hayward	John Flower	Mary Goldney Wid:
Willi: Ruming	Tho: Scott	Hugh Bawne
Antho: Guy	John Ryall	Willi: Palmer Jn.

Willi: Hobbs	John Greenwood	Walter Bond
Mary Stephens Wid:	Hester Dickox Wid:	John Grant
Rob ^t : Nicholls	John Kington	Tho: Stade
John Jacques	Rich: Cowles	
Edw: Moxham	Jonathan Head	

BURLEAZE.

PIPSMORE.

John Short Sen ^r	}	Alice Light Wid.	John Bond
William Nicholls		Tho: Naish	Henry Lad Jn.
Eliza: Vizard Wid:		Gabr: Norris	Henry Stirge
Roger Warne		Judith Jones Wid:	Joseph Willis
Rich: Martin		Matthew Light	John Russell
		James Gingell	Rich: Phillips

TENEMENT.

BLACKWELLHAMS.

CLAYPOLES.

John Lovegrove	Willi: Lord	Ann Stephens
Willi: Smith	Christo: Rowles	John Reynolds
George Baker	Ann Goldney Wid:	John Zealy
Marga: Tayler Wid:	John Gill	Jonath: Rogers
Emanu. West	Tho: Webb	Sam: Elliot
Henry Parker	Eliza Arch Wid:	Joseph Browne
Samu: Flower	Willi: Gale Jn.	Phill: Gage."
Elian: Wilcox Wid:	Rich: Godwin	
Rich: Bond	Ambros. Thurman	
Rich: Billett		

" 23^o Martii 1686. WHEREAS it appeareth by an Order made in the year of our Lord 1654. That part of the Burrough Lands called the Tenem^t were allotted in the same manner as other the Grounds and Lands of the said Burrough Now for the good and utility of the said Burrough It is this day Ordered That the said Order soe made as aforesaid be voyd and of none effect and that the Rents and profitts of the said Lands called the Tenem^t be Employed to the same uses as they were before the said Order was made. AND IT IS further Ordered that six Lotts shall be Added to those now upon Inglands and Claypoles and Given forth to the Inhabit^{ants} of the said Burrough as other the Lotts are Soe that the Number of Lotts upon Inglands Bolscroft & Claypoles are for the future to be in all fforty and two."

“April 22nd 1687. WHEREAS severall Suits of Law are at present Commenced against the Bayliffe and Burgesses of this Burrough in Chancery and elsewhere for things relating to the Burrough aforesaid The Charges in defence of which said Suits are like to be very great ffor the Support (therefore) of the good of the said Burrough and the Defraying of the aforesaid Charges att Law. IT is this day Ordered that every ffreeman or Inhabitant that hath any Lott in Inglands or any other part of the Burrough Lands usually Allotted for feeding of Cattle shall pay to the Bayliffe each person three shillings and four pence for the Stocking of every Lott over and above what was usually paid. And for the other part of the said Lands which are Lett out the Lotts of which the Bayliffe useth to pay. IT is also Ordered that the Bayliffe shall pay to such ffreeman or ffreemen whose Lotts fall in the said part of the Lands soe lett out the sume of Ten Shillings for each Lott and noe more. And that this Order continue untill it shall be thought fitt to alter the same.

It is alsoe further Ordered That noe ffreeman or Inhabitant of this Burrough whose Lotts shall fall in Inglands or Claypoles doe from henceforth sell or dispose of his or her Lott there to any person whatsoever for the Stocking and depasturing of an Horsebeast there Except it be to a Burgess or ffreeman of the said Burro: And if any person make default herein or Act any thing Contrary to the true intent & meaning of this Order he shée or they thus offending shall be from thenceforth debarred of all Benefitt of the Burrough Lands.”

“Septem: 16^a. Whereas Homage Fees (viz^t) Thirty-six Pounds six shillings and eight pence hath been Demanded from this Corporation by Reason of his Ma^{ties}. passing lately through this Towne And whereas Richard Kent of Corsham Esqr. was pleased on our Request to undertake the paying or Compounding for the same on Condition the said Corporation or their Successours shall and will Repay him againe when demanded.

It is this day Ordered that the said Mr. Kent be Repayed his Disburstments in the pmisses when and as soon as it shall be demanded by the said Mr. Kent or his Assignes.”

1687. “In the Feast day of S^c Michaell the Archangell in the third year of the Raigne of our So: L^d. James ye 2nd the Bayliffe and Burgesses met and Assembled at the Guildhall for the electing of a New Bayliffe and Adjourned untill Munday the 17th of Octob: next.

Octob: 17th 1687. The Bayliffe & Burgess mett and then Agreed that the present Bayliffe John Flower should continue his office untill such time as the said Bayliffe and Burgissis should thinke fitt to Elect another in his place.

The eight & twentieth day of October An^o sup dicto. The said John Flower made and yielded up his Accounts for the Three years last past in the presence of the said Burgesses and other Inhabitants.

The aforesaid John fflower continued his said Office of Bayliffe from the above said feast of S^t Michael the Archangell unto the ffourth day of January then next following.

“His Maities Mandate was sent to this Burrough By virtue whereof The then Bayliffe and ffoure of the then Burgesses were removed and displaced (viz^t)

John fflower Bayliffe	}	Burgesses.
Samuell Twyford		
William Gale Sen ^r		
John Weekes		
Thomas Webb		

And in their places were putt these following—

William Bedford Bayliffe.	}	Burgesses.
John Hulbert		
William Dyer		
William Hobbs		
William Scott		

The ffourth day of January Anno Dni: 1687 William Bedford was by vertue of his Maities Mandate putt in Bayliffe of the said Burrough and then psently sworne to the same office.”

“GUILDHALL within the said Burrough The six and twentyeth day of October in the ffourth yeare of the Raigne of o^r Sovereign Lord James the Second by the grace of God King of England &c Anno Dom. 1688.

THIS day in psuanc^e of the Kings Mai^{ties} Proclamacon for restoring of Corporacons to their Rights &c The Bayliffe and some of the Burgesses that soe were at the time of the Surrender of the late Charter had a Meeting att this place. And uppon Exaiacon found That John Scott, William Stephens, & Edward Hawkins who were Burgesses of this Burrough att the time of

the said Surrender, have (since the said Surrender) departed this present life. And that Samuell Twyford gent another Burgesse att the time of the said Surrender hath since removed out of the said Burrough to dwell and inhabit in some other place, Soe that the said Burrough Did Consist of a Bayliffe and Eight Burgesses viz^t

John fflower Bayliffe.

John Stephens	} Burgesses.	Richard Kemm	} Burgesses.
William Scott		William Bedford	
May Punchin		Thomas Webb	
John Hulbert		Gabriell Norryes	

Whereuppon the said Bayliffe and Burgesses last named Proceeded to compleate and fill up the number of Burgesses as followeth.

The Nine and Twentyeth day of the said Moneth of October Anno Sep. dict: Walter Scott William Lord Edward Adye & John Eatwell Inhabitants and Householders of the said Burrough were nominated elected and chosen Burgesses of the said Burrough & severally sworne before the said Bayliffe & Burgesses."

1688. November 1st.—"Gabriell Norryes was by vertue of His Mai^{ties} Proclamacon for restoreing of Corporacon to their Rights &c^c elected and chosen Bayliffe."

"20^o februar 1688.—Whereas uppon the sixteenth day of September Anno Dni: 1687. An Order was made and entred for the repaying unto Richard Kent Eqr. the sume of Six and Thirty Pounds six shillings and eight pence being moneys by him to be paid for and at the request of this Corporacon for homage fees, As by the said Order appeares Now be it remembered & recorded That the said Mr. Kent haveing paid the said sume of Six and Thirty pounds six shillings & eight pence But he considering the Comon Stock of the said Burrough to be of late very much lessend Hath out of his good Will and as a free and Charitable Guift to this Corporacon, in the psence of John fflower William Lord Edward Adye and other Burgesses of the said Corporacon, Clearly acquitted & discharged the said Corporacon from the repaying of the aforesaid sume, Any thing in the said Order to the Contrary Notwithstanding."

"Here begins the
Stamp Duty
Single Shilling."

"The seaventeenth day of July Anno Dni. 1694 Gabriell Gouldney an Inhabitant & Householder in one of the aforesaid Ancient Tenem^{ts} &c^c William Guy, Anthony Martin, Richard

Garraway and James Rennolls were before the Bayliffe and Burgesses of this Burrough severally and respectively admitted and made free to take benefitt of the lands of this Burrough according to the Decree They severally paying for Registering and recording their severall names as followeth.

The said Gabriell Gouldney being the Sonne of a Burgesse of this Burrough & borne within the said Burrough iij^s iiiij^d.”

1694. September 29th.—Gabriell Gouldney was nominated and elected a Burgesse in the room and place of William Lord deceased.

1695. September 29th.—Gabriel Goldney was elected Bayliffe.

“ Att a Hall held the 15th day of March 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ It was agreed and ordered That for the speedy repair of Chippenham Bridge and the causey leading from Chippenham Townsend to Derry hill six shillings and eight pence be paid deducted and taken once round out of and for every lott of every ffreehouse within the Burrough of Chippenham aforesaid henceforth drawing on Inglands Claypoles Blackwellhams Pipsmore and Burleaze and four shillings once round for every acre of the said Burrough lands in Westmead.”

1700. Sept^r 29th.—“ Richard Martyn Jun^r inhabitting in one of the ancient tenements (tho’ a Parishioner of and Inhabiting within the Parish of Chippenham by Certificate) being y^e son of a ffreeman and borne within this Borough,” was made ffree &^c and paid 3^s : 4^d.

“ Adam Gouldney being y^e son of a ffreeman and borne within the said Borough,” was made ffree.

“ Henry King inhabiting one of the Ancient Tenements within this Borough (by Certificate from Swinden) ” was made ffree.

“ The twentieth day of April Anno Dom. 1711 AT THE GUILD HALL, It was agreed, That in consideracon of a Debt due and owing from this Borough unto Anthony Guy a late Bayliffe of this Borough (as appeareth by his accompts) and also the Bridge and Causey being much out of Repair, That there should be no Allotment of any part of the sumer-feeding of the Lands belonging to this Borough to any Inhabitant this year, but that the whole sumes and profits of the same shall be Employed to the uses before mentioned.”

1712. August 22nd.—“ Henry Goldney G^t being the son of a ffreeman, and borne within the said Borough,” was made ffree.

1714. The ninth day of October.—“ John Goldney, being the son of a freeman, and borne within the said Borough,” was made free.

1716. April 29th.—“ It was Ordered and Agreed, That noe Person shall stock or depasture any Horse Beast in Inlands or Claypoles, if there is Cow Beast enough to make up the full number Allotted, And for want of Cow Beast to make up the said Number, The Bayliffe and Burgesses for the future may Stock one Horse Beast each (that is their owne proper Goods) according to their seniority, And if more Stock wanted, then the ffree Recorded Inhabitants, may stock one Horse Beast each (that is their owne proper Goods) according to their seniority untill the Number Allotted is fully stock^d; Provided that noe more than Two Horse Beasts shalbe stock^d in the Room and places of Three Cow Beasts; Also it was then Ordered & Agreed That noe Person shall alter the Stock of Cow Beast and Stock Horse Beast in place thereof, But continue the same as Stock^d the Third day of May, yearly, for the future, without the Consent of the Bailiffe and Burgesses of this Borough, on being disfranchised.”

1721. Sept^r 20th.—“ Ambrose Audry Gen^t ” was made free. “ The said Ambrose Audry not being borne within this Borough, nor married with a Widdow or daughter of a Recorded Inhabitant of this Borough, nor served as an apprentice for the space of seven years &^c Paid for Registering and Recording his Name or : 00 : 00.

1723. Sept^r 29th.—Ambros Awdrey Gen^t was elected Bayliffe.

February 21st. “ It was Agreed and Ordered That no Person shalbe deemed or accounted an Inhabitant of the Borough of Chippenham or Intitled to receive Benefitt out of any part of the Lands of the said Borough, But such Person or Persons, that shall Constantly Reside and Inhabitt in one of the Ancient Tenements of the said Borough, and shalbe an Actuell Houskeeper therein.”

1727. April 26th.—“ It was Agreed & Ordered, That all Persons shall Continue the same sort of Beast in Inlands and Claypoles as they Stocketh y^e 3^d of May Yearly untell the Breach of Westmead In the same year, And not exchange Cows for Horses.”

1727. Jan^y 16th.—“ John Merewether ” was made free.

1728. March 10th.—“ Ambrose Awdry one of y^e Burgesses of this Borough departed this life.”

March 17th.—Rogers Holland Esqr. was nominated, elected and chosen a Burgess of this Borough in the room & Place of Ambrose Awdry deceased And the swearing of the said Rogers Holland was (by reason of his attending in the Parliament House) adjourned from time to time unto the 29th day of May Anno: Dom: 1729."

1730. Sept^r 29th.—" John Merewether " was elected Bayliffe.

1731. July 30th.—" Gabriel Goldney Jn^r being the Son of a Recorded Inhabitant " &c. was made free. " Isaac Humphreys Jun^r " was made free.

1734. April 20th.—" Adam Goldney, Lebens Byard, Samuel Typen Esqr., The Rev^d M^r. Francis Welman, Rev^d M^r. John Bushell," were made free.

1737. June 16th.—" Joseph Colborne " was made free.

1737. Sept^r. 29th.—" Isaac Humphreys " was elected Bayliffe.

1739. Sept^r. 29th.—" Edward Montagu Esquire " was made free.

1740. April 29th.—" It was ordered and agreed that for the encouragem^t of persons stocking Rother or Cow Beast in Inglands That whatsoever pson or psons shall on th 3^d of May next Stock Cows in Inglands afs^d they shall have the liberty of changing or altering such Stock of Cows for other Stock according to the Custom of the Borough being 3 Cows to two Horses (Bulls Stags Oxen & Steers excepted) upon the 3^d. day of Aug^t following applying to the under Bailiff for the removall of such old Stock and Entring the new in a Book to be kept by him for that purpose And paying each person 2^d. for each Horse to him for such change of Stock & keeping thereout ½^d "

October 21st.—" Edward Bayntun Esquire, John Norris Esquire, S^r. Edmond Thomas Bart, John Talbot Esqr., Mr. Wilmot Rolt, Mr. Walno, James Montague Eqr., Mungo Haldane Esqr.," and others were made free.

" 20th March 1740.—Edw^d. Bayntun Rolt Eqr. elected took the oath of his office and the oaths appointed to be taken in the stead of the oaths of allegiance and Supremacy."

" On Monday May 4th 1741.—S^r. Edmund Tho^r. Bar^t & Edward Bayntun Rolt Esqr. were elected Burgesses to serve in Parliament by a Majority as follows. The Pole stood thus for S^r. Edm^d. Tho^r. Bar^t . . . 69

Edw^d Bayntun Rolt . . . 71

Alexander Hume Esqr. . . . 59

John Frederick Esqr. . . . 55 "

1741. Sept^r. 29th.—"Nominated^(A) by the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Burrough of Chippenham for the office of Bayliff of the s^d Burrough for the year ensuing Mr. Roger Warne & Mr. Thomas Figgins & the said Mr. Roger Warne being duly elected took the oath of Office & the oaths appointed to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance and Supremacy before W^m. Johnson late Bayliffe."

"26th Feb^y 1744.—Agreed with Jonathan Head to repair the Causeway leading from Chippenham to the Top of Derry Hill at fifteen Guineas a Year under the Covenants contracted in the last Article Between him and the Burrough and that another Article be prepared to commence from Michas last for seven years."

"The 23^d December 1747.—It was agreed between the above named Bayliff & Burgesses that Joseph Colborne the present occupier of the Winter feed of Inglands shall stock ten heifers on the said Lands there to Depasture and feed till th 2^d day of February next he paying the sume of five shillings for the same."

"It was agreed that any person who shall be intituled to a Cow Leaze Shall Stock upon the same two yearlings or one Cow at his own Option."

"January 23^d 1749.—It was agreed that the present Tenant of the Winter feed of Inglands may Stock the same with young Heifers and fooder Hay thereon untill the first day of March now next ensueing.

It is further Ordered that a Lease of Blackwellhams and of the Winter Leaze of Inglands Westmead and Claypoles be granted to William Shipton for the Term of seven years to Commence from Lady day next under the same Yearly Rent and Covenants as are contained in a former Lease thereof granted to Mr. Joseph Colborne except any restriction from plowing that part of Blackwellhams which formerly hath been plowed he the said William Shipton laying the same down with proper grass seeds two years before the Expiration of the said Term."

"13 April 1750.—Mr. Matthew Humphrys was elected and chosen a Burgess in the room & place of Mr. Roger Stephens deceased."

1750. Sept^r. 29th.—Matthew Humphrys was elected Bailiffe.

(A) This is the first record of the nomination in accordance with the Charter of Queen Mary, by the Burgesses, of two of their body; of whom "the other Burgesses Men and Inhabitants of the Borough" were to elect one to be Bailiff.

"February 15th 1751.—Ordered that the Bayliff do purchase a sufficient number of Withey Setts to plant near the River in Englands and Claypoles as he shall think proper."

"June 24th 1751.—Edward Bayntun Rolt Esqr. was elected a Burgess to Serve in Parliament for this Borough without any opposition."

1751. Sept^r 29th.—"Ordered that W^m Shipton the present Tenant for the Winter feed of Englands may Stock twenty young Cow Beasts on Englands till the 2nd day of February next paying five shillings to the Bailiff therefore."

"February 20th 1752.—Anthony Guy Esqr. a Burgess of this Borough departed this Life."

"February 28th 1752.—At the Guildhall of Chippenham.—The Bailiff of this Borough having received his Majesty's Writ of Mandamus directed to the Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough requiring & Commanding them to admit the Reverend Mr. Christopher Holland Clerk to the place or office of a Freeman of this Borough and also to administer to him the Oath of Office and to Insert his Name in the List of Freemen have now met (in pursuance of Notice for that purpose) to take the matter of the said Writ into Consideration & it being suggested that the said Mr. Christopher Holland was already a Freeman the Book of this Corporation was examined whereby it appears that he had been admitted to his Freedom on the 26th day of September 1738 and then took the Oath usually administered on such Occasion and his Name was Inserted in the List of Freemen from that time till the year 1740 inclusive but it not appearing that the Name of the said Mr. Holland had been inserted in any of the Lists of Freemen since the said year 1740. It is the opinion of the Majority of the Bailiff & Burgesses now present that such Omission is Improper and it was also resolved by a Majority of the Bailiff & Burgesses aforesaid that the said Reverend Christopher Holland Clerk (who was in the said year 1738 and is now Vicar of this Parish and then and now residing in the Vicarage House situate in this Borough) be forthwith restored to the possession & Enjoyment of all the Rights Privileges Advantages & Franchises which he ought to possess and enjoy by virtue of his Freedom and that his name be also forthwith entered on the List of Freemen of this Borough."

"September 26th 1753.—At the Guildhall of Chippenham. It was agreed that the Common Seal of the Borrough should be affixed to a Petition then produced and read directed to the Bishop of this Diocess. Praying that a

faculty ^(A) may be granted to the Bailiff & Burgesses & their Successors for the seat in the Body Isle of the Church of this Parish lately repair'd by them & the Seal was then & there affixed thereto accordingly."

"January 14th 1754.—Whereas the Bailiff & Burgesses have all been summoned personally to appear on the 17th inst^e in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Sarum to Answer certain Articles then & there to be Exhibited at the Promotion of Sam^l Mundy & others relating to the Suit now depending between them & the said Bailiff & Burgesses concerning a certain Seat in the Parish Church of Chippenham in the County of Wilts. And whereas several of the Burgesses are through age & Bodily Infirmities unable to Travel to attend the said Court. It is therefore Voted and Agreed by all present that a Commission be Prayed to examine the said Parties at the Town of Chippenham aforesaid, then adjourned to Morrow the 15th Inst^e at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Jan. 15th 1754.—At a Meeting held at the Guildhall of Chippenham, this day pursuant to Adjournment it was further Agreed that to save the Trouble of calling together a Chamber on every Incident relating to the Suit aforesaid that the Conduct thereof be for the future left to our present Attorney Mr. John Trevannion and our Proctor Mr. W^m Boucher of the City of New Sarum."

The following were made free, "John Gaby for late Widow Heads; James Gale for late Widow Scots; Robert Brown for late Mrs. Awdry's; Sam^l Fludyer Esqr. for y^e House called y^e Old Bear."

"April y^e 15th 1754.—Edward Bayntun Rolt & Sam^l Fludyer Esqr. were this day unanimously chosen members to serve in Parliament for this Borough."

"N.B.—The Houses not included in 119 are y^e following as being untenanted or inhabited by persons who cannot take, such as maidens &c.

The house late Tho. Stephen's
 Mr. Guy's
 Thos. Elliot
 Miss Gouldney's
 Late Mrs. Awdry's
 Cambridges late Bowcher's
 Old Bear."

(A) The Faculty was granted, and is amongst the Corporation Documents.

"May 1 1755.—The Borough Seal was affixed to an Instrument appointing William Pullen of Chippenham aforesaid Clothworker a Syndick for prosecuting the Cause now depending in the Episcopal Consistorial Court of Sarum relating to a Seat in the Parish Church of Chippenham lately fitted up at the expense of the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the said Borough and now claimed by Samuel Munday Edward Baker Edolls John Kington & Thomas Keate all which was done by the unanimous consent of the said Bayliffe & of all the above named Burgesses."

"27th day of February 1756.—Whereas the Custom of Throwing at Cocks on Shrove Tuesdays being in itself a most barbarous Practice and as such is not only inconsistant with the Laws both of God and Man, but greatly tends to the training up of Youth, in the principles of inhumanity; besides the many accidents which often happens to others from it, and the offence it must naturally give to every good Christian who considers that the Animal World was made for his use and not abuse as such a treatment of Cocks most notoriously is; we therefore the Bayliffe and Burgesses having at the Request of divers of the principal Inhabitants of this Borough taken the said affair into our serious Consideration, and determined as far as in us lies, to prevent the same for the future, Do by virtue of our Charter, us thereunto empowering make a By-Law as follows;

To WITT.—We do order that no person or persons do or shall from henceforth within this Borough, Throw, Pelt, Squail, or Shoot at or expose to be Thrown, Pelted or Squailed or Shot at any Cock, Hen, Pullett, or Chick, or any Feathered Fowl of any kind whatsoever while living, under the Penalty of Twenty shillings to be paid to the Bailiff of the Borough for the Time being, by every person and persons offending in any or either of the particulars aforesaid—One half of the said Penalty to be paid to the person who shall give information thereof to the Bailiff, and the other half thereof to be paid by the Bailiffe to such of the poor residing within the said Borough as shall not at that time receive alms from the Parish there, as He and the Burgesses or the major part thereof shall from time to time direct. And we do further order that Publick notice of this By-Law be given tomorrow & on Monday next, in the said Borough by the Common Cryer."

"1757 Sept^r. 29th—Mr. Gabriel Goldney was admitted to his Freedom for the House late in Possession of his Father deced.

Mr. George Searle Bayliffe was admitted to his Freedom."

"It was agreed that the Borough Seal be affixed to a Petition to Parliament relating to the granting Licenses to Publick Houses within the Borough."

"1758 Sept^r 29th—It was agreed Nem. Con. that the farther Part of the Bridge be made wider viz. from the Half Bridge to the end next to the Sign of the Anchor & that the Lotts shall be kept back for that purpose."

"1759 Sept^r 29th—Ordered that Mr. Hugh Trevanion do commence an Action against Richard Gotley for lopping & cropping the Trees in the Slough Ground belonging to this Borough & for other Damages committed thereon at the Suit & Expencc of the Borough."

Mr. John Merewether and the Rev. Mr. Will. Tuson were admitted to their Freedom.

"November 22nd 1760.—It was unanimously agreed that the Bayliffe do affix the Common Seal of this Borough to a fair copy of the Address hereinafter written & Transmitt the same to the present Members of Parliament for this Borough to be by them presented to his majesty (viz^t)

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY the humble address of the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham in common council assembled.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

We your Majesty's most dutiful & faithful Subjects, the Bayliffe & Burgesses of your ancient & ever loyal Corporation of Chippenham Beg leave to Congratulate your Majesty on your Accession to the Crown of these Realms, an event wisely provided for & happily effected by the General Voice of a free & brave people, as the only security to them and their posterity of all that is valuable to true Brittons, and whose Joy on the occasion admitts of no alloy but what most naturally proceeds from the Heart of every Grateful Subject Reflecting on the many princely Virtues of your Royal Grandfather our late most Gracious Sovereign of Blessed Memory whom it hath pleased the Almighty to take unto himself, as full of Glory as of Days.

That your majesty may successfully prosecute the present just & necessary war, to the obtaining of an honourable & permanent peace, and long Sway the British Sceptre in Health, wealth, & Tranquility, and that there may never be wanting a Descendant of your Royal Family, to fill the throne of your Kingdoms to the latest Generation, is the sincere & hearty prayer

of Great Sir

Your Majesty's most Dutiful & Devoted Subjects.

Given under the Seal of our Incorporation the 22nd day of Nov. 1760."

1761 March 26th—William Gale was elected Bayliffe.

“31 March 1761.—Sir Sam^l Fludyer Bar^t & Edward Bayntun Rolt Esqr. were unanimously elected Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Chippenham.”

“6 Aug. 1761.—At this Meeting pursuant to notice for that purpose given on receiving a Letter from the Corporation of Lincoln relating to an abuse of the late Mr. Robert Gale’s Charity, which Letter we have taken into consideration & do therefore unanimously concur with y^e said Corporation of Lincoln in Filling an Information in the Court of Chancery against y^e possessors of y^e Lands &c. Subject to the payment of that Charity in order to have the said Charity settled agreeable to the will of the donor, & we will pay our proportion of any expenses attending the same.”

1761. Sept^r 29th—Rogers Holland Esqr. was elected Bayliffe.

Alworth Merewether was admitted to the freedom.

“August 13th 1762.—At a Meeting at the Guildhall it was unanimously agreed that on account of receiving the agreeable News of the Birth of a ^(A)Prince of Wales a general Invitation should be made to the Freemen of the Borough to Assemble in the Evening at the Angell Inn to celebrate this happy Event, it was further agreed that a Hogshead of Beer be given to the Populace and two Bonfires made at the Expense of the Borough.”

1762. Sept^r 29th—“Mr. Thomas Gouldney was admitted to the freedom of this Borough and paid 0 : 3 : 4.”

1763. Sept^r 29th—John Crook was elected Bayliffe.

“It was unanimously agreed that the Bridge should be widened agreeable to a plan produced.”

1764. Sept^r 29th—“Whereas it hath been thought advisable to make application to William Norris Esqr. on the behalf of the Borough for an Exchange of Lands with him in order to make the Stocking Horses and other Cattle into Englands more easy and commodious and the said Mr. Norris having consented to give up to the Borough in Fee all that his Close of Ground called Shorts Leaze lying adjoining to the said Lands belonging to this Borough called Englands and now let at the yearly Rent of Eight Pounds, On Condition the Borough do give up to him in Fee in

(A) Afterwards George IV.

Exchange for the same All that their Close of Ground called Burleaze now let at the yearly Rent of seven Pounds and ten shillings and also all their Lands in or near Pipsmore ffield now in the possession of the said William Norris as Tenant to the Borough at the yearly rent of thirteen shillings and four pence the said Mr. Norris paying the costs and charges relating to making the said Exchange and of all Deeds and Conveyances to be made concerning the same and the same Exchange was unanimously consented to by the said Bayliffe and Burgesses and Mr. Samuel Martyn is desired to prepare the said Deeds of Exchange without delay for the same."

"April 12 1765.—At this Meeting the following Advertisemt was ordered to be printed and the Borough Seal affixed thereto and that the same be placed against the Pillory and that a sufficient number of Copys of the same be printed off and disposed of Gratis.

BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

March 13th 1765.

The Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid having maturely considered the ill Consequences that ensued from the late unlawful Riots and Assemblys consisting of a lawless Mob and for the prevention of the same for the future do GIVE NOTICE that if any persons dare to assemble themselves in an illegal Manner against the peace of our Sovereign Lord the King within the space of two Miles of this Borough they shall be Prosecuted at the Expence of this Corporation.

The Bayliffe and Burgesses likewise in order to remove any pretence whatever for such irregular proceedings which reflect so great a dishonour to this country where the Laws are so excellently well regulated do give notice that a Reward of one Guinea will be given to every person or persons residing in this Parish who shall within the space of one year convict any Offender or Offenders of the iniquitous Practice of forestalling regrating or engrossing and are determined themselves to put these useful Laws in full Force.

In order to prevent the numberless prosecutions that Farmers and others are subject to it is ordered by the Authority aforesaid that they bring to Market their Corn Butter Cheese Turkeys Geese Chicken Pigeons Conies Eggs and all other dead Victuals whatsoever and do sell the same in Public Market.

N.B.—The Assize of Bread will be regularly given out Weekly by the Bayliffe and the Weights and Measures inspected into."

“August 9 1765.—Mr. William Johnson Bayliffe of this Borough departed this life.”

1765. August 14th.—Roger Warne was elected Bayliffe.

“30 Sepr. 1765.—Mr. James Wild was unanimously elected Town Clerk of this Borough.”

“5th Oct. 1765.—Mr. Gabriel Goldney was nominated elected and chosen a Burgess of this Borough of Chippenham in the room and place of Mr. Issaac Humphrys deceased.”

1766. 13th May.—Mr. John Noyes and the Rev. Mr. Benjamin Rogers were admitted to the freedom.

“13th June 1766.—At this meeting consideration being had that many of the Townsmen and Inhabitants of the said Burrough had requested that a well of water might be opened and rendered serviceable lying and being in or near the Center of the said Borough and which for the space of a great number of years had been occupied and repaired at the Expence of the said Burrough for the use and benefit thereof and has time immemorially been known by the name of the Town Pump now closed up and useless but which might be of great Service to numbers of the Inhabitants of the said Burrough and more particularly be of Signal Service to all the Inhabitants of the said Burrough in case of fire on account of its advantageous situation in case the same was opened and a pump erected therein. It was then and there unanimously agreed that the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the said Burrough should purchase of Mr. Thomas Eacott Lessee under William Norris Esquire the said Well during the remainder of his Estate and term therein for the price of sixteen pounds and ten pence over and above a quit rent of seven shillings and six pence a Year the same to be paid out of the monys arising from the Burrough Lands. And it was at the same time concluded and agreed that a good and substantial pump be there erected for the use of such of the Inhabitants as will pay a yearly reasonable consideration for the same and also for the generall use and benefit of all the Inhabitants in Case of fire or any other unavoidable misfortunes that may require the same.”

“Mr John Merewether was elected a Burgess in the room and place of Mr. Matthew Humphrys deceased.”

1766. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. Gabriel Goldney was elected Bayliffe.

“13 May 1767.—It was agreed that the Town Pump should be railed round

with Iron Rails for the preservation of the same and that John Noyes do give in a model of such rails in order for making of the same."

1768. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Daniel Woodroffe was admitted to the freedom.

"27 March 1769.—Henry Dawkins Esquire was unanimously elected a Member to serve in this present Parliament of Great Britain in the Room of Sir Thomas ffudyer Knight deceased."

"26 Sep. 1770.—Mr. Gabriel Goldney was unanimously Elected Town Clerk of this Borough in the Room of James Wild who has Resigned on Account of his ill State of Health."

1771. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. William Gale was elected Bayliffe.

"27 March 1772.—The Bayliffe having been informed that the Decree under the Great Seal of the High Court of Chancery belonging to this Borough which had been missing for a considerable time was in the Hands of John Salter of this Town Dissenting Preacher. It was therefore Demanded by the Bayliffe and Burgesses and Delivered up at this present Meeting by the said John Salter And the same was immediately Deposited in the Chest with the Charter for the use of the Borough."

"Anthony Guy Esqr. and James Bradbury were admitted to the Freedom of the Borough."

1772. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Walter Wastfield was elected Bayliffe.

"June 11. 1773.—The Bayliffe and Burgesses being informed and satisfied that Mr. Roger Warne late one of the Burgesses of this Borough died on Saturday the fifth day of this instant June Whereby the Place and Office of one of the Burgesses of this Borough is become void.

Mr. Ambrose Lovegrove and Mr. George Searle Bayliffe inhabitants and House holders were nominated to serve the office of one of the Burgesses of this Borough in the room and Place of the said Roger Warne deceased.

For Mr. AMBROSE LOVEGROVE.

Mr. Benjamin Edwards.
Mr. John Merewether.
Mr. Gabriel Goldney.
Mr. Joseph Colborne.
Mr. Samuel Martyn.
Mr. Philip Edwards.

For Mr. GEORGE SEARLE BAYLIFFE.

Mr. John Crook.
Mr. Matthew Humphrys.
Mr. William Gale.
Mr. Thomas Figgins.
Mr. Walter Wastfield.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK No. 3.

Commencing 1774, ending 1817.

1774. "Oct^r 6.—On this day Sir Edward Bayntun of Spy Park in the County of Wilts Baronet and Samuel Marsh of the City of London Esquires were unanimously elected Two Burgesses to serve in Parliament for this Borough."

"Dec^r 21st.—At this Meeting Mr. William Lovegrove surviving Executor in Trust named in the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Mary Bridges deceased, Paid into the hands of the Bayliffe of this Borough the sum of Ten Pounds principal and five Pounds interest making together fifteen Pounds, given by the Will of the said Mary Bridges to and for the use of the free School of this Borough As by the said Will more Particularly will appear—Which said sum of fifteen Pounds is Appropriated to the use of the said Borough for Ever and Accounted for accordingly in the said Bayliffe's accounts. Now the Bayliffe and Burgesses in Consideration of their receiving the said sum of fifteen Pounds Do promise and Agree for themselves and for their Successors (as far as they lawfully may or can) to pay to the Master of the free School of this Borough and his Successors the sum of fifteen shillings Yearly for ever out of the Borough Stock for Teaching and Instructing of two poor Boys to be Born within this Borough in Reading Writing and Arithmetick upon the same Rules and Terms as those Boys have been and now are taught and Instructed at the said free School under the Will of William Woodroffe deceased. The Nomination of such two Boys from time to time upon every vacancy to be at the direction of Mr. Ambrose Lovegrove the present Bayliffe during his Natural life and from and after his decease the Nomination from time to time upon every vacancy for ever to be at the direction of the Bayliffe of this Borough for the time being."

"The late Mr. Robert Gale's Charity amounting to £21 : 15 : 0 : was this day distributed by the Bayliffe and Burgesses pursuant to the Donor's Will."

1775. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. John Scott ^(A) was elected Bayliffe.

"Oct. 27th.—Mr. Thomas Goldney was unanimously nominated elected and

(A) On the Borough Arms over the old Town Hall are the initials and date J. S. 1776.

chosen a Burgess of this Borough in the room and place of Philip Edwards deceased."

"1776. January 20th.—The Bayliffe & Burgesses Attended in the Publick Markett the Reading of two Proclamations the one intituled a Proclamation appointing the Distribution of Prizes taken during the Continuance of the Rebellion now Subsisting in divers parts of the Continent of North America. The other intituled a Proclamation for Encouraging Seamen to enter themselves on board his Majesty's Ships of War."

1776. Sept^r 29th.—M^r. John Noyes was elected Bayliffe.

1777. Sept^r 29th.—"Present at the Guildhall, Mr, John Noyes, Bayliffe, Mr. William Gale, Mr. Matthew Humphreys, Mr. Walter Westfield, Mr. Gabriel Goldney, Mr. Benjamin Edwards, Mr. Ambrose Lovegrove, Mr. John Scott, Mr. William Pinniger, Mr. Thomas Goldney and Mr. Henry Kemm, junior, Burgesses. Mr. William Pinniger was elected Bayliffe.

1778. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Thomas Goldney was elected Bayliffe.

1780. Sept^r 11th.—"Henry Dawkins, of Standlinch, in the County of Wilts Esqr. and Giles Hudson of the City of London Esqr., were unanimously elected two Burgesses to serve in Parliament for this Borough."

1780. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Gabriel Goldney was elected Bayliffe.

1781. Sept^r 29th.—"The Bayliffe having been informed that George Hurle otherwise Hurdle have been guilty of forestalling and Regrating in the Publick Markett of this Borough; It is Ordered by the Bayliffe and Burgesses at this meeting, to put a stop to such Practice for the future, that the said George Hurle otherwise Hurdle be indicted at the next or any subsequent Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for this County, & that the Prosecution be carried on at the expence of this Borough for the Publick good of the inhabitants of this Borough."

Mr. Francis Head was elected Bayliffe.

"MEASUREMENT OF THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM; taken by John Clements of Avebury in the County of Wilts, Land Surveyor 1781."

	A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.
Inglands and Clay Poles ...	56	0	11	Bounds	1	3	3	Neat	54	1	8
Westmead	30	3	15	...	0	0	36	...	30	2	19
Bumpers	15	2	0	...	1	0	26	...	14	1	14

	A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.		A.	R.	P.			
Little Field	10	1	31	Bounds	0	1	38	Neat	9	3	33	
Littleworth	2	2	31	...	...	0	0	31	...	2	2	0
Hulberts Hold	5	1	21	...	...	0	2	8	...	4	3	13
Blackwell Hams	6	1	31			0	1	20		5	3	33
Slough	13	0	34			0	3	34	...	12	1	0
In Doal Mead	0	0	29									
Do.	0	0	26									
Do.	0	1	20							1	0	16
Do.	0	1	21									
Total	141	2	12	Bounds	5	2	36	Neat	135	3	16	

1782. January 4th.—"At this meeting it is unanimously agreed and consented to for the Bayliffe to have a Causeway or foot Path Pitched with good materials and kept in repair at the expence of this Borough on the same spot of Ground where a Causeway formerly was leading from the Corner of the House belonging to Mr. William Pinniger to the Town Pump, and that the Bayliffe shall have authority to have as many yards in length Pitched as he shall think necessary for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants of this Borough."

1782. October 2^d.—"Henry Dawkins Esqr. was admitted to the Freedom of the Borough for the House late in the occupation of Jonathan Weston deced."

Dec^r 21.—"Agreed that on account of Saint Thomas day falling on a Saturday and being Markett day to adjourn the Disposall of the late Mr. Robert Gale's Charity to Monday the 23rd instant."

1783. February 28th.—"George Fludyer of Thisleton in the County of Rutland Esq was unanimously elected a Burgess to Serve in Parliament for this Borough in the room and Place of Giles Hudson Esqr. deceased."

September 2^d.—"Whereas it appears by the Charter granted to this Borough that the Bayliffe & Burgesses and their Successors have authority to make regulations for Victualing and Governing the Inhabitants thereof which Authority is Confirmed by the Statute of the 31st of George the 2^d Chapter the 29 for Setting the Assize of Bread, Resolved that the same be carried into Execution, and that the Assize for Bread be forthwith Set and

continued weekly and that John Eaton be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Markett for that Purpose.

The Assize of Bread Set on Tuesday the 2^d day of September 1783 for the said Borough by the Bayliffe and Burgesses to take place on Thursday the 4th of September and to be in force for the space of seven days.

The Price of Wheat 7^s 9^d Bushell the allowance for Baking and Carriage being included :

	L.	oz.	dr.
The Penny Loaf Wheaten to weigh	0	8	11
The Two penny Loaf Wheaten to weigh	1	1	6
The Three penny Loaf Wheaten to weigh	1	10	1
The Six penny Loaf Household to weigh	4	5	6
The Twelve penny Loaf Household to weigh	8	10	12

And it is Ordered by the Bayliffe and Burgesses that the Bakers do not make any other sorts of Bread than the Sorts for which the above Assize is set, and that they take care to mark the Several Sorts of Bread in such manner as is required by the Statute in that behalf lately made (that is to say) upon every Loaf exposed to Sale as Wheaten Bread a large Roman W upon every Loaf exposed to Sale as Household Bread a large Roman H.

N.B.—If any Bread shall be found deficient in Weight according to the Assize above set the Baker or other Person making such Bread for Sale or Selling sending out or exposing the same to or for Sale forfeits to the informer a Sum not exceeding Five shillings nor less than one shilling for every ounce so deficient, and for all under an ounce a sum not exceeding two shillings and sixpence nor less than sixpence.

And every Baker and other person aforesaid who shall neglect to mark the severall Sorts of Bread, as above mentioned, forfeits to the informer a sum not exceeding twenty shillings, nor less than five shillings. And if any Bread on search shall in any House, Shop, Stall, Bakehouse, Warehouse, or Out-house, of any Baker, or Seller of Bread, be found to be wanting either in the goodness of the Stuff whereof the same shall be made, or to be deficient in the due Baking or working thereof, the same will be liable to be seized."

"September 9th.—The Assize of Bread Set this Day for the said Borough to take Place on Thursday the 11th of September and to be in force for the space of Seven days.

The Price of Wheat 6^s 9^d ⁹/₁₆ Bushell the allowance for Baking and Carriage being included :

		L.	oz.	dr.	
The Penny Loaf Wheaten to weigh	0	9	0
Ditto Standard to weigh	0	10	5
The Two penny Loaf Standard to weigh...	1	4	10
The Three penny Loaf Standard to weigh	1	14	15
Ditto Household to weigh	2	4	3
The Sixpenny Loaf Standard to weigh	3	13	3
Ditto Household to weigh	4	8	6
The Twelve penny Loaf Standard to weigh	7	11	9
Ditto Household to weigh	9	12	0

September 23^d.—"The Price of Corn being the same as last week, the Assize of Bread is ordered to be the same."

1788. October 6th.—"It is ordered that for the future no wagons Carts &c. shall remain Standing in the Borough of Chippenham on a Sunday, and that notice be given to the owner thereof, And it is also Ordered that no Wagons, Carts &c. shall Travell through this Borough on a Sunday, to be computed from 6 o'Clock in the morning to 6 o'Clock in the evening, and that an information be lodged against the owners of such Wagons Carts &c."

October 11th.—On this day the Definitive ^(A)Treaty of Peace was Publickly read in the Markett Place of this Borough."

October 21st.—"Whereas Complaint has been made to the Bayliffe and Burgesses that Jacob Tanner keeps a disorderly house and entertains Vagrants and other lewd persons. Resolved That the Bayliffe attends at the Town Court to morrow in order to make a Presentment thereof and that the same be carried into execution at the expence of this Borough."

"November 10th.—Whereas the Stamp Duty of Receipts is by experience found to be oppressive and unjust Resolved That the Members for this Borough be forthwith requested to support the members for the City of London in their intended Motion for its repeal."

1784. February 3^d.—"A Motion was made and Seconded that an Humble Address be Presented to his Majesty thanking him for ^(B)Dismissing the late Ministers which was unanimously agreed to."

(A) The Peace of Versailles, between England, France, Spain, and the United States of America.

(B) On the death of Lord Rockingham, and the appointment of the Earl of Shelburne (afterwards created Marquis of Lansdowne) to the Premiership in 1782, Mr. Fox resigned office; and Mr. Pitt (the

“Resolved That an Address be forthwith prepared and Signed by the Bailiff Burgesses and Inhabitants of this Borough.

Resolved That the Address be sent to Henry Dawkins Esq. one of the Representatives of this Borough to Present the same to his Majesty.

Resolved That a Copy of the Address be entered in the Borough Book viz. :—

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bailiff Burgesses
and Inhabitants of the Borough of Chippenham.

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Bailiff Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of Chippenham, have beheld with the utmost concern your Majesty's late Ministers endeavouring to deprive the first Commercial Company in the World of their Chartered rights. A Measure pernicious in its consequences and highly inimical to the safety of this free Government.

We heartily rejoice that your Majesty has been graciously Pleased to exert your Royal Prerogative, in dismissing from your Majesty's Councils, men of such dangerous principles, and appointing those on whose distinguished abilities and Integrity we Place the utmost Confidence. We hope your Majesty will not be deterred from the just exercise of your Royal Prerogative, whenever the Situation of your faithful Subjects shall require it.

And we assure your Majesty that we shall be ever ready and willing to support your Majesty in the Defence of your Crown and Dignity.

second son of the Earl of Chatham) became a Cabinet Minister as Chancellor of the Exchequer at the early age of twenty-three.

The Ministry, exposed to the combined attack of Mr. Fox and Lord North, lasted but a few months, and gave way in April, 1783, to the “Coalition Ministry” under the Duke of Portland.

The first important measure of the new administration was Mr. Fox's East India Bill; the object of which was the transfer of the East India Company's powers to a body of Commissioners “for the benefit of the proprietors and the public.”

This bill, strongly opposed by Mr. Pitt, passed the House of Commons, and was defeated in the House of Lords.

The King, who disliked the measure, dismissed his advisers, and sent for Mr. Pitt who formed a new Government. The Cabinet consisting of Mr. Pitt (the only Member of it in the lower House), First Lord of the Treasury. Earl Gower, President of the Council. The Duke of Rutland, Privy Seal. Lord Sydney, Home Secretary. Lord Carmarthen (called up to the House of Lords), Foreign Secretary. Lord Thurlow, Lord Chancellor, and Lord Howe, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Trusting that the present Administration will pursue such Measures as will be Conducive to your Majesty's happiness and the Prosperity of this Kingdom, and we heartily Pray that your Majesty may long enjoy an uninterrupted reign over an happy and free People."

1784. 1st April.—“On this day George Fludyer of Thistleton in the County of Rutland Esquire and James Dawkins of Upper Norton in the County of Oxford Esquire was unanimously Elected two Burgesses to Serve in Parliament for this Borough.”

1784. May 11th.—“Ordered that no Freeman of this Borough shall Stock a Mare with a Sucking Colt. And that no Freeman shall sell a Horse Leaze but to a Freeman of this Borough, & that no Exchange of Cow Leazes be made at all, and that no exchange of Horse Leazes shall be made without first notice given thereof to the under Bailiff, on paying the usual fee.

That no Burgess nor Freeman of this Borough shall sell their right and Interest in the Grass of Westmead to any other person but to a Freeman of this Borough.”

1784. May 25th.—“Whereas many Frauds have been from time to time committed in changing the various Stock of Cattle in Inglands, whereby it has been impossible to ascertain the real number without some Regulation.

It is this day Ordered by the Bailiff and Burgesses that no Horse Mare Cow or Heifer shall enter into the Borough Lands without being first marked, as it has been yearly practised on the same Occasion, paying the marker two pence for such Horse Mare Cow or Heifer And it is further Ordered that no Leaze shall be exchanged without notice of the same being first given to the underbailiff, and an Acknowledgment of Six pence upon every exchange paid to him who is appointed to look over the Stock and to mark such Cattle, And that no Horse Leaze to be Sold but to a freeman of the Borough, And it is also Ordered that no exchange of Cow Leazes be made at all, and that no Freeman will be permitted to stock a Mare with Sucking Colt, And that no Burgess nor Freeman of this Borough for the future will be permitted to sell their rights and Interest to the Grass in Westmead to any other person but to a freeman of the Borough.”

“The Bailiff at this meeting having represented to the Burgēsses then present that on the 17th of this instant May Daniel Woodroffe, one of the Recorded freemen and inhabitant of this Borough violently insulted the said

Bailiff without his giving him any Provocation by he the said Daniel Woodroffe saying that the Bayliff had cheated him of his Property by Postponing the Stocking of Englands, and at the same time the said Daniel Woodroffe gave the Bailiff other opprobious Language. Resolved that the said Daniel Woodroffe for the above insult be refused Stocking any kind of Cattle in Inglands this year."

1785. March 28th.—"Bumpers Farm and the close of Arable Land called Littleworth were let on a seven years Lease to James Drew at an annual Rent of £32. 10. 0; the Landlords to pay all Taxes Tythes &c. Also a seven years Lease was given to Mr. John Noyes the younger, of two closes of Ground called Hulberts Hold at an annual rent of £11. 11. 0. and of a Close of Ground called Blackwell Hams at an annual Rent of £8. the Landlords to pay Taxes Tythes &c. and of the Winter feed of Inglands & Westmead at an annual rent of £20."

August 4th.—"A motion was made by Mr. Harry Russ and Seconded by Mr. Francis Head, That the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of this Borough have and ought to have an uninterrupted right to Fish one half of the River from a certain Gate called Westmead Gate unto the end of another Peice of Land called Blackwell Hams, & that Thursday next at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon be appointed for a general Fishing, and that the Bailiff Burgesses and freemen be requested to attend, and that any Person or Persons in future fishing the River or Trespassing on the Borough Lands will be Prosecuted for the same at the expence of this Borough."

1785. Nov^r 9th.—"At this meeting it is represented by the Bailiff, that on Tuesday the 8th instant as his Servant was taken a Hog to the Hundred pound for running about the Streets of this Borough to the Prejudice of the inhabitants of this Borough, the Servant was mett by Henry Little, who obstructed him in the execution of his office and took the Hog from him by force. Ordered. That the Bailiff do cause the said Henry Little to be indicted at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this County, for a Pound Breach, and that such Prosecution be carried on at the expence of this Borough, as also against any other Person or Persons that shall suffer their Hogs to run about the Street of this Borough which is a Publick Nuisance."

1786. Jan^y 17th.—"At this Meeting Samuel Barker is unanimously Elected and Chosen Master of the free School of this Borough in the room and place of Charles Harris late School Master thereof."

March 11th.—"The Bailiff having informed the Burgesses that he has been served with a Notice to Produce at the Assizes to be held for this County at the Tryall of a certain Cause to be heard and determined between Samuel Taverner Plaintiff and the said Bailiff and Daniel Coleman Austin Defendants, The severall Royal Charters granted to this Borough & also the Exemplification of a Decree made & pronounced in the High Court of Chancery. Resolved That the Bailiff may have Liberty to take the said Charters and Decree out of the Borough Chest and to carry the same to the Assizes, on his promising to return the same again to be deposited in the said Borough Chest."

March 18th.—"At this Meeting the Bailiff having produced the severall Charters of this Borough viz. the Charter of Queen Mary Ditto of King James the first Ditto of King James the second and the Exemplification of a Decree made & pronounced in the High Court of Chancery and a certain Deed dated 25th August 1669 Between Sir Edward Hungerford Knight and the Bailiff and Burgesses of Chippenham. Resolved That the above Charters Decree and Deed be deposited, and it is hereby deposited, in the Borough Chest & to be there kept under three severall Locks the Keys of which to be kept one by the Bailiff for the time being the other two to be kept one each by the two Senior Burgesses of this Borough as it has usually been done."

"The Bailiff having Summoned the Freemen of this Borough to meet him at the Guildhall of the said Borough, The Freemen attended Resolved unanimously, That application be made to the Court of King's Bench for a New Tryall upon a late decision at the last Assizes held for this County at which said Assizes a Cause was heard Between Samuel Taverner Plaintiff and the said Bailiff and Daniel Coleman Austin Defendants in Respect to the Right of Fishing the River Avon from the Borough Lands and that such Prosecution be carried on at the expense of this Borough."

Here follow the signatures of the Bailiff, Burgesses and 33 Freemen.

September 14th.—"At this Meeting a Motion was made and seconded that an humble Address be Presented to His Majesty to Congratulate him on his late Escape from Assassination."

"To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bailiff Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of Chippenham.—Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your Majesty's most Dutifull and loyal Subjects the Bailiff Burgesses

and Inhabitants of the Borough of Chippenham Impressed with the Highest sence of the Duty and Respect, beg leave to Congratulate your Majesty on your deliverance from the late Barbarous Attempt made on your Person by a Mad Assassin.^(A) We look on your Majesty's preservation as a Signal Mercy to these Kingdoms in General and We Sincerely wish that your Majesty may long Reign over an Happy, Brave, and free people, and that your Majesty's life may be as full of Glory as of Days."

"Resolved, That letters be forthwith sent to George Fludyer and James Dawkins Esquires to know when it will be most agreeable for them to wait on his Majesty with the Address."

1787. Sep^r. 29th.—Mr. John Scott was elected Bayliff.

December 1st "At a Meeting held this Day it was resolved that the Laws relative to the Gold coin^(B) of this Kingdom be put in Force within this Borough, and that Publick Notice be given that Standard Weights and Scales are in the possession of the Bailiff to determine any disputes that may arise respecting the same and that the Bailiff shall have authority to cutt any Coin that shall appear to him to be deficient in Weight."

1788. March 26th.—"At this Meeting the Bailiff and Burgesses attended at the Guildhall and Sealed the weights and measures."

"Sep^r 8th.—"At this Meeting it has been represented that Mr. John Heath has erected a Gate in the Fence between the Borough Lands and a certain Close called Rook nest in his occupation. Resolved that there is no road thro' the Borough Lands to the said Close and that the occupiers thereof have no right to pass and repass through the said Borough Lands without permission of the Bailiff."

"The Bailiff having received two letters from Charles Dundas Esq. Chairman of the Committee for considering the intended Navigation from Newbury to Bath. Resolved That the Bailiff and Mr. John Heath do attend the Gentlemen of the Committee at the Castle Inn at Marlborough tomorrow morning at the expence of this Borough."

(A) Margaret Nicholson—a mad woman, afterwards sent to Bedlam for life.

(B) Great quantities of Gold coins of the realm, deficient in weight, being still in circulation, and due attention not having been paid to the weighing of such coins, a Proclamation was issued upon 21st September, 1787, to enforce the Proclamation of 12th April respecting the cutting, &c. of such deficient pieces, and all persons were commanded strictly to conform to the orders therein given.

1788. Sep^r. 29th.—Mr. John Noyes the younger was elected Bailiff.

“ At this Meeting it is Ordered that the Borough Bridge be brought forward in the same way as it formerly was before altered by the late Joseph Colborne Esq. and Mr. Wastfield and the Rails taken down.”

Dec^r 22^d.—Mr. Gabriel Goldney the younger was admitted to the Freedom.

1789. March 27th.—“ Resolved that the following humble Address be Presented to his Majesty to Congratulate him on his happy Recovery^(A) from his late Indisposition, And that it be forthwith prepared and Signed by the Bailiff and Burgesses and Inhabitants of this Borough.”

“ To the King’s most Excellent Majesty.
Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your Majesty’s most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Bailiff Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of Chippenham Impressed with a due Sense of the Divine Mercy Beg leave to Testify our unfeigned Congratulation on the Re-establishment of your Majesty’s Health, conscious of the inevitable Blessings resulting from so Auspicious an event, we contemplate with Heart-felt Transport the joys of your Illustrious Family on the return of Domestic felicity.

May it please the Divine Providence to extend his Blessing to these Nations, by Prolonging your Majesty’s most gracious Reign, by which the Religious and Civil libertys of the Subject have been Preserved, And we Ardently hope that your Majesty may continue free from the Bed of Affliction, And that your life, with that of your Royal Consort, may be long and prosperous.”

“ Resolved That letters be forthwith sent to George Fludyer and James Dawkins Esquire to know when it will be most agreeable for them to wait on his Majesty with the Address.”

“ Resolved That a Copy of the Address be sent to the Printers of the Salisbury Journal and Bath Chronicle to be inserted in their Papers.”

“ The Bailiff having produced a letter from Sir John Biggs Miller acquainting them of his intention to move for a Comittee of the House of Commons

(A) The King was seized with temporary insanity on 24th October, 1788; and on the 23rd April following, being perfectly recovered, he went in state to St. Paul’s, to return public thanks to God for his restoration to health and reason.

to consider of the expediency for Establing one General Standard of Weights and Measures throughout the Kingdom.

Resolved That the Bailiff & Burgesses approve of the intended Plan and that the Bailiff do acquaint him therewith."

June 15th.—William Dummer was chosen and elected a Master of the Freeschool of the Borough in the room and place of Samuel Porter deceased, but only during the Pleasure of the Bailiff for the time being, and the Majority of the Burgesses.

1789. Sep^r. 29th.—"James Drew a Tenant to the Bailiff & Burgesses having taken a field called Littleworth, & he having lett the same to Mr. Thomas Banks without the Licence of the said Bailiff and Burgesses.

It is Ordered that the said James Drew do immediately give Notice in writing to the said Thomas Banks to quit the said field on the 5th day of April next and the Common Seal of this Borough be affixed to the said Notice."

1790. August 10th.—"The Bailiff and Burgesses being informed that Mr. Gabriel Goldney late one of the Burgesses of this Borough died the fourth instant, whereby the place and office of one of the Burgesses of the said Borough is become void. Mr. Stephen King an Inhabitant and Householder was unanimously elected and chosen a Burgess of this Borough in the room and place of the said Gabriel Goldney deaced."

August 12th.—"Mr. John Heath was unanimously elected and chosen into the office of Town Clerk of this Borough in the room and place of their late Town Clerk Mr. Gabriel Goldney deceased."

1791. Sep^r 29th.—Mr. John Noyes the Elder was elected Bailiff.

1792. June 14th.—"Resolved that the following humble Address be presented to his Majesty, thanking him for issuing his late (A)proclamation for suppressing the publication of Seditious Pamphletts &c."

"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bailiffe Burgesses Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Chippenham in the County of Wilts.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We your Majesty's most Dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Baillife Burgesses Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Chippenham

(A) Issued in consequence of the French Revolution.

in the County of Wilts humbly beg leave to testify (by this our humble Address) our grateful acknowledgments to your Majesty for the great care and attention shewn by your Majesty to all your loving Subjects by issuing your late Royal Proclamation, and thereby stifling in its Infancy, those seditious writings, and Publications which have been scandalously printed, and published to inflame, and stir up Jealousies and discontents in the minds of your Loving Subjects, thereby endeavouring to overturn the excellent constitution of our Country as settled and approved by the wisdom of our progenitors at the Glorious Revolution.

And we humbly assure your Majesty the detestation in which we hold the Authors and Publishers of such infamous Compositions; and are convinced that by your Majesties just Interference they will be effectually checked in their wicked career; that the Blessings of Peace and Tranquility which we so amply enjoy, under your Majesty's Government may continue, and be handed down to your Illustrious ffamily pure and unsullied."

1792. Nov^r 14th.—"At this Meeting the Bailiffe informed the Burgesses that an application had been made by the Trustees of the Brickers Barn Turnpike Road for a small part of a Close of Land belonging to this Borough called Littlefield to enable them to straiten the Road from Chippenham to Bath. And it appearing to the Burgesses present that such Application is reasonable. Resolved that the Bailiffe agree with the said Trustees for such Land as afs^d after the rate of forty two shillings per acre and thirty years purchase, the said Trustees making up the ffences."

1793. Sept^r 26th.—"At this Meeting Mr. Thomas Goldney the Younger an Inhabitant and Householder was admitted to the Freedom of this Borough for the House late in the possession of the widow of the late Mr. Gabriel Gouldney, and he being born the son of a Freeman paid for registering and recording his name 3s. 4d."

1794. Feb^r 8th.—"At this Meeting a Plan of the Intended Kennett and Avon Canal with the Collateral Branches therefrom to Chippenham and Calne was presented by which it appears that the said Collateral Branches will come through the Close of Land called Inglands belonging to this Borough & it being necessary that the Consent of the Corporation should be given to the said Canal previous to the presenting the Petition in Parliament.

Resolved That the Bayliffe & Burgesses consent to such Canal, and

subscribe for as many Shares therein as they can be permitted to have under the Resolutions of the Committee of the s^d Kennet & Avon Canal.

1794. Nov. 12th.—"Mr. John Scott was appointed Sealer of the Measures within this Borough."

1795. May 9.—"Mr. Anthony Guy was admitted to the Freedom for the House late in the possession of Mr. Gabriel Goldney."

1795. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. John Noyes Jun^r was elected Bailiffe. Mr. Harry Goldney was admitted to the Freedom.

Nov. 17th.—"Resolved that the following Address be forthwith signed by the Bayliffe Burgesses Freemen & Inhabitants of this Borough, and presented to His Majesty, expressive of our happiness for the deliverance of his Majesties pson from the late Attack of his Royal pson.

"To the King's most excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Bailiffe Burgesses Freemen & Inhabitants of the Town & Borough of Chippenham in the County of Wilts.

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your Majesties most dutiful & Loyal Subjects beg leave to address your Majesty for the purpose of expressing our utter Detestation & Abhorrence at the very daring and outrageous Attack made upon your Majesty's Royal Person in going to & returning from opening the present Session of Parliament.

We assure your Majesty that we will at all times be ready to support your Majesty against all attempts that shall be made against your person Crown and Dignity and heartily give our Support to any Measure that shall be adopted for the better Security thereof.

With sincere happiness we observe that part of your Majesties most Gracious Speech in which you mention your intention of taking the earliest opportunity of negotiating for Peace as soon as there is a prospect of its being permanent and honourable. That the same may be speedily accomplished is the sincere & hearty Prayer of your Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects."

1796. March 31st.—"The Bayliff having requested the attendance of the Freemen of this Borough at this Hall for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of altering and widening the Town Bridge.

Resolved That it is necessary that the Town Bridge be altered, and that the best method will be to widen the same the whole length thereof.

Resolved that the Bayliffe do cause a proper plan and Estimate to be made of such Alteration & lay the same before the Burgesses & Freemen at a General Hall to be called for that purpose."

April 13th.—"The Bailiff having requested the Attendance of the Freemen of this Borough at this Hall for the Purpose of producing a Plan for the altering and widening the Town Bridge agreeable to the Resolution of the 31st March and the Bailiff having accordingly produced a Plan.

Resolved That the said Plan is approved of and that the same be carried into Execution by the Bailiff and Burgesses.

Resolved That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Rev^d Mr. Weaver for the Trouble he has had in takeing and makeing the Plan produced for the altering and widening to Town Bridge."

May 27th.—"On this day George Fludyer of Thisleton in the County of Rutland Esqr. & James Dawkins of Upper Norton in the County of Oxford Esqr. were unanimously elected two Burgesses to serve in Parliament for this Borough."

"At this Meeting it was resolved that for the government of the ffreemen who now or hereafter may inhabit Burgage Houses in this Borough belonging to Sir Samuel Fludyer Baronet or Henry Dawkins Esqr. that the following Agreem^t entered into between them and George Flydyer and James Dawkins Esqrs. be entered in the Borough Books.

"Borough of Chippenham.

2^d June 1791.

Whereas the late Sir Sam^l Fludyer Bart. formerly purchased many Burgage Houses in this Borough which are at present possessed by his Son Sir Samuel Fludyer Bar^t And whereas many other Burgage Houses in this Borough have also lately been purchased by Henry Dawkins Esqr. And whereas the freemen of this Borough concieving that such monopoly may ultimately tend to deprive them and their Successors of their just Rights and Privileges unless proper meanes are taken to prevent it, have remonstrated to the said Sir Samuel Fludyer and Henry Dawkins and also George Fludyer and James Dawkins Esquires the present Representatives in Parliament for the Borough against such proceeding. In consideration whereof the said Sir Samuel Fludyer and

Henry Dawkins and George Fludyer and James Dawkins have undertaken and engaged with each other and with the Bailiff Burgesses and freemen of the said Borough as follows:—

First that they nor either of them will hereafter either by themselves or himself or his or their agents purchase or take a Lease of any House or Houses in this Borough.

Also that they the said Sir Samuel Fludyer and Henry Dawkins shall within the space of three Months from the date hereof grant bona fide Leases for a Term not less than seven years of all their Houses within this Borough to the Tenants of such Houses requiring the same (and who are not now engaged to rent any other Burgage House).

And also that he the said Sir Samuel Fludyer shall and will when and as often as any of the Burgage Houses in this Borough now held under him by him or Copy for life or lives shall fall into his possession, grant bona fide Leases of such Houses to the occupiers thereof for a like Term of seven years.

That when such Leases so to be granted shall expire that similar Leases shall be granted for the like term of years.

Also that no other agreement shall be entered into with such Tenants in writing or otherwise but what shall be expressed in such Leases.

That such Leases shall contain the Covenants and Clauses only as are usually contained in Leases of Houses at Rack Rent.

That the said Sir Samuel Fludyer and Henry Dawkins and their Agents shall have a right to inspect the Leases granted by each other before they shall be executed."

1796. Sep^r. 12th.—"The Bayliffe having requested the attendance of the Freemen at this Hall to take into consideration the propriety of taking up money for paying the expences of the alteration & widening the Town Bridge & to determine what Fence will be best to be adopted for the same.

RESOLVED That the fence on the Bridge be a Parapet wall of Two feet six inches high and a stone Ballastrade of two feet.

RESOLVED That to enable the Bailiffe for the time being to discharge the expence of widening and altering the Bridge and making the fence according to the above Resolution A sum not exceeding 600£ be borrowed at Interest at five per Cent. to be secured by Bonds of 25£ each under the

Seal of the Corporation. Such Bonds to be discharged as the Rents of the Borough Lands shall accumulate without preference to any of the Lenders by ballott yearly.

That such gentlemen who approve of lending any money on the above Securities do deliver in their names and what Shares they intend to take at the office of the Town Clerk before the 29th inst."

1797. Feb^y 8th.—"RESOLVED that no money be expended by the Corporation in any Feasts or Treats till the Debts contracted and contracting in making the alterations at the Bridge together with the Interest that shall accrue for the money to be raised on Bonds for that purpose be fully paid and satisfied."

1797. Feb^y 10th.—"Resolved That as the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds has only been agreed to be advanced towards the sum of six hundred Pounds directed to be borrowed by the Resolution of the 12th Sep^r last. And that as the said sum of six hundred Pounds will be much less than will be wanted to complete the Alterations of the Town Bridge That the Opinion of Counsel be taken whether the Bayliffe & Burgesses cannot by Mortgage of the Borough Lands raise such a sum of Money as will be sufficient to defray the total Expenses attending the Alterations & Improvements to the Bridge."

1797. May 10th.—"At this Meeting the opinion of Vicary Gibbs Esq. on the case laid before him was produced, & his Opinion was that the Bayliffe and Burgesses could by Lease & Release Mortgage the Borough Lands granted to them by the Charter for securing the repayment of Money borrowed to repair the Bridge & expended for that purpose. And the Bayliffe having produced Bills already incurred amounting to 957 : 15 : 11^l for the repairs and Improvement of the Bridge It is resolved that the Bayliffe and Burgesses do immediately raise by Mortgage of the said Lands the sum of 800^l to be applied by them towards discharging the Bills."

"Resolved unanimously That as the Custom of giving Treats on the Election of Bayliffe of this Borough has of late years been attended with a very large expense. It is recommended by the Bayliffe & Burgesses present that no future Bayliffe do expend on his Election more than the sum of five Pounds allowed to the Bayliffe by the Charter for serving that office."

1797. Sep^r 29th.—"Nominated by the Bailiffe & Burgesses to serve the

Office of Bailiffe for the year ensuing, Mr. Thomas Spencer & Rev^d Mr. Richard Weaver.

The Freemen of the Borough demanded a Poll, which stood as follows:—

FOR MR. THOMAS SPENCER.

William Pullin
 Anthony Guy
 John Scott
 John Noyes
 Harry Russ
 John Noyes Jun^r
 William Tayler
 Ralph Hale Gaby
 Rev^d Richard Weaver
 John Eaton.

FOR THE REV^d MR. RICHARD WEAVER.

Thomas Spencer
 Daniel Fry.

Majority in favour of Mr. Thomas Spencer Eight, whereupon he was declared duly elected Bailiffe of the said Borough.”

1797. Nov^r 10th.—“Mr. Abraham Lloyd Edridge was unanimously Elected and Chosen a Burgess in the room and place of Thomas Goldney lately deceased.”

1798. Sep^r 29th.—Mr. Ralph Hale Gaby was elected Bayliffe.

1798. Dec. 27th.—“The Trustees of the Turnpike Road having proposed a Plan for the purpose of making an Alteration of the Causway from the Gateway of the Brick yard of W^m Cambridge to a Field the property of Esmead Edridge Esq. in the occupation of James Mills in Order to widen the Turnpike Road adjoining the s^d Causway. And the Plans and Proposals of W^m Cambridge for doing that same having been produced. This Meeting do approve thereof and consent to the same being done at the expense of the s^d Trustees.”

1799. Jan^y 14th.—“At this Meeting the Bayliffe & Burgesses lett the Lands belonging to the Borough.

“Bumpers Messuage Farm and premises and the Close of Arable called Littleworth from the 5th day of April next to James Drew for seven years at the rent of fifty Pounds.

Hulberts Hole and Blackwell Hams and the after grass of Inglands from

the 14 Nov^r to the 25 March yearly and the after grass of West Mead including the Freehold from the 14 Nov: to the 5 Ap^l yearly the sheep not to be penned off England and West Mead to Mr. Jas. Noyes from the s^d 5 day of April next for seven years under the yearly rent of 52£.

Littlefield to Mr. Harry Russ from the 5th day of April next for the term of 7 years under the yearly Rent of 28£.

Resolved that Notice be given to Mr. Hugh Beames, to quit the Slough Ground & Lands in Doal Mead the 5th April 1800."

1799. April 6th.—The Committee appointed for that purpose, "Reported That they had attended the Agent of the Canal C^o and inspected the damage done as far as the s^d Canal now extends to & which the Corporation have this day marked, and by an admeasurement made it appears that the Land cut and used for the said Canal & Tow path amounts to 2a. 2r. 8p., which they estimated and valued in Fee at £229: 10s. od., and two years Int^t of the same at 4 p^r c^t per ann. £18: 7s. 2d., & for two years rent of 1a. 3r. 30p. spoiled by the banking of the s^d Canal £11: 12s. 6d., amounting to £259: 9s. 8d. subject to a further sum to be paid by the Canal C^o for damage they have or may do by Carting to & from the s^d Canal.

Resolved that the s^d sum of £259: 9: 8 be rec^d by the Bayliffe: from the Treasurer of the s^d Canal, to be applied according to the directions of the Act."

1799. Nov^r 30th.—"At this Meeting pursuant to Notice the Bayliffe Let by Auction the Close of Meadow called the Slough and the Land in Dolmead and Benj. Pegler having bid the sum of 26£ per ann: was declared the highest bidder at that sum, and a Lease was ordered to be prepared to him."

1799. Dec^r 21st.—"Mr. William Henry Awdrey was admitted to the freedom."

1800. May 22^d.—"At this Meeting a Motion was made & seconded that an humble Address be presented to his Majesty to congratulate him on his late Escape from (A)Assassination.

Resolved that an Address be forthwith prepared & signed by the Bayliffe Burgesses Freeman & Inhabitants of this Borough.

Resolved that the Address be sent to Geo: Fludyer & Jas Dawkins Esqs. Representatives of this Boro. to present to his Mjty.

(A) By Hatfield, at Drury Lane Theatre.

Resolved that a Copy of the Address be entered in the Borough Books.

“ To the King’s most Excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of the Bayliffe Burgesses ffreemen and Inhabitants
of the Borough of Chippenham in the County of Wilts.

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your Majesty’s most dutiful & loyal Subjects the Bayliffe Burgesses ffreemen & Inhabitants of the Boro: of Chippenham in the Co. of Wilts with due Submission beg leave to approach your Royal Person & most heartily to congratulate your Majesty on your providential escape from the late atrocious attempt on your most sacred life & person.

We hope that by the exertions of your Majesty’s most Honble Privy Councill the vile Assassin who has caused so much anxiety in the Breasts of all your Loyal Subjects will be brought to condign Punishment & made atone for attempting to destroy the best of Kings & ffather to his People—Whom may it please the Almighty long to protect & preserve in order that his People may continue to enjoy that Happiness which under his auspicious Reign they have so eminently experienced.”

1800. July 24th.—“ At this Meeting the Bayliffe produced the Award of Sir Charles Warre Mallet Baronet Caleb Dickinson and Dan^l Clutterbuck Esqr^{es} made by them as to the Termination of the Berks and Wilts Canal ” [which, after stating the Act and the appointment of the above named Referees, continued] “ And whereas We the said Sir Charles Warre Malet Caleb Dickinson and Daniel Clutterbuck having taken upon ourselves the burthen of the said Reference and having on the s^d fourth day of July by the appointment of the s^d parties attended at the s^d Town of Chippenham and examined the same as well as the said Common Meadow called Englands and finding by the admission of all parties that the said Town consisted of upwards of five hundred Houses and that from an Admeasurement taken from an authentick Map of the said Town and Borough in the presence of all the parties the Space of one hundred yards from the nearest point of the said Common Meadow called Englands would only include fifteen small detached Cottages erected (as we were informed) about forty years since on a piece of Waste Land belonging to William Norris Esqr. that from the present proposed point of termination of the said Canal to the Gate leading into the said Meadow from the said Town of Chippenham is one hundred and fifty yards That from the s^d Gate to the first House in the Street called High Street on

the East side of the s^d Town comprehends a space of one hundred and thirty yards That from such Gate to the first House at the Corner of a Lane called Blind Lane in Chippenham afs^d (and on the West side thereof) is three hundred yards and that from such Gate to the Market Place or Center of the said Town measured in a direct line comprises a space of Four hundred yards And having also seen and examined a Copy of the Charter of the said Town and Borough of Chippenham and heard and examined the Witnesses to us produced as well on the part of the said Committee as on the part of the said Bayliff Burgesses and Inhabitants and having fully considered the Question to us referred Do by these Presents Award and Determine that the s^d Company of Proprietors of the Wilts & Berks Canal Co. have not complied nor cannot comply with the s^d Act of Parliament by terminating the Branch of the s^d Canal leading to the s^d Town of Chippenham in the s^d Common Meadow called Englands And that such proposed termination of the said Canal will not in our Opinion be a fulfilment of the Letter or true Intent or Meaning of the s^d Act.”

1800. July 26th.—“ It was resolved that the Assize of Bread be set through this Borough weekly, and that Joseph Moore be & he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Market for making returns of the average price of Corn.”

1800. Aug. 9th.—“ It was resolved that Mr. W^m Cambridge shall be employed to build a brace from the Steps from Mr. Woodroffe’s Mill Tail to the Pier of the Arch opposite for the preservation of the Bridge at the expence of the Borough.”

1800. Sept^r. 6th.—“ I Will^m Tarrant the Bailiff of the said Borough pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament passed in the late Session of Parliament intituled “ An Act to repeal so much of an Act passed in the “ Second year of King James the ffirst as prohibits the use of Horse Hides in “ making Boots and Shoes and for better preventing the damaging of Raw “ Hides and Skins in the flaying thereof” Do hereby appoint Nicolas Scroll of Chippenham aforesaid Cordwainer Inspector of all Raw Hides and Skins of all Oxen Bulls Cows Heifers Steers or Stirks Calves Hogs or Piggs Sheep Lambs Horses Mares or Geldings killed slaughtered or flayed within this Borough and all villages and places within three Miles thereof And to the said Nicholas Scroll I the said William Tarrant duly administered the Oath prescribed by the said Act to be taken by persons appointed Inspectors under the said Act.

And I the said Bailiff do hereby order and direct that on and after Saturday the 13th inst. all Hides flayed within the said Borough and places aforesaid shall be brought every Saturday Morning to the Butchers Shambles in this Borough between the Hours of 8 of the Clock in the forenoon & 4 o'clock in the afternoon in order to be inspected and marked by the said Nicholas Scroll according to the directions of the said Act."

1800. Sept^r. 22^d.—"It was agreed to beg Mr. Jo^s. Moore to discontinue from this day the taking of Toll of Corn brought into this Town in consideration of which the Borough agreed to make him a Compensation of £10. 10s. per Annum."

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK No. 4.

Commencing 1800 and ending 1817.

1800. Sept^r 29th.—Rev^d Richard Weaver was elected Bailliffe.

1800. Dec^r. 20th.—"The Bayliffe having been informed by Mr. Rich^d Box that Dan^l Russ of Yatsbury did on the 13th inst. forestall in the public market a quantity of Pease by purchasing them of Bryan Rumbold at £2 : 2 : per Sack and reselling them in this Town to the said Rich^d Box at £2 : 5 : per Sack. Resolved that the s^d Dan^l Russ for such offence be prosecuted at the next Assizes for Wilts at the expence of this Borough."

1800. Dec^r. 21st.—"The Bayliffe & Burgesses disposed of the late Mr. Gales Charity Money to the second poor according to the Will of the Donor."

1801. Jan^y 21st.—"It was moved & seconded that the Bayliffe at the expence of the Borough do erect Sheds against the Canal in Englands for the purpose of letting the same to the several Barge Masters and others working on the s^d Canal."

1801. April 4th.—"It appearing that the sum of Eight hundred Pounds borrowed of Mr. Thos. Sealey of Broad Somerford to defray the expence of repairing and widening the Bridge had been expended, and a further sum of four hundred Pounds and upwards wanted to complete the same. The Bayliffe and Burgesses borrowed and took up at Interest of the aforesaid Thomas

Sealey the sum of four hundred Pounds at five per cent. and for securing the same the Bailliffe executed to the said Thomas Sealey a Surcharge of the Close Lands Heredit and premises comprized in the Mortgage made to him the 3^d day of June 1797, and the said Thomas Sealey executed a Counterpart of the said Surcharge."

1801. June 30th.—"Resolved that Mess^{rs} H. T. Guy & Co. do pay the Expencc of erecting the shed in Englands amounting to £17 : 12 : 2½ and five Guineas per Annum for the Occupancy of the Land within the same and the Land now occupied by them for Boat Building, and two Guineas and half pr. ann. for the right of landing Articles in Englands and Stanlaye to and from the Canal. Or the Corporation will pay the expence of erecting the said shed and then Mess^{rs} Guy & others to pay 15 Guineas pr annum for the Rent of the s^d. Land and two Guineas & a half pr Annum for the right of Haulage as aforesaid. Resolved that all Bargemasters trading on the said Canal and who shall load or unload any Barge in Englands shall pay to the Corporation for each Barge two shillings. Each Bargemaster to deliver a Note to the under Bailiffe on loading or unloading containing his name and N^o. of the Barge."

1802. April 12th.—"At this Meeting the Bailiff and Burgesses who had been chosen into those offices prior to the 6th of July 1797, whose Names are hereunder written And also the several Freemen hereunder named, attended, & paid the respective Stamp Duties chargeable on their Admissions into the Corporation. And it is Resolved that the Town Clerk do take the Borough Books to the Stamp Office and have stamps affixed on their Admissions entered therein."

1802. May 20th.—"At a Common Hall held this day the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen were informed by Mr. John Heath Town Clerk that agreeably to the Order of the 12th day of April last he had presented the Admissions to the Commissioners of the Stamp Office to have them stamped with the sums set opposite to their respective Names in the said Order; and that the Commissioners refused to stamp them unless the full sum of eight shillings was paid for each Admission.

In consequence of the above Information the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen attended and paid the additional sums opposite to their respective Names, and Mr. John Heath Town Clerk was again ordered to present the same to the Commissioners of the Stamp Office to be stampd."

"At this Meeting Mr. John Heath, Agent to Henry Dawkins and James

Dawkins Esq^m came forward to exculpate himself of a Charge brought against him at a former Meeting by Mr. Ralph Hale Gaby, Agent to Sir Samuel Fludyer Bart., and to George Fludyer Esq^r for having broken a certain agreement made the 2^d of June 1791, between the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of the one Part and Sir Samuel Fludyer Bar^t and George Fludyer Esq and Henry Dawkins and James Dawkins Esq^m of the other part and which agreement was entered in the Borough Books on the 27th of May 1796 and which supposed breach of contract was assigned by Mr. Gaby as an Excuse for not having granted certain Leases requested of him by the Tenants of Sir Samuel Fludyer Bar^t, and the said John Heath having acquitted himself of the said charge the said Ralph Hale Gaby was in Consequence called on to say whether he was now prepared to grant the requested Leases, to which he replied, that he was not, but that he would write to Sir Samuel Fludyer Bart. and would communicate the Answer when received to the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen in Common Hall. Whereupon a Requisition was made to the Bailiff to adjourn the Common Hall till some future day and the Bailiff accordingly appointed such Meeting to be held at the Guildhall in the said Borough on Monday the 31st day of May and Notice was given to the Freemen accordingly."

1802. May 31st.—"At a Common Hall held this day the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen attended to receive Sir Samuel Fludyer's answer to the application for Leases in Compliance with the Contract entered in the Borough Books on the 27th of May 1796 agreeably to Mr. Gaby's Promise, when he informed them that he had received Sir Samuel Fludyer's answer which he should communicate to the several Tenants but would not communicate to the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen at large Whereupon a Requisition was made to the Bailiff to adjourn the Common Hall till some future day and the Bailiff accordingly appointed such Meeting to be held at the Guildhall in the said Borough on Thursday the third day of June next and Notice was given to the Freemen accordingly."

1802. June 3^d.—"At an adjourned Common Hall held this day for the Purpose of taking into Consideration the Circumstance of an Answer announced but not communicated from Sir Samuel Fludyer to a Request made to the said Sir Samuel Fludyer by the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of Chippenham through the medium of Mr. Gaby and which request related to the fulfilment of a certain Contract made the 2^d of June 1791 between the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of the one part and Sir Samuel Fludyer Bart. and George

Fludyer Esq^r and Henry Dawkins and James Dawkins Esq^{rs} of the other part for granting Leases on certain Burgage Houses situate within the Borough.

The following Resolutions were proposed, seconded and agreed to by a very great majority of Freemen.

Resolved that Sir Samuel Fludyer Bar^t and Henry Dawkins Esq. yielding to the Remonstrances of the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of the Borough of Chippenham and in order to remove certain Suspicions by the said bailiff Burgesses and Freemen entertained on the Ground of their Privileges did by Contract entered into the 2^d of June 1791 between the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of the one Part and Sir Samuel Fludyer Bar^t and George Fludyer Esq. and Henry Dawkins and James Dawkins Esquires of the other part pledge themselves to the said Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen to grant free and equitable Leases of all such Houses in the said Borough which to them the said Sir Samuel Fludyer and Henry Dawkins Esq. respectively belonged.

Secondly Resolved, That, in the opinion of the said Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen, now in Common Hall assembled, the said Contract has never been cancelled but still remains binding on the Honor of the contracting Parties.

Thirdly Resolved, That, in the Opinion of the said Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen, the said Sir Samuel Fludyer and Henry Dawkins have by Virtue of the said Contract, rendered themselves, as Landlords of the aforesaid Houses, responsible to the said Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of the said Borough, for the Performance of the said Contract.

Fourthly Resolved, That, the said Henry Dawkins, in having proposed to fulfil the said Contract on his part, provided the said Sir Samuel Fludyer could be prevailed on to fulfil it also on his—has acquitted himself of Censure.

Fifthly Resolved, That, the reasons hitherto assigned, for the nonfulfilment of the said Contract by those to whose Management, the affairs of the said Sir Samuel Fludyer appear to have been committed, are unsatisfactory and not supported by Facts.

Sixthly Resolved, That, the said Contract remaining unfulfilled and the Obstacle to its fulfilment appearing to lie with the said Sir Samuel Fludyer it became necessary to the Honor of the Borough (and more especially so on the Eve of an Election) that the said Sir Samuel Fludyer should be called on to coincide promptly and without further hesitation in the fulfilment of the said Contract.

Seventhly Resolved, That, the said Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen, by a request recently made in Common Hall, for the purpose of getting the said Contract carried into Execution, have acquitted themselves of what their Honor demanded and the Urgency of the period required.

Eighthly Resolved, That, the withholding the Answer of the said Sir Samuel Fludyer to the aforesaid request, be considered not only as intended to evade the just demand of the said Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen but as a contempt of the said Borough and militating against its Privileges.

Ninthly Resolved, That, if hereafter it shall happen that any person at present connected with or otherwise interested in the affairs of the said Borough have either directly or indirectly advised the said Sir Samuel Fludyer to conduct himself towards the said Borough in the manner implied by the foregoing Resolutions, such Person shall thenceforward be considered as no longer deserving the confidence of the said Borough.

Lastly Resolved, That, the foregoing Resolutions with a Copy of the Contract between Sir Samuel Fludyer, George Fludyer, Henry Dawkins and James Dawkins Esquires and the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen of the Borough of Chippenham be printed at the Expence of the Borough."

1801. July 5th.—"Pursuant to a Warrant or Precept under the Hand & Seal of Sir Andrew Bayntun Bart. Sheriff of the County of Wilts bearing date the 30th day of June last, directed to the Bailiff of the Borough of Chippenham requiring him to cause two Burgesses to be Elected for the said Borough to represent the said Borough in the ensuing Session of Parliament to be holden at Westminster on the 31st day of August next ensuing. The said Bailiff caused Proclamation to be made within the said Borough that he should proceed to such Election between the Hours of 10 & 12 of the Clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of July Instant at the Guildhall in the said Borough. And the said Bailiff and Electors being now assembled—and James Dawkins of Upper Norton in the County of Oxford Esquire was proposed by Mr. Audley Harvey & seconded by the Reverend Rich^d Weaver, as a Burgess to serve in Parliament for this Borough.

Charles Brooke of the City of London Esq. was proposed by Mr. Henry Burnett & seconded by Mr. Anthony Guy, as a Burgess to serve in Parliament for this Borough.

John Maitland of the said City of London Esq. was also proposed by Mr.

Nathan Atherton & seconded by Mr. Henry Guy, as a Burgess to serve in Parliament for this Borough.

A Poll was demanded by the several Candidates and two of the Electors having requested that the Bribery Oath might be administered a Request was signed by the Candidates to retain nominate & appoint two or more persons to Administer the Oaths & take the Declarations & Affirmations now required by Law to be taken & made by Voters at Elections of Members of Parliament, according to the form of the Statute in such Case made and provided.

And the said Bailiff appointed Gabriel Goldney Esq. & James Stallard Gentⁿ who duly administered the Oaths to such Voters as thought proper to apply to them.

The said Bailiff then appointed Cheque Poll Clerks (viz^t) John Turner gentⁿ William Fidler & Thomas Ludlow, who duly took the Oath by Statute required.

The Bailiff then proceeded to take the Poll & having kept the same open upwards of seven Hours, adjourned the further proceedings of the Election till Eight o'Clock in the morning of the 6th Instant to the Town Hall."

1802. July 6.—" Pursuant to the Adjournment, the said Bailiff & Electors met at the Guildhall and proceeded in further taking the Poll, & having Polled all the Electors who offered themselves to Poll—He caused Proclamation to be made three times for any other persons to come in & offer themselves, & no person appearing—The Poll was cast up & the Bailiff declared the numbers to be

For James Dawkins Esq.	108.
Charles Brooke Esq.	59
John Maitland Esq.	57.

And thereupon the Bailiffe declared the said James Dawkins and Charles Brooke duly elected Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Chippenham And the Bailiff directed the Poll to be inserted in the Borough Books."

Then follows a list of the Voters, shewing for whom they voted. ^(A)

(A) Mr. Maitland successfully petitioned against the Return of Mr. Charles Brooke and obtained the seat. This became one of the leading Cases on Election Law. It is fully reported in Peckwell's Collection of Controverted Elections.

1802. July 24th.—"At this Meeting a proposal was made that the monies due from the Wilts and Berks Canal Comp^y should be laid out in the purchase of Lands. Resolved that the Lands in West Mead late belonging to Mr. R^d. Singer containing 3 acres, and a Messuage and two Closes adjoining Englands, are proper & convenient Lands to be purchased, and the same being this day to be sold by Auction, that the Corporation or any of them do attend & bid for y^e said Lands."

1802. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Audley Harvey was elected Bailiffe.

1803. April 12th.—Mr. Anthony Guy was chosen Town Clerk in the Room of Mr. John Heath resigned.

August 8th.—"It was resolved That it is the general opinion of the Bayliffe and Burgesses, That the Rev^d. Richard Weaver having left the Town and gone to reside at Corsham, is under the Charter, and the late Decision of the Committee of the House of Commons, incapable of serving the office of one of the Burgesses of this Borough, and that the Bailiff be desired to inform him thereof."

Sept^r 12th.—"William Stephens was unanimously elected a Burgess in the Room of the Rev^d Richard Weaver who has resigned his office of a Burgess,"

1804. May 26th.—"Mr. Thomas Goldney was unanimously elected a Burgess of the Borough in the Room of Mr. Abraham Lloyd Edridge who is removed from the Borough."

Sept^r 18th.—"Mr. Audley Harvey having informed this Meeting that he had agreed with Mr. Henry Guy for the purchase of his acre of Land in Westmead at Eighty Guineas, and offered it to the Corporation at the same price. It was unanimously Resolved that the Corporation do purchase it at the said price of Eighty Guineas."

"It was unanimously Resolved that the Seat in the Church belonging to the Corporation be lined with Cloth."

Sept^r 28th.—"This Meeting having been informed that the Road leading through part of Mr. Howell's Farm in Pewsham fforest to Blackwell Hams has been lately stopped up; Resolved that the Town Clerk be ordered to give Mr. Howell notice that in case the said Road be not immediately laid open a Prosecution will be commenced against him by the Corporation to compel him to do so."

1804. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Thomas Goldney was elected Bayliffe.

1805. Feb^y 13th.—"Mr. Audley Harvey was elected Town Clerk, in the room of Mr. Guy resigned, until Michaelmas next; and it is resolved that in future the Town Clerk shall be elected every Michaelmas."

April 24th.—"The Bailiff having informed the Burgesses that application had been made to him by the Trustees of the Turnpike Road for liberty to erect a Toll Gate or Gates on the Town Bridge It was Resolved that liberty be given to the said Trustees to erect such Toll Gate or Gates at such place or places as may be agreed upon between the said Bailiff and Burgesses and the Trustees."

1805. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Edward Mitchell was admitted to the Freedom of the Borough.

Leases for seven years were executed of Bumpers at £50; of Littlefield at £39; of Hulberts Hold and Blackwell Hams with the winter feed for sheep in Englands and Westmead at £76; and the Lands at Foxham at £22.

Nov^r. 25 .—"The Answer to the Bill of Injunction filed by W^m. Dummer was read approved of and directions given with the exception of Mr. R. H. Gaby to Mr. A. Harvey the Town Clerk to get a Commission that the same might be taken forthwith."

1806. Jan^y 30th.—"We having met in Consequence of the death of Mr. William Taylor late Bailiff of the said Borough which happened on Friday the 24th instant. We whose Names are hereunto affixed, being Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham in the County of Wilts do hereby give Notice, that we do intend on Friday the 31st day of January instant at ten o'Clock in the forenoon to meet at the Guildhall of the said Borough there to nominate and assign two Persons of the number of the Burgesses of the said Borough, before the other Inhabitants of the same Borough then and there present to the intent that the other Burgesses Men and Inhabitants of the same Borough then and there present or the greater number of them do elect and shall and may elect one of these two Burgesses so nominated and assigned to be nominated and assigned to the Office of Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham in the room of the said Mr. William Taylor deceased."

Then follow the names of nine Burgesses.

1806. Jan^y 31st.—Mr. John Noyes the younger was elected Bailiff in the place of William Taylor deced and Mr. Harry Goldney was elected one of the Burgesses of the Borough in the place of the said William Taylor deceased.

“It was resolved that the Bailiff & Mr. Thomas Goldney be jointly authorised to wait on the Committee of the Wilts & Berks Canal to be held at Shrivenham on Friday next then & there to make application for the monies due from them to the Borough.”

1806. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Harry Goldney was elected Bailiff.

Mr. Audley Harvey was elected Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

Mr. William Colborne was admitted to the Freedom.

1806. Nov^r. 3^d.—“The Poll for the election of Members for the Borough was cast up and the Bailiff declared the Numbers to be—

For John Maitland Esq^r. 59.

Charles Brooke Esq^r. 58.

Ja^s. Dawkins Esq^r. 53.

And thereupon the Bailiff declared the said John Maitland and Charles Brooke duly elected Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Chippenham and the Bailiff directed the Poll to be inserted in the Borough Books.”

1807. May 8th.—“Pursuant to a Warrant or Precept under the seal of office of Thomas Calley Esq. Sheriff of the County of Wilts bearing date the first day of May instant directed to the Bailiff of the Borough of Chippenham requiring him to cause two Burgesses to be elected for the said Borough to represent the said Borough in the ensuing Sessions of Parliament to be holden at Westminster the 22^d day of June next ensuing the said Bailiff caused Proclamation to be made within the said Borough that he should proceed to such election between the hours of ten and twelve of the Clock in the forenoon of Friday the 8th day of May at the Guildhall in the s^d Borough, and the said Bailiff and Electors being now assembled William Blake of the City of London Esq^r. was proposed by Mr. Thomas Goldney & seconded by Mr. Robert Sadler as a Burgess to serve in Parliament for this Borough.

James Dawkins of the City of London Esq. was also proposed by Mr. John Heath & seconded by the Rev^d Mr. Dalby as a Burgess to serve in Parliament for this Borough.

John Maitland of the said City of London Esq. was also proposed by Mr. Ralph Hale Gaby & seconded by Mr. Wm. Heath as a Burgess to serve in Parliament for this Borough.

A Poll was demanded by the several Candidates, and two of the Electors

having requested that the Bribery Oath might be administered the Bailiff appointed Mr. Audley Harvey the Town Clerk to take the Poll and administer the Oath to such voters as thought fit to apply to him.

The Bailiff also appointed cheque Poll Clerks namely James Stallard Wm. Rugg George Kundlehy & Christopher Heath Gentlemen who duly took the Oath by the Statute required.

The Bailiff then proceeded to take the Poll. ^{at liberty} ~~at~~ of Gates at such place upwards of four hours adjourned the further ~~proceedings~~ ^{Bailiff and} ~~proceedings~~ till nine of the Clock in the Morning of the 9th of May at the Guildhall.

Pursuant to the adjournment the said Bailiff and Electors met at the Guildhall & proceeded in further taking the Poll, & having kept the same open upwards of seven hours adjourned the further proceedings of the Election till Monday the 11th day of May at eight o'clock in the morning at the Guildhall.

Pursuant to the last adjournment the s^d Bailiff and Electors met at the Guildhall & proceeded in further taking the Poll, and having kept the same open upwards of seven hours adjourned the further proceedings of the Election till Tuesday the 12th day of May at nine o'clock in the Morning at the Guildhall.

Pursuant to the last adjournment the said Bailiff and Electors met at the Guildhall & proceeded in further taking the Poll & having kept the same open upwards of seven hours adjourned the further proceedings of y^e Election till Wednesday the 13th day of May at 8 o'clock in the morning at the Guildhall.

Pursuant to the last adjournm^t the s^d Bailiff and Electors met at the Guildhall & proceeded in further taking the Poll and having kept the same open upwards of seven hours adjourned the further proceedings of the election till Monday the 14th day of May at 8 o'clock in the morning at the Guildhall.

Pursuant to the last adjournment the s^d Bailiff and Electors met at the Guildhall & proceeded in further taking the Poll, and having kept the same open upwards of seven hours adjourned the further proceedings of the Election till Tuesday the 15th day of May at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Guildhall.

Pursuant to the last adjournment of the election the Bailiff and Electors met at the Guildhall and proceeded in further taking the Poll, & having polled all the electors who offered themselves to Poll, he caused Proclamation to be made three times for any other Persons to come in and offer themselves, & no

person appearing the Poll was cast up and the Bailiff declared the numbers to be for—

Jno. Maitland Esq. 59.

Wm. Blake Esq. 58.

Jas. Dawkins Esq. 58.

And thereupon the Bailiff made a double return.

Memorandum, it was declared by the returning Officer [Mr. Harry Goldney]

Mr. Auc^{ts} in casting Vote, he gave it in favor of Mr. Blake."

Mr. William Colborne

the title Deeds belonging to the acre of Land purchased by the Deeds & Burgesses of Mr. Henry Guy were deposited in the Borough Chest."

1808. Aug^t 9th.—"The Corporation having been informed that repeated trespasses have been committed to the injury of grass and soil of the Bailiffs acre in Westmead by Persons crossing the same from the gate way leading into that Ground to a Stile adjoining the Paddock of Mr. Henry Awdry leading into Englands. It is therefore ordered that the Bailiff give directions to have the said Stile removed and filled up without delay.

1808. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. Anthony Guy was elected Bailiff.

"Mr. Tho^s Bailey having attended in consequence of his making two Gateways on his Tan Yard to communicate with the Lane leading to Westmead without the consent of the Corporation, it is therefore this day granted by the Bailiff and Burgesses that the said Thomas Bailey shall have the use of the said Lane with Horses Carts and Carriages to communicate to his said Tan Yard and Premises by his immediately putting and keeping in repair the said Lane down to Westmead Gate, the Corporation giving him the Stones & Materials at the Quarry to be taken away at his own Expense and paying annually one shilling for the use of the same, which the said Thomas Bailey hereby consents to do. And this grant to the said Thomas Bailey is to be in force only during the pleasure of the said Bailiff & Burgesses for the time being.

The Boundary between Rack Close and Westmead is at the extent of Mr. Bailey's Ground."

1809. May 12th.—The Bailiff read the following Requisition.

"Anthony Guy Esq.

Bailiff of the Boro' of Chippenham.

Sir,—We the undersigned Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough of

Chippenham wishing to express our Sentiments of respect and gratitude in an Address to Gwyllim Lloyd Wardle Esq. for his late manly institution of an enquiry into the conduct of His Royal Highness the Duke of York for certain Malpractices discovered in the execution of his Office as Commander in Chief of the Army request that you as soon as your convenience will admit convene a Common Hall for the Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough for the purpose aforesaid Dated May 8th 1809."

Then follow 41 signatures.

"In compliance with the above Request I do hereby appoint a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Borough to be holden at the Town Hall in Chippenham on Friday the 12th of May Instant at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Chippenham May 9th 1809. Signed Anth^y Guy Bailiff of the Borough."

1809. May 12th.—"At a Meeting held this day of the Bailiff Burgesses Freemen and Inhabitants convened by the Bailiff in compliance with a Requisition presented to him for that purpose, it was unanimously resolved.

First. That in consequence of the Enquiry lately instituted by the House of Commons on the Motion of Gwyllim Lloyd Wardle Esq^r into the conduct of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, it is the opinion of this Meeting, that abuses have been discovered in his department as Commander in Chief, highly injurious to the Army, and to the Honor and Interests of the Country.

Secondly. That in consequence of the Resignation of the Commander in Chief, which followed the Inquiries, and which appears to have been readily accepted by his Majesty, this Meeting feels peculiarly gratified, as it enables them to draw the Conclusion, that the Sentiments of the Sovereign are in Unison with those of his People.

Thirdly. That it is the Duty of every good Subject, to promote such Inquiries; as they tend, in their Result, not less to brighten the Splendour of the Crown, than to secure the Property of the People from wanton expenditure.

Fourthly. That it is the opinion of this Meeting, that they cannot better perform such duty, than by publicly expressing their approbation of the conduct of such Persons, whose Patriotic zeal may occasionally lead them to explore the Proceedings of Men in Office; and whose Fortitude may enable them to expose Malpractices whenever found.

Fifthly. That the Thanks of this Meeting, and of the Country in general, are particularly due to Gwyllim Lloyd Wardle Esq. for his patriotic Conduct

in bringing forward the late Enquiry ; and that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the said Gwyllim Lloyd Wardle. Esq., accordingly.

Sixthly. That the thanks of this Meeting are also due to Lord Viscount Folkestone, and the rest of the Members of the House of Commons who supported the said Gwyllim Lloyd Wardle Esq. in the progress of his undertaking ; and who ultimately gave their Votes, not under the bias of Fear, or in the hope of Favor, but, as men anxious to acquit themselves to their King—their Consciences—and their Country.

Seventhly. That the above Resolutions be written on Parchment, and subscribed by those gentlemen who may approve of the Measure ; and afterwards transmitted by the Town Clerk to Mr. Wardle.

Eighthly. That the above Resolutions be published in Handbills, and inserted in the Salisbury and Bath Papers, and one London Paper.

Ninthly. That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Bailiff for his readiness in convening the said Meeting, and for his impartiality in the Chair."

Then follow 102 names.

1809. Aug^t. 17th.—"The Bailiff was desired to take a half Share in the Kennet & Avon Canal at the Price of £11 - 11 - 0 the Price offered by the Committee of Management of the said Canal."

1809. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. Audley Harvey was elected Bailiff.

Mr. John Noyes was elected Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

1809. Oct^r. 18th.—"At a Meeting held for the purpose of considering the best means of celebrating his Majesty's entering into the fiftieth Year of his Reign.

It was unanimously Resolved that the Bailiff and Burgesses should assemble at the Guildhall on Wednesday the 25th Instant and proceed from thence to attend Divine Service on that Day.

That it is the opinion of this Meeting that no Illumination should take place as they consider the best mode of rejoicing that can be devised upon the occasion is by contributing to relieving the wants of the Poor.

That a subscription be recommended for raising a sum of Money to be distributed amongst the Poor to enable them as well as the Rich to rejoice upon so happy an Event and that the Bailiff be desired to wait upon the Agents of the Members for the Borough to solicit their Subscriptions to the

same, and that this Meeting be adjourned to be held at the Guildhall of the said Borough on Friday next at 12 o'Clock at noon at which Meeting the Inhabitants of the said Town and Borough are particularly requested to attend.

Oct. 20th.—The above named Bailiff Burgesses and Inhabitants having met this day agreeable to the adjournment of the 18th Instant.

Resolved that a Subscription be immediately opened for the Purpose of distributing Bread to the Poor of the Parish of Chippenham on the 25th Instant in Commemoration of his Majesty's entering into the Fiftieth Year of his Reign, and that this Meeting be adjourned to be held at the Guildhall tomorrow Morning at 12 o'Clock, and that the bailiff of the Borough the Rev^d A. H. Mogg and Mr. W^m H^{ry} Awdry be requested to undertake the said Subscription."

1810. May 11th.—"It was resolved that the Owners of the several Gardens between Englands and Wood Lane do pay 1s. annually for such Gardens as an acknowledgment for the Ditches which are filled up in the said Gardens, which Ditches belong to the Borough, the first payment to be made on or before Michaelmas day next, and that each Owner be served with a notice to that Effect."

1811. May 8th.—"At a Meeting of the Bailiff, Burgesses, & Freemen and other Inhabitants held this day at the Guildhall pursuant to Notice given for the purpose of raising a Subscription towards relieving the Distress of the unhappy sufferers in ^(A) Portugal occasioned by the French Invasion.

Resolved generally that a Subscription for this purpose be now opened and that the Bailiff of the said Borough be requested to receive such Subscription."

1811. Sept^r. 28th.—"Resolved that the Resolution made on the 9th day of August 1808 respecting the stopping up a Foot way leading from the Gate at Westmead to a Stile adjoining the Paddocks of Mr. Henry Awdry leading into Englands be and the same is hereby rescinded & made void."

1812. Sept^r: 29th.—Mr. Ralph Gaby was elected Bailiff.

1812. Oct^r. 7th.—"The Bailiff declared Charles Brooke Esqr. and the

(A) The House of Commons voted the sum of £100,000, and subscriptions were also set on foot in London and throughout the Country.

Right Hon. Robert Peel duly elected Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Chippenham in the County of Wilts."

1813. Jan^y 20th.—"At a Meeting of the Corporation held this day in pursuance of a certain Requisition to the Bailiff of taking into Consideration the Inrolment of the different Charitable Donations relating to the Borough.

It is Resolved that the Town Clerk do and he is hereby authorised to make Copies of all such Charities relating to the Borough and enter them in the Borough Books, and also for the purpose of being inrolled with the Clerk of the Peace and that this Meeting stands adjourned to Friday the 5th day of February next to meet again at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Bailiff having received a letter from Mr. Holder Secretary to the Committee held at the London Tavern for raising and managing a Subscription for the Relief of the People of Russia suffering the severest Privations in consequence of the French Invasion.

It was also resolved that a Subscription Book be opened at Mr. Heath's and Messrs. Gundry's Banks for the purpose of procuring Subscriptions and that a Public Notice be issued to the above effect."

1814. Feb^y 4th.—Mr. William Colborne was elected a Burgess in the place of Mr. John Noyes Sen^r. deceased.

1814. May 30th.—"At a Meeting of the Bailiff Burgesses Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough & Town of Chippenham in the County of Wilts held at a Common Hall convened by the Bailiff pursuant to a requisition signed by several Freemen of the said Borough. The following resolutions were moved and unanimously agreed to.

That this Meeting are of Opinion there may be a dangerous tendency to disturb the Peace of the Country if the Bill now before the Honble House of Commons for altering the existing Corn laws be carried into a Law.

That before any alteration in such Laws take place it is absolutely requisite every evidence that can be adduced should be heard to shew the necessity of such a Measure.

That the Petition now read be adopted & left at the Town Clerk's office for the signature of such Persons who may approve signing thereof.

That the Petition be sent to the Members of the Borough requesting them to present it to the House of Commons on or before the 6th day of June next."

“TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN & INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF CHIPPENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS

SHEWETH that your Petitioners with sincere joy contemplate the happy prospect of the return of Peace to this Country. That during the War your Petitioners with readiness (in common with their fellow subjects) bore the Taxes and Expences concomitant to a War establishment and that altho' Divine Providence blessed this Country in the last two Harvests with abundant Crops of Corn and Grain yet whilst the dire effects of War continued the necessary commodities of Life were dearer than they would have been and will so continue if the War Taxes remain.

That your Petitioners in consequence of the approaching Peace looked forward to an increase of Trade and a reduction in the Price of the Articles of Life and Labour to enable the Tradesmen Artificers and Manufacturers to render their commodities at a moderate and reduced Rate.

That your Petitioners with regret observe a Bill is about to pass thro' your Honorable House tending to alter the existing Corn Laws which if passed they apprehend may keep up the Price of Corn, Flour, Bread, Wages, &c.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House that the said Bill may not be further proceeded on untill you have heard and fully deliberated on such Evidence as may be produced before you of the actual necessity of repealing altering or amending the several Statutes relating to Corn now in force.

And your Petitioners shall for ever Pray &c.”

“The above Petition was signed by about 700 Persons.”

1814. June 4th.—“At this Meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration some mode of rejoicing on the happy return of Peace,^(A) it was resolved.

That a Dinner be provided by Mr. Arnold at the White Hart Inn on Thursday next the 9th instant at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 o'clock; Tickets to be issued by him

(A) Napoleon abdicated, the Bourbon dynasty was restored, and the Treaty of Paris was ratified on the 14th May, 1814, between France and the allied Powers of Great Britain, Russia, Prussia and Austria.

at 3s. each to such Persons as shall apply for them on or before Tuesday next at the Bar of the said Inn.

That the Town be illuminated on Friday next the 10th Instant."

1814. July 9th.—" At a Meeting held at the White Hart Inn by adjournment from the Guildhall for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of petitioning both Houses of Parliament for the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

Resolved That Petitions be prepared and presented to both Houses of Parliament recommending them to adopt such measures as in their wisdom shall seem meet for the immediate and universal Abolition of the Slave Trade.

That the Petition now read be adopted.

That the Marquis of Lansdowne be requested to present the Petition to the House of Lords and the Members of the Borough the one to the House of Commons."

" THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN AND
INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF CHIPPENHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

SHEWETH that your Petitioners have seen with the deepest regret and disappointment that in the recent Treaty of Peace with France no Provision has been made for the immediate Abolition of the African Slave Trade—a Trade avowedly repugnant to every moral and religious principle—but that on the contrary the consequence will be its revival, on a large scale, and to an indefinite extent.

That your Petitioners cannot but lament that the Recognition in the Treaty of the radical injustice of the African Slave Trade should be followed by a provision for such revival; and though that provision is accompanied by the Declaration of an intention to abolish the Trade in Slaves after Five years, yet they cannot conceal from themselves that various and extensive interests will be created, which at the end of the specified term will present new and alarming obstacles to the fulfilment of the declared intention.

Your Petitioners therefore, deeply impressed with the necessity of immediately adopting such measures in Parliament as may be best calculated to prevent all the numerous and dreadful evils which must result from such

renovated traffic, humbly pray your Lordships to take the premises into your serious consideration, and to adopt such measures thereupon, as to your Lordships' wisdom may seem meet, for the immediate and universal Abolition of the Slave Trade.

And your Petitioners will ever Pray &c."

1814. July 13th.—" On this day the Definitive Treaty of Peace was publicly read in the Market Place of this Borough."

1814. Sept^r 29th.—Mr. William Colborne was elected Bailiff.

1814. Oct^r 28th.—" At this Meeting Mr. Thomas Bailey proposed to the Bailiff and Burgesses to keep the Lane leading from a Place where the Little Westmead Gate formerly stood near the Corner of his present Dwelling House to the Common Mead leading to Westmead in good and sufficient Repair to the satisfaction of the Bailiff and Burgesses at all times, and also to pay an annual Quit Rent of one Shilling on the Feast of S^t Michael in every year, Provided the Bailiff and Burgesses would grant him a Lease of the Lane with the unlimited use of the same as a Road to his Manufactory, House and Yard and also the Field called "Goldney's Leaze" adjoining the said Lane, and would also agree to find him stones dug sufficient for repairing the same in the Borough Quarry or at some Quarry in the Parish; but the Hauling to be at the expense of the said Thomas Bailey, which proposal the Bailiff and Burgesses this day agreed to and ordered a Lease and Counterpart to be prepared accordingly for the Term of 2000 Years such Lease and Counterpart to be prepared at the Expence of Mr. Thos. Bailey.

1815. Feb^y 4th.—" The Bailiff produced the Resignation of William Dummer Master of the Free School and William Woodman was elected in his stead."

1815. April 29th.—" It was resolved that all outstanding Bills on the Borough up to the 29th September last be discharged by Mr. Beames, and that the sum of £200 be employed in discharging Part of the Mortgage on the Borough Lands."

1816. Feb^y 26th.—" At a Meeting of the Bailiff, Burgesses, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Chippenham in the County of Wilts held at a Common Hall convened by the Bailiff pursuant to a requisition signed by several Freemen of the said Borough.

Resolved, That a Petition be presented to both Houses of Parliament against the renewal of the Property Tax under any modification whatever.

That the draft of the Petition now produced and hereunder written be adopted, fairly written on Parchment and after being signed sent to the Marquis of Lansdowne to be presented to the House of Lords and another to the Members of the Borough to be presented to the House of Commons."

"TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN
AND INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF CHIPPENHAM
IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

SHEWETH, That your Petitioners earnestly hoped that after a long and expensive War and the many Privations and distresses suffered by all Classes of the Community, a period of Peace would have alleviated the heavy burthen of Taxation and have relieved the Country from the Property Tax.

That your Petitioners having indulged in this hope from a Confidence in the Promises made to them by His Majesty's Ministers it is with deep regret and mortification they find it is the Intention of Government to renew the Property Tax under some modifications.

That your Petitioners consider the said Tax not only as revolting in principle to the feelings of Englishmen but also as unequal and oppressive in its collection.

That your Petitioners being inferior to no part of His Majesty's Subjects in Loyalty, yet as Freemen tenacious of their rights and properties respectfully claim the promise made to the Nation that the said Tax should finally cease on the 5th day of April next.

That your Petitioners conceive the total Abandonment of this offensive Tax will greatly relieve the public Distress and diffuse universal satisfaction.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that you will be pleased to reject any proposition for renewing this unequal and inquisitorial impost under any form or modification or with any abatement whatever.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c."

1816. June 24th.—" It was agreed that the Bailiff be requested to enquire what Composition the Lay Impropiator would accept for the Tythes of Englands and lay the same before the Corporation at a future Meeting.

And that no Composition be paid for the Tythes of Westmead until a further investigation be made, as it does not appear from the Borough Books that any Tythes or composition in lieu of Tythes has ever been paid for Westmead."

1816. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. Ralph Hale Gaby was elected Bailiff.

1817. June 17th.—Mr. Joseph Lane admitted to the Freedom.

1817. June 19th.—" Pursuant to a Warrant under the Seal of Office of John Hungerford Penruddocke Esq. Sheriff of the County of Wilts directed to the Bailiff of the Borough of Chippenham requiring him to cause one Burgess to be elected for the said Borough to represent the said Borough in the Parliament now holden at the City of Westminster^(A) in the place of the R^t Honble. Robert Peel, the said Bailiff caused Proclamation to be made within the said Borough that he should proceed to such election at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday the 19th day of June Instant at the Guildhall in the said Borough.

John Maitland Esq. of Woodford Hall in the County of Essex was proposed by Christopher Heath Esq. and seconded by Thomas Goldney Esq.

And thereupon the Bailiff declared the said John Maitland Esq. duly elected."

(A) The Earl of Liverpool was the Prime Minister.



EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK No. 5.

Commencing 1817 and ending 1836.

1817. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. Harry Russ was elected Bailiff.

1818. June 19th.—"Pursuant to a warrant or precept under the seal of office of Alexander Powell, Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Wilts, William Miles of Abbots Leigh in the County of Somerset, Esqr., was proposed by Mr. Anthony Guy and seconded by Mr. Harry Goldney.

George Spencer Churchill, Marquis of Blandford, of Blenheim Park in the County of Oxford was proposed by Mr. Robert Sadler and seconded by Mr. John Beames.

John Roch Grosett of Lacock Abbey in the county of Wilts Esq. was proposed by Mr. Ralph Hale Gaby and seconded by Mr. Uriah Tarrant.

A Poll was demanded by the several Candidates.

The Bailiff proceeded to take the Poll and having kept the same open upwards of four hours adjourned the further Proceedings of the Election till nine of the Clock in the forenoon of the 20th June at the Guildhall.

Saturday the 20th June the Bailiff Burgesses and Freemen met pursuant to adjournment and having Cast up the Poll there appeared, for—

William Miles Esq.	82.
The Marquis of Blandford	58.
John Roch Grosett Esq.	34.

And the said John Roch Grosett having declined offering any more Votes and Proclamation having been duly made the Bailiff declared William Miles Esq. and the Marquis of Blandford duly elected."

1818. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. John Noyes was elected Bailiff.

Mr. John Noyes Jun^r was elected Town Clerk.

1819. March 3rd.—"The following Petition against laying a general Tax upon Coals, and against the renewal of the Insolvent Debtors' Act, having been read—Resolved that the same be adopted."

“TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN
AND INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF CHIPPENHAM
IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS;

SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners have heard with great Anxiety and Concern that a Plan is in contemplation for imposing a general Tax on Coals.

That if such a Measure be carried into effect it will be attended with the most serious Consequences to the Miners in the neighbouring Counties and to the Agricultural and Manufacturing Interests of this Country, that owing to the heavy expenses of raising Coal and the uncertainty of Success in such Adventures many Persons have been deterred from engaging therein and should a Duty be imposed thereon still more would be prevented therefrom.

That Coal has always been a very necessary Article in our Manufactures and particularly of late since a great part of it has been performed by Steam Engines and other Machinery.

That Coal being an essential Article of Life the Duty would fall on the Poor as well as the Rich and tend to enhance the Price of Labour and encrease the Burthens of the Poor on Parishes which are already become enormous and about which the wisdom of Parliament is now employed to relieve the Country from its weight.

That Manual Labour being much cheaper Abroad than in this Country the weight of this Tax might operate to raise a Competition in the Foreign Market much to the prejudice of the Manufacturers of this Country.

That the present Tax is chiefly borne by the Inhabitants of the City of London and the Neighbourhood which has been the Case a great number of years ever since the Tax was first imposed that London being the Seat of Government the Grand Emporium of Trade and Commerce of the Country and the general place of Resort of the People of this Kingdom as well as of Foreigners the Inhabitants by means of those advantages have borne and still are able to bear the pressure of the Tax much better than any other of his Majesty's Subjects. Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that you will be pleased to reject any Propositions for altering the present existing Laws for imposing Duty on Coal. And your Petitioners will ever pray &c.”

1819. June 7th.—Mr. Anthony Guy was elected Bailiff in the place of Mr. John Noyes deceased.

Nov. 13th.—Mr. George Noyes was elected a Burgess in the place of Mr. Thomas Goldney who had removed out of the Borough.

1820. Feb. 9th.—"At this Meeting the Burgesses of this Borough (Mr. J. M. Coombs the Bailiff being absent owing to a severe fit of illness) proclaimed at the Market Cross in the Borough first, and afterwards opposite the Houses in the occupation of Mr. Ralph Hale Gaby and Mr. Anthony Guy and opposite the Town Hall, the High and Mighty Prince, George Prince of Wales by the death of our late Sovereign of happy Memory, our only Lawful and rightful Liege Lord George the fourth by the Grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith.

The Burgesses ordered a Hogshead of Strong Beer to be given to the Constables, the Band, and the Clubs who attended in the Procession.

God save the King.

His late Majesty King George the third died at Windsor on Saturday the 29th Jan^r. 1820 at 35 Minutes past 8 o'clock in the evening in his 82^d year."

1820. March 8th.—Mr. Harry Goldney was elected Bailiff in the place of Mr. J. M. Coombs deceased.

"William Alexander Madocks of Tregunter in the County of Brecknock Esq. and John Roch Grosett of Lacock Abbey in the County of Wilts Esq. were declared unanimously and duly elected Burgesses to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Chippenham."

1820. May 6th.—Mr. Broome Pinniger was admitted to the Freedom.

1820. Sept^r. 27th.—"The Bailiff & Burgesses agreed to allow William Gay half a year's Rent towards building a House in Littlefield."

1820. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. William Pope was elected Bailiff.

1821. March 23^d.—"At a Meeting of the Bailiff, Burgesses, Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Chippenham held this 23^d day of March 1821 at the Guildhall respecting the Catholic Claims.

It was unanimously resolved that a Petition be forthwith drawn up and

presented to both Houses of Parliament praying that no further Concessions may be made to the Roman Catholics as the granting of the same would be fraught with the most imminent danger to the Constitution of the Country.

Resolved that the Petition now read be adopted and that the Members for the Borough be requested to present the same to the House of Commons and to support the Prayer of the said Petition, and that the Petition to the House of Lords be also sent to the Members with a Request to deliver the same to some Noble Lord to be presented to the House of Peers.

Resolved that the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Bailiff for his readiness in calling the Meeting and Candid Conduct in the Chair."

"TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN
AND INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF CHIP-
PENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

SHEWETH, that it was with much pain your Petitioners observed the 2^d reading of the Bill in favor of what is usually termed "The Roman Catholic Claims" had passed your Honorable House by the Majority reported on Friday the 16th Inst.

That your Petitioners hope and pray no further Concessions will ever be made to a Body whose Religious Principles are Bigotry & Intolerance which remain unchanged since its first assumption of consequence in the Political World, & which have always excited Persecution whenever & wherever Roman Catholicism has gained the ascendancy in Civil Relations.

That the object of the Roman Catholics being obviously now to regain that Political Power which was once possessed by them in these Realms, your Petitioners dread an opening to all the evils Civil and Religious which have been formerly experienced in this Country from the exercise of the intolerant and persecuting Principles of that Body.

But the principal objections of your Petitioners to any further Concessions to the Roman Catholics of the Influence or Station sought after are that the surrender and acquisition thereof would be opposed to the Constitution of the country and endanger the Peace & Stability of our present reigning

Family, any surrender or acquisition tending towards either of which your Petitioners must deprecate in the strongest manner.

Whilst your Petitioners utterly disclaim any inclination so illiberal & unchristian as to withhold from or deny to the Roman Catholic the possession & exercise of Religious Liberty, they must on every consideration of self defence & patriotism, of duty to their God, to their King, their Posterity & to the world express their firm renunciation of any kind of consent to the present Proceedings favoring their views; & more particularly at a period when there is reason to apprehend those Proceedings are instituted in the expectation of being favoured by the suspension of the King's Coronation Oath.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly & earnestly entreat your Honorable House to bear in mind their feelings on this subject, which they believe are also the feelings of a Country jealous of its Religious Privileges, jealous likewise of its Constitution and attached to its present Royal House—which feelings have never ceased to shew themselves when circumstances have called them forth, which still remain, and like the Romish system—ever must— notwithstanding all the plausibility of argument of those who espouse the Catholic Cause remain the same. And your Petitioners will ever pray &c.”

1821. July 5th.—“At this Meeting held for the purpose of taking into consideration some mode of rejoicing at the approaching Coronation of his Majesty George the 4th.

It was resolved that a Dinner be provided by Mr. Carpenter at the White Hart Inn, and that tickets be issued by him at 3/- each to such Persons as shall apply for them at the Bar of the said Inn, and at the expense of the Persons applying for them.

It was also resolved that a Common Hall be called on Monday next at 11 O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of consulting the Freemen & Inhabitants as to the steps proper to be taken to commemorate the approaching Coronation.

July 13th.—“It was resolved that the sum of 20 guineas be given to the Poor to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty George the 4th to be distributed in such a way as the Bailiff & Burgesses may think proper on Thursday next the 19th instant.”

July 17th.—It having been stated by the Bailiff that the sum of £120 had been subscribed for the celebration of the approaching Coronation, It was resolved that a Dinner be provided for the Poor of the Town & Borough of Chippenham consisting of Roast Beef and Plum Pudding with a suitable supply of Bread, Vegetables, and Strong Beer, and that Tables be erected in the open street for that purpose."

1822. Sep. 29—"It was agreed to allow W^m. Gay the sum of £9 out of his last Year's Rent in consequence of the depression of the times."

1823. Feb^y. 17th.—"At this Meeting attended by a great number of Freemen and Inhabitants it was unanimously resolved, on occasion of the Pledge given in the House of Commons a few Nights ago for the introduction of the Roman Catholic Question to Petition the House of Commons against any Concession to the Roman Catholics.

Resolved that the Petition produced and read by the Rev^d. J. Allport be adopted and that the Members for the Borough be requested to present and support the same.

Resolved that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Rev^d. Mr. Allport for bringing forward and preparing the said Petition.

Resolved that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Bailiff for his readiness in convening the Meeting.

Resolved that the Proceedings of this Meeting be inserted in the Salisbury & Winchester Journal and Bath & Cheltenham Gazette.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN &
INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF CHIPPENHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF WILTS

SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners cannot but regard with extreme pain & equal concern, the repeated agitation of the question for granting what is termed the "Roman Catholic Claims & Emancipations," the attainment of which, your Petitioners have every reason to apprehend & believe, looks to nothing but the recovery of secular Power, & the regaining of Political Station;

& that, not for the discharge or exercise of any Religious Duties, but for the sake of control & the employment of intrigue, & with a view to introduce bigotry & superstition, & to exercise those principles of intolerance & heresy which Roman Catholics have ever maintained & acted on, & by which they ever must be actuated, while possessing the Power & Station, after which they aspire; Principles which, in the opinion of your Petitioners, it is the object of Christianity to subdue, which are repugnant to its Spirit, & denounced by its truths, & have ever been held in dread & abhorrence by those who have felt its influence & walked by its pure Precepts.

That whilst your Petitioners object to a Body of Men obtaining Power & Station among them for such ends, on the common ground of self protection, & of guarding the Interests of Religion & Humanity, they deprecate it also because the influence of the principles to which they object would be alike derogatory to the honor & glory of the Divine Founder of our Holy & benevolent Religion, as inimical to the Peace & Welfare of the human Race, for, by the *apparent* sanction & direction of Scriptural Truth, the Roman Catholics could maintain such a Spirit & uphold such principles as belie the merciful & gracious character of the Divine Nature revealed to us, whilst they let loose the flood & fires of Persecution upon those who wish to be at peace with them—who would in quietness & singleness of heart worship God in Spirit & in Truth, & aim to serve & bless their generation in simplicity & godly sincerity.

With these views your Petitioners consider it their *Duty* both as Christians, and as Subjects of the British Constitution, to step forward and do what in them lies towards preserving to themselves & children their rights and privileges that Faith & those Hopes, which have been handed down to us, by the good Providence of God, watered with the Blood of their pious & martyred Forefathers; as also those more recent Institutions for the diffusing the Scriptures & educating the Young, which the present Pope has designated impious machinations and “Pestilences to be abolished;” expressions which afford a sufficient proof of what your Petitioners might expect were Power and Place surrendered to that Body of which the Pontiff of Rome is the head.

Your Petitioners therefore implore your Honorable House not to listen to the deceitful & dangerous cry for (what is called) Roman Catholic Emancipation; nor to the voice of those professed Brethren & Members of their own Church, who though pledged to the Protestant Faith, nevertheless to your Petitioners’

astonishment espouse & advocate most pertinaciously the Roman Catholic Cause again & again and now more than mischievously push it forward, immediately on the opening of this Session of Parliament, amidst the imperious demands of the present time for repose, unanimity, harmony & gratitude, & for endeavours at promoting the peace & happiness of the World—endeavours which call for British aid & Christian concurrence on all sides; but none of which objects, your Petitioners are persuaded, can ever be promoted by Roman Catholic Emancipation & must be hindered by the obtrusion of the Question. And your Petitioners will ever Pray &c.”

1823. May 12th—“The Bailiff was desired to write to Mr. Wingrove the Surveyor of the Turnpike Roads to repair such parts of the causeway as have been injured by the lowering of the Roads, and likewise to repair the Causeway that have been removed for the making of Drains.”

July 3^d—“The Bailiff produced a Letter from Mr. Wingrove the Surveyor of the Roads, declining to do the Repairs to the Causeway which was required of him. Ordered that Mr. A. Guy do apply to him personally on behalf of the Corporation.”

1823. Sept^r. 29th—Mr. James Morris Coombs was elected Bailiff.

“Mr. Harry Goldney was unanimously elected Town Clerk for the year ensuing.”

1824. Feb. 19th.—“At this Meeting, attended by a number of Freemen and Inhabitants, to take into their Consideration the propriety of Petitioning both Houses of Parliament for the Melioration of the present condition of Negro Slaves in his Majesty's Colonies.

Resolved, That the Petition produced and read by the Rev^d. Josiah Allport be adopted, and that it be submitted to Mr. Grosett for his Presentation, provided it meets with his approval; if not then for it to be sent to the Secretary of the Anti Slavery Society No. 18 Aldermanbury London, and the Petition to the House of Lords to be sent to the Marquis of Lansdowne.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Rev^d. J. Allport for bringing forward the Petition proposed by the Anti Slave Committee in Chippenham.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Bailiff for his readiness in convening the Meeting.

“ TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE FOR AIDING IN THE MELIORATION OF THE CONDITION OF SLAVES WITH OTHERS INHABITANTS OF CHIPPENHAM AND ITS VICINITY

SHEWETH :

That as Members professing the Christian Faith, your Petitioners cannot but feel anxious for the benevolence and Humanity of its spirit to extend wherever the Human race is scattered : and as Subjects of the Empire of Great Britain, they are equally anxious that every Individual within the range of its extension, should participate of the Blessings of its mild and equitable Government, and enjoy all the Privileges it is the happy lot of your Petitioners to share.

That your Petitioners frequently experience the greatest pain when reflecting on the Condition of the multitudes of Human Beings in the Colonies of the British Empire ; that having duly considered the state of Slavery as at this period existing in those Colonies, they regard the subjects of it as held in that extreme Vassalage, and kept in such Mental Darkness as alone renders them incapable of sharing in the one, and precludes the possibility of their benefitting by the other.

But being filled with the deepest regret this Nation should have ever Countenanced any measures tending to bring and detain many of their fellow creatures in such a condition, they hail with extreme joy and gratitude the passing of Resolutions in the last Sessions of Parliament specifically for the adoption of effectual and decisive measures for meliorating the Condition of the Population so circumstanced in his Majesty's Colonies.

Your Petitioners beg leave to express to your Honourable House their cordial satisfaction with such necessary, timely, and judicious policy, calculated to wipe off a foul stain from their Country, equally calculated in their view, to insure the benefit and safety of the Colonists themselves and to restore the advantages of Civilization, Freedom and Religion to a great Portion of the family of Man despoiled of those paramount blessings, and debarred the attainment of them.

Your Petitioners therefore earnestly hope and entreat that his Majesty's

Government will steadily and perseveringly take every measure necessary for carrying the Resolutions passed in your Honourable House into effect for consummating the melioration of the Condition of the Negro Slaves in his Majesty's West Indian Colonies with attempting of such an improvement among them intellectual, moral, and religious, as shall eventually qualify them for what their Character as Human beings entitle them and what Humanity and justice, the Constitution of our Country, and the Spirit and Precepts of Christianity impose upon this Nation to impart to them.

For the furtherance and attainment of such objects and the suitable prosecution of such measures and attempts.

Your Petitioners only beg further to assure his Majesty's Government through the medium of your Honourable House, that they are most ready not only to contribute by every means in their power in the encouragement and support of the same, but also for the indemnification of any Parties interested in Colonial Property whose apprehensions of loss may be realized.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c."

1824. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. Broome Pinniger was elected Bayliff.

William Woodman was elected Master of the Free School.

1824. Dec^r. 15th.—Mr. Thomas Alexander was admitted to the Freedom.

1825. Jan^y 10th.—"The Bailiff read a letter which he had received from the Rev^d. W. Short requesting a subscription towards the support of the National School lately established at Chippenham. It was unanimously resolved that in the present state of the Borough Funds they were not justified in contributing towards it."

1825. March 3.—"At a Meeting attended by a great number of Freemen and Inhabitants it was unanimously Resolved to present Petitions to both Houses of Parliament expressive of the opinion of the Petitioners that to grant any further Concessions to the Roman Catholics would at this time be dangerous to the Protestant Religion.

Resolved that the Petition produced by Mr. Gundry and read by the Bailiff be adopted and that Mr. Grosett be requested to present the same to the House of Commons and support the Prayer of the said Petition.

Resolved that the Petition to the House of Lords be sent also to

Mr. Grosett with a request to deliver the same to some noble Lord to be presented to the House of Lords.

Resolved that the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Bailiff for his readiness in convening the Meeting."

" TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN AND BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS

SHEWETH :

That they have observed with the utmost solicitude and alarm the proceedings which have of late been so openly and systematically pursued for the purpose of subverting the Protestant ascendancy and re-establishing in its place the supremacy of the Church of Rome.

That as Friends to Toleration in its utmost latitude your Petitioners concurred in the views of their Roman Catholic fellow subjects so long as their views were confined within that limit ; but when not content with every indulgence in the exercise of their Religious Worship they seek admission into the highest offices of the State your Petitioners feel it their duty in common with the rest of his Majesty's Protestant Subjects to raise their voice against such demands, convinced that the Concession of Political Rank and Influence to the Members of a Church Fundamentally opposed to the Reformed Protestant Religion and under the Government of a Foreign Power would be dangerous to the State and incompatible with the Religious Privileges hitherto enjoyed by the Subjects of these Realms.

That under a deep impression resulting from the above Considerations your Petitioners anxiously hope and implore that your Honorable House will in its wisdom take such measures as may tend to tranquillise the unhappily excited minds of the Roman Catholics by convincing them that having conceded to them all those privileges enjoyed by others who dissent from the Religion as by Law established in these Kingdoms you cannot possibly do more under existing circumstances, without endangering the general Peace and safety of the State.

And your Petitioners will ever pray &c."

1825. March 5th.—"It was unanimously Resolved to present the following Petition to the House of Commons for the repeal of the assessed Taxes.

SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners beg leave to congratulate your Honourable House on the general prosperity of the Kingdom.

That your Petitioners read with pleasure His Majesty's most Gracious Speech wherein he was pleased to state that the present flourishing State of the Revenue of the Kingdom will enable your Honourable House to relieve his people from some of their existing burthens of Taxation.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that your Honourable House will in their wisdom be pleased to Repeal the assessed Taxes (so generally vexatious to his Majesty's subjects) but if it should appear that the remission of the whole of them cannot be granted consistently with the maintenance of the public credit of the Country they hereby Pray that your Honourable House will Repeal the Windows Tax and the Duty upon Inhabited Houses humbly conceiving that your Honourable House cannot exercise a sounder policy or afford a greater relief to the Kingdom in general.

And your Petitioners will ever pray &c."

1826. Jan^y. 25th.—"It was unanimously Resolved that a Petition be presented to both Houses of Parliament for the mitigation and gradual abolition of Slavery in the British Colonies."

1826. June 12th.—Ebenezer Fuller Maitland of Spinfield Park in the Co. of Berks Esqr., and Frederick Gye of Wood Green in the Co. of Middlesex Esq., were elected Members for the Borough without opposition.

Sept^r. 26th.—The Borough Lands were let to the following persons for 7 years.

	£	s.	d.
Bumpers to Francis Bryant	for	44	0 0
Littlefield to Wm. Downham	„	40	0 0
Blackwell Hams to Daniel Salter	„	18	0 0
Hulberts Hold and Winter feed of Englands and Westmead to Samuel Ghey of Pewsham Forest	} „	68	0 0
The Slough and Lands in Dole Mead to B. Pegler ...	„	21	0 0
		<u>191</u>	<u>0 0</u>

The following eight Burgesses were appointed Trustees under Sir Francis Popham's Charity viz. Mr. Harry Goldney Mr. H. Colborne Mr. Chris. Heath Mr. W. Carpenter Mr. W. Pope Mr. Geo. Noyes Mr. W. Poole & Mr. J. M. Coombs.

1827. July 5th.—"It was agreed that in case the Committee of the National School can make an arrangement so as to appropriate the Malthouse adjoining to the Free School, that they will have no objection to consent that the School Master shall live in the present School house, and the sum of Five Pounds given by Mr. Woodroffe's Will be appropriated in aid of the National School, and the sum of 15s. left in the Hands of the Borough. The Bailiff and Minister for the time being continuing to appoint twelve Boys alternately and it being also understood that no Master is to be appointed without the consent of the Bailiff & Burgesses for the time being."

It was resolved that the Proprietor of all Boats that are repaired in the Field called Englands, shall pay to the Bailiff for the use of the land one pound for each Boat.

Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. Thomas Spencer was elected Bailiff.

1828. August 12th.—"The Bailiff & Burgesses met to stock Westmead, when they proceeded to accept the stock; but in consequence of a great Flood which nearly covered the Mead, It was ordered that none of the Stock should be put in the Mead before Monday next."

Sept^r. 20th.—James Coller was elected Master of the Free School to succeed Charles Lawes.

Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. William Colborne was elected Bailiff.

1829. April 4th.—"The Bailiff was desired to attend the Turnpike Meeting on Tuesday next to produce a Copy of a Resolution entered into by the Corporation on the 24th April 1805 for leave given to the Trustees of the Chippenham Road to erect a Toll Bar on the Bridge, and to request them to remove the same."

April 13th.—"Mr. Ghey made an application for an allowance in consequence of having rotted his sheep (as he alleged) in Englands and Westmead. It was resolved that the Bailiff be requested to inform Mr. Ghey that under the terms specified at the Letting, and inasmuch as they are merely Trustees

for the Freemen at large, they do not feel justified in making the allowance required."

1830. May 21st.—"The Town Clerk produced and read a letter from Mr. Guy the present Bailiff stating his wish to resign forthwith his Offices of Bailiff and Burgess of the Borough of Chippenham Resolved that the Burgesses present are ready to accept Mr. Guy's resignation agreeably to his wish. That the Town Clerk do send a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Guy."

1830. June 2^d.—Mr. Harry Goldney was elected Bailiff in the place of Mr. Anthony Guy.

Mr. Harry Goldney resigned the Office of Town Clerk.

June 7th.—Mr. Broome Pinniger was elected Town Clerk.

1830. June 14th.—Mr. West Awdry was admitted to the Freedom of the Borough.

Mr. Henry Spencer was elected a Burgess in the room of Mr. Thomas Spencer resigned.

June 30th.—Mr. Daniel Collen was admitted to the Freedom of the Borough.

July 1st.—"The Bailiff and Burgesses proclaimed at the Market Cross in the Borough first, and afterwards opposite the houses in the occupation of Mr. William Wilmot and one late in the occupation of Mr. Anthony Guy, and opposite the Town Hall, The High and Mighty Prince William Henry Duke of Clarence and S^t Andrews and Earl of Munster, by the Death of our late Sovereign of happy memory, our only lawful and rightful Liege Lord William the Fourth, by the Grace of God King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Defender of the Faith."

The Bailiff and Burgesses ordered 100 Gallons of strong Beer to be given to the populace who attended in the procession, and likewise two Sovereigns to the Band, one Sovereign to the Ringers, and ten shillings to the Constables—God save the King.

His late Majesty King George the Fourth died at Windsor on Saturday the 26th June 1830 at a quarter past 3 o'clock in the morning in his 68 year."

July 12th.—Mr. Francis Alexander Sydenham Locke was admitted to the Freedom of the Borough.

July 14th.—"It was unanimously agreed that an Humble Address should be presented to His Most Gracious Sovereign King William the fourth on his Accession to the Throne.

That the following Address proposed by Mr. William Colborne and seconded by Mr. William Gundry be adopted.

"To the King's most Excellent Majesty the Humble Address of the Bailiff Burgesses & Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Chippenham in the County of Wilts in Common Hall assembled.

"Most Gracious Majesty:

We your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects the Bailiff Burgesses Freemen and Inhabitants of the Ancient Borough and Town of Chippenham beg most respectfully to approach the Throne and to express to your Majesty our Sentiments of Condolence on the late severe and painful loss sustained by your Majesty in Common with ourselves and the whole of the British Nation by the lamented death of your Majesty's Royal Brother our late beloved Monarch whose Regency and Reign will ever be considered the proudest era of past British History.

Whilst we deplore the loss of our late most Gracious Sovereign we most heartily congratulate ourselves upon the accession to the Throne of these Realms of a Monarch who has already exercised so kind a regard for the welfare and Prosperity of his People and we Pray that Almighty God may grant to your Majesty a long and happy Reign.

We likewise beg to make known to your Majesty the Happiness we feel that Providence had blessed your Majesty with a Consort whose amiable qualities and virtuous conduct are not only a Pattern to the Nation but will endear her to the Hearts of your Majesty's loving Subjects.

Resolved, that Joseph Neeld Esqr. be requested to present the Address to His Majesty."

1830. July 30th.—"Joseph Neeld of Grittleton House in the County of Wilts Esqr. Philip Pusey of Pusey in the County of Berks Esqr. and John George Henry Pownall of Spring Grove Hounslow in the County of Middlesex Esqr. were proposed and seconded as Members of Parliament.

A Poll was demanded by the several Candidates, John Talway to take the Poll.

Cheque Poll Clerks were appointed, namely, Gabriel Goldney, Lewis Whitton Virchiold, and Edward Bradbury.

The Bailiff then proceeded to take the Poll, and having kept the same open upwards of four Hours, and having cast up the Poll, there appeared for

Joseph Neeld Esqr.	76
Philip Pusey Esqr.	58
John George Henry Pownall Esqr.	18

And the said J. G. H. Pownall Esqr. having declined offering any more votes, and Proclamation having been duly made, And thereupon the Bailiff declared the said Joseph Neeld and Philip Pusey duly Elected Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Chippenham."

1830. Sept^r. 29th.—Mr. William Gundry was elected Bailiff.

Mr. Harry Goldney was elected Town Clerk.

1830. Oct. 12th.—"It was Resolved that a Petition be presented to both Houses of Parliament for the Abolition of Negro Slavery throughout the British Colonies."

Nov^r. 4th.—"It was Resolved to present a Petition to the House of Commons for the Repeal of the Assessed Taxes."

Nov^r. 20th.—"The Bailiff agreed with Mr. George S. Bradbury to keep the Town Bridge in complete repair with sufficient quantity of good stone and materials, and likewise to find the Quarrying breaking and hauling the same, And also to scrape and clean the Bridge and Foot Paths when occasion shall require from Michaelmas 1830 to Michaelmas 1831 for the sum of nine Pounds."



EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK No. 6.

Commencing 1831 and ending 1835.

1831. Jan^y. 14th.—"The Bailiff produced & read a letter received from the Secretary of State as follows—

" Circular.

" Whitehall 29th December 1830.

" Sir—

" I am directed by ^(A) Viscount Melbourne to desire that you will with the least possible delay afford him the fullest and most correct Information in your power on the following Points, in order that Returns may be prepared in compliance with Addresses of the House of Commons.

" 1. Whether the limits of the Borough of Chippenham are the same as those mentioned in the population Returns of 1821 viz^t part of the Parish of Chippenham.

" 2. If the limits are not the same, state in what way they differ, whether extending into other Parishes, if so, to what extent—or comprizing only Parts of the Parish named in the Population Returns, if so, how much.

" 3. The Population Returns of 1821 state the number of Houses in the Borough of Chippenham to be 541 and the number of male Inhabitants to be 1500. If the limits of the Borough of Chippenham differ from those given in the Population Returns, state what was the number of Houses and Male Inhabitants within such limits in the year 1821.

" 4. State the greatest number of Electors Polled at any Election for Members to represent the Borough of Chippenham in Parliament during the last Thirty years.

" I am Sir Your obed^t Servant

" The Returning Officer

" G. LAMB.

" of the Borough of Chippenham."

Resolved that the Bailiff be requested to reply to his Lordship's letter in Answer to the Questions contained therein.

(A) Earl Grey was Prime Minister, and Viscount Melbourne, Home Secretary.

“ My Lord—

“ Chippenham 14th. Jan^r. 1831.

“ In reply to your Lordship’s Circular of the 27th ult. as Bailiff of this
“ Borough I have the Honor of sending the following Answers to the Questions
“ sent to me.

“ To the 1st Question : The limits of the Borough of Chippenham are the
“ same as in the year 1821 namely part of the Parish of Chippenham.

“ 2 Question : Answered by the first.

“ 3 Question : The limits of the Borough do not differ but the Returns
“ both of the Houses and Inhabitants for 1821 included not only the Borough
“ but the whole Parish of Chippenham.

“ The number of Houses within the Borough assessed to the House and
“ Window Duty and paying Parochial Rates consists of 174 in the year 1821
“ of which 129 are Burgage Houses and have the Privilege of voting for the
“ Return of Members to Parliament attached to them.

“ 4 Question : The greatest number of Electors Polled at any Election
“ within the last 30 years was in the year 1802 viz^t 126.

“ I have the Honor to remain

“ To the Secretary of State

“ My Lord

“ Home Department

“ Your Lordship’s faithful & obed^t Serv^t

“ London.”

W^m. GUNDRY.”

1831. March 3^d.—“ At a Meeting attended by several Freemen and
Inhabitants to take into their consideration the propriety of Petitioning both
Houses of Parliament to support the King and his Ministers in their laudable
endeavour for the Public weal. Resolved :—

That the following Petition be adopted.

“ TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED BAILIFF BURGESSES
FREEMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF
CHIPPENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners are fully satisfied of the necessity of our effectual
efficient and immediate Reform in the Commons House of Parliament.

That believing as they do that his Majesty’s present Government deserve

the confidence of the People and have shewn by their measures now before Parliament that they will if supported by your Honorable House redeem the pledge they have given of a full free and real Reform in the Commons House of Parliament as well as every prudent retrenchment in the National expenditure.

Your Petitioners therefore without stating their Opinions as to the extent of Parliamentary Reform which they believe to be so essential for the welfare and tranquility of the Country Humbly venture to approach your Honorable House with an anxious hope and the highest expectation that your Honorable House will support the Ministers whom our beloved Sovereign has with so great wisdom and prudence selected as his Counsellors to enable them to carry into effect those measures of Reform that are now before your Honorable House. And your Petitioners will ever pray &c."

1831. April 22.—"It was Resolved that a Census of the Population of the Parish of Chippenham be immediately taken at the expense of the Borough, which Census shall particularize the Population of the Borough, the Town, and the several Tythings, Hamlets, Chapelries, and outliberties within this Parish and the extra parochial Place of Pewsham adjoining thereto."

1831. April 29th.—Mr. Charles Bayliffe was admitted to the Freedom.

1831. April 30th.—Pursuant to a Warrant or Precept under the seal of Paul Methuen Esq. Sheriff of the County of Wilts, for the election of Members of Parliament.

"Joseph Neeld Esq. was proposed by Mr. J. M. Coombs and seconded by Mr. W. Colborne.

Henry George Boldero of Weymouth in the County of Dorset Captain in his Majesty's Service, was proposed by Mr. Harry Goldney, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Taylor.

Henry Fox Talbot of Lacock Abbey in the County of Wilts Esq. was proposed by Mr. West Awdry, and seconded by Mr. Charles Bayliffe.

The Bailiff then proceeded to take the Poll, and having kept the same open for upwards of 5 Hours, and having cast up the Poll book, there appears for

Joseph Neeld Esqr	96
Henry George Boldero	60
Henry Fox Talbot	39

And the said Henry Fox Talbot having declined offering any more Voters and Proclamation having been duly made thereupon the Bailiff declared the said Joseph Neeld and Henry George Boldero duly Elected."

1831. May 26th.—" Mr. John Provis was requested to deliver to the Bailiff a Plan and Estimate for the enlarging and improving the present Blind House."

1831. June 11th.—" At a Meeting attended by several Freemen and Inhabitants to take into their consideration the Distressed State of the lower Class of People of Ireland, the following Resolutions were moved and adopted :—

1. That this Meeting feel the greatest Commiseration for the sufferings of their fellow subjects in Ireland and that it is a duty incumbent on all persons to exercise a Christian benevolence towards this distressed people.

2. That a Subscription be immediately opened in this Town and Neighbourhood and in aid of the Fund now raising for their relief and that the Vicar and also the Dissenting Ministers of the Town be requested to make Collections in their respective Congregations for that purpose.

3. That although they acknowledge themselves bound to relieve their fellow subjects in their necessity they feel that the utmost in their power must be quite inadequate to the desired object and that the only effectual means of relief to the Irish Poor will be by some Legislative Enactments giving them a claim for employment and support on their respective Parishes.

4. That Petitions be presented to Parliament on the subject Extending the Poor Laws to Ireland.

5. That a Committee be requested to make Collections and to prepare Petitions according to the foregoing resolutions.

6. That Mr. Poole be appointed Treasurer, and that a book be left at the Bank for entering subscriptions.

7. That the above Resolutions be Printed and also inserted in the Bath and Cheltenham Gazette.

8. That this Meeting be adjourned unto Tuesday the 28th instant at eleven o'clock in the morning.

“ TO THE HONOURABLE THE COMMONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED BAILIFF BURGESSES
FREEMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH AND TOWN OF
CHIPPENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners deeply impressed with feelings of Sympathy towards their suffering and distressed fellow Subjects the labouring classes of Society in Ireland at this time and of the frequent recurrence of the like times of Famine and Distress amongst them.

Your Petitioners after having contributed towards relieving their present necessities beg leave to state to your Honorable House their conviction of the total inadequacy of local Subscriptions or temporary aid—however general or ample for effectually removing the Cause of these calamities.

Your Petitioners being fully convinced that the only effectual means of affording permanent relief to the Irish Poor will be by some legislative Enactment giving them a claim for employment and support in their respective Parishes.

That the extension of Poor Laws to Ireland is called for no less as a measure of Justice to those concerned in agricultural pursuits in England than as a Measure of Policy towards promoting the welfare of Ireland itself.

Your Petitioners also cannot refrain from expressing their decided conviction of the injustice of the present system of passing Irish Vagrants to their own Country which entails a great expence upon the English Counties through which they are passed and also operates as a bounty to the Irish Pauper.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly Pray your Honorable House to take these matters into early consideration and to adopt such measures as your Honorable House in its wisdom might think proper for removing these evils and preventing a recurrence of these calamities for the future.

And your Petitioners will ever Pray.”

1831. July 10th.—“ At a Meeting held at the Town Hall, It was Resolved :

That the following Petition proposed by Mr. W. H. Awdry, and seconded by Mr. George Noyes, be adopted, and when signed forwarded to the County Members for the purpose of being presented to the Honorable the House of Commons.

TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH
AND PARISH OF CHIPPENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS.

SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners have seen with regret that the Borough of Chippenham is placed in Schedule B of the Reform Bill among the places destined to be deprived of one of their Representatives as containing fewer than 4,000 Inhabitants according to the census of 1821.

Your Petitioners do not intend to express any opinion either for or against the Principle of the Reform Bill, but they respectfully Pray the attention of your Honorable House to their own particular Case, as not falling justly and reasonably within the limits of the above mentioned Schedule of Disfranchisements.

Your Petitioners are prepared to show to your Honorable House that the Census of 1821 was, as far as regards the Parish of Chippenham very erroneously and imperfectly taken, and they humbly pray that they may not be deprived of so valuable a privilege in consequence of a mere mistake originating in carelessness or error.

The Census of 1821 states that the Parish of Chippenham then contained 600 Houses and 3506 Inhabitants ; but your Petitioners are convinced that the Persons who made their return could only have visited a part of the Parish, not being at that time sufficiently aware how important it was that the enumeration should be complete.

To produce positive proof at the distance of ten years what was the number of Inhabitants of any Parish in the year 1821 would be difficult if not impossible.

But with regard to the number of Houses there is no such difficulty, and your Petitioners are prepared to prove to your Honorable House that instead of only 600 Houses, the Parish of Chippenham contained in the year 1821 not fewer than 755.

It contains at present 786, of which your Petitioners have ascertained that about 30 have been built since the year 1821 leaving consequently 756 for the number which existed in that year.

In corroboration of this, and as an evidence calculated to place the question beyond all doubt your Petitioners can produce to your Honorable

House an actual survey made nearly at the time of the Census above mentioned for the purpose of fixing a Poor Rate, by which it appears that the Parish then contained 755 Houses exclusive of 3 which were situated on the confines of other Parishes.

It is therefore manifest that a great error was committed in the Census of 1821 and that the real number of Houses in the Parish was 755 or very near indeed to that number.

Since then the persons who were charged with the enumeration found 3506 Inhabitants in the 600 Houses which they visited, it follows by the rate of proportion that there were 905 Inhabitants or very nearly that number in the 155 Houses which they omitted to visit.

The real population of the Parish must therefore have been 4411, and your Petitioners humbly pray that this number may be substituted for the number erroneously given in the Census of 1821.

Your Petitioners trust that the above calculation of the number of Inhabitants in 1821 founded on the unquestionable Evidence which they tender of the number of Houses in that year will appear to your Honorable House to distinguish Chippenham from all other Boroughs in which a similar error cannot be proved, and induce you to consider the hardship of their case upon its own peculiar merits.

Although what your Petitioners have stated can leave little reasonable doubt as to the number of Inhabitants in 1821 yet nevertheless if it should appear desirable that a new Census should be taken your Petitioners would feel entirely satisfied with such a decision of your Honorable House.

And your Petitioners will ever Pray &c "

1831. July 26th.—"The Bailiff produced and read a letter received by him wherein it was stated that Lord John Russell wished to see the Survey mentioned in a Petition lately presented to the House of Commons.

Resolved that a Messenger be sent with the Survey taken by Mr. Young Sturge to London, in compliance with Lord John Russell's request, and that the expences of such Messenger be paid out of the Corporation Funds."

1831. August 31st.—"At this Meeting held for the purpose of taking into consideration some work of rejoicing at the approaching Coronation of their Majestys.

It was Resolved, That a sum not exceeding 20 Guineas be given to the Poor to commemorate the Coronation of their Majestys King William the 4th and Queen Adelaide, to be distributed in such way as the Bailiff and Burgesses may think proper on Thursday the 8th of September next.

That a Dinner should be given to the Children of the National, Sunday, and all other Charity Schools within the Town.

That a Bonfire be made in the Market Place under the direction of a Committee.

That the following gentlemen be appointed in order to raise a Subscription for defraying the Expenses, with Power to add."

1831. Sept^r. 24th.—"At a Meeting attended by many Freemen and Inhabitants to take into their Consideration the propriety of Petitioning the House of Lords to sanction and Pass the Bill for Amending the Representation of the People of England and Wales.

It was Resolved that the following Petition be presented to the House of Lords.

"TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORDS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED BAILIFF BURGESSES FREEMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS IN COMMON HALL ASSEMBLED.

SH EWETH :

That your Petitioners feel the deepest Interest and anxiety for the success of the Bill "To amend the Representation of the People of England and Wales" now before your Lordships and we beg to express to your Right Honourable House their feelings ; That they view it as the restoration to the people of these Realms of their Constitutional Rights and Privileges ; as the means of redressing the grievances and removing the evils which have so long pressed upon this Industrious and once happy Country. And your Petitioners firmly believe that it will alone prevent the occurrence of confusion and disorder and will also powerfully tend to unite all orders of the State in support of our Glorious Constitution.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Lordships will be pleased to agree with as little delay as to your Right Honorable House in its wisdom

shall deem meet that the Bill to amend the Representation of the people of England and Wales may pass into a Law.

And your Petitioners will ever pray &c."

1831. Oct. 15th.—"At a Meeting attended by many Freemen and Inhabitants of the Town and Parish to take into consideration the Propriety of Addressing His Most Gracious Majesty King William the Fourth, to express their attachment to his Person, their grateful confidence in his present Administration, and a fervent hope for a continuation of the same.

It was Resolved that the Resolution proposed by Mr. Rich^d. Alexander Jun^r. and seconded by Mr. Benj^m. Neale be adopted, as follows:

That this Meeting are of opinion that at the present momentous Crisis it is highly proper that an Address should be presented to His Majesty assuring him of our attachment to his person and Government and our desire that he will be pleased to retain his present Ministry and adopt such means as shall secure the passing of the all important measure of Reform.

That the following Address proposed by M^r. Cha^s. Bayliffe and seconded by M^r. John Provis be presented to His Most Gracious Majesty.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address and Petition of the Bailiff Burgesses Freemen and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Chippenham in the County of Wilts.

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We your dutiful and loyal Subjects beg to approach your most Gracious Majesty as the Father of your People to express our most heartfelt thanks for the support and confidence with which your Majesty has been graciously pleased, in your unprecedented goodness to honor your Majesty's present Ministers under all their difficulties and struggles to obtain for your dutiful and loyal Subjects, a full and efficient Representation.

And we beg to assure your Majesty of our loyal and fervent attachment to your Royal Person, and that at all times and seasons our Affection and most zealous efforts shall be exerted in support of your Majesty's Paternal Government.

We beg further most dutifully to represent to your Gracious Majesty that

the Intelligence of the rejection of the Bill for the "Amending of the Representation of England and Wales" by the House of Peers has filled our Hearts with the deepest regret.

We therefore most humbly beseech and entreat that your Majesty in the present alarming and momentous crisis will be pleased to continue your Majesty's Confidence and support to your present Administration that they may yet, under the blessing of Divine Providence carry into effect without delay those measures of Reform which your Humble Petitioners firmly and conscientiously believe to be for the Happiness and Prosperity of the People of these Realms.

1832. March 22^d.—"The following Burgesses were recommended to be the officers under Sir Francis Popham's Charity

Mr. Harry Goldney	Mr. William Poole
„ William Colborne	„ William Gale
„ William Carpenter	„ Broome Pinniger
„ William Pope	„ William R. Tayler
„ George Noyes	„ William Gundry
	„ Henry Spencer."

1832. August 8th.—"It was taken into consideration the propriety of voting a sum of money from the Borough Funds in aid of the Subscription for giving the Poor a dinner to celebrate the Passing of the Reform Bill.

It was Resolved That as no precedent could be found on the Borough Books it was considered not prudent so to do on the present occasion."

1832. Dec^r. 10th.—Joseph Neeld Esqr. Henry Fox Talbot Esqr. and John Thomas Mayne of Teffont House in the County of Wilts Esqr. were duly proposed and seconded.

The Bailiff then proceeded to take the Poll and having kept the same open upwards of 5 Hours John Thomas Mayne declined offering any more Votes the Poll was closed by consent of all the Candidates, in writing, and casting up the Poll Book there appear for

Joseph Neeld Esqr.	139.
Henry Fox Talbot Esqr.	133.
John Thomas Mayne Esqr.	30.

Proclamation having been duly made, the Bailiff declared the said Joseph Neeld and Henry Fox Talbot duly elected.

1833. Feb^r. 22^d.—" At this Meeting, held for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of making the present Blind House more secure and efficient.

It was Resolved that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds be given from the Corporation Funds, provided that a Plan be produced to meet the approbation of the Bailiff and Burgesses."

1833. Feb^r. 28th.—" It was unanimously agreed that it would be very desirable to obtain an Act of Parliament for Lighting Watching and improving the Town and Borough of Chippenham.

It was Resolved That a sum of One hundred Pounds be appropriated from the Corporation Funds in aid of the above object.

That a copy of the above Resolutions be forwarded to the Members for the Borough by the Town Clerk soliciting their Contributions."

1834. March 12th.—" The Bailiff having informed the Burgesses that he had viewed the wall that was building by Mr. Alfred King near Englands.

It was Resolved, That Mr. Alfred King should enter into an Agreement for the payment to the Bailiff and Burgesses as an acknowledgment for filling up and enclosing the Ditch formerly adjoining Englands the sum of sixpence annually on the day of the stocking the Land called Englands."

1834. July 15th.—" At this Meeting, attended by many of the Freemen, held for the purpose of taking into consideration a request for Granting a Piece of Land for erecting a Gasometer, and other necessary Buildings by the intended Gas Company.

It was Resolved that a sufficient quantity of Land be let to the Company called the Chippenham Gas Company to be taken from the first or Bailiff's acre, and not to exceed in Measure half an Acre, at the Rent of two pounds to be paid annually to the Bailiff for the time being as a compensation for the same.

That a Lease be granted of the Land for 200 years at the expense of the said Company."

1834. Oct^r. 21st.—" At this Meeting it is the Opinion that the Bridge should be lighted with Gas. It is also proposed and agreed that a temporary Lamp should be erected on the Bridge in the centre of the Bath Road

between the Houses in the occupation of Mr. Higgins and Edward Fry, to ascertain whether or not it will be an inconvenience to the Traveller."

Nov. 14th.—"It was taken into consideration the mode of lighting the Bridge with Gas. A Plan was produced by Mr. William Gale for the erection of a column on the spare piece of land in the centre of the Bridge facing the Bath Road, was declined by a large majority.

It is the opinion of this Meeting to erect town lamps on the Bridge according to the Plan produced by Mr. Noyes, and a fifth lamp if necessary at the option of the Bailiff."

Nov. 18th.—"The box containing a set of Books^(A) published under the direction of the Commissioners on Public Records was opened and examined with the list and found correct."

Then follows a list of the Books, comprising 53 volumes.

1835. Jan^y. 5th.—Joseph Neeld Esqr. and Henry George Boldero were elected Members of Parliament without opposition.

Jan^y. 19th.—"The Bailiff stated that an application had been made to him by the Solicitor of the Great Western Rail Road, for leave to cross the Field belonging to the Borough, cattle Little Field, situated near the Bath Road. It was Resolved that the Bailiff do inform them that they do assent to their application on being paid a full compensation for the Land taken."

July 16th.—The tender of Mr. J. Alfrass was accepted "for the paving the footpath at 5s. 7d. per yard for the Paving, and 1s. 4d. per foot for the Bordering."

At the end of this Minute Book there are two annual Lists, continued to 1856, of (1) "Names of the Inhabitants Householders Registered and Recorded according to their Ancientry;" and (2) "The Householders undermentioned have not taken up their Freedom and have no interest in the Borough Lands."

(A) These books have been lent by the Corporation to the Literary and Scientific Institution.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK NO. 7.

Commencing 1835 ending 1851.

“Minute Book of the Council

Made pursuant to the Act of 5 & 6 William IV. c. 76 to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales.”

The book commences with printed “Directions” as to the mode of conducting the Proceedings of the Council, the summoning of Meetings, the election of Mayor &c. &c.

1835. December 26th.—“At an open Assembly of the Burgesses duly enrolled on the Burgess Roll, pursuant to the above Act, held at the Town Hall before the Bailiff for the purpose of electing twelve Councillors, 107 Burgesses exercised the franchise conferred on them by the said Act by personally delivering to the said Bailiff voting papers.

1835. December 28th.—The Bailiff gave public Notice of the election as Councillors of the following: William Pope, W^m Gundry, Broome Pinniger, Charles Bayliffe, Benjⁿ Isaac Neale, Henry Spencer, R. Alexander, Jr., Charles Bailey, W^m Colborne, W. R. Taylor, D. Rawlings, John Whittick.

1835. December 31st.—“At a Meeting of the Councillors,” their Declaration of acceptance of office was signed, and the Declaration prescribed by the Act of Geo. IV. for repealing so much of several Acts as imposes the necessity of receiving the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper as a Qualification for certain offices and employments.

William Gundry, Charles Bailey, F. A. S. Locke and W. H. Dicks were elected Aldermen.

1836. Jan^y. 1st.—“At a Meeting of the Aldermen and Councillors,” Mr. William Pope was elected Mayor, Mr. William Wilmot was elected Town Clerk, and Mr. William Poole, Treasurer.

1836. Jan^y. 8th.—“ At a Meeting of the Council ” it was resolved that the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors be appointed a Watch Committee.

That £5. shall be paid to the Mayor for a year's Salary.

That £12. 12s. shall be paid to the Town Clerk for a year's Salary.

That £2. 2s. shall be paid to the Treasurer for a year's Salary.

1836. Feb . 29th.—Resolved that a Petition be presented by Lord John Russell from the Council to the House of Commons for the extension of the Borough Boundary.

April 11th.—Resolved that the Opinion of the Attorney General be taken on the right of Persons inhabiting ancient Burgage Houses and who had not taken up their Freedom prior to the passing of the Municipal Corporation Reform Act to be admitted & enrolled as Freemen of the Borough of Chippenham.

May 12th.—The opinion of the Attorney General was read, that all Persons inhabiting ancient Burgage tenures were entitled to be admitted Freemen and to enjoy the privileges in the Borough Lands.

1836. June.—“ The Crop of Hay and Grass was allotted to the Inhabitants and Householders being no Inmates and occupying ancient Burgage Tenures according to the Decree in a certain Meadow called Westmead that is to say To the Burgesses according to their Ancientry one Acre each.”

[Here follow 13 names, commencing with Harry Goldney.]

“And unto 79 Inhabitants besides according to their Ancientry one Farthingdele each beginning with the first ancient Inhabitant.”

[Here follow the 79 names, commencing with John Figgins.]

November 9th.—Mr. Charles Bailey was elected Mayor.

1837. Jan^y 4th.—“ Resolved that an Assent should be given to the application for leave to alter the Line of the Great Western Railway through the Borough Lands.”

June 24th.—Proclamation of the Queen's Accession was made in the Market Place.

July 24th.—Joseph Neeld Esqr. proposed by Mr. J. Figgins and seconded by Mr. W. Colborne and Henry George Boldero Esq. proposed by Mr. J.

Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Harry Goldney were declared elected to serve in Parliament, no other Candidate having been proposed.

November 9th.—Mr. William Gundry was elected Mayor.

1838. April 9th.—West Awdry Esq. was unanimously elected Alderman in the place of Mr. W. H. Wicks dead.

June 20th.—"Resolved that the Council do attend Divine Service on the 28th instant the day of the Coronation of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria accompanied by the children of the National School and the several Sunday Schools in the Town. And that the Council dine at a Public Dinner at the Angel Inn."

1839. February 26th.—Notice was read from the Great Western Railway Co. that they would require to purchase some of the Borough Lands.

April 10th.—The offer of the G. W. R. Co. of £380 for 2a. 1r. 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ p. the portion of the Borough Land required by the said Co. with the Cottage thereon, free of Land tax or Tithe was agreed to be accepted.

November 9th.—Mr. West Awdry was elected Mayor.

1840. February 11th.—It was unanimously agreed that the following address be presented to the Queen on her Marriage with Prince Albert.

"To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty

"We your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Mayor Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Chippenham in Council assembled beg to approach your Majesty with our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the auspicious Event of your Majesty's Marriage with His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Saxe Cobourg and Gotha And to express our fervent hope that by the Divine Blessing your Majesty's Alliance with that Illustrious Prince may at once secure your Majesty's Domestic Happiness and the welfare and prosperity of all classes of your Majesty's Subjects and we earnestly pray that your Majesty may long be permitted to reign over a free happy and united People.

"Given under the common Seal of the said Borough in the Council Chamber of the same Borough this 11th day of February 1840.

1840. May 19th.—Mr. Gabriel Goldney was admitted to the Freedom.

June 10th.—At a Public Meeting held at the Town Hall Addresses of congratulation were agreed upon for presentation to the Queen and Prince Albert upon their escape from the recent attempt against their lives.

1841. Jan^y 2^d.—"Resolved that the Mayor, Mr. West Awdry, and Mr. Wilmot be appointed to meet Mr. Salmon, Mr. Swayne^(A) and Capt. Meredith^(B) on the consolidation of the County and Borough Police."

Feb^y 22^d.—"The offer of £50 per annum made by the Corporation for the Consolidation of the Borough and County Police having been accepted by Capt. Meredith, the County Police entered on the charge of the Borough this day."

June 29th.—The Result of the Poll for the election of two Members of Parliament was declared as follows :

Joseph Neeld Esqr.	165 votes.
H. G. Boldero Esqr.	128 ,,
Wm. John Lysley Esqr.	96 ,,

and a copy of the Poll was ordered to be entered in the Borough Book.

November 1st.—The result of the Poll for the election of four Councillors in the room of Charles Bayliffe, Broome Pinniger, William Pope, and John Spiers was declared as follows :

	No. of Votes.
Broome Pinniger	86
Harry Goldney	76
R. P. Rich	69
John Wilson	66

November 9th.—Mr. Harry Goldney was Elected Mayor.

"It was agreed that the future Meetings of the Council should be adjourned from the Council Chamber of the Borough to the New Hall,^(C) and there held."

November 22^d.—At a Meeting of the Mayor Aldermen Burgesses and other Inhabitants of the Borough, Addresses of congratulation upon the birth of an Heir to the Throne, were agreed to be presented to the Queen, to Prince Albert, and the Duchess of Kent.

(A) Clerk of the Peace for the County of Wilts.

(B) Chief Constable for the County of Wilts.

(C) The New Hall and extensive Market premises were erected at the sole cost of Joseph Neeld Esqr. M.P.

1842. March 1st.—The result of the Election of Auditors and Assessors was declared.

		No. of Votes.	
Auditors	{	G. S. Salway	27
		J. H. Brinkworth	17
Assessors	{	George Tanner	24
		John Slade	23

Mr. John Wilson was named by the Mayor as his Auditor.

May 10th.—Mr. Jacob Phillips was admitted to the freedom.

November 1st.—Mr. Thomas Alexander was elected a Councillor to supply the extraordinary vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Henry Spencer.

The following were elected Councillors to supply the vacancies of W. R. Taylor, J. Whittick, J. Darby, and A. King retiring by rotation.

		No. of Votes.
William Gale		67
John Darley		67
Joseph Phillips		65
Alfred King		64

November 9th.—Mr. Joseph Phillips was elected Mayor.

1843. May 12th.—Mr. Frederick Awdry and Mr. Francis Spencer were admitted to the freedom.

November 1st.—The following were elected Councillors to supply the vacancies of Richard Alexander, B. T. Neale, T. Alexander and W. Colborne.

Gabriel Goldney	87.
Thomas Alexander	82.
James Noyes	62.
Jacob Phillips	57.

November 9th.—Mr. Harry Goldney was elected Mayor.

The following letter from Joseph Neeld Esqr. M.P. accompanied the presentation of a silver Mace to the Corporation.

" My dear Sir,

" Grosvenor Square

11 May, 1844.

" It was upon a recent occasion that I learnt for the first time, that the Corporation of Chippenham did not possess a Mace; an Ensign of Authority, which from the earliest period of our History has been borne before the Magistrates and Chief Officers of Corporations in the discharge of their public duties, in my opinion adding dignity to the office which they have the honor to fill.

"I have caused to be designed, and made, specially for your Corporation a Mace, which I trust the Members of it will allow me to present to them as a token of my attachment and respect for them, and will receive it with the same feelings of kindness and good will towards me, as I cherish towards them.

"The gratifying circumstance that the office of Mayor is at this time filled by yourself, has warranted me in recording that event upon the Mace; and I venture to hope that this ensign bearing your name upon it, will be preserved for the use of the Members of the Corporation of Chippenham, to their most remote successors.

"Believe me, my dear Sir

"To

Harry Goldney Esq.

Mayor of the Borough of Chippenham."

Your faithful and obedient servt

JOSEPH NEELD.

November 14th.—"Resolved that the Money expended in the purchase of the Mayor's and Mace bearer's gowns be reimbursed to Mr. Harry Goldney, the late mayor; he paying two guineas as his portion of the expence for his year of office, and each succeeding Mayor paying the sum of one guinea towards the reduction of the amount until the whole is paid."

Total cost of the Mayor's and Mace Bearer's gowns £14. 16s. 6d.

1845. March 11th.—"Mr. Gabriel Goldney proposed that the arrangement already made with Capt. Meredith the Chief Constable of the County Police for the consolidation of the County and Borough Police be continued on the present terms; and that the Town Clerk do communicate to the Overseers of the Parish the exemption of the Borough from any contribution to the County Police Rate. And do also furnish them with the limits of the Borough, to enable them to make a separate Police Rate for the remainder of the Parish, instead of paying the County Police rate from the amount of the monies collected by them generally from the Parish; which Proposition was seconded by Mr. Harry Goldney and unanimously carried."

September 10th.—"A copy was submitted of the Proceedings and Resolutions of the Proprietors of the Kennet and Avon Canal Navigation held at Reading on 26th of August last on the proposed conversion of the Canal into the London Newbury and Bath direct Railway."

1846. January 5th.—"An application was considered, made by the Directors of the London Bristol and South Wales direct Railway for leave to pass through part of the Borough Lands."

March 8th.—"The Minutes and Resolutions of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Chippenham held at the New Hall and convened by the Mayor having been brought before the Meeting.

It was unanimously resolved that the Mayor and Council should present a

Petition under their corporate Seal to carry out the object of the Resolution and for protecting the interests of the Town Corporation and Freemen."

May 9th.—"It was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the Corporation be presented to Mr. Neeld for his handsome present of Seven Prayer Books for the purpose of being deposited in the Corporation Pew in the Parish Church."

1847. July 28th.—Mr. Joseph Neeld and Mr. H. G. Boldero were re-elected Members for the Borough, without opposition.

August 10th.—It was proposed by Mr. Harry Goldney that Mr. Booker be written to not to remove the Corporation Pew in the Parish Church until a proper and suitable Pew is provided for the Corporation in the said Church."

August 25th.—"It was unanimously agreed that the Corporation do meet at the Parish Church to-morrow morning at ten o'clock to fix on a scite for the Corporation Pew and to give Mr. Darley instructions to prepare a Plan of the intended new Pew."

September 6th.—"Mr. Darley submitted a Plan of the intended new Seat for the Corporation in the Parish Church, when it was unanimously carried that a long Seat agreeable to such Plan be built on the scite or as near as may be of the late Corporation Seat and that a stand for the Prayer books &c. be placed in front of such Seat of the height of one foot above such seat And that the seat be made of Oak according to the Plan now produced by Mr. Darley."

September 18th.—"It was proposed by Mr. Harry Goldney and seconded by Mr. Joseph Phillips and carried that Notice be given to the Committee for repairing the Parish Church of Chippenham that the Corporation possess a Faculty for their Pew in the Church And that the Members of the Corporation require a Seat to be erected on the old Scite on the same plan and height and in all respects similar to the one removed."

December 27th.—Mr. Frederick Awdry was elected a Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. John Slater having left the Borough.

1848. February 26th.—At a Meeting of the Mayor Aldermen Councillors Burgesses & other Inhabitants of the Borough a Petition was agreed upon to be presented to the Commons House of Parliament against the continuance of the Property tax and Income tax.

May 10th.—The following letter received from Sir George Grey, the Home Secretary, was directed to be entered on the Borough Records :—

“ Sir

Whitehall, May 3, 1848.

“ I have had the honor to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful Address of the Clergy Gentry Yeomen Traders Operatives and other Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood of Chippenham expressive of Attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Crown and their regret at the attempts which have been lately made to disturb the Public Peace and of their determination to do all in their power for the protection of property and the support of the Laws.

“ And I have the satisfaction to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive in the most gracious manner the expression of Loyalty and Affection conveyed by the Address.

“ I have the honor to be Sir

Your obedt Servant

G. GREY.

“ To the Mayor of Chippenham.”

November 9th.—Mr. Frederick Awdry was elected Mayor.

“ It was proposed by Mr. Gabriel Goldney seconded by Mr. William Colborne and unanimously carried that the Mayor's Salary in future be increased to £20 per annum.”

“ The Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr. George Edgecumbe to inform him that in consequence of his not accepting the office of Councillor to which he had been elected on the 1st inst. and subscribing the Declaration accepting such office he had incurred a penalty of £10 the payment of which the Law compelled the Council to enforce.”

1849. November 1st.—Mr. George Shield Stiles was elected a Councillor.

“ Resolved that the Mayor and Corporation become Subscribers to the Agricultural Association to the amount of £2 2s. per annum.”

1850. May 14th.—“ It was ordered that iron bars be affixed under the first arch at the south end of the Town Bridge in order to prevent the depositing or placing of rubbish under such arch.”

September 12th.—“ An Address was presented by the Council to Joseph Neeld Esq. M.P. to testify their gratitude to him for his munificent liberality in erecting a new Market House and Sheds for cheese for the benefit and convenience of the Town and Borough of Chippenham and its Neighbourhood.”

“Copy of the Note from Mr. Neeld to Mr. Goldney the Chairman of the Market Committee.”

“Mr. Chairman

“I place these keys in your hands, as Chairman of the Committee appointed by me, for the management of the Affairs of the Market ; and I request the favor of you, and of the other Members of the Committee, to make such Orders and Regulations respecting the same, as will best promote the Interests and convenience of all persons attending the Market.

JOS. NEELD.

12th September 1850.

“To Harry Goldney Esqr.”

1850. November 9th.—Mr. Peter Awdry was elected to fill the office of Treasurer during pleasure at the annual salary of five pounds.

November 18th.—“The following Requisition to the Mayor was signed by numerous Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood.”

“We the undersigned request you will at your earliest convenience call a public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town and Neighbourhood for the purpose of allowing us the opportunity of expressing our indignation at the insolent and insidious conduct of the Pope of Rome in appointing Romish Ecclesiastics to Bishoprics in various parts of England, and to adopt an Address to her Majesty which shall be calculated to meet the emergency.”

November 25th.—A Meeting was accordingly held this day, and an Address to Her Majesty adopted, and forwarded to the Home Secretary for presentation ; for which a suitable acknowledgment was subsequently received.

1851. September 9th.—“The Arms of Joseph Neeld Esq. M.P. having been placed on the front of the New Hall agreeable to the Resolution made at a Meeting convened on the 20th of May last. It was ordered that the sum of £50 being the cost of the same be paid by the Treasurer out of the Borough Fund to James Thompson Esqr.”



EXTRACTS FROM MINUTE BOOK No. 8.

Commencing 1851 ending 1888.

1851. November 10th.—"It was ordered that as the Town Clock now appeared to be perfectly useless, no further expense should be incurred in repairing it."

1852. July 6th.—Mr. Joseph Neeld and Mr. H. G. Boldero were re-elected Members for the Borough without opposition.

October 26th.—"Resolved that a Memorial be presented to the Directors of the Great Western Railway Co. requesting them to afford greater accommodation for passengers and Traffic at the Chippenham Station."

November 9th.—Mr. Joseph Phillips was elected Mayor.

Mr. Gabriel Goldney was elected Alderman in the place of Mr. Harry Goldney deceased.

November 19th.—Mr. Thomas Abdy Fellowes was elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. Gabriel Goldney who had been elected an Alderman.

1853. November 9th.—Mr. Gabriel Goldney was elected Mayor.

1854. November 9th.—Mr. Broome Pinniger was elected Mayor.

1855. April 2nd.—"An application having been made by Mr. Jacob Phillips on behalf of the Burial Board to have the Causeway repaired between the Town and the new Cemetery. It was resolved that Mr. Goldney and Mr. James Noyes, Members of the Corporation be requested to look into the Borough Charter and to investigate the matter and to report thereon at the next Meeting."

"It was resolved that a Subscription of £10. 10s. be given towards the erection of the New Church near the Station."

May 9th.—"It was resolved that permission be given to the Burial Board to break up the Causeway in front of the Ground, the Board indemnifying the Corporation against all expense and making and maintaining a footway in the place thereof for the benefit of the Public."

November 9th.—Mr. Thomas Abdy Fellowes was elected Mayor.

1856. April 1st.—"At a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town It was moved by the Revd. Lewis Purbrick M.A. and seconded by West Awdry Esqr. 'That this Meeting desires to place upon Record at the earliest moment after the Funeral of the late Joseph Neeld Esqr. for upwards of 25 years one of the Representatives of the Borough their unfeigned sorrow at the loss which they in common with his Family have sustained by his lamented decease and to express the grateful respect they feel for the memory of one who was always ready to assist in everything which tended to promote the welfare of the Town and Neighbourhood and whose efforts in that respect have been as successful as they they were unceasing.' "

April 9th.—Robert Parry Nisbet Esqr. of Southbroome House, Devizes was elected Member of Parliament without opposition in the place of the late Mr. Neeld.

November 9th.—Mr. Frederick Awdry was elected Mayor.

Mr. Joseph Phillips resigned the office of Councilman and paid the Statutory fine of £10.

Mr. William Wilmot resigned the office of Town Clerk, to which Mr. Joseph Phillips was elected.

In appreciation of Mr. William Wilmot's 25 years' faithful services as Town Clerk £15. 15s. was granted towards a Testimonial Fund to be presented to him.

1857. Jan^y. 26th.—Mr. Broome Pinniger was elected an Alderman in the place of Mr. William Gale deceased.

March 28th.—The following was the result of the Poll at the Election of two Members of Parliament.

Henry George Boldero	174.
Robert Parry Nisbet	150.
William John Lysley	132.

November 2nd.—Mr. Jacob Phillips was elected Mayor.

"The Corporation considering it highly expedient that the limits of the Municipal Borough should be extended particularly so as to embrace the

Railway Station where considerable traffic is carried on in connection with the Market, Resolved that the Town Clerk do communicate with the Secretary of State with a view to ascertain if the Government intend to introduce a Bill for the general extension of and defining the limits of Corporate Boroughs."

1858. February 9th.—"Resolved that an Address of Congratulation be presented to the Queen on the marriage of the Princess Royal with the Prince of Prussia."

November 9th.—"The Clock at the Old Town Hall being useless it was unanimously resolved to give it, without the Bell, to be fixed at the new Asylum for the Poor now in course of erection."

1859. April 29th.—William John Lysley Esq., and Richard Penruddocke Long Esq. of Rood Ashton, Wilts, were elected Members of Parliament without opposition.

November 1st.—Mr. Joseph Lane was elected a Councillor.

December 15th.—On the application of Capt. D. H. Clutterbuck, Commanding the Chippenham Volunteer Rifle Corps, permission was granted for the erection of a Butt in Little England.

1860. March 12th.—"It was proposed by Mr. Goldney and seconded by Mr. Pinniger that a statement be prepared shewing the number of Houses that have been erected within the Borough since the Census of 1851 was taken; (which it is believed was made upon incorrect data) and that the population had increased in a greater ratio, and it is believed far above 7,000. And that the statement be also prepared so as to shew the present position of the Borough, not only with reference to the outlay of nearly £40,000 in enlarging the Railway Station, but as regards the increase of its Market, and the general improvement and increase in the trade of its Clothing and Silk Manufactures, as also in the trade of the Town generally.

And that such Statement should also shew that from the increase of the population a New Church besides several Chapels have been erected, and the extent of the Borough.

Resolved that the Mayor, Mr. Goldney, Mr. Jacob Phillips, and the Town Clerk be a Deputation to prepare the Statement, and that they or any two of them shall be a Deputation to go with the two Representatives to

Lord John Russell and request his attention to the facts therein stated with a view to the retention of two Representatives for the Borough."

1860. May 8th.—"It was proposed by Mr. Goldney and seconded by Mr. Collen and carried unanimously That it is expedient for the accommodation and advantage of the public to widen the Town Bridge if the sum of £645. 8s. od. Stock 3 % Consols now belonging to the Corporation can be applied for that purpose."

1861. February 12th.—"Resolved that a Petition be prepared and presented by the Borough Representatives that the limits of the present Borough be extended so as to embrace the whole of the Parliamentary Borough; and that the Mayor, Mr. Goldney, Mr. Jacob Phillips, and the Town Clerk be a Committee to carry this resolution into effect.

November 9th.—Mr. Jacob Phillips was elected Mayor.

1862. February 11th.—"Resolved that the Address of the Corporation of Condolence to Her Majesty on the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort be entered upon the Rolls together with the acknowledgment thereof."

May 13th.—The Mayor reported that he had in his Official capacity attended the opening of the International Exhibition on the 1st May instant.

November 10th.—Mr. Jacob Phillips was elected Mayor.

1863. April 23rd.—It was resolved to present Congratulatory Addresses to Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the Marriage of His Royal Highness with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

1864. November 11th.—A letter from Sir John Neeld Bart. was read proposing to give £105 for conveying water from the Spring near the Town Mill to the opposite side of the River.

1865. February 21st.—Mr. Frederick Awdry was elected an Alderman on the resignation of Mr. Goldney.

"Resolved that the thanks of the Corporation be given to Mr. Gabriel Goldney for his services and for his uniform courteous and kind manner in which he discharged the duties that devolved upon him."

May 9.—An Address was agreed to be forwarded to the Secretary of the United States of America expressing sympathy upon the recent assassination of President Lincoln.

1865. July 12th.—The result of the Poll for the election of two Members of Parliament for the Borough was as follows :

Sir John Neeld Bart. 208.
Gabriel Goldney Esqr. 201.
William John Lysley 172.

1866. March 9th.—Mr. Thomas Abdy Fellowes was elected Mayor.

March 17th.—Mr. George Noyes was elected a Councillor in the place of Mr. J. H. Brinkworth who claimed exemption.

1867. February 12th.—"Resolved that the Town Pump and the Fence enclosing it be removed."

July 6th.—Mr. Alfred John Keary was elected a Councillor.

September 30th.—Mr. Francis Stewart Wilmot was elected Treasurer in the place of Mr. Peter Awdry deceased. A letter of condolence was agreed to be sent to the widow of the late Mr. Peter Awdry who had held the office of Treasurer for upwards of 17 years.

November 9th.—Mr. Charles James Dowding was elected Mayor.

1868. January 21st.—Mr. Francis Henry Phillips was elected Town Clerk in the place of Mr. Joseph Phillips deceased. A letter of condolence was agreed to be sent to the family of the late Town Clerk who had held that office for 12 years.

August 11th.—A Volume entitled "Tributes of the Nations to the Memory of Abraham Lincoln late President of the United States" was received from Hon. William H. Seward the Secretary of State.

November 9th.—Mr. Charles James Dowding was re-elected Mayor.

November 17th.—The result of the Poll for the election of a Member of Parliament for the Borough was as follows,

Gabriel Goldney Esqr. 418.
Sir George Young Bart. 359.

1869. May 11th.—Complaints having been made by gentlemen at Lacock of the injury done to the fishing in the River Avon by the destruction of the fish with nets and otherwise in the River adjoining the Borough Lands, The

Town Clerk was directed to enquire as to what are the rights of the Corporation as to the fishing in the River Avon.

August 10th.—Mr. John Noyes asked permission of the Council to allow the Charters Records and other ancient Documents the property of the Corporation to be exhibited in the New Hall at the Meeting of the Wiltshire Archæological Society; to which the Council unanimously gave consent.

1869. August 10th.—"Resolved that the Mayor and Corporation, in State, do meet the Members of the Wiltshire Archæological Society at the Meeting to be held in September next."

August 12th.—Mr. Frederick Hastings Goldney was elected a Councillor.

November 9th.—Mr. Alfred John Keary was elected Mayor.

1871. April 25th.—"It was Resolved that the Mayor should attend and represent the Borough at the opening Ceremony of the International Exhibition on the 1st of May next."

June 29th.—"It was resolved that a Petition be signed in favour of the Municipal Corporations Act Amendment Bill now before the House and introduced by Mr. Goldney the Member for the Borough, and others."

July 7th.—Mr. Thomas Alexander the younger was appointed Honorary Treasurer until the 9th of November next in the place of Mr. F. S. Wilmot deceased.

A letter of condolence was directed to be written to the widow of the deceased Treasurer.

August 8th.—"The Borough Lands Committee were requested to see to the position of the wall round the Quaker's Burial Ground which is proposed to be erected instead of the Hedge now standing there."

November 9th.—Mr. Joseph Lane was elected Treasurer.

1872. January 29th.—"It was resolved that in reply to the application of the Telegraph Department of the General Post Office permission be given in the form required by the Post Master General for the erection of a line of poles parallel with or along the footpath or Causeway belonging to the Corporation on the London Road as far as the property of the Corporation extends for the purpose of the direct Telegram route from London to Bristol."

February 9th.—"Resolved that the Mayor do attend and represent the Borough upon the occasion of the Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th inst. for the Recovery of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

February 15th.—Addresses of congratulation to Her Majesty and to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales upon his Recovery were agreed upon.

1873. October 27th.—"Resolved that the Council do grant to the Local Board half an acre in Westmead and a quarter of an acre in Englands for the purposes of Water Works and Reservoir, and also a right of Road and way-leave for the pipes."

1874. May 12th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to W. H. Poynder Esq. of Harthem Park for the handsome clock which he had forwarded to the Mayor for the use of the Magistrates' Room and Council Chamber.

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Frederick Hastings Goldney was elected Mayor.

"It was unanimously resolved That this Borough should from the 1st day of January next have the services of two Police Constables instead of one and should pay for them to the County Treasurer £50 per annum as the Treasury allowance; and the Town Clerk was directed to communicate the Resolution to Cap^t Sterne the Chief Constable of the County."

1875. May 27th.—Mr. William Austin was elected a Councillor, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. J. Wharry, as Alderman in the place of Mr. T. Alexander deceased.

Mr. A. J. Keary was admitted to the Freedom.

"The Plans of the land required for the Reservoir, Well and Water Works, and proposed to be taken by the Local Board, having been submitted, it was resolved that the land be carefully surveyed and measured."

August 10th.—"Unanimously resolved That the Corporation deeply regret the loss that they have sustained by the death of Mr. Alderman Broome Pinniger, who for forty years had been a Member of the Council of this Borough."

"The old Town Hall was ordered to be whitewashed and the Coat of Arms painted under the direction of the Mayor and Mr. Councillor Austin."

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Francis Spencer was elected Mayor.

1876. August 8th.—"Resolved that the Rent for the Land taken by the Local Board for the Water Works including the Roadway to the Well, and a right of Road to the Reservoir, and wayleave for the pipes should be £12 a year."

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Daniel Collen was elected Mayor.

1877. August 14th.—"The Officers of the Chippenham Volunteer Corps having applied for leave for the Battalion Inspection to take place in Westmead on Saturday next; It was resolved that such permission be granted."

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Richard Careless was elected Mayor.

"A letter was read from the Vicar to the Town Clerk desiring to know whether the Corporation would not like their Pew reduced more nearly to the level of the others before it was replaced on the completion of the Restoration of the Church, some discussion ensued thereon, and ultimately It was proposed by Mr. F. H. Goldney and Resolved that a courteous reply be sent to the Vicar by the Town Clerk declining to do so. Mr. John Noyes, as one of the Churchwardens, desired that his protest against the Resolution should be recorded."

1878. August 3rd.—It was resolved that the Town Bridge be widened on the Bath Road side, and that Mr. John Smith's specification and estimate at £384 be accepted, and that Mr. Richard Darley should be appointed to superintend the work.

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. William Austin was elected Mayor.

Dec^r. 28th.—The following Address was agreed to:—

"TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.

"We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Council of the Borough of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts, humbly beg leave to express to your Majesty our sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence upon the painful bereavement with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit your Majesty and the Royal Family by the melancholy death of Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, and we most humbly pray that your Majesty will be supported under this great trial, and may long enjoy the blessing of health to rule over a happy and united people."

1879. Feb^r. 11th.—The above Address was duly acknowledged by the Home Secretary.

May 13th.—Permission was given to the Town Rifle Corps for such of the

men as were desirous of competing at the annual County Meeting and also at Wimbledon to attend at certain firing points in Westmead for the purpose of Rifle practice; the men undertaking to walk in single file and to do as little damage as possible, and to pay for any damage done.

Nov^r. 10th.—Mr. William Ambrose Clarke was elected Mayor.

The Town Clerk reported that he had attended the sale of the Land in Westmead and, as instructed, purchased the land containing 8^a. 1^r. 0^b for £650.

1880. Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. George William Pond was elected Mayor.

Mr. Charles James Dowding was elected an Alderman in the place of Mr. James Wharry retired.

1881. August 9th.—Mr. Frederick Hastings Goldney was admitted to the Freedom.

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. John Wilson was elected Mayor.

1882. Jan^r. 6th.—"The Mayor read a letter received from the Lord Mayor of the City of London, asking the co-operation of the Town Council in forming a Fund for the Defence of Property in Ireland."

"March 8th.—The following Address was agreed to:—

"TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.

"We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts, in Council assembled, have heard with the utmost regret and indignation of the recent attempt upon the life of your Most Gracious Majesty, and in common with everyone deserving the name of an Englishman we desire to express our abhorrence of so great an outrage, and to join with the general voice of the Nation in the deepest expressions of loyalty and attachment to your Throne and Person. We take comfort, however, in the assurance that the act, deplorable as it is, was that of an irresponsible individual, and not the result of any organised Plot.

"We humbly tender to your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations that it pleased Almighty God in his Gracious Providence to avert the threatened danger, and we fervently pray that your Majesty may long be spared to reign over a loyal and devoted people."

1882. Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Alfred John Keary was elected Mayor.

1883. Oct^r. 1st.—A letter of congratulation agreed to be sent to Alderman Fowler, M.P.,^(A) upon his election to the Office of Lord Mayor of the City of London.

(A) Sir Robert Nicholas Fowler, Bart., M.P., of Gastard, Corsham.

1883. Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Charles James Dowding was elected Mayor.

Mr. A. J. Keary and Mr. F. H. Goldney were elected Aldermen in the places of Mr. J. Wilson and Mr. F. Awdry.

1884. Jan^r. 19th.—It was decided that the large 5 Burner gas lamp presented to the Borough by Alderman Keary and the Treasurer (Mr. Lane) should be erected in the centre of the Bridge at the junction of the Bath Road.

Feb^r. 1st.—At a Special Meeting summoned on account of the death of the Mayor, expressions were ordered to be recorded in the Minutes, of appreciation of the many years of valuable services rendered by the Mayor, Alderman C. J. Dowding, to the Corporation and Town; and of sympathy and condolence with his Son, Councillor F. E. Dowding, and other members of the Family.

Feb^r. 5th.—The Corporation attended the Funeral of the late Mayor.

Feb^r. 12th.—Alderman A. J. Keary was elected Mayor.

Feb^r. 19th.—Mr. F. Spencer was elected an Alderman.

It was agreed "that a Rate should be made in aid of the Police expenses of the Borough equal to the Police Rate levied outside the Borough."

April 4th.—Resolutions of Condolence and Sympathy were unanimously passed to H.M. the Queen, and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany upon the sudden and lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany.

Nov^r. 10th.—Mr. Edgar Neale was elected Mayor.

Mr. W. Austin was elected an Alderman.

Resolved that the regrets of the Corporation with their sympathy and condolence should be sent to the family of the late Alderman Jacob Phillips, who had been a member of the Council for upwards of 40 years, and had thrice served the office of Mayor.

1885. Feb^r. 10th.—An Address of Congratulation was agreed to be sent to H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor Christian Edward upon the occasion of his attaining his 21st birthday.

Attention was called to the circumstance that P.C. Cole, the Police officer who had shewn such conspicuous bravery at the recent attempt to destroy the House of Commons by dynamite, was a son of Joseph Cole, the Land Bailiff of this Borough.

Feb^y. 21st.—“At a Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering the advisability of presenting a Petition against the ‘Railway Rates Bills,’ Mr. Gabriel Prior Goldney, the City Remembrancer, attended to explain the action of the Corporation of the City of London.” It was resolved “that a Petition against the ‘Railway Rates Bills,’ be prepared in the form sent down by the Remembrancer of the City of London, and forwarded to Sir Gabriel Goldney Bart., M.P. to lay before Parliament.”

“It was also Resolved that the thanks of the Council be given to the Corporation of the City of London for the Action they have taken in the matter, and to the City Remembrancer for the able assistance rendered by him.”

May 12th.—A letter was read from the Widow of the late Alderman Nottage, Lord Mayor of London, in reply to a letter of condolence upon the lamented death of his Lordship during his year of office.

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Edmund Mainley Awdry was elected Mayor.

Mr. R. Careless was elected an Alderman in the place of Mr. F. Spencer retired.

It was unanimously resolved “that the very cordial thanks of the Council be given to Sir Gabriel Goldney, Baronet, their late Member, for the very handsome Loving Cup, which he had presented to them at the last Mayor’s Dinner as a lasting token of the kind and friendly feeling which had always existed between himself and the Corporation, and which he had asked them to accept upon the occasion of his retirement as Member for the Borough, on its disfranchisement under the Redistribution of Seats Act, after having represented it in Parliament for more than twenty years.”

1886. Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Edmund Mainley Awdry was re-elected Mayor.

1887. June 22nd.—The Programme for the celebration of Jubilee day, was as follows:—

“CHIPPENHAM.

1837—1887.

CELEBRATION OF HER MAJESTY’S JUBILEE.

On Wednesday, 22nd June, 1887.

Programme of Proceedings.

The Church Bells will ring at 8 o’clock, a.m., and at intervals throughout the day.

The Children to be assembled in the Market Yard by 9 o'clock to receive their Tickets for Tea and Medals from the Mayor, and to proceed from thence to the Market Place, where at 10 o'clock they will sing 'God save the Queen.'

After which there will be a special Children's Service at 10.15 in the Parish Church.

The Yeomanry Cavalry, Volunteers, and Friendly Societies will be assembled in the Market Yard by 11 o'clock, to accompany the Mayor and Corporation to the Parish Church, to take part in a special Thanksgiving Service.

Upon leaving the Church the Procession will re-form and proceed past the Scite given by Sir John Neeld Bart. for Local Memorial Institute, returning by way of St. Mary Street to the Market Place, where the Volunteers will fire a '*Feu de joie*'; and from thence it will proceed to the Market Yard, where the Band will play 'God save the Queen,' and the Procession will disperse.

The Children will re-assemble in the Market Place at 2.15, and start at 2.30 headed by the Union Fife and Drum Band for the field at Lowden, kindly lent by Mr. W. Burbidge, and be joined as they pass down the High Street by the Procession which will re-assemble in the Market Yard at 2.15.

The Band will commence playing in the Field at 3 o'clock, and will perform at intervals throughout the day.

A Variety Entertainment will commence at 3.30. [Here follows a list of performances.]

The Officers and Troopers of the Chippenham Troop of the P.W.O. R.W. Yeomanry Cavalry will kindly give an exhibition of Military Sports, consisting of Tent Pegging, Heads and Posts, Section Jumping, &c., &c.

The Children will be provided with Tea at 4.15 in a part of the field reserved for the purpose, and the Tent for the public Meat Tea will be opened at 4.30, and be available to Ticketholders at the time specified on each Ticket. At 9.30 the day's rejoicings will terminate with a great display of Fireworks in the field.

The inhabitants are invited to illuminate and decorate their houses.

Admission to the field will be free to all holders of Tea Tickets, and those wearing the special Medal struck for the occasion; other persons can be admitted at the gate on payment of 2d.

God save the Queen."

1887. Aug^t 9th.—"The following Address of Congratulation to the Queen upon the celebration of her Jubilee which had been prepared by the Town Clerk and approved by the Special Committee appointed for the purpose, had been forwarded to Her Majesty:—

"TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

"We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the ancient and loyal Borough of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts, at this important epoch of your Reign, humbly desire to approach your Majesty, and to offer our respectful and heartfelt congratulations on the fiftieth anniversary of your Majesty's accession to the Throne, and to join in the universal manifestations of loyalty and affection which this auspicious event is evoking from all classes of your Majesty's subjects in all parts of the globe.

"We greatly rejoice in having lived under your Majesty's constitutional rule, and in having before us the living history of one, who though early called to fill the exalted position of Queen of this great Nation, has devoted a long life and reign to promoting the moral and material welfare of her people, and thereby shed additional lustre on the roll of British Monarchs, and in every way advanced the peace, prosperity, and influence of the Empire.

"We earnestly pray that it may please Almighty God, the only Ruler of Princes, still to look with favour upon you; and that your Majesty may be spared for many years to enjoy the love, gratitude, and devotion of a happy, prosperous, and contented people, and preserve the admiration and respect of the whole civilised world.

"Given under our common Seal the 20th day of June, 1887.

(Signed)

"EDMUND M. AWDRY, Mayor.

"FRANCIS H. PHILLIPS, Town Clerk."

1887. Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Francis Edwin Dowding was elected Mayor.

"The Ex-Mayor stated that yesterday, the 8th instant, the Borough Lands Committee had planted at the top of Englands a Clump of Oaks in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. It was arranged that the Royal Arms of Queen Elizabeth, belonging to the Corporation, and now in the Old Town Hall, should be lent to the New Hall Committee; and the Ex-Mayor (Mr. Councillor Awdry) and Mr. Alderman Goldney agreed to share between them the expense of doing up and restoring the painting and frame."

Dec^r. 8th.—A special Meeting was held "to consider a Letter received from the Secretary to the Commissioners under the Local Government Boundaries Act, 1887, with regard to the best mode of making the Boundaries of the Urban Sanitary District and of the Borough to coincide."

It was agreed that the whole Council should go into Committee to consider the extended area for the Borough, and then invite a Committee of the Local Board to meet them, and subsequently to have a public meeting.

Expressions of thanks were voted to Mr. H. H. Smith, late a Councillor, for the presentation to the Corporation of a very handsome silver Loving Cup.

1888. Jan^y 28th.—"The Town Clerk read to the Meeting a letter he had received from the Secretary of the Boundary Commissioners asking that the plan of the proposed extension for the Borough should be forwarded to them, at the same time pointing out that it would be difficult for the Commissioners to consider any extension beyond the limits of the Urban Sanitary District.

The Town Clerk then laid before the Meeting the plan prepared in accordance with the instructions received, shewing by colored lines the present Municipal Borough, the present Local Board District, and the entirely new boundary proposed, also the various statistics asked for by the Committee, and also the reply which he had prepared, and which the Council adopted.

1888. Feb^y 14th.—"It was resolved that the best thanks of the Corporation be given to Mr. Councillor Awdry, the Ex-Mayor, and Mr. Alderman Goldney, for the trouble they had taken, and for their liberality in having the old painting restored at their own expense."

March 2nd.—"The Mayor having stated that on the 10th day of March instant their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales hoped to celebrate their Silver Wedding, an event upon which the Corporation would no doubt wish to offer their congratulations, and the Town Clerk having read an Address which he had prepared, and of which the Council approved," it was resolved that it be engrossed and illuminated on vellum and forwarded on the day of celebration.

May 8th.—"The Town Clerk having stated that he had received Notice from the Secretary of the Boundary Commission that Mr. Dashwood, an Assistant Commissioner, would hold an Inquiry at the New Hall on Tuesday, the 15th instant as to the proposed extension of the Borough, it was agreed that the Town Clerk attend the Commissioner's Inquiry and put before him the scheme of a new area as proposed, and if that was not accepted by the Commissioner, then to state that the Local Board area will be acceptable to the Council."

May 30th.—"The Mayor having explained the object of the Meeting, and that he thought the Council as representing the Town would like to take the opportunity of the Marquis of Lansdowne's return to Bowood from Canada on the termination of his appointment as Governor-General of that Colony,

to present him with an Address of Congratulation thereon, and also upon his appointment to the still higher office of Viceroy of India, it was unanimously agreed that an Address should be engrossed and illuminated on vellum and the official seal affixed thereto. And that the Address should, if agreeable to the Marquis, be publicly presented to him, and that the Town should be decorated for the occasion."

Sept. 19th.—"A resolution was passed that the Council approve of the proposed extension of the Borough to the Area of the present Local Board District at the Inquiry to be held to-morrow."

Oct. 5th.—"The Town Clerk submitted the following Report as to the Officers, Property, Liabilities, and Freemen's rights, and suggestions for dealing with the freemen's rights and with the Property and Liabilities of the Borough, and income derived from such Property which he proposed transmitting for the information of the Commissioner at the recent Inquiry with reference to the extension of the Borough:—

BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

NAME	SALARY.	
	£	s. d.
The Mayor	20	0 0
Francis Henry Phillips, Town Clerk	31	10 0
do. Fee for uncontested election ^(A)	2	12 6
do. do. contested	5	5 0
do. Magistrates' Clerk ^(A)	12	10 0
do. Also allowances for work done as Solicitor to the Corporation		
Joseph Lane, Treasurer ^(B)	10	0 0
Charles Brent Pollard, Mayor's Officer, Macebearer and Messenger	4	4 0
Alfred Wright, Borough School Inquiry and Attendance Officer ^(C)	4	0 0
Archelaus Barrett, Market Inspector, ^(C) under Contagious Diseases Animals Act	4	0 0

N.B.—There is also a Land Bailiff employed at weekly wages during the time that the fields called Englands, Little Englands, Claypoles and Westmead are stocked by the Freemen of the Borough, and to mark out the Farthingdales of mowing grass.

(A.) The Town Clerk in consequence of the Council being in debt, through outlay on the Bridge, has given up for several years his fee for uncontested Elections, and also taken half his original Salary as Magistrates' Clerk for the Borough. The Salary ordered by the Secretary of State was £25.

(B.) The Treasurer has voluntarily accepted £5 a year as his Salary, while the Town Council was in debt as above stated.

(C.) The Salary of the School Attendance Officer was for the same reason reduced from £6 to £4, and that of the Market Inspector from £5 to £4.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS :—

FREEHOLD LANDS.

Description.	Where situate.	State of Cultivation.	Name of Tenant or Occupier.	Quantity.			Rent or Receipts.		
				A.	R.	P.	£	s.	d.
Hulbert's Hold . . .	Parish of Chippenham	Pasture	Rich ^d Rich	5	2	38	20	0	0
Bumper's Farm, Cottage & Homestead as under :—									
Little Ground . . .	"	Pasture	Arthur Phillips	1	0	16	40	0	0
Home Ground . . .	"	"		3	3	5			
Homestead & Skilling . . . }	"	"		0	2	22			
Little Home Ground	"	"		1	0	24			
Goose Leaze . . .	"	Late Arable } now Pasture }		5	3	34			
Upper Ground . . .	"	Pasture	4	0	16				
Little Field . . .	"	"	George Sims	4	3	27	13	10	0
Blackwell Hams . . .	"	"	Henry Collett	6	2	5	15	0	0
			Richard Sloper						
Littleworth . . .	"	Arable	Gough Fry	2	2	37	4	0	0
Part of Westmead . . .	"	A. R. P. } Pasture 4 0 0	Corporation of Chippenham.	96	3	27	199	8	6
" . . .	"	" 30 1 25							
Little Englands . . . } and Claypoles . . . }	"	" 18 1 38							
Englands	"	" 36 2 27							
Part of Westmead } recently purchased }	"	7 1 17							
Part of said Field, called Westmead, leased to the Chippenham Gas Co ^v . for 75 years, from 1 st July, 1868 }			A. R. P. } 0 1 29				8	0	0
Part of said Field, called Westmead, leased to T. P. Pocock & Co. }			0 0 7				2	0	0
Quit Rents for entrances to Englands.							0	13	6
1 year's Fee Farm rent							0	1	0
Old Town Hall, now used as Volunteer Armoury }			B Comp ^v . } Q. V. Batt ⁿ . } Wilts Reg ^t				0	5	0
Borough Lock-up underneath the Old Town Hall.									
Part of said Fields, called Englands and Westmead, is also leased to the Chippenham Local Board.			Reser- } voir . 0 0 30 } Water- } works 0 2 0 } 0 2 30				12	0	0

Average for last 3 years from Freemen Stocking fees and proceeds of unallotted Grass sold.

OTHER PROPERTY.

2 Kennet & Avon Canal Shares yearly dividend 11s. 8d.

£50 19s. 1d. Reduced 3 per cents.

The site of 2 Pews held by Faculty in the Parish Church of Chippenham.

As to Lease to } The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham
Local Board of } by Indenture dated the 13th day of August 1878 Leased to the Chippenham
Water Works } District Local Board 2 pieces of Land (parts of Englands and Westmead)
before mentioned } containing oa. 2r. 3op., and certain rights of way, for the purposes of Water Works, for 75
years from 30th December 1873, at the Rent of £12 per annum.

LIABILITIES.

The Maintenance of the Bridge and roadway over the River Avon which is a Stone Structure consisting of about 22 arches.

The cost of the maintaining the Structure of the Bridge varies annually but it cost nearly Five hundred Pounds (£500) about 10 years ago widening and strengthening it.

The annual cost of the repair of the Roadway over the Bridge is £12.

The Maintenance and lighting the Lamps on the Town Bridge.

The annual cost of the Lighting is about £21 10s. od.

The Maintenance and repair of a Causeway which is a footpath maintained and repaired by the Corporation from opposite The Three Crowns Inn to the Public Cemetery for the Parish of Chippenham.

The Maintenance and repair of 2 Pews in the Parish Church of Chippenham held by Faculty.

The repair and Insurance of the Farm Buildings and House at Bumpers Farm.

Fee Farm Rent due to Bridges & Hawkins' Charity per ann. £1 5s. od.

Fee Farm Rent to Baron's Charity per ann. 9s. od.

There are also Tithes, Land Tax, Poor, Police, and Local Board Rates and other annual payments, see annual Statement ending Lady Day 1888 sent herewith.

The Balance due to the Treasurer of the Borough at Lady Day 1888 is also shewn.

The Maintenance and Repair of Old Town Hall and Lock-up and insurance.

The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham in the County of Wilts have from time immemorial and more especially under and by virtue of a Royal Charter or Royal Letters Patent granted to them by their then corporate title of The Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham and bearing date the 2nd day of May in the first year of the Reign of Queen Mary and by confirmation of a Decree of the High Court of Chancery of the term of St. Hilary on Saturday the 1st day of February in the 5th year of the reign of King James the 1st and subsequently by Royal Charter or Letters Patent granted to the said Bayliffe and Burgesses bearing date the 13th day of March 1603 being in the 1st year of the Reign of King James the 2nd been possessed of the Freehold Lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto (except such parts thereof as have since been acquired or purchased by the said Corporation) which (with other hereditaments) had been given and granted to the said Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses To certain uses and intents in and by the said Charters and Decree mentioned amongst others for the reparation of a certain great Bridge built over the Water of Avon in the Borough of Chippenham aforesaid and of a certain Bank or way there called a causeway and as regards the said Lands called Englands, Little Englands, Claypoles and Westmead subject to certain Freeman's rights of Common and depasturage for Cattle and Horses there and also to certain rights of mowing grass and taking away the same in the field called Westmead according to the customs of the said Borough.

The Freeman's Rights arise and are as follows :

The Ancient Borough of Chippenham consisted of 129 Houses called Burgage Houses and the occupiers thereof (after a residence of 3 days therein) become *entitled* to the Freedom of the said Borough *and* on application to the Town Council and on paying the Fees mentioned in the Decree and customarily taken and also the Stamp Duty thereon and subscribing the Statutory Declaration prescribed *to be admitted* to such Freedom and to have their names duly recorded and registered in the Borough Books and upon such admission so long as they live in either of such ancient Burgage Houses they enjoy the privileges above mentioned in the Lands called Englands Little Englands and Claypoles and Westmead which are mentioned in such Decree and which are now as follows :

The right for each Freeman to stock 6 Cows or Heifers and 2 Geldings or Mares in Englands Little Englands Claypoles and Westmead from about the middle of May to the 4th of November every year and according to the customs of the Borough.

Also the right of one Farthingdale or a quarter of an acre of mowing grass in the Field called Westmead and to cut and carry away the same.

The unallotted Farthingdales of mowing grass being *annually sold to the Freeman* of the Borough *only* and the proceeds going to the Borough Fund.

The Sites of the ancient Burgage Houses are shewn by a red colour on the old Borough Maps.

The fees paid by the Freeman for stocking in Englands are : for each Cow or Heifer 18s- 10d. and for each Gelding or Mare £1 8s. 2d., and for Stocking in Westmead 4^d each for either Horses or Cattle.

There are some Beast Leazes or right of Stocking Cows or Heifers in Westmead belonging to private freeholders of pieces of Land in Westmead which do not belong to the Corporation but can only be exercised at the same time as the Freeman's rights.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO DEALING WITH THE FREEMEN'S RIGHTS AND WITH THE PROPERTY AND LIABILITIES OF THE BOROUGH AND INCOME DERIVED FROM SUCH PROPERTY.

It is suggested That when the Borough is extended to the present Urban Sanitary District, *The Freeman's rights* as now existing in the ancient Borough should be *reserved*.

The Property and Liabilities of the Borough should be *set forth as stated*.

Power should be given to the Corporation to *provide out of the Income of the Borough Lands and property* as stated.

First. For all *annual repairs and outgoings* connected with such Lands and property.

Secondly. In *setting apart and investing* in the names of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses in any of the Public Funds *out of the surplus income* of such Lands and property *annually* the sum of £50 until the amount invested reaches £500 as a special Fund *in aid of the maintenance and repair or renewal of the said Town Bridge Causeway Borough Lands and Property or any improvements or additions connected therewith* with power from time to time to pay or apply the income of such Fund or any part thereof, for the same purposes and with power from time to time at their discretion to expend any part of the Capital towards or in aid of the same purposes and from time to time to renew the said Capital so as to maintain the Fund up to £500.

And then to apply the residue of the surplus income of such Lands and property *in aid of the General Expenditure* over the extended Borough and of the *General Rates levied* therein.

Nov^r. 9th.—Mr. Frederick Hastings Goldney was elected Mayor.

Extracts from Register No. 1.

Commencing 1603 ending 1681.

“THE REGISTER BOOKE mentoned in the Decree established in the Highe Courte of Chauncerye the Twentith daye of March, in the ffirste yeare of the Rayne of o^r Sovereigne Lord Kinge JAMES, over His Highnes Realmes of Englande ffrance & Irelande. And of Scotlande the Seaven & Thirtieth. OF all the names & Srnames of all & eurye thinhabitants of & wtin the said Borrough beinge noe Inmats as they are in Auncientye and founde Recorded & Registered from tyme to tyme. AND alsoe of all Receipts, Disbursem^{ts}, Paym^{ts}, and Reckonings of moneys touchinge the Borroughe Landes and othwise, Ymployed accordinge to the true intent and meaninge of the said Decree. And the true intente and meaninge of the Lres Patente of the late Queene Marye, graunted to the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the saied Borroughe upon the which the saied Decree was grounded.”

THEN FOLLOWS A LIST OF THE INHABITANT HOUSEHOLDERS ACCORDING TO THEIR ANCIENTRY; ALSO A LIST OF THE BENEFACTORS TO THE BOROUGH WITH THE SEVERAL SUMS GIVEN BY THEM; THIS LIST IS THE SAME AS THE ONE ON p. 16, BUT ENDS AFTER THE GIFT OF GABRIEL GOLDNEY THE YOUNGER.

“THE RECEIPTS DISBURSMENTS Payments and Reckonings of the Bayliffs of the saied Borroughe from and imediatlye after the makeinge of the Decree AS AFORESAIED.”

1603. “The Accoumpte of the saied Thomas Atkyns of the yssues and profits of his office for one whole yeare, that is to saye, from the feast of S^t Michaell Tharchangell in the firste yeare of the raigne of o^r Sovereigne Lord Kinge James, untill the saied feaste of S^t Michaell Tharchangell in the seconde yeare of the Raigne of the saied Kings Ma^{ties} as followeth viz. :”

TOUCHINGE THE LEASE OF THE ROYALTYE.

“ Receipts.

In Primis. The saied Accoumptant recd of Edwarde Bentley late Bayliff of tharrerage of his accoumpte . . .				xij ^d
Itm of sundrye Tennants for builte standings at yearelye Rents in certaintye	xlviij ^a	x ^d		
Itm of sundrye other psons for Quarterage and Weeklye standings on the Markett Dayes	lj ^a	iiij		
Itm of Toll and Standings at the fayre holden the vi th of Maye	xxviii ^a			
Thother fayre Dayes were not kepte, because certaine Townes adioyneinge were infected of the plague of pestlence.				
	Sume	z	v	d
		vj	viii	j

TOUCHINGE THE SAIED LEASE.

Paied. In primis unto ^(a)S^r. Robert Stapilton K^t, the viiith of October A^o primo R. Jacobi, for the halfe yeares rente due unto hym at Michas then paste, xl^a. And for the like due unto hym at o^r. Ladye Daye laste before that, w^{ch} was lefte unpaied by Edwarde Bentley late Bayliff other xl^a in toto iiiij^d

Itm unto ^(b)S^r. ffrancis ffane K^t the xvijth of October A^o j^o R. Jacobi for the halfe yeares rente due unto hym at Michas then laste paste xl^a. And on the xth of Aprill A^o ij^o R. Jacobi for the halfe yeares rente due unto hym at o^r. Ladye Daye then laste paste other xl^a in toto iiiij^d

Itm to Henry Berrye for a Sugar loaf of x^{lb} weight at xx^d p^{lb} giuen to ^(c)S^r. Edwarde Hungerford K^t. xvj^a viij^d

(a) Sir Robert Stapleton, or Stapylton, married for a second Wife, Olive, daughter (and co-heir with her sister Grace, the wife of Sir Anthony Mildmay, of Apthorpe, Northamptonshire) of Sir Henry Sherrington, of Lacock Abbey, and Widow of John Talbot. It is stated that Sir Robert Stapleton in 1581, when Sheriff of Yorkshire, “received the Judges with seven score men in suitable liveries”—that he was “a man well spoken, properly seen in languages, had scarce an equal, and next to Sir Philip Sidney, no superior in England.”

(b) Sir Francis Fane, afterwards 1st Earl of Westmoreland, married the only daughter and heiress of the above Sir Anthony Mildmay.

(c) Of Rowden, Chippenham, and afterwards of Farley Castle. He purchased Corsham House and Manor in 1602; and died S.P. 1607.

Itm bestowed on the Butler Cooke & Porter the same tyme	iiij ^s	vj ^d
Itm giuen to the Ringers for the Kinge on the ^(A) xxiiij th of March and on S ^t James Daye	ij ^s	
Itm to the Stewards of the Hundred for theire dyett at the lawe daye holden the xxviiij th of March laste	xx ^s	
Itm to Joseph Barnes for mendinge the Guyldhall Windowes		vj ^d
Itm to Walter Little for mendinge the Key of the Guildhall Dore		iiij ^d
Itm at the lawe daye holden at Michas laste paste for this accounmptant & his man & for a Quarte of Wyne dyneinge w ^t the Steward	ij ^s	
Itm to Willm Howithroppe late Register for one yeares Penson ended at Michas laste	x ^s	
Sume x ^l — xvj ^s		
Soe the saied accounmptant hath disbursed hereupon more than he hath recd . . .	iiij ^l	vij ^s xj ^d

THE ACCOUNMPTANT HIS CHARDGE TOUCHINGE THE BORROUGHE LANDES.

Recd. In primis of John Hulbert for his whole yeares rent for his Tenem ^t due at Michas & Thannuntiaton	x ^s	
Itm of Edwarde Stafforde for the like for Englands	xxvj ^s	viiij ^d
Itm of John Chapman for the like for Burleasue	iiij ^s	
Itm of certaine Inhabitants allotted to the Sheepe leasue in Bolts Crofte the laste Winter, ended at the Thannuntiaton 1604	iiij ^s	iiij ^d
Itm of the Inhabitants for Agistment of Cattell in Westmeade on S ^t Lukes Even	iiij ^l	iiij ^s viij ^d
Itm of John Gale for the Winter Leasue of Westmeade from the xxx th of Januarye untill Thanuntiaton of the blessed Virgyne Marye		xxx ^s

(A) Accession day.

Itm of sundrye psons Inhabitants viz ^t ffyve allotted to the Summer Leasue in Bolts Crofte at v ^a iij ^d a peece in toto	xxvj ^a	vij ^d
Itm of viii other Inhabitants allotted to the Summer Leasue of Pipsmore at xij ^d a peece	vij ^a	
Itm of the Burgesses & Inhabitants for the Croppes of grasse viz: xxxiiij acres of Meadowe in Westmeade allotted at iij ^a $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre & iij ^a over the saied Accounmptants Acre being one, in toto	vj ^a	xix ^a
Itm of Willm Exham Willm Ladd & Richarde Paste for & towards the amendem ^t of Bounds aboute the Borroughe Landes for there p ^{ts} unpaid	vij ^a	vj ^d
Itm of Thomas Hawkins Gabriell Milsham Richarde Bonde John Creede John Batten John Barratt Dyer Robert Alwaye & George Willys for Registringe there names in the Register Booke as Housholders	xxvj ^a	vij ^d
Itm of the Inhabitante Housholderes viz ^t 94, for a Taxaton of Wags for ^(A) John Robarts a Burgesse for the Parliame ^t at xij ^d a peece for ij ^o payem ^{ts}	ix ^a	vij ^a
Itm of 92 of the same Inhabitants for a like Taxaton at viij ^d a peece for one othe payem ^t	ijj ^a	xvi ^a
Sume	xxix ^a	xij ^d
		d. x

WHEREOF PAIED AS FOLLOWETH, VIZ^t.

Paied In Primis to John Robarts Constable for the vi th xv ^{enes} & x ^{ths} for Westmeade	ij ^a
Itm to the Constables for the seconde payement of the Thirde Subsidye for the Borroughe Landes in the collection of John Hays gent:	vij ^a
Itm to the Sheriffe for fyleinge the Indenture for Burgesses of His Ma ^{ty} Parliam ^t	iiij ^a

(A) His colleague John Hungerforde does not appear to have taken "his wages." The right of the Members to receive payment from the Borough seems to have been "more honour'd in the breach than the observance," though the first charge upon the Property given to the Borough by the Charter of Queen Mary was for the maintenance of two Burgesses to attend Parliament. The payment of Members for the days of their actual attendance whilst Parliament was sitting, was then customary.

Itn to the Constables for the vijth xv^{ens} and x^{ths} for Westmeade ij^s

Itn to the same Constables for the firste payem^t of the iiiijth Subsidye for the Borroughe Lands xvi^s

ABOUT THE CAUSWAYE.

Itn to John Hulberd for pickeinge of xliiij loads of stones to be laied on the Causwaye at ij^d p load . . . vij^s

Itn to John Gale for carryeinge xxxix loads of Stones to the Causwaye whereof xvij at xij^d p load & the rest at xv^d in toto xliiij^s iiij^d

Itn to George Higgins for layeinge abroad the same stones & coveringe them with Gravell ix^s iiij^d

Itn to Morgan & others for digginge of Stones to be laied on the causwaye v^s

ABOUTE WESTMEADE.

Itn to George Higgins for mendinge the Boundes of the same Meade ij^s

ABOUT PIPSMORE.

Itn to the same George & Henry Mabson for one dayes worke apeece mendinge the Boundes of the same Grounde xvj^d

Itn to John Robarts a Burgesse of the Parliam^t House for the saied Borroughe for his Wags for xvij Weeks viz^t 120 dayes at ij^s [¶] diem in toto xij^s

Itn to Willm Ameat, John Robarts, Nathaniell Colman, Henry Berrye, Willm Gale, Willm Banks, Henry Banks, Edwarde Bentley, John ffabyan, John Gale, Edwarde Stafforde & this accounmptant for money by them laied out, lent & disbursed in the tyme of Edwarde Bentley his late Bayliewicke, & w^{ch} he expended in defence of the Borroughe Lands, viz^t —iiiij^s apeece, xij in all xlviiij^s

Itn to John Baker for entringe the Decree into the Register Booke & searchinge the old Register Booke, &

takeinge out the names of thinhabitants housholders & en-
 tringe theire saied names in the newe Register Booke
 accordinge to theire aunciencye x^s

Itm to the same John Baker the nowe Register for one
 whole yeares wags ended at Michas laste xx^s

Itm to this accounmptant for his alloweance by the
 Decree for his own paynes, his under Baylyes wags and
 Lyverye vj^l

Sume onlye for the Borroughe Lands . . . xxvj ^l xviiij ^s d. xj

Sume totall of the paym^{ts} w^t the surplusage of
 the accoumpte of the pfitts by the Lease of
 iiij^l vii^s vj^d xxxj ^l vj ^s x ^d

Which saied iiij^l vij^s xi^d are borrowed of the yssues of the
 Lands untill the pfitts of the lease arise to repaye the same.

Soe the saied accoumptante hath laied out more than he
 hath recd xxxij^s

Which saied sume of money due to this accoumptante,
 He doth freely giue & release unto the Baylliff Burgesses &
 Inhabitants. The foresaied vth daye of October 1604.

And lastlye the saied accoumptante hath diliued over
 unto the Bayliff for the use of the Cominaltye the iii^d pte
 of a peece of leather forfeited

1604. Rec^d Itm of the Toll on Barnabyes daye and
 other markt dayes xx^d.

Itm of Willm Ameat upon extracts iiij^s

The two Summer fayres were not kepte by reason of
 sicknesse in some neighbo^{rs} Townes neere adioyninge.

Paied. Itm to Henry Berrye for a Sugar loaf of xiiij^{lbs}
 waighte at xviiij^d ^q lb giuen to Sr. Ed. Hungerford . . . xix^s vj^d

Itm. Bestowed on his Butler Cooke & Porter the
 same tyme at Rowdon vij^s

Itm to the Ringers for the Kinge on the 24th of March
 & S^r James Daye ij^s

Itm to George Willys for mendinge the Table Boord in the Guildhall Chamber		iiij ^d
Itm to the Cutler for mendinge the Markett Bell		vj ^d
Itm at the lawe daye holden at Michas laste paste for a pottle of Wyne dyneing w ^t the Steward		xviiij ^d
Itm giuen backe unto one Willm Norway Tanner the foresaied iij rd pte of his leather forfeited viz:		ij ^a
Itm to His M ^{ty} Comissoners at the Devizes for ayde money to the Prince His Ma ^{tye} payable out of the Borroughe Lands, & for other expenses there at the tyme of payem ^t thereof, in toto	xj ^a	j ^d
Itm to John Harrys & Richarde Bodman for makeinge a Trench neere the ^(A) Hermitage by the Causewaye syde there for pseruaton thereof		xvj ^d

ABOUTE WESTMEADE.

Itm for one newe locke for the Geate there		iiij ^d
Itm to Ambrose fowler & Thomas Gosse for mendinge the Bounds at the foorde there	iiij ^a	vj ^d
Itm to John fenell for mendinge the Lane of the same meade		vj ^d
1605. Itm to John Tanner for admeasureinge Westmeade		ij ^a
Itm to George Higgins and John Berrett for setting up the marke stones there		xvj ^d
Itm to John Tanner for admeasureinge Pipsmore		x ^d
Itm to Willm Ancker Robert Drake Henrye Mabson & Richarde Bellye for scowringe the ditche & clensinge the younge greene hedge there	xvj ^a	viiij ^d
Itm to James Smalwood for an Acre & halfe of hedginge frith out of Heywood for the same	xxx ^a	
Itm for felling the same frith	iiij ^a	iiij ^d

(A) This is the only allusion found in the Borough Records to a Hermitage.

Itm to Willm Gale for carriage of the same frith from Heywood to the same ground	xvij ^s	iiij ^d
Itm to Willm Ancker for makeinge the bounds about the same ground	vj ^s	viiij ^d
Itm to Henry Payne for Thornes bestowed about the same Bounds		ix ^d
Itm to Willm Ancker for bindinge of Bryers about the Witheys for pservaton of them		viiij ^d
Itm to Willm Escott for vi dayes carriage of stones & Gravell for the Causewaye w ^t his ^(A) Ploughe at iiij ^s pr diem 1606. Itm for xxiiij th sacks of Lyme at x ^d p sacke for the Bridge	xxiiij ^s	
	xx ^s	
Itm to Henrye Brewer for carriage of xiiij loads of free-stone from the Quarre	vj ^s	viiij ^d
Itm Waxe & Rosen to make Sement for the freestones .		iiij ^d
Itm to John Robarts a Burgesse of the Parliam ^t House at the Thirde Sessions began in November for his wags 45 dayes at ij ^s p diem And at the Sessions began in March for the like for other 32 dayes at ij ^s p diem, And towards his expencs in both his saied Travells xij ^s iiij ^d . And also due unto hym in Willm Ameat his late Bayliewicke ix ^s viij ^d in toto	viiij ^s	xvj ^s
Itm to His Ma ^{ty} Comissionrs Clarke at the Devizes when the Borroughe Lands were in Question to be Assarte & Purpestures of His Ma ^{ty} fforest here		x ^s
1607. Recd. Itm of certaine Butchers for x ^{en} standings from Midsommer untill Michas	xlviij ^s	ij ^d
Itm of certaine Mercers for the iiij ^{or} backe standings behinde the standings of Henry Berrye & others the same tyme	xv ^s	iiij ^d
Itm for iij bushells of Otts lefte behinde in the markt place upon a markt daye and not challenged		ij ^s

(A) The term plough, meaning a team of horses, is frequently met with up to the commencement of the 18th century.

Itm of the Burgesses & Inhabitants for the Croppe of Grasse for two yeares of Westmeade viz^t xxxiiij Acres at x^s p Acre (in respect of purchasing the Assarte Lands) xxxiiij^d

Itm of Thomas Pill for two yeares pfitts of Bolts Crofte from o^r Ladye daye A^o 1608 ix^d

Itm of Henry Bishoppe for the like for Burleazue . viij^d

Itm of William Harforde for the like for Pipsmoore . vi^d iiij^d

Paied. Itm to a Gentleman Soldier authorized to be conveyed from hence to Marshfeilde w^t horse & other pvision iiij^d

Itm for a pottle of Secke & a ^{lb} of Suger giuen to Mr. Bayliff of Mounckton, at what he gave advise & directon about the Assarte Lands & he woulde take noe other ffee iij^d iiij^d

ABOUTE PURCHASINGE THE ASSARTE LANDS.

In pmis to Tho. Nicholson Esquire To the use of His Ma^{tie} for the same Lands & Purpreshures by Compositon made at the Devizes w^t hym & others his saied Ma^{tie} Commissioners in that behalfe then there appointed xl^d

Itm to Mr. Lowe of newe Sar : for draweing the Patent of the same and his advise of Counsell therein everye waye xl^d

Itm to Mr. Moore alsoe learned in the lawe for his advise in the same & penninge thereof xx^d

Itm the draweing of the firste yue in great letters & other settinge out of the Patent. Thingrossinge the residue, The passinge & pfectinge of the same throughe all offices, The great Seale of Englande to the same, w^t the officers ffees in everye of these placs in that behalfe, in toto . . . xxxvij^d viij^d iiij^d

Itm at the firste journey to London aboute the same, To John Gale Nathaniell Colman & this accomptant in regarde of their expenses xxv^s apeece, And to Gabriell Gouldney for the like onely xx^s in toto iiij^d xv^d

Itm at the seconde journey aboute the same, To the saied Nathaniell for some small Travell therein iiij ^s And to this accounttant for his expenses about the effectinge thereof xxx ^s vj ^d in toto	xxxiiij ^s	vj ^d
Itm for y ^e Boxes for pserveing the Patent & other Escripts	iiij ^s	ij ^d
1608. In primo unto S ^r Anthonye Mildmaye K ^t for the half yeares Rente due unto hym at Michas then laste paste iiij ^l And for the halfe yeares rent due unto hym at our Ladye laste paste other iiij ^l in toto	viiij ^l	
Itm to Henry Berrye for a Suger loaf giuen to the saied S ^r Anthonye Mildmaye at his firste comeinge to ^(A) Bowdon after the divison	xvj ^s	viiij ^d
Itm to Edwarde Haynes for nother Sugar loaf giuen to S ^r ffrancis ffane K ^t at his firste comeinge to the place aforesaid after the saied divison	xvij ^s	viiij ^d
Itm to John Harrys Cutler for dressinge of the Armour the firste veiwe & Muster	x ^s	
Itm for mendinge the Guildhall Chamber boord	iiij ^s	
Itm for restraineinge Badgers from comeinge to the marketts here to ingrosse corne or to inhance the price thereof		xv ^d
Itm to the Glasier for mendinge the Glasse Windowes of the Guildhall Chamber		viiij ^d
Itm the makeinge of a convenient Waye into Eastmeade for the Trayned Soldiers the last Trayneinge		xxij ^d
Itm to certaine poore people in bread, on the Triumphe upon the discovrye of the ^(B) Gunpowder Treason the v th of November	ij ^s	
Itm for a matt in the Guildhall Chamber		vj ^d
Itm w th the clark of the Markett at Dynner		xij ^d

(A) The Property of Sir Henry Sherrington of Lacock Abbey was divided between his two Daughters, Lady Mildmay, and Lady Stapylton ; the former obtaining Bowdon.

(B) The Gunpowder Plot of Guy Fawkes was discovered in 1605.

<p>Itm in a Journey to London in answeringe certaine pcesse out of his Ma^{ty} Exchequer touchinge the stayeing of certaine goods here w^{ch} the Customers of Bristoll seized upon as forfeited for not payeing to them Custome for the same, retaineinge of Counsell, officers fees, Horse-hire & this accomptants dyett xij dayes in toto</p>	<p>lv^s</p>
<p>Itm to certaine psons to watch & warde to keepe one Nicholas Eaton & his Wief out of the Towne upon the speach giuen forth that they had bene amonge infected psons of the Plague</p>	<p>xviiij^d</p>
<p>1609. Paid. Itm to George Willys for Pynnes & Engynes to hange up the Armour in the Guildhall Chamber</p>	<p>ij^s vj^d</p>
<p>Itm one Pottle of Wyne & Sugar spent at the meetinge at Whitsontyde in the Guildhall</p>	<p>ij^s</p>
<p>Itm to the Constables of the Borroughe for the laste payem^t of his Ma^{ty} ijijth & last subsidye</p>	<p>viiij^s</p>
<p>Itm to Richarde Goddarde Esquire late high Sheriffe of the Countye of Wiltes. The firste yeares Rente due unto his saied Ma^{ty} out of the Assarte Lands & Purpreshures of the said Borr: viz^t for one whole yeare ended at the feaste of S^t Michaell Tharchangell in the vijth yeare of his saied Ma^{ty} raigne</p>	<p>ix^s</p>
<p>Itm one newe PaperBooke of vj Quires bounde w^t a vellum couringe for insertinge & settinge downe of thaccoumpts & Reckonings of the saied Borroughe & Registeringe of the names & Surnames of thinhabitants of the same accordinge as it is mentoned in the Decree</p>	<p>ij^s vj^d</p>
<p>Itm to George Willys for a convenient Deske w^t locke & key for the safe kepinge & pserveinge of the same Booke, other Escripts, Remembrances & Records apteyneinge to the saied Borroughe & the Stocke of money of the same</p>	<p>iiij^s ij^d</p>
<p>Itm to Robert Banks & Richarde Sheppd for makeinge a Trench at ^(A) Reddhill beside the Causwaye for the better pserveinge thereof</p>	<p>xvj^d</p>

(A) This hill is so called in the Register until 1672, when the name is changed to Derry-hill.

The lease of the Royaltye beinge nowe determined and ended, and the laste Rente and Chardge thereof paied in the laste pcedent Accoumpte, and as well in that accoumpte as in diverse other before, The Chardge yssueing out of the same Lease hath bene more then the profitts thereof reced as namelye—

In the accoumpts of	}	Thomas Atkins	^{l.} iiij	^{s.} vij	^{d.} xj
		John ffabyan	vj	xviiij	v
		Willm Ameat	iiij	x	vj
		John Gale		xxxij	vj
		Gabriell Gouldney	iiij	xvij	iiij
		Sume	^{l.} xxj	^{s.} vj	^{d.} vij

Which saied pticular Sumes were from tyme to tyme taken out of the yssues and pfitts of the Borroughe Lands, hopeinge the laste yeare and one Quarter of a yeare of the saied lease (when it was wholly in Lande and the uttermoste profit made thereof woulde have countervailed and repaied the same.) The Surplusage of the Chardge of the same Lease in the saied recyted Terme are sett Downe and made plaine in these former Accoumpts followinge, namelye :

Of	}	Thomas Hawkins	^{l.} iiij	^{s.} iiij	^{d.} ix
		Edwarde Stafford	xij	xviiij	viiij
		Sume	^{l.} xvj	^{s.} iiij	^{d.} v
		Yet resteth unrepaied	^{l.} v	^{s.} iiij	^{d.} ij

Which saied ^{v.}iiij^{s.}ij^{d.} within specyfyed and due to be employed and bestowed upon the uses mentoned in the Lres Patents of the saied Borroughe Lands. Nowe upon Communicaton and Conference had touchinge the same, Certaine of thinhabitants of the saied Borroughe, In consideraton that they have bene freed and have not formerlye paied anye manner of ffynes yssues and Amerciamts forfeited in anye Courte or Courts Dureinge the Contynueance of the saied Lease & especially sithence the establisheinge of the Decree as appeth upon all the Accoumpts herein before mentioned. And to thende that the saied Borrough Lands shoulde not anye waye be chardged by reason of the saied Lease. They the saied Inhabitants (whome the pmisses did chieflye concerne) Have willinglye Contributed Collected and made up the same sume fullye againe viz^t ^{v.}iiij^{s.}ij^{d.} in full and absolute dischardge of all sumes paied & laied out of the saied Borrough Lands. And thereupon the same moneys were

forthth bestowed employed and laied out upon the uses mentoned in the saied Lres Patente, and in especiall upon the Bridge and Causwaye, By the oversight and Directon of certaine the moste Discreete the Inhabitants there.

1610. Recd. Itm of John Scott, Gabriell Gouldney, Willm Gale & Richarde Barde for the winter lease for Sheepe of Westmeade untill the xxv th day of March	xl ^s	
Paied. Itm to Tristram the Pavier of Pitchinge of five hundred & nyne yards of newe Worke wtin the foresaied Causwaye at the foote of Redhill at ij ^d p yarde	v ^d	xviiij
Itm to John Nycolls for killinge of moales		vij ^d
Itm one newe Statute Booke in folio		xvj ^s
1611. Paied. Itm to Robert Bankes for stones & mendinge some decayed upon Redhill		xxij ^d
Itm to the Pavier for mendinge the same on this side the gate below Redhill		iiij ^s
1612. Paied. In primis, To his Ma ^{ty} Commissioner towards the ayde of the Ladye Elizabeth ^(A) her grace His Ma ^{ty} eldest Daughter	x ^s	iiij ^d
Itm to His saied Ma ^{ty} Trumpet ^{rs} at the tyme of the Queenes Ma ^{ty} returne from Bath	xiiij ^s	iiij ^d
Itm to Henry Milsham for ditchinge of liiij Lugge	vj ^s	ix ^d
1613. Paied. In primis to Philipp Sticklowe his Ma ^{ty} Assarte Rente for one yeare ended at Michas 1613 due in the Chardge of S ^r ffancis Popham ^(B) Knight late Sheriffe of this Countye & for the Acquittance of the same	ix ^s	iiij ^d
Itm for exhibitinge of the Indentures for the Burgesses of the Parliam ^t and other occasons touchinge the same		xij ^s
Itm to Willm Bollyn ffreemason for xix loads of hewed stone to make the Arches or Coates of the Bridge soe fallen downe at iiij ^s p load in the whole	iiij ^d	xvi ^s

(A) Elizabeth, Princess Royal—married 14th February, 1612, Frederick, Elector Palatine of the Rhine, afterwards King of Bohemia—She was Grandmother of George I.

(B) Sir Francis Popham, of Littlecote, was a Member of the last Parliament of Queen Elizabeth, and of all those of Kings James I. and Charles I.

Itm for carriage of xiiij loads of the same stone from Pickwicke lane at iij ^s ʒ load. The other sixe loads were carried gratis	xxxix ^s	
Itm to Willm Kington rough mason & his sonne for I weeke	xiiij ^s	
Itm for drinke at Pickweeke bestowed on the Ploughmen 1614. Itm the Lyme, newe Tyle, Lasts, newe layeing and pointinge the whole rooffe, newe dressinge the walls, Tymber and the workemanshippe every waye aboute the same, in the whole	vij ^d	ij ^s viij ^d
Itm to the Glasier for one yeares paye for mendinge the windowes		vjd ^d
Itm for ffyve Yards of Carpett at ij ^s x ^d ʒ Yard and xiiij newe Cushions for Ornam ^{ts} of the same Guildhall . . .	xxxviiij ^s	viiij ^d
Itm bestowed on the Queenes Highnes Trumpeters upon Her returne from the Cittye of Bathe	vij ^s	
1615. Itm at the tyme of exhibitinge of a petiton to the Countesse of Rutlande ^(A) for the pcureinge of an Acre of lande due to John Hulberts Tenem ^t one Sugar loafe giuen		x ^s

ABOUTE THE NEW INCLOSURE.

Itm for foure thousande one hundred & three score Plants at iiij ^d le hundred	x ^s	x ^d
1616. Itm to Jo ^s Sparrowe for moweinge of Thistles two dayes in Inghlands & mendinge the hedge		xx ^d
Itm to Benjamin Edwards for newe castinge & cleansinge the wateringe Pooles in Inghlands	iiij ^s	
1617. Itm to the ffarmo ^r of the Parsonage for the Tithes of Inghlands one Yeere	xvj ^s	
Itm to Jo ^{hn} Wyatt a Bayliff that brought peace pcesse touchinge a late p ^s entm ^t done at the Quart ^r Sessions about		

(A) Cicely, daughter of Sir James Tufton, of Hothfield, Kent, married, first Sir Edward Hungerford, of Farley Castle; and secondly, in 1608, Francis, sixth Earl of Rutland.

the Causwaye under Redhill for his fees to discharge the same everye waye	x ^s	xj ^d
1620. Thomas Hawkins Bayliffe. Itm to Thomas Callymore Collect ^r for His Maj ^{ties} firste subsidye . . .	xxiiiij ^s	
Itm to Philipp Coggeswell for makeinge a newe wateringe poole in Inglands	x ^s	
Itm to William Gosse for killing of Wants		xij ^d
Itm to Nicholas Stockman for admeasureinge the Copice	xij ^s	
Itm to Thomas Hill & others of helpinge of hym the firste Weeke to Laye the same in Acres	viiij ^s	iiij ^d
Itm to the same Thomas & Nicholas Lea for theire helpe to laye the Acres into ffarrendells ix dayes	vij ^s	
Itm to Nicholas Stockman iiij dayes worke in admeasureinge the same Copice the seconde tyme into Acres & draweing a mappe thereof in Parchm ^t	vj ^s	
Itm to Edwarde Stockman & Hughe his brother for ij dayes worke a peece to make staks & placeinge of them	iiij ^s	
Itm for the wood to make the same staks	iiij ^s	
Itm for draweing a Copye of the mappe & the Parchm ^t		xij ^d
1621. Itm for writing a copye of M ^r Robert Gale his Will	ij ^s	vj ^d
Itm for the like of Walter Barrett his Will		vj ^d
1622. Itm for the Ringers on His Ma ^{ties} Coronaton & the v th of Auguste	ij ^s	
Itm for those tenne psons that watched & attended on the fire that late arose in the Backlane	iiij ^s	iiij ^d
Itm for stayeringe Badgers & keepinge a note of there names		viiij ^d
Itm bestowed on the Kings Ma ^{ties} Trumpeters at the tyme of His Highness pgresse	xx ^s	
Itm on His Ma ^{ties} Sargeant at Armes	v ^s	
Itm to the Harrolde at Armes	xiiij ^s	iiij ^d
Itm besids in Wyne & Sugar the same tyme	vj ^s	viiij ^d

1623. Itm for Edward Tidcombe late Undersheriffe for returneinge the Indentures for the Burgesses of the Parliam ^t	v ^s .	
Itm to Mr. Anthonye Neate by hym laid out in showe- inge the Charter to the Barons of Thexchequer	vj ^s .	vjd.
Itm to the Ringers upon certaine dayes of rejoyceinge on the King's Ma ^s behalfe as on the v th daye of November the xxiii th of March & the xxv th daye of Julye	iiij ^s .	
1624. In primis. To Mr. Henrye Penington, Pattentee the Kings Ma ^s Assart Rent for one yeaer & the Acquittance	ix ^s .	iiij ^d .
Itm to the ffarmo ^r of the Parsonage for the Tithes of Inglands Bolts Crofte & Pipsmore	xxi ^s .	
Itm for one newe Boxe to convey the Indentures of the Burgesses for the last Parliam ^t		iiij ^d .
Itm for ffrankensence Pitch & resen to pfume the Hall at the tyme of the Kings Ma ^s Justics being there		iiij ^d .
1625. Itm bestowed on a Soldier upon his retorne from His Ma ^s service		vjd.
Itm for writinge the Rats for the Borrough & Pishe to collect & gather the Constables money by them laid out at the late presse & settinge forth of Soldiers accordinge to the Justics command	xij ^s .	
1626. Itm to the Constables towards his Ma ^s Provision	iiij ^s .	
Itm to the Collecto ^r s for y ^e Kings Ma ^s loane for y ^e Borroughe Lands	vj ^d .	
1627. Itm to Walter Little for removeinge the Cattell out of Westmeade againste the muster	xij ^s .	
Itm bestowed on the Liuetenants at there comeinge to take the muster of the Trayned Soldiers in Sacke	ij ^s .	viiij ^d .
Itm layed out at Malbourough at the tyme of removeinge the Billetinge Soldiers were removed oute of Towne	iiij ^s .	iiij ^d .
1628. Rec ^d . Imprimis of Gabriell Gouldney the younger late Bayliffe in stocke	xxv ^d .	xiiij ^s xjd.

Paied. Itm for removeinge certayne Gunpowder from the Bell			iiij ^d
Itm to the Ringers for M ^{rs} Gale		ij ^s	
Itm for building the new House in Rowdens Downe	xxj ^d	vj ^s	ij ^d
Itm for Repayreinge the Barne in Rowdens Downe	iiij ^d	v ^s	
Itm to Mr. Neate for certayne chardgs disbursed in the Suite dependenge betweene the said Borrough & Mr. Pew	xxviiij ^s		iiij ^d

ABOUT THE HOUSE AT ROWDONS DOWNE.

1629. Itm to Steven Comawaye for a loade of Rushes			v ^s
Itm to Philip Coggsweil for 100 of Hart lasts and 100 of stone Nayles			oi—06 ^d
Itm to John Spencer for carriage of the same Rushes		iiij ^s	iiij ^d
Item to Dovye the Thatcher for ij dayes worke and a halfe at the same house		ij ^s	vj ^d
Item paied one to attend hym		oo ^s	10 ^d
Item paied for makeing cleane the blindhouse			vij ^d

1630. ABOUT THE TRYALL AT SALISBURYE BETWEENE THE BAYLIFFE &
BURGESSES PLNTIFFS & THO: HULBERT & JOHN YOUNGE DEF^{PTS} FOR
THE COPICE WOOD w^{CH} MR. PEWE CAUSED TO BE CARRIED UNTO
ROWDEN HOUSE AT THE TYME OF THE LAST FILLING OF THE COPICE.

It to Phil Smithe being served w th Subpna as a Wittness			v ^s
It to Will: Escott & Bentley Higgins as Wittnesses for the like			v ^s
It to iij Counsillers	xxxi ^s		
It for putting in of the Record	xv ^s		viiij ^d
It to the Sheriffe for a Distringas		vj ^s	
It for the Wittnesses diett at Sarum		x ^s	
It for their Horsmeate		iiij ^s	vj ^d
It for the hyre of iij horses		xij ^s	
It to the said Bentleye Higgins for the losse of his tyme & for his paynes			v ^s

It paid more unto M^r Anthonye Neate for further chardgs in the same sute lx^s 00^d.

It to Maye Smithe to carrye John Williams unto the Gaol being arrested at the Sute of the Baylyffe & Burgesses vj^s.

1631. Item unto Philip Coggeswell upon the Levyinge of his goods by the Sheriffe to satisfye M^r Pewe his chardgs allowed by the Judgme^t of the Court whereupon a Writt of Elegit was awarded agaynst the Baylyffe & Burgesses viij^d.

Itm to M^r Neate for Counsells fees for their advice touching many matters touchinge the Borroughe xxx^s.

1632. ABOUT THE GUILDHALL FOR MAKEINGE OF THE SAME FITTING AND CONVENIENT FOR THE HOLDING & KEEPING OF A GENALL QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE APPOINTED TO BE KEPT WITHIN THIS BORROUGHE UPON THE XVIJTH DAY OF JULY 1633.

It. unto Robert Cowles for fetching from ^(A)Allington House a certayne curtayne Stuffe and for hanginge of it about that pte of the hall where the Justics sate & for hangeinge abroad whyte Cloth over their heads where they sate & for other worke xiiij^d.

It. for colouring of the Posts of the Wall of the said Guildhall wth black color ij^s.

It. unto Philip Smithe and others for taking downe of the said Curtayne Stuffe after the end of the Sessions and for other worke viij^d.

It. unto the aforesaid Rob^t Cowles for carryeing of the Curtayne stuffe backe agayne unto Allington House and setting of it in its place agayne vi^d.

It. for Herbs and Rushes for the straweing of the Chamber and the Hall. oj^s ij^d.

It. for mending of the Cushions 00^s vj^d.

(A) The residence of Sir Gilbert Prynne, who died 1627 ; it is now converted into a Barn ; but his coat of arms is on the adjoining farm house at Allington.

1633. Item to Hughe Stockman Carpenter for Braggetts sett in the Walls of the Guildhall to hang the Ladders upon	iijs ^d	oo ^d
It. to Walter Bancks for his Iron Worke in makeing & alloweing of the ffyve Towne Crooks & makeinge of them more fitt to be used when anie accident of ffire should be wthin this borroughe	iiij ^s	vj ^d
It. unto the said Hughe Stockman for his worke in squaring of the Poles or Luggs putt into the same Crooks in makeing of them more light to be used	iijs ^d	iiij ^d
It. for iij Burthens of Rushes to be strewed in the Guildhall Chamber	oo ^s	ix ^d
It. for candles at two seuell tymes for the dispatching of certayne businesses concerning this Borroughe at two severall meetings	oo ^s	ij ^d
It. to Tho: Linsey for mending the skales & waights for wayeing of bread	ojs ^d	iiij ^d
It. unto the Cryer at ij several tymes to give warninge to the inhabitants to sett payles of water at their doores in the late tyme of drieth and heate	oo ^s	iiij ^d
Item for ij Sugar loaves wch were sent unto ^(A) S ^r ffancis Popham as a gifte from the Bayliffe & Burgesses	i ^z	ix ^s vj ^d
Item unto John Willis when he carried the Sugar loaves in the Twelfth dayes his expence horsmeate & travell	iijs ^d	vj ^d
It. bestowed upon Mr. Jo: Popham that morninge when he depted from the Whyte Hart where he laye the night before in Wyne and Sugar	vjs ^d	ij ^d
It. bestowed upon Mr. Harvye S ^r ffancis Pophams servaunt when he brought a Message of Resolucon from his Ma That His H. said Masters true intent & meaning was That the ffortye Pounds w ^{ch} he gave towards the reedifieing & newe building of the Tower & Steeple should be employed & bestowed upon the inhabitants of this Borroughe towards		

(A) One of the Members for the Borough. His coat of arms is on the Chippenham Church Tower, over the west door.

their ease in their payeme ^t towards the same worke at the discretion of the said Bayliffe & Burgesses—Mr. Dewy & others being there psent				ij ^s	
It. given unto the Messenger w ^{ch} brought the Buck w ^{ch} Sr. Frauncis Popham gave to be spent amongst the Bayliffe Burgesses and the rest of the inhabitants				ij ^s	vj ^d
It. paied at the dinner when the Buck was spent for Mr. Harvyes dinner & his kinsmans & for wyne for them & other of the Burgesses accompanyeinge them				iiij ^s	x ^d
1634. It. for horsehire & horsmeate for ij nights when this Accountant rode to view the land at ffoxeham latelie purchased Towards the payme ^t of which purchase the said Sr. ffrancis Popham gave 120 ^s	oo ^l	oj ^s			oi ^d
It. unto Mr. Neate for the appar ^t in Chauncrye of this Accomptant & others at the Sute of the Countesse of Rutland concerning the cutting of the copice wood next unto Rowdon grouhds	2 ^l	oo ^s			oo ^d
It. unto the Deputye of the under sheriffe when he and the said Sheriff brought His Maj ^{ty} Writt unto this accomptant concerninge the sume of xxx ^l to be collected of the inhabitants of this Borroughe towards the pvision of His Ma ^{ty} Shippinge ffor a Cotype of the instructions sent from the Lords of the Counsell for the raysing & levying of moneys wtin this Countye				2 ^s	6 ^d
It. unto the Ringers for ringinge upon His Ma ^{ty} Coronacon daye				oj ^s	oo ^d
It. for a booke of Assyze to waigh bread	o	o			6 ^d
It. for a leather strapp and brasse buckle for this booke of accompts and for mendinge the Skales to waighe bread	o	o			6 ^d
1636. Itm to the Constables of the Borrough upon a Rate made towards the repatons of ffisherton & Crane bridge					x ^d
Itm for makeinge the scale for leather				ij ^s	
Itm to Robert Eastmeade for mendinge a Shard in England					ij ^d

1636. Itm to Peter Woodroffe His Ma ^{tyes} Assart rent for one yeare in the chardge of S ^r . George Aylofffe K ^t . late High Sheriffe of this Countye & for the Acquittance . . .	ix ^a	iiij ^d
Itm in expenses on John Gale & this accoumptant [Gabiell Gouldney the younger] when they rode to meete the Sheriffe att Malmesburye about Shippinge money . . .		xviiij ^d
Itm to a watchman for watchinge John Saunders his house one night hee beinge suspected to bee infected with the plague		vj ^d
Itm layed out by William Russell att Warminster Sessions about a psentm ^t made against the Bayliffe & Burgesses for the amendm ^t of a waye att the topp of Redhill	xxiiij ^a	j ^d
Item for makeing a Current at the top of Redhill for the water to passe		vj ^d
1639. Item towards the Kings pvison	iiij ^a	vj ^d
Item to a rate towards the Coale & conducte money	xiiij ^a	iiij ^d
Item to John Willis for washinge the Carpett mendinge the Cushiones & ^c		vj ^d
Item for nayles & for milke to wash the Chamber		iiij ^d
Item to Walter Tristram Pavier for mendinge the Bridge in the Causwaye		vj ^d
1640. Item to the under Sheriffe for the retorne of the Indentures for the Burgesses of the Parliam ^t	viiij ^a	
Item to ffoure Subsidyes out of the Borrough Lands	iiij ^d	xvj ^a
Item to the Messenger that brought the Protestation		iiij ^d
1641. Item to Robert Smith Sub-collector towards the payem ^t of the first moitye of the 400,000 ^l	xxxij ^a	viiij ^d
Item bestowed on wine with a Captayne that laye with a troope of horse att the Hart	ij ^a	
Item for publishinge a Booke that came from his Ma ^{tyes}		vj ^d
Item for carriage of Powder		iiij ^d
Item for carriage of 36 loads of sand to raise the Causewaye higher below the turneinge att xij ^d . the load	xxxvj ^a	

Item to Walter Tristram Pavier for 438 yards of new worke beyond the turneing of the Causway att 2 ^d . the yard	iiij ^l	xiiij ^s	
Item for makeinge of ffortifications about the Towne & for Timber for the same		xxxviiij ^s	
1642. Item towards the ffine of 200 ^l imposed on the Borrough by ^(A) Colonell Lunfforde when hee laye in Garrison att Malmesburye	xxviiij ^l	x ^s	viiij ^d
Item towards a Rate of ix ^l made 11 ^o No: 1642 for watchinge att the ffosse waye & for relief of the poore infected psones att Malmesburye			x ^s
Item towards a Rate of 19 ^l 13 ^s 06 ^d . made the 28 th of Novem: 1642 for the defence of the countrys by warrante from ^(B) S ^r . Edwarde Hungerforde K ^t		xxviiij ^s	
Item towards a Rate of 23 ^l 12 ^s 06 ^d . made the second of ffeb: 1642 for 2 monethes paye by warrante from S ^r . Edwarde Hungerforde K ^t		xxxiiij ^s	
Item towards a Rate of 26 ^l 05 ^s 00 ^d . made the 27 th of ffeb: 1642 towards the payem ^t of 400 ^l imposed on the hundred by the Kings Ma ^{esty} fforges at Malmesburye		xxxv ^j	
Item towards another like rate of 26 ^l 05 ^s 00 ^d made the 6 th of March 1642 & imposed by the same fforges		xxxv ^j	
Item towards a Rate of 23 ^l 12 ^s 06 ^d . made the 29 th of March 1643 for 2 monethes paye more by another warrante from S ^r . Edwarde Hungerforde		xxxiiiij ^s	viiij ^d
Item towards a Rate of 13 ^l 10 ^s 00 ^d . made the seconde of June 1643 for 2 qrters of wheate 2 qrters of Malte and 2 Horses by warrante from		xviiij ^s	
Item towards a Rate of 06 ^l 00 ^s 00 ^d . for contribution money to Captayne Slatforde & for the Marshall		ix ^s	
Item towards a weeklye Rate of 03 ^l 05 ^s 08 ^d . beginninge the 30 th of Maye 1643 for paym ^t of Soldiers by warrante			

(A) Colonel Lunsford was the Royalist Leader in Wilts.

(B) Sir Edward Hungerford commanded the Parliamentary Forces.

from S ^r . Edwarde Hungerforde and Mr. Ash for 4 weeks paye att iiij ^s . vj ^d . a weeke			xiiij ^s
Item towards a Rate of 06 ^l . 00 ^s . 00 ^d . for 10 dozen of Breade 2 loades of Haye and 2 quarters of Malte for His Ma ^{tyes} pvison att the Seige att Glouc			ix ^s
Item towards a Rate of 08 ^l . 00 ^s . 00 ^d . for 160 dozen of Breade for the King's Armye att the Devizes made 14 th July 1643 by the Lo: Marquesse Hartfordes Warrante			xj ^s iiij ^d
Item towards a Rate of 59 ^l . 02 ^s . 00 ^d . towards the raiseinge of 900 ^l imposed on the hundred as a ffine by Prince Mawrice made the 17 th of Julye 1643	iiij ^l	xviiiij ^s	ix ^d
Item towards a Rate of 06 ^l . 10 ^s . 03 ^d . for Contribution to Col. Howarde and the Marshalls paye made the 3 of August 1643			ix ^s
Item towards a Rate of 26 ^l . 09 ^s . 00 ^d . (viz ^t) for a monethes paye to Col. Howarde 24 ^l . 00 ^s . 06 ^d . to the Marshall 01 ^l . 01 ^s . 00 ^d . and for qrtering Col. Butler's soldiers 01 ^l . 08 ^s . 06 ^d . made the 4 th of September 1643			xxxvj ^s
Item towards a Rate of 06 ^l . 16 ^s . 0 ^d . made the 12 th of September 1643 for 120 dozen of Breade to bee sent to Ciceter and for carriage			ix ^s
Item towards a Rate of 07 ^l . 17 ^s . 07 ^d . made 28 Septem- ber 1643 (viz ^t) to Col. Howarde 06 ^l . 00 ^s . 03 ^d . & for dyett for maihmed men carryed through the Towne 01 ^l . 17 ^s . 00 ^d . Item towards a Rate of 06 ^l . 00 ^s . 00 ^d			x ^s vj ^d ix ^s
Item to a Rate of 200 ^l beinge a fine imposed on this pish by the Lo: Marquesse Hartford			iiij ^l
Item to the Constables for a monethes paye towards the 1200 ^l . a weeke upon the Countye			xi ^s
Item to the Constables for one other monethes paye towards the 1200 ^l . a weeke			x ^s viij ^d
Item to John Wilcoxe for carryeing a greate peace of ordnance from here to the Devizes			xxiiiij ^s
Item to John Gale for carryeing of three Barrells of Gunpowder			iiij ^d

Item to John Flower for attendinge of prisoners 4 dayes by the appointem ^t of the Marshall		ij ^a	
Item to him for carryeing of S ^r . Thomas Astons & the Sheriffes warrantes to the Constable of the Hundred to Bremhill & for deliuing out the pettye warrants		xij ^a	
1643. Item to a Rate of xxx ^l beeing a ffine imposed on the Borrough by Mr. Rob ^t . Longe & others his Ma ^{tyes} . Commissioners		xxiiiij ^a	
Item to a Rate of 22 ^l 11 ^s 08 ^d imposed on the Borrough	xij ^a	vj ^d	
Item to a Rate of 4 ^l imposed on the Borrough for pvison	ij ^a	ix ^d	
Item to a Rate for horses bought for ^(A) S ^r . W ^m . Waller .	v ^a	vj ^d	
Item to a Rate for pressinge of Soldiers for Col. Chester	iiij ^a	viiij ^d	
Item to a Rate for the Courte of guard	ij ^a	viiij ^d	
Item to a Rate for pvison to Malmesburye	ij ^a	ix ^d	
Item to a Rate towards the ffine of 100 ^l imposed on the Borrough by ^(B) Col. Massye	iiij ^a	viiij ^d	
Item to a Rate for horses & other chardges	v ^a	vj ^d	
Item for 9 monethes contribution to Malmesburye whereof 5 att 11 ^a a moneth & thother att 11 ^a 4 ^d a moneth v ^a		iiij ^d	
Item to the Constables there expenses in goeing to the Lord Hopton about certaine affaires concerninge the Borrough		xl ^a	
Item in expenses for this accoumptant Mr. Jonathan Scott & John Elye there goeing to Glouc. about the ffine imposed by Col : Massye		xxviij ^a	
1644. Item to a Rate for qrteringe of Soldiers the 22 th of October 1644		ij ^a	ix ^d
Item to a Rate for contribucon the ffirst of November .		vij ^a	
Item to a Rate for contribucon the 9 th of November .		xxxiiij ^a	

(A) Son of Sir Thomas Waller, Constable of Dover Castle. He was one of the most able and active of the Parliamentary Generals, and from his frequent successes was called "William the Conqueror." He was defeated at Lansdown, near Bath, and afterwards totally routed at Roundway Down, Devizes.

(B) Major-General of the West, and Governor of the city of Gloucester. He made a memorable defence of that city against the King's forces. He took Malmesbury on 29th May, 1644, and four days afterwards captured Chippenham, with all the Ammunition.

Item the 15 th of December to a rate to Col. Slingsbye .	iiij ^a	
Item the 14 th of Januarye to a rate for Beds	iiij ^a	j ^d
Item the 15 th of Januarye to a rate for Cheife Baron & other things to the Devizes		xxj ^d
Item the same daye for 2 monethes cont ^r	xiiij ^a	
Item the 6 th of februarye to a rate for wheate & Salte to the Devizes		xj ^d
Item to Captaine Owen Three monethes contribucon the 15 th of februarye	xxxiiij ^a	
Item the first of March to a Rate for Col. Slingsbye .	iiij ^a	viiij ^d
Item the same daye to a Rate for workemen to Bath & for pvison to Lacock & Lackham	xj ^a	
Item the ffourth of March to a rate for worke to Lacock	iiij ^a	vi ^d
Item the 13 th of March for 3 weeks contribucon to Lacock	viiij ^a	iiij ^d
Item the 20 th of March for worke to Lacock	ij ^a	
Item the 27 th of March 1645 for worke to Lacock	ij ^a	
Item the 28 th to a Rate for Laycock		xiiij ^d
Item the second of Aprill for 3 weeks contribucon .	viiij ^a	iiij ^d
Item the same daye to a Rate for Malte & other things to the Devizes	iiij ^a	ij ^d
Item to a Rate for Col: Dabridge courte	xv ^a	ij ^d
Item the 16 th of Maye 2 moneths contrib to Malmesburye	xiiij ^a	
Item the 22 th of Maye to a rate of 29 ^l	xvj ^a	ix ^d
Item the 29 th of Maye to a rate for Labor ^s to Lacock .	viiij ^a	viiij ^d
Item the same daye for a monethes contribucon to Malmesburye	xv ^a	vj ^d
Item the 18 th of Jule for a monethes contribucon to Malmesburye	xj ^a	vj ^d
Item the 23 th of July to a rate for 19 weeks contribucon to Lacock	liij ^a	iiij ^d
Item the ffirst of August to a rate for Labourers to Lacock	ix ^a	viiij ^d
Item the 29 th of August to a rate of 6 weeks contribucon to Col. Devereux	xvij ^a	iiij ^d
Item the 23 th of September to a rate to Malmesburye .	viiij ^a	vj ^d

Item payed to the last 6 weeks contribucon to Lacock .	xvij ^s	iiij ^d
Item to a rate of 8 ^l 12 ^s 6 ^d	v ^s	vj ^d
1645. Item for 2 ^{lb} of pitch to marke sheepe		iiij ^d
Item for spreadinge abroad of stones in Westmead Lane		vj ^d
Item for pounding of Cattle out of Westmead		vj ^d
Item to John fleetwood & his sonne for digging stones att Redhill & setting a Broadstone	vij ^s	
Item for setting upp of greate stones for the safeguard of the Causwaye & mendinge the same near the topp of Redhill	iiij ^s	viiij ^d
Item for 18 dayes worke for mendinge the Causwaye & borderinge the sides thereof w th greate stones att redhill att Sindawes gate & over against the Weawe	xlij ^s	
Item towards the demolishinge of Lacock works	iiij ^s	vj ^d
Item 2 monethes contribucon in arreare	xi ^s	vj ^d
Item for a monethes contribucon in October 1645 to Malmesburye	vj ^s	viiij ^d
Item for 5 monethes contribucon more to Malmesburye	xxiiij ^s	viiij ^d
Item for washinge of the Guildhall Chamber		xij ^d
Item to ffarrington Garrison for 3 monethes contribucon	xx ^s	
Item more 6 weekes contribucon to ffarrington	x ^s	
Item to Richard Ball for doeing a Message to a Colonell at Calne		xij ^d
Itm to Walter fleetwood beeing sent to Steeple Ashton in a Message to Col: Longe	iiij ^s	ivij ^d
Item for 3 pintes of Sack given to Col. Longe	ij ^s	iiij ^d
Item for 4 monethes contribucon to Bristoll	xxviii ^s	
Item for qrteringe of Col. Cookes Regim ^t	xxiiij ^s	ij ^d
Item to Walter fleetwood for goeing in a Message to Bath to Cap ^t Eyres	iiij ^s	vj ^d
Item to Mr. Bull for his paines and expences in riding to Bristol to ^(A) Maior Skippon to remove Soldiers		

(A) Sergeant-Major-General of the Parliamentary Army, Major-General of the London Militia, and Governor of Bristol. He commanded the Infantry at the battle of Naseby.

Item for the hire of a horse to Bath for Adam Gouldnye to ride thither to speake with the ^(A) Lord Genall for removeinge the soldiers from hence		xviiij ^d
Item to John fflower for ridinge to Edington for his paynes & the horse hire	iiij ^s	vj ^d
Item to Edward Berrye for engrossinge a Peticon & a Letter		xviiij ^d
Item a pottle of wine to a Captaine att Mr. Woodlands	ij ^s	iiij ^d
Item to a rate for quarteringe of Soldiers	viiij ^s	iiij ^d
Item to a rate of the Constables layeinge out	vj ^s	iiij ^d
1646. Item to Thomas Scotesdaen & his wief for carryeinge the Toppes of the Trees w ^{ch} made Burleaze style and Englands style		04 04
Item spent w th the consent of the company the 19 th of November upon Capt. Harkson when he was goeinge towards Ireland	04 ^s	00 ^d
It. to Edmund Brinsdone for the Assart Rent & the acquittance		09 04
It. to hym for the Distresse		01 00
Item the same tyme upon hym and the Countye troope w ^{ch} came w th hym		03 06
Item to Rob ^t Newman for carryeing a letter to Bremble from some of the Souldiers Officers quartered in this Towne to some other Souldiers w ^{ch} were then quartered at Bremble aforesaid w ^{ch} would have quartered here alsoe		01 00
It. to the Constables towards a Rate for the Relief of the Brittish in Irelande		
Item for this Accountants & the Constables expenses at seurall tymes to take of one moneths Contrib to Bristoll		02 08
It. for the hyre of a horse the same daye to Bidstone & Slaughtford		01 00
It. at another tyme in expenses when Nathaniel Thorley		

(A) Oliver Cromwell.

Rob ^t Smithe & this accountant unto Capt. Atkinson & Capt. Trevors about discharging the last moneths contrib: to Bristoll	03	00
It. more in expenses when this accountant & John Moxham went to Bidstone ij seull tymes to treat w th Capt. Atkinson about the same business	03	00
Item more in expenses upon Capt. Atkinson & Capt. Trevors when they came hither concerning thaforsaid Monethes Contrib.	02	02
It. to John Moxham & John Alford Constables towards a Rate of Six Monethes paye for the Releif of the Brittische in Irelande	08	6
It. upon another rate towards the releif of the infected psons & places of this countye	02	08
Item upon another Rate towards the said infected psons & places	00	10
Item to the Constables for quarteringe pte of the Countye troope when the said Edmund Brimsdon came w th them to collect the Assart Rent	02	04
Item upon a Rate towards the maynetenaunce of (A) S ^r Thomas fairefax his Armye	04	00
Item to the Constables upon a rate towards their owne layeing out	03	04
It. for makeinge proclamicon twoe seull tymes for settinge water at eche inhitants doore in the tyme of heate & drieth this last Sumer	00	08
It. to Mr. Neate the x th of ffebr. for chardgs of lawe in sueinge for the comon stock.	02	16 08

ABOUT THE TOWNE WELL.

1647. To Philip Cogswell for stones & for his horse to fetch them & for mortar & to ffisher for his paynes then & there	00	05	00
To Richard Punchin Mason for his worke about the said Well	00	04	06

(A) Generalissimo of the Parliamentary Forces. In September, 1645, he took Devizes and Farleigh Castle, and Lacock House.

PAIED FOR AND TOWARDS THE MAYNETENANCE OF THE FORCES OF THIS
KINGDOME AND TO THE CONSTABLES RATES :—

	l.	s.	d.
Item xx th of January for 6 months paie for the Armye	01	04	00
It. 4 th of Aprill last for 3 moneths paye more	00	13	06
It. about y ^e latter end of June for 3 moneths paye	00	13	06
It. about y ^e 4 th of October for 3 moneths paye more	00	13	00
It. to a rate when Jo: Moxham & Jo: Alford were Constables	00	04	00
It. upon another rate to Jo: fflower & Tho: Twyne Constables	00	04	00

IN EXTRAORDINARYE PAYMENTS.

Item when S ^r Edward Bayntun was at the Hart in expenses w th hym for a gallon of sack	00	05	04
Item when the quarter Sessions was adiourned from Marle- borrowe to Chippenham to Edward Stockman & his brother for setting up a barr in the Guildhall	00	1	4
For mendinge the ffoormes in the Chamber	00	1	0
It for the Raylestaye up the Guildhall Chamber stayres in mendinge it	00	0	4
It for Spriggs & nayles	00	0	6
It for carryinge awaye the tressells & boords & to Gyles Humfrye for makeinge cleane the Guildhall	00	2	00
For two postes for the Barr	00	00	08
It to Gyles Lyme by the appoyntme ^t of the Justics for makeinge seual pclamacons of certayne matters applyinge to the Sessions	00	00	04
It to the Glazier for mendinge the Chamber windowes twoe seuall tymes	00	03	00
It in expenses at the Hart for a potte of sacke w th Mr. Alexander Popham	00	02	08
It to Giles Humfrye for carriage of a Letter to ^(A) Mr. William Eyre	00	00	08

(A) Of Neston, near Corsham.

It to Giles Humfrye to guyde Cap ^t Popham to Bremble & for horsehire & other paynes	00	2	0
It at the Hart in expenses upon the said Capt :	00	2	6
It in expenses at the Hart w th S ^r John Petties & the rest of his companye when he brought writings for the receyvinge of M ^r Smiths Legacye of x ^l p Annum	00	10	10
It to M ^r Neate for entringe seull actions in the Hundred Court agst diverse psons on the behalfe of the Bayliffe & Burgesses	00	06	00
It to Nathaniel Thorley in the tyme of his Baylyewecke for 4 musketts on the behalfe of the Borrough at 1 ^l the muskett	04	00	00
Item for xiiij Cushions	01	4	0
Item to Gyles Humfrye for newe stuffinge them	00	00	06
Item 5 yards of carpettinge at 2 ^s 6 ^d the yard for the Table boord in the Guildhall Chamber	00	12	06
1649. Item received of one M ^r Withers an officer under the Lord Genall Cromwell for 400 horsebeasts feeding for one nyght in Westmeade when they brought the Convoye w th ammunition for service designed for Ireland	06	13	00
It the 27 th of Julye for the horsbeasts w th another Convoye for Ireland	03	00	00
It for 192 trees sold & felled in the Copice at 2 ^s per tree	18	12	00
Item paid to the ffreeholders in recompence of their after leazue or feedinge in Westmeade w ^{ch} was soe eaten up as afores ^d	2	7	6
Item to Philip Cogswell Sen : & William Erwood in recompence of their twoe ffarthendels of grasse in Westmeade not cutt w ^{ch} were eaten up by the horsbeasts w ^{ch} came w th the ffirst convoye	0	13	0
Item to John Alford in recompence of part of a ffarthendel of made haye w ^{ch} were soe eaten up as aforesaid	0	03	04
Item by Genall consent & agreeme ^t out of the extraordinarye pfitts aforesaid & out of the moneyes raised by the sale of the said trees out of the said Copice to 100 xi ffreemen at 3 ^s a peece	16	13	00

Item to James Essington for moneys disbursed towards the amendm ^t of the waye in the hither pte of the Woodlane leadinge to Inglands & Boltscraft	03	00	00
It to Nathaniel Thorley a Collector upon a Rate towards the maynetance of the Armyes	0	12	06
Item to the said Con ^{bles} towards the quarteringe of Co ^{ll} Hortons Souldiers	0	01	0
Item paid to the Sheriffe for his ffee upon the sealinge of the indenture by the high Sheriffe concerninge the eleccon of William Eyre Esq. to be a Burgesse of the Parliame ^t House for & on the behalfe of this said Borroughe	0	07	06
Item 8 th of June to the said Cons ^{bles} for 3 monethes paye towards the maynetence of the forces of England and Ireland	0	19	0
It to Rob ^t Smithe for a pottle of Sack & a Pottle of Clarrett wh ^{ch} was psented unto Genall Cromwell when he dyned at the Whyte Hart in his journey towards Bristoll for Ireland	0	4	8
It for a quart of sack psented unto S ^r Edward Bayntun being at Thomas Nashes house	0	1	4
It for a quart of sack to Co ^{ll} Alexander Popham & his Brother upon their return from Bristoll	0	1	4
It at seull tymes to poore passengers w ^{ch} came by passes	0	2	6
It to Edward Berrye for drawing & ingr: a Peticon to be psented to ⁽¹⁾ S ^r John Danvers on the behalfe of the inhitants, and for his extraordinarye writinge & attendance	0	5	4
Item spent at the Hart upon S ^r John Danvers's Steward to whom the said Peticon was delivered to be psented as aforesaid in Wyne 2 ^s . & in beere 2 ^d		02 ^s .	02 ^d .
Item for amendinge bounds between Little Westmeade & Great Westmeade	01	0	
Item to Richard Bond for a tree to make a bridge next to Mr. Bull's ground.		03	00

(A). The Regicide; he was M.P. for the University of Oxford, and sat as one of the Judges at the Trial of Charles I. His sister Lucy married Sir Henry Bayntun. His elder brother was created Baron Doodres of Dauntsey by James I., and Earl of Danby by Charles I.

1649. ffor a quart of Sack to a quarter Ma: w ^{ch} came to quarter souldiers upon the Towne	0	01	04
Item for quarteringe three foote souldiers	0	05	0
Item for the hire of a horse for this accountant to take a survey w th others of the seull lands belongeinge to the Tene ^t in Rowdons Downe	0	0	6
Item to a Surveyor for takeinge a survey of the Borroughe .	0	0	8
For the reliefe of three souldiers	0	0	6
For the reliefe of one souldier	0	0	4
More towards the reliefe of 3 other souldiers	0	0	6
More upon a Rate for & towards the pvisone of Drums Colors & Trumpetts for the Service of the Comon Wealthe in this Countie.	0	2	0
ffor six Monethes Contrib: at or ^t . or ^s 4 ^d . eche three monethes for the Armyes	2	2	8
To Richard Lovell for his help to measure the acres in Westmeade	0	0	2
The totall sume concerninge the Receipts & pfitts of the Borroughe lands are	75	0	02
The Disbursmen ^{ts} are	41	14	08
The Remynder is	33	05	6
1650. It. p ^d the 26 th Oct: 1650 towards a Rate for the Maintenance of the Armyes	0	14	3
Item to Adam Goldneye and William Twininge late con- stables upon their rate for chardges & expenses by them laied out in the tyme of their late office for the service of the Comon wealth & otherwise in releivinge poore souldiers & other poore passengers	0	2	8
It the 17 th of Januarye upon another rate towards the said maynetenance of the Armyes	01	7	6
Item to the Constables upon a rate for the settinge forthe the Militia	0	6	10
It. to Theoph: Baylyffe upon a proportionable rate (with others) sett upon the Borroughe Lands towards his expenses & wages as a Trooper in the service of the Militia	0	2	6

Item more towards the payme ^t for a horse that was sett forthe in the service of the Comon Wealthe in the late expedi- tion towards ^(A) Worcester agaynst the Scottishe partye . . .	0	2	8
Item for pte of a moneths paye & for pte of a sword & saddle for the said Theoph. settinge forthe wth the rest of the Countye troope on the 29 th of August towards the late fight at Worcester	0	15	10
Item to Roger Warne for the Tythes of the Borroughe Lands due the last yeare in the time of Gabr: Goldneye his Baylyewecke	02	00	00
Item to Richard Lovell for his paynes in destroyinge & killinge the Moles or Wants for one whole year	0	10	6
Item when Coll: Alexander Popham lodged at the Hart psented unto him a pottle of sack	0	03	0
1651. Paied unto Mr. Bird the Undersheriffe of this Countye for the Assart Rent in the chardge of Lawrence Washington Esqr late High Sheriffe of this Countye	0	9	0
More to Linzey the Smithe for a newe seale to seale the Leather wthall	0	3	0
Item to the Constables towards a rate for the repayringe the Bridge neere Salisburie	0	10	0
Paied to Edw. Berrye for draweing & ingrossing a Peticon & a Letter	0	01	6
More to the Poste for sendinge the Peticon to the Clark of the Comittee	0	00	6
To Samuel Salter for cuttinge and carryeing awaye of Thistles in Englands	0	2	0
More to Tho. Lanfier for amendinge of bounds since the Hayminge of Westmeade	0	0	6
Paied a Labourer for a dayes work	0	1	0
Of Thomas Buy for his ffarthendel of Grasse in Westmeade	0	10	0

(A) A large body of Scots had marched into England to assist the Royalists; they were defeated by Cromwell on 3rd September, 1651, at the celebrated battle of Worcester; where, it is stated, that 2,000 Royalists were slain, and 8,000 taken prisoners.

Charles II. escaped, and after hazardous adventures, including the well-known episode of his concealment in an oak tree, near Boscobel, crossed to France on the 15th October.

1652. Paied to the Constables upon their rates for the releivinge of poore distressed souldiers carryeing of Cripples & for other charitable uses. 0 05 6

More the 3rd of October 1652 for 03 moneths paye towards the maynetenance of the Armyes & Navyes

More to James Essington for twoe horsebeasts that were chardged upon the Borroughe by S^r Edward Hungerford for the service of the Parl^t and were lost in that service 10 0 0

To Gyles Humphrey for 3 dayes work at 9^d a daye 0 02 3

To Bond the Weaver for 3 dayes work at 9^d a daye - - 0 02 3

To Mr. Scott for 13 Bucketts for the chardge of the Borroughe at 3^s 4^d p Buckett 02 03 04

To Mr. Thomas Neate for chardge concerninge the high wayes of this pishe wch were indicted in the upper bench office & for the dischardge of the indictme^t 02 08 0

More paied for the dischardge of an indictme^t agaynst the inhabitants concerninge Backavon bridge 0 10 0

To Mr. Thorleye for expenses in goeing to the Devizes Sessions agaynst the inhabitants of Stanlye for refusinge to paye their rates towards the highwayes 01 0 0

for expenses with Mr. Peters S^r Edward Bayntun's servant at the Bell 0 0 6

To Rob^t Starr for a horsbeaste of his passed in the tyme of the late warre on the behalfe of the Borroughe 05 10 0

for beere to make the workmen drinck 0 0 6

for beere to make other Laborers drinck 0 0 6

To the Masons for Copinge the Bridge 0 3 0

Delivered over in chardge by William Kyte unto William Edwards nowe Bayliffe these pticulars followeinge (That is to saye)

Twoe Charters in twoe long black Boxes the desk Box & diverse Counterpts of Leases acquittances & other writings therein with the Statute booke.

Thirteen Bucketts of black leather.

Three ladders & a Towne Crooke with a Locke & a Chayne.

1654. To Mr. Norbourne for his advice & Council upon the Towne Charter	01	0	0
To Gyles Humfrye for carryeing the Charter to Calne	0	1	0
More for expenses at Calne concerninge Thomas Cotton Mr. Goldnyes Tenant	00	1	0
ffor expenses at Margaret fflowers when Cottons bill was answered	00	00	11
To John Steevens for six sugar Loves waighinge 18 ^{lb} & 03 quarters at 01 ^s 4 ^d per lb wch were psented unto Coll Popham	01	05	00
To Edward Berie for writinge in the Comisson at the Bel betweene Tho: Cotton Mr. Goldnyes Tenant platiffe & this Accountant & Mr. Richard Scott & others Defdts	00	05	00
More then spent at the Bell in beere & pvisons	0	13	0
More towards the ffine for the Purchase of Little Englands wch is to be repayed by Coll: Popham	42	0	0
To Mr. Norborne for interest money for the loane of 100 ^l for halfe a yeare	01	10	0
To Gabr: Goldnye Jun ^r for 08 loades of stone at 14 ^d the Loade to make a wall at the upper end of Inglands next to Mr. Bull's house	0	09	04
For haling these stones thither	00	12	00
To Henrye Gulliver Mason for making a wall there	00	02	08
1655. Receid of Col ^l Alexander Popham wch William Edwards in his tyme disbursed for the remaynder of the purchase of Little Inglands	42	0	0
Paied to Nathaniel Thorley for psecutinge the suite con- cerninge Mr. Raye's Will	06	10	0
Paied in expenses when Col ^l Pophams heire and his familye lodged at the Hart for wine for them and others wch resorted to them	01	06	0
More to the Ringers when Col ^l Popham's children lodged in Towne	00	03	00

More in expenses at the Hart when Mr. Stokes and Mr. Greene mett upon Major-Genrall Desbrowe's reference unto them upon Mr. Goldnyes Peticon	00	05	2
To Simon Hulbert for Beere to the Ringers when Col ^l Popham lodged at the Hart & for candles	00	04	01
More at the Hart for wine for Capt. Edward Scotton when some part of the companye came before him concerninge Mr. Goldnye	00	02	10
1656. More when the Lord Protector ^(A) was pclaymed To the Ringers & spent at the Hart	00	13	3
More for readinge of certayne Acts wch were sent by the Sheriffe and naylinge them to the Postes	00	01	00
1657. Receid of Nathaniel Thorlye for moneys by him formerlie disbursed concerninge the Suite depending betweene this & other townships of thone part and the Exors or occupiers of Mr. Raye's Lands of thother pte	10	00	00
More repayed that wch was added unto Mr. Gale's moneys the last yeare on St. Thomas daye	01	00	00
More in expenses at the Bel when the Lord Protector was pclaymed & to the Ringers	00	13	00
To John Gabye for 10 loades of stone	00	03	06
1658. P ^d Sam: Ellyott for a brasse halfe peck	00	10	0 ⁰
P ^d to William Messiter for payntinge Colonell Pophams Armes	01	00	0
P ^d William Head for mending the Towne well	00	01	02
P ^d William Head for mendinge ^(a) the Crosse	00	11	00
P ^d for ij sacks of Lyme for the Crosse	00	02	00
1659. Rec ^d of John Glanvill Esqr. & Charles ffrye for their being made ffree at 20 ^a a peece	02	00	00
Paied to the Churchwardens upon a rate for y ^e relief of y ^e prisoners in y ^e Gaole Maymed Souldiers & Mariners	00	01	00

(A) Oliver Cromwell assumed the title of "The Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England Scotland and Ireland," on the 16th of December, 1653. with the style of "His Highness."

(a) No further mention of the Cross is found amongst the records.

Itm to y ^e Ringers on the 23 th of febr: upon declareinge of y ^e Parl ^t to call in y ^e ^(A) secluded Members	00	05	00
Itm to a rate for Drumes & Cullers	00	02	00
Itm for a Pike for ye Burroughe	00	05	06
Itm to Richard Sorrell for 4 dayes paye as a Souldier	00	05	06
Itm to y ^e Cons ^{bles} & Assessors for pole money	02	04	00

ATT THE PROCLAIMEINGE OF Y^E KINGS MA^{TIE} Y^E 12TH DAYE OF MAYE 1660.^(B)

ffor wine on the Company & on the chief officers of the Souldiers then quarteringe in Towne	02	12	00
Item to the Comon Souldiers to drink withall	02	00	00
Item to the Townesmen that were Musketteeres	00	10	00
Item to the Ringers	00	10	00
Item for Gunpowder	00	04	00

ABOUT THE BRIDGE.

Item for a loade of Corsham stone & carriage to amend the Arch next beyond the halfe Bridge	00	11	00
Itm of William Hulbert for a yeares rent of y ^e Tenement in Rowden Downe ended at y ^e Ladye day last	11	00	00
Itm of John Webb for a yeares rent of Pipsmore before hand	12	00	00
Itm of Adam Gouldney for a yeares rent of Rowdon Downe Copice	22	00	00
Itm of Richard Steevens for a yeares rent of Burleaze before hand	06	00	00
Itm of William Woodroffe for a yeares rent of twoe Acres of Land in his Inclosure in Pipsmore	00	13	04

(A) General Monk, declaring for a free Parliament, caused to be called together all the surviving Members of the old or long, Parliament, who had been expelled by Colonel Pride in 1648.

(B) Although Charles II. did not become King *de facto*, until the 29th of May, 1660, his regnal years were computed from the death of his Father, 30th of January, 1648-9, so that the year of his restoration is called the *twelfth* of his reign.

During the Commonwealth, from the 30th of January, 1649, to the 29th of May, 1660, no other date was used in public instruments, than the year of our Lord, the month, and the day of the month.

Itm of Thomas Bence for a yeares rent of certaine lands lying dispersedly in y ^e fields	01	09	06
Itm of Henry Lambert for a yeares rent of y ^e Inclosure in Little field	04	10	00
Itm of William Edwards for the winter leaze of one hundred & thirty sheepe in Inlands Boltscroft & Westmeade	09	10	00
Itm of 27 Inhabitants for their sumr feeding in Englands and Boltscroft at 5 ^s 4 ^d apeece	07	04	00
Itm of y ^e Burgesses & other y ^e Inhabitants for 34 acres of grasse in Westmeade this accomptants acre being one	06	16	00
Paied for a new stamp to seale y ^e leather	00	04	00
Itm to Gabriel Gouldney wh he laied out about y ^e new Inclosure	00	06	06
Itm to y ^e Sheriffe for 2 years rent for Englands & Boltscroft & 4 ^d y ^e Acquittance	00	18	04
Itm to y ^e Corroner 13 ^s 04 ^d & to the Bayliffe for sumonninge y ^e Jurye about y ^e death of Eastmeades Childe	00	15	10
Itm for sending a letter to London by y ^e post	00	00	06
Itm to y ^e Churchwardens for Gaole & Marshalsey moneys	00	01	03

ATT Y^e CORRONACON OF THE KINGS MA^{T^H} Y^e 23TH OF APRILL ANO DOM : 1661.

Imprimis to John Steevens John Webb & sevall other Shop-keepers for Gun powdr spent y ^t day	04	15	05
Itm for Match	00	00	09
Itm to severall victuallers for Bread cheese & tobacco	05	07	10
Itm to y ^e Ringers	00	14	06
Itm to y ^e Drummers	00	05	00
Itm to Samuell Ellyott for lendinge Pikes Musketts & other Armes	00	05	00
Itm to William Russell for 12 dozen of ffacketts	00	12	00

l. s. d.
Sume is 11 19 08

1661. To the Sheriffe for y ^e sealinge the ^(A) Counter bond between Sr Edward Hungerford & the Towne	00	04	00
Itm to John Shorte & ffancis Withers for a rate for y ^e Trained Band Armes for y ^e Burrough lands	02	01	06
Itm to John Gent for timber and work to hang y ^e Armes on in ye Guildhall	00	01	00
Itm to Thomas ffar for Scowringe y ^e Armes	00	02	04
Itm to John Shorte & ffancis Withers Cons ^{bles} for 3 Monethes Contribucon	01	02	00
Itm for y ^e May pole to make a ladder	00	05	00
Itm for a new key for y ^e Towne box	00	00	04
Itm for beere on ye Kings Coronacon day	00	04	00
Itm for powder y ^e same day	00	09	04
Itm to Thomas ffar for scowringe 2 Musketts & two swords Itm for Wine when Mr. Seymours letter was written	00	03	06
Itm spent on Col ^l Pophams men at ye Hart	00	01	02
Itm to William Taverner & John ffleetwoode for 6 dayes worke to throw Hills in Inglands	00	02	06
Itm p ^d Richard Sheppard & old Taverner for beating clatts in Inglands	00	06	00
Itm p ^d Richard Sheppard & old Taverner for beating clatts in Inglands	00	04	08
1662. Itm expended in Beare and Powder and payed the Drummer the Kings Coronacon day	00	18	00
Itm to John Scott and Henry Gouldney for one Mounthes Contribucon	00	08	11
Itm payed to the Ringers when the Kinge and Queen came to Bath	00	05	00
Itm for makeinge the fflores att William Hulberts house at Rowdon downe	00	06	00
1663. Itm of Adam Gouldney for the Winterleaze of Inglands & Westmeade	09	00	00
Itm rec ^d of Christopher Batt towards the money disbursed in psecuting of the Suite for the Guift given by Mr. Rayes Will unto the poore Clothiers of Chippenham	02	00	00

(A) Still amongst the Corporation documents.

Itm payed for extraordinaries in settinge forthe of Souldiers for Malmesbury	01	01	00
Itm in wine spent when Col ^l Popham and the ^(A) Lord Seymour was in Towne	00	13	06
Remaininge due betweene Gabriell Gouldney the younger & John Scott	02	11	03
1664. Itm p ^d to Robert Crewe & Edward Langfier towards the Royall Ayd money	01	07	00
Itm p ^d one mounthes pay to the Malitia	00	10	00
Itm layed out upon the Ring ^m the 5 th of November	00	01	06
1665. Itm payed unto Edward Bayliffe and Josephe Streete the Constables Rate	00	11	00
Itm payed unto Nathaniell Russe for twoe dayes muster & for powder & Bullets	00	05	09
Itm payed unto William Stevens & Humfry fford for the Royall Ayde and Supply	02	13	04
Itm to Nathaniell Russe for twoe dayes Muster & for a Pound of Powder & to the Muster Master	00	05	10
Itm to Samuell Elliott for newe stocking the Muskett & for a new steele & for scouringe and amendinge the Armes seull tymes	00	07	08
Itm to Thos. Esmeade & 2 Bushells of coale & fflower ffaggotts and Candles for the Watch	00	08	00
Itm to Abell Bromam for the use of his House	00	01	00
Itm to Henry Stevens to carry a Letter to Readinge	00	00	06
Itm to William Ady & John Brookes for the Releife of the Poore Infected of Newe Sarum	00	02	02
Itm spent upon the Ringers att Harmonds	00	02	00
Itm to 17 ^(B) Seamen that had passed att seull tymes	00	05	01

(A) Charles, 2nd Lord Seymour of Trowbridge; his mother was eldest daughter and co-heir of Sir Gilbert Prynne, of Allington. His daughter, Frances, married Sir George Hungerford, of Cadenham.

(B) During the war with Holland, the Dutch, under De Ruyter, took possession of the Mouth of the Thames, and desperate conflicts occurred, ere he was finally repulsed.

Itm for half a ^{lb} of powder & a pound of Bullett for the Watch	00	01	00
1667. Item ffor my horses Journey to Hamsteede	00	03	06
Itm for William Edwards his horse the same Journey	00	04	06
Itm expenses in the Journey	00	09	01
Itm spent at the Beare that day wee made the Lists of the poores money S ^t Tho: day	00	01	06
Itm distributed to the poore the interest of Mr. Bailliffe's Tenn Poundes		12	0
Itm spent at the Bell S ^t Thomas day after our Ordinary was paid	00	01	06
Itm to Charles Glovier for the horse wee prsented to S ^r francis Popham	12	10	00
Itm expenses at the same time	00	16	00
Itm to the Ringers	00	06	00
Itm spent at Corsham when we went to ^(A) S ^r Edward Hungerford	00	01	04
Itm to Joseph Bond Golledge and Cowles for helpeinge at the fire bringeinge downe of the Ladders and losse of their Coards	00	01	04
1668. Itm Rec ^d into the Towne stock from Mr. Robert Jefferies by the appointm ^t of S ^r Edward Hungerford	15	00	00
Itm to Mr. Thomas Neate for draweinge the Deeds betweene S ^r Edward Hungerford & the Borrough & Reeves & for Councells fee	01	10	00
Item paid to the Reg ^r	01	00	00
Itm for measureinge & layeinge out the Land	00	08	00
Itm spent at ffoxham	00	00	06
Itm att Corsham at sealinge of the Deed of Exchange	00	08	00
1669. Itm rec ^d of Henry Gouldney late Bayliffe to pfecte the accompt betweene John Scott and Gabriell Gouldney clothiers	00	04	07

(A) The Spendthrift Sir Edward, who sold Corsham House, Manor and Estates, to Mr. Kent, M.P. for Chippenham.

Itm p ^d att the Hart att the sealinge of the Deeds betweene S ^r Edward Hungerford and the Bayliffe & Burgesses of the Burrough	00	16	06
Itm p ^d Henry Rogers for measureinge and devideinge the Borroughe Lands at ffoxham	00	05	06
Itm spent with M ^r Samuell Ashe for his kindness hee expressed to the Towne about Mr. Hennfirs poore	00	03	00
Itm pd Henry Winckworth for the rente of his Land in Abden Corner	00	03	00
1670. Item received of Henry Gouldney being pte of the Towne stock due to the Burroughe from John Scott late Bailiff & received out of the lands lying att Cocklebrough neare Chippenham aforesaid	20	18	11
Itm rec ^d of Thomas Long gent. for the tenement & lands att Rowden Downe	6	0	0
1671. Itm p ^d William Head for an Upping stone att Derry Hill	0	8	0
It. p ^d for carrying the stone thither	0	2	8
It. p ^d the Book-bynder for a booke to enter Charitable Guifts It. spent att the Hart att a conference about going to S ^r ffrancis Popham	0	4	6
It. spent att the Hart att a conference about going to S ^r ffrancis Popham	0	7	0
It. p ^d to carry Water to bee sett att doores	0	0	6
It. given to the Ringers when S ^r ffrancis Popham lay here .	0	5	0
And then spent att the Bell xij ^d . & att the Hart xxi ^s . ij ^d . yn all	1	2	2
It. for 2 Ladders in the Shambles	0	16	0
It. for a broad stone for a bridge att Englands	0	3	6
It. for carriage of 2 great stones to the Causeway belowe the Derry	0	3	0
1672. Item paid Adam Gouldney ffor what he laid out ffor glasing the windowes att the Tenement near Rowden Downe 1 ^s . 6 ^d . and for laying the hills in the ground there 13 ^s . 3 ^d	0	14	9
Item paid the Rate towards the reparacon of Harnham Bridge.	00	00	08

Item paid Richard Deanes ffor new marking the old Meere- stones and putting in ffive new meerestones in Westmeade	00	02	08
Item paid to Robert Aland and James Gingell ffor the 2 ffirst payes ffor the supply of his Maj ^{ties} extraordinary occasions	03	02	00
Item this Accomptants allowance and ffor his under bayliffes livery	06	00	00
Item paid to Sjt Maynarde ffor his opinion a Guynny and ffor a coppie of the Charter 2 ^l 6 ^d	01	04	00

THE AFORESAID ACCOMPT WAS MADE AND YEELDED UP (ACCORDING TO THE
DECREE OF THE HIGH COTE OF CHAUNCERY) IN THAT BEHALFE MADE
UPON THE EIGHTH DAYE OF OCTOBER ANNO DNI M.D.C.LXXIIJ^o.

1673. Item paid for one yeares Assesm ^t to the Kings pay for the Borrough Lands	6	4	0
Item paid for Assart Rent for greate Inghlands w ^{ch} was due att Michas 1673	0	9	4
Item paid Thomas ffitch for clensing Inghlands Poole	0	1	8
Item paid for helping att the Bridge att the tyme of the flood	0	1	0
Item paid Richard Deanes for beating the earth small about the Trenching	0	6	0
Item paid for watching of Mr. Long's Cowes	0	2	0
Item paid Richard Deanes for three dayes Labour & a halfe att the ffoods att Westmeade	0	3	6
1674. Item paid Richard Deanes for beating abroad the Clods in Westmeade	0	10	4
Item paid the Ringers S ^t George his daye	0	5	0
Item paid for mowing making & ricking the 4 acres of grasse w ^{ch} are refused by the said Burgesses	1	13	6
Item paid Richard Serrell for a Stone to make a Drocke	0	3	6
Item paid them also for pitching the Cawsey against Inghlands Stile	0	4	7
Item paid for a Planke Stone w ^{ch} was used at the Cawsey	0	0	6
Item paid for 2 loads of stones used at Cricketts Lane & carriage	0	5	0

Item paid for 2 loads more of stones and one load of sand and carriage to the Causey against Hardings Coppice	0	7	0
1675. Paid John Jones for amending the wayts and scales belonging to the Burrough	00	02	03
Paid John Wilshire for Drums &c	00	02	07
Paid Thomas Linsey for cleansing Two Musketts and amending the locks and for cleansing and amending five Pickes and five Swords being a part of the Burrough Armes	01	04	00
Paid Richard Vizer for amending the glasse in the Chamber where the Burgessese do meet	00	05	07
Paid for a new Borrough Seale the sume of	01	04	00
Paid for a Writ against the Rushmen of Laycocke for the pservacon of the Libty of the Borrough	00	08	00
Paid Samuel Elliott for 2 paire of Bandileers	00	04	00
Paid for the Statute book for Assize of bread	00	01	06
1676. Paid for wyne to treat the Deputy Leivetennts	01	00	00
Paid for 2 rates touching the Souldiers and bringing the Armes together	01	13	00
Paid John Jones for the Bellmans bell	00	15	00
Paid the Crier att severall times.	00	01	02
Paid for amending of the well at the Hall Chamb ^r	00	01	02
Paid to the rate for the whipping post and pillary the sume.	00	15	00
Paid the Burgesses S ^r Thomas day when the moneys was distributed amongst the Inhabitants.	00	10	00
1677. Paid William Bedford towards the Rate for building of Shippes of Warr	00	13	04
Paid att the Bell for wine to treat the Justices att the Monethly Meeting	00	14	00
Gave to S ^r James Long's man	00	00	06
Paid Mr. Rogers for drawing the new Deedes for Inglands and ffoxham	02	00	00
1678. Paid the Constables Rate ffor the Traine Souldiers ffor the Burrough Lands	01	01	00

Paid ffor wine to treat ^(A) Coll ^t Duckett and Major Stokes	00	04	00
Paid ffor wine to treat ^(B) Sr ^r James Long	00	02	04
Paid my expenses in goeing to the Sessions off Marlebrough to take the Oathes according to the late Act of Parliam ^t	00	09	10
Paid Mr. Gabriell Gouldney ffor the use of Mr. Edmonds ffor Tithes ffor the Burrough Lands ffor the yeare 1678 (except ffor Westmeade)	02	06	08
Paid William Bedford the ffirst pay towards the Kings Tax ffor disbanding the Army and other uses	00	13	04
ffor post letters about Gales money and Pophams money for the Apprentices	00	01	00
ffor the Certificate in pchm ^t of receiving the Sacram ^t	00	01	00
Paid the Constables for Trophie moneys	00	03	03
Paid Richard Deanes for geathering the Armes	00	05	00
Paid Henry Gale for proclaiming the Eleccion	00	01	00
Paid for stone carriage and workemanship in repairing one of the Arches of the Bridge	05	06	03
Paid Henry Winckworth ffor carriage of one Loade of Stones from Haslebury	00	08	00
Paid att the Anker for Beer ffor the ploughmen and Labourers	00	04	07
1679. Paid William Bedford a qrterly pay towards the Kings pay for the disbanding the army & other uses	00	13	00
Spent at the writeing of a letter to One of the Lords of the Privy Councill	00	02	04
Spent at the Sessions when the Burgesses took their Oaths	01	07	04
Gave the Clerke & Sexton when myselfe together with the Burgesses received the Sacram ^t	00	01	06
Paid for tredding out ye Grass in Westmeade	00	11	04
Paid John Sealy for setting up ye pales at the Towne Hall & for the timber	03	01	04

(A) Of Hartham House.

(B) Of Draycot.

1680. Paid to Mr. Eyre & Mr. Pawlett for their advice touching an Answer to two sevall Lres sent to this Burrough from the King and Councill and expences	02	05	06
Spent when the aforesaid Lres were answered & page of the same	00	05	09
Paid for a hundred & a halfe of Tennpenny Nayles	00	01	01
Paid to Sr Edw. Hungerfords Keeper.	01	00	10
Paid ffire Hearth money for y ^e Tenem ^t	00	02	00
Paid for cleansing of the Beame & Scales	00	02	00
Paid to Henry Gale for colouring the Pales before the Towne Hall	00	05	00
1682. Paid John Zealy for moueing the Chest from the Bell to the Hall Chamber	00	00	10
Paid Richard Sorrell for crying the yeemeade of Pipsmore	00	00	04
Paid John Ryall for wine that was spent at the muster	01	00	00
Spent more	00	13	00
Paid John Sealy for setting up the Booths in Westmeade	00	08	00
Paid Chimney money for y ^e Tenement.	00	02	00
Paid William Hobbs for makeing the sealing hammer	00	10	00
Paid for six bottles of Sacke for to treat the Lord Herbert & other Justices	00	12	00
Paid ffancis Coller for makeing a handle for the Cryers Bell	00	00	06
Paid for one oaken doore & Gimmells	00	03	06



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Commencing 1685 and ending 1788.

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1685. Rec ^d of Will ^m Lake Vic ^r Will ^m Bayliffe Gent ^r Francis Grubb G ^t John Holborough John Jeffry John Weston Henry Goldney Tho ^s Ladd Walter Ladd John Webb Will ^m Gale Gent ^r John Gale Jacob Church Charles Aland Will ^m Palmer Yeo ^s Tho. Mayor & Tho. Chappell on their being made ffree . . .	08	13	4
Paid and expended in carrying up the fformer Charter to be presented to our late Souraigne L ^d King Charles the Second as by a Bill of y ^e particulers appeareth	19	14	08
Paid Expenses at y ^e Hart at y ^e Proclaiming our Souraigne L ^d King James &c.	07	07	00
P ^d at y ^e Bell on the same occasion	03	05	00
Gave y ^e Apparrato ^r for bringing y ^e Proclaimac:	00	05	00
Gave the Ringers at y ^e same time	00	11	00
P ^d the Bellman for assisting	00	01	00
Spent at Sessions when we the Bayliffe & Burgesses were sworne	00	17	06
Spent at making y ^e Address to Congratulate the Kings peaceable accession to his throne	00	05	06
P ^d for Wine at the Hart at y ^e Justices meeting the Earle of Worcest ^r being prsent, to drinke y ^e Kings health	00	12	00
P ^d for mending Westmead foard	00	01	06
Spent about Quartering the Souldiers	00	01	10
P ^d Rich: Deans y ^e under Bayliffe his $\frac{1}{2}$ years wages	00	15	00
P ^d Rich: Deans to Warne the Inhabi ^s to be Sworne as directed by the new Charter	00	01	00
P ^d to the Rate for Harnam bridge	00	00	10
Spent with Esq: ^(A) Chivers & others at y ^e Duke of Monmouths being Suppressed in y ^e Rebellion	00	06	06

(A) Of Quemerford, near Calne.

Gave to the Ringers	00	02	00
P ^d the Bellman more	00	00	06
P ^d for four Bottles of Sack at Mr. Kents p ^{se} nting this Towne with the New Charter	00	08	00
P ^d the Chimney money for the Tenem ^t one year	00	02	00
Paid for proclaiming the Election of Burges of Parlia ^{mt}	00	01	00
Spent at the Retourn of the Army out of the West	00	01	08
P ^d for mending the Seale of y ^e Decree.	00	00	06
Spent y ^e Coronation day	01	08	00
P ^d Rich : Deanes for Collecting the Towne Armes after ^(A) y ^e fight	00	05	00
1686. Rec ^d of Rich ^d Kent Esq. as a free Guift to this Burro :	25	00	00
P ^d the Arsett Rent	00	09	00
Paid for having the Market Cryed away here & at Devizes	00	00	08
Spent at y ^e Bell & y ^e Hart at y ^e Kings coming through the Towne	00	18	06
Then p ^{se} nted his Ma ^{tie} with twenty Guinies.	21	10	00
P ^d Mr. Webb for his Journey to Marlborough about y ^e Kings Coming &c	01	05	00
P ^d for fetching in the Armes &c	00	05	00
P ^d for fetching the Lathers & Bucketts from the fire in Back Lane	00	02	00
P ^d for watching that Night	00	02	00
P ^d Rich ^d Deanes for treading out the Grass in Westmead	00	11	04
P ^d for a Register Book	00	08	08
P ^d Willi : Hobbs for Entring y ^e Charter in y ^e Register Book	00	10	00
P ^d him for entring the Oathes & other things in y ^e s ^d Book	00	05	00
P ^d at y ^e Gunn for beer for y ^e workmen	00	02	00
P ^d W ^m Hort for Alderpoles used about the Causey	00	02	00
P ^d y ^e Churchwardens for a great stone	00	02	00
Received of Thomas Long G ^t for one years Rent for the Tenem ^t and Grounds thereto belonging	04	05	00

(A) The battle of Sedge Moor, fought on the 5th of July, 1685, at which the Duke of Monmouth was defeated, after having been proclaimed King at Taunton.

1687. Pd for a letter from Whitehall concerning Homage fees	00	00	03
Pd to another Rate for y ^e Militia	00	02	00
Pd to another Rate made for Trophy money	00	05	00
Paid in expenses in treating Mr. Kent in the behalf of this Burrough out of Mr. Pophams Guift ye sume of	04	18	04
1688. Paid M ^r Ryall for a hhghead of Beere uppon the news of the Birth of the ^(A) Prince of Wales	01	10	00
Paid for Wine	00	13	00
Paid for 20 faggotts	00	03	04
Paid for mending the Six Locks and Gimells of the Towne Cheste	00	02	06
Spent when we met about y ^e Armes	00	01	00
1689. Paid Richard Sorrell the Bellman for 3 daies Proclaimeing the Circuler Letter from the ^(B) Prince of Orange for the Eleccion of Rep'sentatives for this Burrough	00	01	00
Paid John Emmett for beere for the Ringers the day that Kinge William & Queene Mary were Proclaimed	00	05	00
Paid for looking after the Towne Ladders and hanging them up	00	00	08
Paid to the Clerke of the Peace att the Sessions for my selfe & foure Burgesses beinge Sworne	00	07	06
Paid for 5 Certificates for receiving the Sacrament	00	07	06
Gave the Sexton when we received the Sacram ^t	00	01	00
Paid to Jacob Church for forty faggotts burnt when the King & Queene were proclaimed	00	05	00
Paid the rate to the Church for the Burrough Lands	00	03	04
Paid Mr. Ryall the Burgesses expenses when Dr. Burnett the Byshop was in Towne	00	05	06
Paid Mr. Stephens for 12 bottles of wine psented to the Byshopp	00	18	00
And for 2 Sugar loafes psented	00	10	10

(A) Afterwards known as "the Pretender," and "the Chevalier de St. George."

(B) Afterwards William III.

1690. Paid Mr. Wemyess in goeing to Corsham Kington & Langley about the Chancery business	00	04	06
Paid the Cryer for pclaiming y ^e Elecon for members of Parlimnt ^t	00	01	00
Paid for a Proclamaion for appointing Com ^{ms} for the Poll tax	00	00	06
Expended at London in defending the Chancery Suit against y ^e Burrough	01	00	00
Paid William Winckworth for worke downe with his Plough to the causway	01	00	00
Paid for beere for the plowmen and pitchers	00	02	02
1691. Paid to Mr. Goldney and Mr. Scott the Kings Quarterly tax	02	01	08
Paid the Tythe for y ^e Burrough Lands	05	02	08
Paid for a warrant from the Deputy Leiut ^{ts} ag st the Cons ^{bles} & expences	00	05	00
Paid Mr. Henry Bayliffe & Joseph Willis Churchwardens towards the Church rate	00	13	04
1692. Rec ^d of Mr. Eatwell for pte of the House called the Tenem ^t sold to him	03	10	00
Rec ^d of Richard Aland being money borrowed of him by and for the use of the Corporacon	20	00	00
Spent with the Burgesses & others att the Hart upon the News of y ^e taking of ^(a) Lymrick	00	04	00
Spent upon the Justices & Burgesses att y ^e Quarter Sessions held here	01	04	06
Paid for Washing the Guildhall Chamber	00	01	06
Paid for the use of 12 y ^{ds} of Lincy to hang in the Hall dureing the holding of the Quarter Sessions	00	04	00
Spent on the Ringers upon the news of beateing the ^(b) ffrench fleete	00	02	00

(a) The capitulation of the City of Limerick brought the war in Ireland to a close.

(b) The battle of La Hogue, fought on the 19th of May, 1692 when the English and Dutch, under Admiral Russell, defeated the French fleet under Admiral Tourville.

Paid Mr. Rogers for moneys by him laid out towards the renewing of the Burrough Charter tempore Jacobi 2 ^{di} . . .	29	06	08
1693. P ^d Mr. Gabriell Gouldney and Mr. John fflower Overseers for Tenn M ^{ca} pay to the Poore for y ^e Towne Lands	01	13	04
1695. Spent on the Thanksgiving day	00	10	00
It : p ^d for cleaneing the weights & scales	00	01	00
1697. It : spent at the Proclaiming of the ^(A) Peace	03	18	04
1699. Paid for makeing a Pale Gate and mending y ^e Posts before y ^e Guild Hall.	00	08	00
Spent at y ^e White Hart w th y ^e Justices endeavouring to gett y ^e Taxes on y ^e Burrough Lands abated	00	05	00
Spent on y ^e Gent ^s y ^t delivered the Standard for Ale Measure & Indenture	00	00	06
Paid a Labourer for six days worke to help fill the Pott	00	05	00
Paid for 63 foot of ffreestone and for work at Haslebury to Beate out greate stones and make y ^m fitt for carridge and for going 3 days w ^t the plough & setting y ^e greate stones up by y ^e causey &c.	02	01	06
1700. Paid Rob ^t Elliot for cleansiug y ^e Armes	00	13	0
Paid for a post & rails for Westmeade Gate	00	07	00
Paid for a post & mending the stile next the fforest	00	02	00
Paid for pitching 395 yards of new causey at 4 ^d p. y ^d	06	11	08
1701. Paid for Parchm ^t to draw the Address to King W ^m	00	01	00
And for Ingrossing y ^t Address	00	02	06
Spent at the Proclaiming of Her Ma ^{tie} Queen Anne	04	07	06
Spent at seull times about drawing up an Address	00	02	00
April 23. 1702. Spent the Coronation day of Her Ma ^{tie} Queen Anne	03	12	2
July 27. Paid ffees in Court & Expences when the Bayliffe & Burgesses were sworne to Her Ma ^{tie} Queen Anne (at the Quarter Sessions adjourned to Chippenham)	01	00	00

(A) The Treaty of Ryswick was signed on behalf of England, France, Spain, and Holland, on the 20th of September 1697, and on behalf of Germany in the following month.

1703. Rec ^d of Mr. Bedford & Tho: Slade for 2 Acres of Grass in Westmead that was allotted to Mr. Martyn and Mr. Gabr: Gouldney	01	10	00
Rec ^d of the Constables towards cleansing y ^e Towne Armes	00	09	06
Paid Robert Elliott for Repairing the Militia Armes	01	17	06
Paid for mending y ^e Tyle of y ^e Guildhall	00	02	07
Paid for Statute Labour to y ^e Highwayes	01	10	0
Paid for worke on the greate stones (at Haslebury) for the Cawsey	00	02	06
Gave towards mending Woodlane	00	02	00
1704. Spent at Drawing an Address to the Queen	00	09	4
1706. Spent at the White Hart y ^e Thanksgiving day ^(A)	01	05	0
1707. Paid Mr. Adam Goldney & John Jaques their Rate to y ^e highways	01	13	4
1708. Paid for Hapses & Staples & a Lock for Inglands Gate	00	01	07
1709. Expended the Publick Thanksgiving day	02	11	00
Paid to Joseph West for mending the Town Bucketts.	00	08	8
Spent at receiving of Mr. Henry Bayliff and John Gouldney Rent for Winter leaze	00	01	0
Spent with the six Piratts (in Custody)	00	01	0
Paid for 41 days worke with a ploughe carrying stones to the Causey	14	7	0
1710. Received for 3 Acres of Grass in Westmead that was allotted unto Mr. Gabriell Gouldney, Mr. Anthony Martyn and Mr. Henry Bayliff	02	02	0
Spent about settleing y ^e Election (Parliam ^t)	00	15	0
Paid for Pitch to mark y ^e Cattle	00	01	0
Paid horsehire and expenses for Henry Clarke to carry the Charter to Mr. Henry Townsend at Littlecott, for him to produce before the House of Commons (about the Election)	00	11	06
Paid one day's worke w th a waggon fetching Great Stones from Haselbury	00	08	00

(A) England and Scotland were united under the title of "the Kingdom of Great Britain" by Treaty dated 22nd July, 1706, and ratified by the Scotch Parliament in the following year.

1711. Paid for Timber for y ^e Towne Hall	00	16	08
1712. Paid for Parchm ^t & Ingrossing an Address	00	03	06
Paid for reading 2 Proclamacons one of them being about y ^e Peace ^(A)	00	03	00
Expenses at Mr. Stephens at the White Hart when the Peace was Proclaimed	07	06	„
Expenses at the Bell the same day	02	00	„
Paid the Musick and paid for Powder and other expenses y ^e same time	01	05	„
Expenses at Mr. Stephens at the White Hart the Thanks- giving day for Peace with France	03	09	06
Expenses at Nicho: Emmetts the same time	03	00	00
1713. Expenses at the White Hart when the Peace w th Spain was Proclaimed and when King George was Proclaimed	07	04	00
Expenses at Nich: Emmetts' the same time for the Ringers &c.	01	00	00
1714. Paid Henry Clark for a Coat	01	00	00
Spent at the Anchor upon y ^e Borough acc ^t	00	01	06
Spent to have advice about y ^e Borough Arms	00	01	06
Spent upon Ale with the Burgesses	00	01	08
Paid for Shrowding y ^e Trees in Little Inglands	00	02	00
1715. Expended at the White Hart w th the Burgesses the Thanksgiving day after y ^e Battle at Preston ^(B)	01	09	01
Paid Mr. H. Goldney for Advice about Mr. Long's Lease	10	09	
Spent at the Derry when viewed y ^e Causey	00	04	08
Paid Mr. Stephens for 12 Bottles of Wine w ^{ch} was presented to the Bishop	01	04	00
1716. Paid for Beer for y ^e Workmen at Inglands at a penny each pr day	01	11	00
Paid towards a Rate for carrieng a Soldier to y ^e Goal	00	04	02

(A) The Peace of Utrecht between England, France, Portugal, Prussia and Holland. This Treaty terminated the wars of Queen Anne. Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Hudson's Bay, Gibraltar and Minorca were ceded to Great Britain.

(B) The army raised by the Earl of Derwentwater on behalf of "the old Pretender" was defeated at Preston on 12th November, 1715. The Earl was sent to London, tried and beheaded.

Paid towards a Rate for Trophy and Marshalsea Money	00	07	07
Spent at the White Hart at King George's Returne	02	00	00
1717. Rec ^d of John Norris Esqr. one years rent for 2 acres of the Borough Lands inclosed within his Lands (late Mr. Rogers) at Pipsmore	00	13	04
Paid for carriage of Statute Books from London sent by Sr. John Eyles ^(A) as a present to the Borough	00	01	06
Paid Edmond Arney for colouring the Poles and Painting the Town Armes at the Guild Hall	03	10	00
1721. Spent when a Hall was called to read Sr. John Eyles Letter & make seull ffree	00	11	06
1722. Paid Argilus Every for Stone & Work on the Causey on the Derry Hill	08	00	06
1724. Spent on Examining the Writeings in y ^e Chest and other Borough Business	00	06	4½
1726. Paid at the White Hart when Subscribed for procur- ing the Turn Pike	00	19	0
Spent when it was agreed for Mr. Awdrey to goe to London about y ^e Turnpike	00	09	6
Paid for a stamp to seal Ale Measures	00	01	0
Spent when King George the second was Proclaimed	01	08	0
Paid for Certificates & Court ffees when the Bayliffe & Burgesses was sworn at y ^e Sessions that was adjourned to Chippenham	02	00	0
1727. Spent at y ^e White Hart Coronation day	6	2	4
Paid Mr. John Wastfield for Gunpowder used y ^e same day	0	13	9
Paid y ^e Drummers Musick &c ^e y ^e same day	0	8	0
Paid Ste : Whately for beer y ^e same day	3	10	0
Paid for cleansing y ^e Market Place	0	1	6
Spent at appraising Roger Cooks Cloth and other business	6	4	

(A) Sir John Eyles, Bart., M.P. for Chippenham in the last Parliament of Queen Anne, and in the first and second of George I., and M.P. for the City of London in the first of George II. Was Lord Mayor of London, 1727, Postmaster-General, 1739; was Sub-Governor of the South Sea Company of infamous notoriety. His son, Sir Francis, was owner of Corsham Manor and House, and sold them in 1746 to Paul Methuen, Esq.

Spent at receiving Capt. Stephens rent for little Inghlands	0	2	0
1728. Paid for Reading y ^e Act against Bribery & Michaelmas day in the Guildhall	0	1	0
Paid for a Bottle of Wine had there	0	2	0
1729. Paid John Aland for Gaurding ye trees in Inghlands	4	0	
1732. Paid Thomas Fowler one years Assart Rent & Receipt ^(A)	9	4	
1733. Paid half y ^e Expences of Repairing y ^e Road in Wood Lane			
1734. Spent at y ^e Hart about the Navigation	8		
Spent more at Laycock about the same	7		
Paid John Potter for getting hands to the Petition and going down y ^e water to Laycock & expence	6		
1735. Spent on the Burgesses and Freemen on ^(B) Prince Fredericks Weding Day	5	3	0
1738. Paid W ^m Tuck for ditching in Wood lane.	13		
Paid for 8 load of stones to Wood lane	8		
1739. Spent at the White Hart when warr was Proclaimed against Spain	01	06	0
Gave the Soldiers to drink the Kings Health and Suckssess to his Arms	01	01	0
Gave the Constables for Attendance	00	02	00
Paid for a Tableboard at Inghlands gate	00	01	06
1740. Spent at the Hart at the Rejoycing about taking the Forts at Carthagen	02	02	0
1741. Paid cutting woodwax in Inghlands	10	1	½
1742. Paid John Driver for Beating of Westmead	0	4	0
Paid Mr. John Sutton ffour years and a half Crown Rent from the Borrough Lands to the Poor of the City of Welles	2	0	6
1743. Spent when War was declared against ffrance	0	15	0

(A) This is the last entry of the payment of "Assart Rent" as a King's tax. The charge was acquired on behalf of the poor of Wells, to whom it is still paid.

(B) Prince of Wales; he married Augusta, daughter of the Prince of Saxe Gotha, and died 1751, before his father, leaving nine children, the eldest of whom afterwards succeeded as George III.

1748. Paid for painting the Constables staves	0	5	0
Paid Burnet for painting the Arms	2	5	0
Spent when ^(A) Peace was proclaimed	10	11	0
Paid for canvass to paint the Arms upon	2	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
1749. Paid for eighteen Elms planted in Englands at ten pence each	0	15	0
Paid carriage from Devizes	0	3	0
Paid John Lattimer and Daniel Powell digging holes for planting	0	4	0
Paid John Wieneke for planting the Trees three days and a half	0	5	0
Paid for forty two posts for fenceing the Trees at 6 ^d each	1	1	0
Paid for Slatts to nail on the Posts	0	4	0
Paid for halling Posts and Rails & Trees to Englands	0	3	0
Paid Duce and Robert Jones a day with the Cart watering the Trees	0	3	0
Spent at two Meetings at the White Hart when the School Master was settled	2	4	11
Paid for the Furniture of the Bayliff's Cloak	2	2	0
Paid John Dun for destroying the Withey Bed for the benefit of the Bridge as agreed on by the Bayliffe and Burgesses	4	4	0
1751. Paid for 13 Limes and Elms planted in Inglands	0	15	4
1754. Paid for the Faculty for the Borough Seat in the Church exclusive of the costs of the Law about it	5	14	2
To Harry Hiyatts Bill for fitting up the Corporation Seat in y ^e Church	3	11	10
To John Powell for Norway oak for it	0	17	4
To Cloth for it	5	11	8
For putting it up & making the Cushions	3	4	8
To Mr. Bedford's Bill for materials for the Seat	1	0	3
To 7 Comon Prayer Books for the Seat	5	5	0
For Keys & Matts for the Seat	1	5	0
Paid Mr. Bedford for a Lock for the Council-room Door	0	3	6

(A) The Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, between Great Britain, France, Spain, Austria, Sardinia, and Holland.

1755. Paid Expenses at the Angell at a Meeting on acco ^t of the Melksham Turnpike Petition	0 5 6
Paid expenses at the Angel at a Meeting on acco ^t of a Petition for erecting a Turnpike between this Borough and Malmsbury .	0 10 6
Paid expenses at the Angel at a Meeting when the By Law was made to prevent Throwing at Cocks	0 10 6
Paid for writing Four copys of the By Law in order to have it cry'd & then fix ^d up in different parts of y ^e Boro	0 1 0
Paid Venus Taylor for the use of a room when Inglands was stock ^d	0 2 0
Paid expenses in the evening at the Red Lyon	1 5 6
Paid John Rice for reading the Declaration of War ^(A) in the Market y ^e 29 th May, against the French King	0 2 6
Paid expenses at the Duke of Cumberland on Boro' business	1 15 8
1756. P ^d Mr. Solomon Hughes 4 years Assart Rent for the poor of Wells	1 16 0
1757. Paid Francis Head his Bill for repairing two separate Breaches in the Bridge, adding two new Buttresses and mending the Causway and new pitching 160 yards	24 0 0
1758. Paid Francis Head in part of his account for the general Repair and widening of the Bridge against the Mill .	41 14 4
1760. Paid for a Sacrament Certificate, an Affidavit at the Election, and for preparing the Poll for the Election of Members of Parliament	1 1 0
Paid Ed: Hill for reading his Majesty's ^(B) Proclamation touching his Coronation	0 2 6
Paid Mrs. Eleanor Humphrys for Strong Beer which the Freemen had the evening of His Majesty's Birth Day—and for Wood for the Fire	3 3 0
Paid for Gunpowder Flints & ^c used by the Militia men the day of their Majestys Coronation	15 10

(A) The commencement of the Seven Years' War of England and Prussia against Austria, France, Russia, Sweden, and Saxony.

(B) George III.

Paid James Hodgson for wood ordered by the late Bayliffe & used the day his Majesty was proclaim ^d	1	1	6
Paid George Scott for a Hogshead of Strong Beer given to the populace the evening of their Majestys Coronation 56 ^{rs} at 20 ^d	4	13	4
Paid Rich: Aland for wood for the Fire the evening of their Majesty's Coron:	10		8
Paid John Powell for erecting a stage for Proclaiming the Queen & ^c	12		0
Paid exp ^s at the White Hart the day his Majesty was Proclaim ^d	10	17	9
Paid the exp ^s at d ^o the Evening of his Majesty's Birth day	3	17	2
Paid exp ^s at d ^o on the Day of their Majestys Coron: including Strong Beer & Fuel to Roast the Ox	20	5	10
1761. Paid at the Birth of Prince ^(A) and other expenses on the Borough account	22	10	0
Paid Mr. Aland for Wood	1	0	0
Paid at the Declaration of War ag st Spain	1	12	0
Paid Mrs. Humphris for Strong Beer	5	0	0
1762. Paid expences for the day when the Proclamation of Peace was read ^(B)	13	10	0
1764. Paid six soldiers	0	3	0
1765. Paid for a letter from the Chairman of the Committee of the Merchants in London.	0	2	0
Paid Mr. Simpson for his journey to Beckhampton to enquire into the Damages Committed by the Mob—horsehire & expenses	0	15	0
1766. Gave two men to drink when the Willow Shrouds in Westmead and Claypolls were valued	0	0	6
Paid for one elm tree planted in Short Leaze	0	1	0
Paid expenses with Francis Head about the Causeway at Derryhill	0	1	0
Paid John Potter one years Sallary for cleaning the Burgesses Seat at Church	0	10	0
Paid W ^m . Shipton for Candles for the use of the Soldiers	0	14	0

(A) Afterwards George IV.

(B) England, France and Spain concluded a treaty of peace called "The Peace of Paris."

Paid Farmer Hicks for Straw for the use of the Soldiers	0	5	0
Bayliffes Sallary for executng his office	5	0	0
1767. Received for the Stock of Inglands — Shorts Leaze and Little Inglands	68	2	8
Received of Charles Gale one years Rent for Lands at Foxham	9	0	0
Received of Mrs. Long one years Rent for Hulberts Hold	5	5	0
Received of Joseph Colborne Esq. one years Rent for the Borough Lands	45	0	0
Received for the Grass of Westmead	10	4	0
Paid John Pritchard & Co. for work done in Inglands	10	0	6
Paid for Gunpowder to blow the rock	0	1	0
Paid 68 Freeman their Lotts at 10 ^s each	34	0	0
Paid Scavenger	1	10	0
Paid Mr. Eacott in part of his Bill for the Town Pump	13	15	6
1768. Paid John Noyes for Beam & Scales and Weights for the use of the Markett	8	4	10
Paid George Granway for Repairing the Town Hall for the Quarter Sessions to be held at Chippenham.	4	9	6
1769. Paid expenses at the Angell at Severall Meetings	3	11	7
1772. Paid the postage of a Packet from Sr. John Fielding Paid Mr. Gabriel Goldney (Town Clerk) his years salary	0	0	8
1775. Paid for printing of hand Bills to Suppress Fireworks Paid Hulbert for putting up Sir John Fieldings newspapers	2	2	0
1775. Paid for printing of hand Bills to Suppress Fireworks Paid Hulbert for putting up Sir John Fieldings newspapers	0	5	0
1776. Paid Mr. Solomon Hughes 14 years Rent for a Cottage Barn and sixty-five acres of Assart Land within the Forest of Chippenham due to the Trustees for the Poor of the City of Wells	6	6	0
1777. Paid mending the Blind House Door and for a Lock	0	2	0
Paid one years Rent for the Pump House	0	7	6
1778. Paid Isaac Badminton for 5 Butts for the Corporation Pew in the Church	0	5	6
Gave to the two Companys of the Wiltshire Regiment of Militia Quartered within this Borough to drink the Queens health being the Commemoration of Her Majestys Birth day	5	5	0

1779. Paid postage for a Proclamation for a Fast	0	0	2½
1780. Paid Thos Homes for John Clements 4 expences when he surveyed the Borough Lands	2	3	4
Paid Richard Hunt for 5 days Work with the Land Surveyor	0	5	10
Paid John Clements for measuring the Borrough Lands	4	13	0
Paid W ^m . Gould for Faggotts on receiving the news of Admiral Rodney taking ^(A) S ^t . Eustatia	1	2	0
1782. Paid postage of Pamphlett and Letter from York	0	4	5
Paid postage of a letter from London	0	0	4½
Paid Messenger for carrying the petition against taxing Receipts	0	10	6
1784. Paid Mr. Powell the Land Measurer for a Map of Chippenham	5	5	0
Paid with two passes	0	1	0
Paid Colman Aust for fishing	0	5	0
Paid Robins the Miller for mending the Fishing Nett	0	5	0
1785. Paid expenses for Witnesses and Self to Sarum to Try the right of the Fishery	28	15	3
Paid expenses to London with the Address	10	4	6
Paid Mr. Heaths Bill about the Fishery with the Plaintiffs Tax costs Included	150	3	4
1787. Paid for Crying on Shrove Tuesday to Prevent Throw- ing at Cocks	0	0	6
By paying by Order of the Borough a Subscription towards surveying the Practicability of a Junction of the Rivers Kennett and Avon	3	3	0
By paying sundries viz. Message Cases Quills Forms of Prayer hauling Stones &c.	5	12	10

(A) One of the Leeward Islands in the West Indies.



Extracts from Register No. 3.

Commencing 1789 and ending 1889.

1789.	Rec ^d of John Morris Coombs being made free	1	0	0
1790.	For 234 Lugg Hollow frying in Englands	2	18	6
1792.	Rec ^d John Merewether being made free	1	0	0
	„ Thomas Goldney do.	0	3	4
	By paying Mr. Goldney for Tythes	6	3	11
	„ do. for Church Rates	2	0	0
	„ 6 Volunteer Seamen	0	2	6
	„ 12 do.	0	6	0
	„ Mr. Scott for the sealed Bushell	5	10	0
	„ ^(A) for crying bad Half-pence	0	0	6
	„ for straw for the Blindhouse	0	1	0
1793.	Stamp for sealing Caps	0	5	0
	Mr. Lawes Carter for Turnpikes	0	1	6
	Books of Prayers for Fast day	0	1	4
	Emmett for work at Counsel Chamber	0	3	2
	Gave on account of the Rejoicing	0	5	0
	Postage for Proclamation & Letters	0	2	9
	Candles for Illuminating the Town Hall	0	3	9
1794.	To cash of Mr. Anthony Guy for being made ffree	1	0	0
	„ Mr. Henry Goldney „	0	3	4
	Relieving Vagrants with passes	0	9	6
1795.	Navy Rate	2	13	4
	“An Account of Money expended in the alteration of the Bridge,” the items amounted to the total of £785: 11: 11: which was obtained by a Mortgage of the Borough Lands to Mr. Seeley for £800.			
1797.	60 Pot Load of Stones put on Chippenham Bridge	3	0	0
	Postage of a Proclamation for a General Fast	0	0	6

(A) The Copper coinage was greatly deficient in quantity and quality, and Provincial coins and tradesmen's tokens again became prevalent, until superseded by the government copper coinage in 1797.

1799.	Admitted to their freedom Audley Harvey, John Provis, Nathan Atherton, William Gundry, William H. Awdrey, all at £1: 8: 0.			
	Rec ^d for Stocking 44 Horses in Englands at 28 ^s /2 ^d .	61	19	4
	Rec ^d do. for 60 Cows at 18 ^s /10 ^d	47	1	8
	3 Men and a boy assisting the Inspection of weights & scales	0	5	10
	Expenses sending twice to Devizes to get the return of the Markett	0	5	0
	For Paste putting up Tanners & Curriers Act	0	0	6
	Jos ^h Blake for the use of his Horse & ffrait	0	3	6
	Mr. W ^m Hughes for one year ffee ffarm or Chief Rent due for Lands in Chipnam at Lady day last to the poor of the City of Wells	4	19	0
	Dan ^l Stephens lighting Lamps on Bridge four weeks	0	4	0
1800.	Rec ^d of Mr. Thomas Bailey for a trespass on the Borough Lands by taking a Furnace to his Dyehouse thro' Westmead without asking permission	0	10	6
	Rec ^d of Mr. Nathan Atherton for a Trespass in cutting Turf off the intended line of Canal in Englands without asking permission	0	2	6
	Paid Joseph Moore 1 years Toll free Market	10	10	2
	Paid H. Head for painting a Notice affixed to Mr. Guys Wharf	0	10	8
1801.	Paid for fruit & use of Room Stockg Westmead	0	4	6
	„ 3 Men attending to regulate the Weights	0	4	6
	„ Mr. Moore Free Toll of Market	10	10	0
1803.	Rec ^d of John Simpkins for one years Rent for the ditch between his Garden & Englands	0	0	6
	„ of Mr. Thomas Goldney for stamp when elected Bailiff	0	8	0
	Paid two Men carrying the Weights round the Town	0	2	0
	„ for Cloth &c. for the Church Pew	11	15	6
	„ Mr. King 2 years winding up the Clock	2	2	0
	„ Under Bailiff for taking care of the Market Weights and Scales	0	5	0

1805.	Rec ^d of W ^m Colborne on admittance to his Freedom . . .	1 3 4
	„ „ Mr. H. Goldney for stamp when elected Burgess . . .	1 0 0
	„ „ „ „ „ „ Bailiff . . .	1 0 0
	Paid for a Post Chaise & expenses Mr. Thomas Goldney and myself to Shrivenham by desire of the Corporation to wait upon the Committee of the Wilts & Berks Canal Co. to obtain an Order for the payment of the Money due to the Borough for the Canal coming through Englands and obtaining the same . . .	3 19 0
	Paid for crying Horses not to trespass on the Footways . . .	0 0 6
	„ a Girl keeping the Cattle out of Westmead . . .	0 3 0
	„ the Executors of the late Rich ^d Singer Eq. for the Purchase of 3 Acres of Land in Westmead in Lieu of Land taken by the Wilts & Berks Canal Co. . . .	225 0 0
	„ Mr. A. L. Edridge the late Mr. Henry Guy's Draft on the Bailiff of the Borough for the purchase of one Acre of Land in Westmead in Lieu of Land taken by the Wilts & Berks Canal Co. & paid for with the Money received of the W & B. Canal Co. . . .	84 0 0
1806.	Rec ^d of John Whittick, admitted to his Freedom . . .	1 3 4
	Paid the Assessors attending at the Election in 1807 after deducting £41. 10. 10. paid by Mr. Blake . . .	83 1 3
1807.	„ A Militia Rate	1 11 9
1809.	„ Mr. Coombs for printing address to Col ^l Wardle . . .	1 19 2
	„ Mr. King winding up the Hall Clock	1 1 0
1812.	„ Postage of letter from Mr. Thring demanding payment of 40/- Fine on the Bailiff for non-attendance at the Assizes	0 0 7
	„ Mr. Thring the Fine	2 0 0
	„ Moiety of expenses registering Charities	5 19 2
1813.	„ Moving dirt on the Causeway	0 2 6
	„ To the Poor when Peace was ratified	10 10 0
	„ The Constables when the Proclamation for Peace was read	1 1 0
	„ The Ringers	1 1 0
	„ Fruit & room at Stocking Westmead	0 4 6

1814.	Paid Blanchard for attending the Lodging Houses			
1815.	„ Stamp for Sacrament Certificate	0	5	6
	„ W. Gay for work in Woodlane	1	10	8
	„ J. Selman do.	2	0	0
1816.	„ Assart Rent due to the Poor of Wells	8	11	0
	„ For carrying Proclamation for Measures to be brought to the Town Hall to be examined	0	1	0
	„ J. Rixon for work in Woodlane	0	16	6
	„ T. T. Blanchard's Bill for hauling stones for repairing Woodlane	0	12	2
	„ For stones bought of J. Gale for repairing Woodlane	0	5	0
	„ J. Rixon for work in Woodlane	0	9	0
	„ „ „	1	3	9
	„ On account of the Nightly Watch	8	13	0
1817.	„ For work done on the Causeway	0	6	3
1818.	„ Carriage of two Petitions to London	0	3	4
1819.	„ Breaking ice on the Bridge	0	0	6
	„ W ^m Blanchard going round the Town to request the Shopkeepers to shut their shops	0	1	0
	Rec ^d of Mr. Broome Pinniger for his Freedom	4	0	0
	„ William Poole £4 J. M. Coombs £3. 3. 4.			
	Paid Joseph Blackham Cleaning out Town Well & boaring three Holes 8 ft.	8	5	0
1820.	„ Postage of Requisition for Address to the Queen	0	1	0
	„ Delivering printed Address to the Queen	0	1	0
	„ Delivering Bills for Coronation	0	2	0
	„ Celebrating the Coronation	21	0	0
	„ The Ringers	2	2	0
	„ Faggots for Bonfire	1	1	0
1821.	Rec ^d of John Darley admitted to his Freedom	4	0	0
	Paid men working on the Causeway for Beer	0	12	0
1823.	„ Carriage of Petition to London	0	2	0
1824.	„ A Mason repairing the Balustrades of the Bridge	0	2	6
1825.	„ For four Butts for Pew at Church	0	8	0
	„ Moore cleansing Town Hall for Election	0	6	0
	„ For Punch at letting the Borough Lands	0	15	0

1826.	Paid Prosecution of Light and others for Rent	13	0	0
1829.	Rec ^d of Mr. West Awdry, admitted to his Freedom	3	3	4
	„ „ Daniel Collen Francis H. S. Locke do. each £4			
	Paid John Moore for Beer given to the Populace on the day the Proclamation was read	5	0	0
	The Chippenham Band	2	0	0
	„ The Ringers.	1	0	0
	„ The Constables	0	10	0
	„ Beer at the Bar and at Mrs. Matthews	5	0	0
1830.	„ Cleaning ditch in Wood Lane	0	6	0
	„ Taking the Census of the Parish	3	13	0
	„ Celebrating the Coronation	13	13	0
1831.	„ Reward to Watchman	1	1	0
1832.	„ 54 Gallons of Oil for Borough Lamps 3/9	10	2	6
	„ Cotton Tow & ^c for do.	0	6	6
	„ Mending Westmead lane	0	1	0
1833.	„ Men carrying boards at the Fair	0	7	0
	„ Sending out Bills of New Market	0	15	0
	„ Subscription towards obtaining an Act of Parliament for watching lighting and improving the Town	100	0	0
	„ Watson for cleaning the Pew in the Church	0	10	0
1836.	Rec ^d of the Commissioners under the Chippenham Improvement Act	40	17	6
	„ Edward Mansell and Thomas Brown Uncles for 19 Farthingdales at 10 ^s 6 ^d . that were not taken up by Freemen	9	19	6
	Paid Revising Barrister	10	10	0
	„ 4 Watchmen from 30 Jan ^y to 27 Aug ^t inclusive 30 weeks at 6 ^s 3 ^d	37	10	0
	„ Policemen from 30 Jan ^y to 27 Aug ^t inclusive 30 weeks at 12 ^s	18	0	0
	„ John Godsell 2 extra days	0	3	6
1837.	Paid for Music at the Proclamation	4	0	0
	„ The Ringers	2	0	0

1837.	Paid Postage of Proclamation of Queen Victoria	0	3	6
	„ Mr. R. Alexander for Bunting and Stationery	5	8	6
	„ Mr. Godsell the watchman—extra allowance	0	12	0
1838.	„ The Mayors allowance for serving the office	5	0	0
	„ Mr. Wilmot 1 years Salary as Town Clerk	12	12	0
	„ The Treasurers Salary one year	2	2	0
	„ 5 Constables at the Coronation 2 ^s . 6 ^d each	0	12	6
1839.	„ Surgeons bill for Godsell the watchman	0	4	6
1841.	„ Sweeping Guildhall Chimney	0	1	0
	„ Mr. King repairing and looking after the Town Clock 2 years	2	8	6
	„ Palmer for painting Constables Staves	0	7	6
1842.	„ Cap ^t . Meredith for 1 years contract for the Police	50	0	0
	„ J. Woodman Repairing Causeway	16	5	6
1843.	Rec ^d for admission to Freedom Frederick Awdry and Francis Spencer 3 ^s . 4 ^d . each			
	Paid John Alpass for Pitching	7	13	9
1844.	„ John Gale repairing Causeway	0	10	6
	„ Lucas for Causeway	1	10	3
1845.	„ Ann Packer for attendance at the New Hall	0	11	2
	„ Adams & Ede Robe makers	12	14	6
1846.	„ Mace Bearers Salary	2	2	0
1848.	„ Churchwardens a payment towards the rebuilding the Corporation Pew	25	0	0
1849.	„ Church Rate at 3 ^d . in the Pound	1	17	0
1850.	„ 1 Years Subscription to the Chippenham Agricultural Association	2	0	0
	„ 1 Years Rent of Fire Engine House	2	2	0
1851.	„ Donation towards expense of opening the New Market House &c. in September 1850	25	0	0
	„ James Thompson Esq. Architect for the Arms of Joseph Neeld Esq. placed on the New Hall	50	0	0
1852.	„ George Blandford bill for new Crossing &c. on the Bridge	4	17	2

1853.	Rec ^d	Dividend on 2 Shares in Kennet & Avon Canal (paid by the Great Western Railway Company they having purchased the Canal)	0	6	0
1856.	„	of ^(A) Mr. Joseph Phillips Fine on his resigning the office of Councillor of the Borough	10	0	0
		Paid Benjamin Vick for Tolling Bell on Funeral of the late Mr. Neeld	0	5	0
1857.	„	J. Smith proportion of expenses for repairing Wood Lane	1	14	0
1860.	Rec ^d	of Richard Darby on being admitted a Freeman Paid Mr. Rowland Brotherhood for posts for tying up Bulls in the Market Place	0	3	4
1862.	Paid	one years quit Rent for Town Pump due to G. Goldney Esq. at Michas. 1861	0	2	6
1864.	„	Holloway & Steel of Bath for writing Address to the Queen & Princess of Wales	1	11	6
1865.	„	Downing & Son towards erecting Party Wall between Mr. W ^m . Austins house and the old Town Hall	10	0	0
1867.	Rec ^d	of George Beazant for materials of old Town Pump sold	8	0	0
		Paid George Noyes Printing &c. relative to the Cattle Plague	2	12	6
	„	Simon Downing on account of Contract for footpath on Causeway	100	0	0
	„	Simon Downing balance due for Contract for foot- path on Causeway	50	0	0
	„	Waterlow & Sons for engrossing Address from the Corporation to A. W. Neeld Esq. on his attain- ing 21 years of age	3	4	5
1868.	„	E. Habgood—Robe for Mace Bearer	3	5	0
1869.	Rec ^d	fees on admittance of John Noyes & others as Freemen	3	3	4

(A) He resigned so as to be enabled to accept the office of Town Clerk.

1869.	Paid H ^y Gale for painting Constables Staves	0	5	0
	„ Mr. Cooks a/c for Refreshment for the Archæological Society.	11	10	0
1870.	Rec ^d for admission fees of John Darley Richard Careless & others.	2	10	0
1871.	„ Mr. Chivers Fine for 2 Cows trespassing in Borough Lands 4 Months keep at 3 ^s 6 ^d . per week each	5	12	0
1872.	Paid W ^m . Light for Bulls House in Englands.	5	10	0
	„ Hire of Robe for Mayor attending the Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on the recovery of the Prince of Wales.	1	1	0
1873.	„ Fry & Son preparing Address to the Queen & Prince of Wales on the recovery of the latter from a serious illness	1	0	0
1874.	„ Light for making box for the Mayors Badge & Chain	2	15	0
	„ Hire of Robe twice for the use of the Mayor in 1873 to attend the Lord Mayor's dinner, & to meet the Shah of Persia	2	2	0
	„ John Amy's Repairing Boro' Lamps & for New Weathercock on the old Town Hall	6	14	6
	Waterlow & Sons for Perforating Machine	1	10	6
	John Noyes, Ironmonger, repairing Borough Lamps and for new Weather-cock on old Town Hall	1	12	10
1875.	W. Slade, Mole catching on Borough Lands	0	9	0
	Cleaning Lock up and providing Straw, 4 years	0	12	3
1876.	Sporting Rights Rate	0	1	2
	Five years Fee Farm Rent to Baron's Charity	2	5	0
1877.	Waterlow & Sons repairing Duplex Presses	0	6	0
1879.	Inspector of Market, 1 year's Salary	5	0	0
	School Inspector's Allowance for taking School Census	2	0	0
	John Smith, part payment of Contract for Widening Bridge	200	0	0
1880.	Revising Barrister's Fee	6	6	0
	John Smith, balance of Contract for Widening Bridge	269	15	3
	John Jones, for cast iron cellar door to Higgins's house on the Bridge	5	5	0

1881.	Tho ^s Holloway for surveying and mapping Road and Right of way to Blackwell Hams, and making joint declaration with Richard Slade	3 13 6
1882.	Banks and Balch, repairing and furnishing Pew in Parish Church	4 5 6
	Geo. Beazant, repairing Bridge and the Wall at the Spring Highway Board, contribution towards new Bridge in Lowden Lane	1 15 7
1883.	Devizes Gazette, advertising stoppage of Markets on account of Swine Fever	0 8 6
1884.	Bridges and Hawkins' Charities, 2 years	2 10 0
1886.	Local Board, half the cost of repairing footpath on the London Road	11 10 0
1887.	Fry & Son, for writing an Illuminated Address to H.R.H. Prince Edward	1 12 6

1889. RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 25TH MARCH 1889

[£409. 14s. 10d. made up as follows.]

RENTS, 1888. Two years' rent of Old Town Hall

to Michaelmas	0 10 0
One year's rent of Hulberts Hold to ditto	20 0 0
One year's rent of Bumper's Farm to ditto	40 0 0
One year's rent of Little Farm to ditto	13 10 0
One year's rent of Blackwell Hams to ditto	15 0 0
One year's rent of Littleworth to ditto	4 0 0
One year's rent of portion of Westmead by Gas Company to Christmas	8 0 0
One year's rent of portion of Westmead by Pocock & Co. to Lady-day	2 0 0
One year's rent of portion of Westmead and Englands by Local Board to Midsummer	12 0 0
Two year's Fee Farm rent to Michaelmas	0 2 0
Two year's Quit rents for Entrances to Englands to ditto	1 7 0

 116 9 0

RENTS 1889. Rent of Winter Feed of Englands and Westmead to Lady-day 1889					15 10 5
TOLLS AND DUES. Fees on Admission of Freemen	2	3	4		
Fees on Freemen Stocking Englands	81	16	0		
ditto ditto Westmead	1	10	4		
	<hr/>				85 9 8
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS. One and a half years dividends on £50. 19. 1 Reduced 3 per cents. due April 1888	2	4	5		
Government allowance of 5/- per cent. on con- version of above Stock into 2½ per cents.	0	2	7		
One year's dividend on Two Kennet and Avon Canal Shares, due 1 st February 1889	0	11	8		
	<hr/>				2 18 8
POLICE. By Overseers of Chippenham in payment of Order made in 1888	30	0	0		
By Justices' Clerk for Fees and Fines 1 year to 9 th Nov ^r 1888	3	2	9		
By County Treasurer for one year's Treasury Allowance towards the Police Expenses to Michaelmas 1887	50	0	0		
	<hr/>				83 2 9
MISCELLANEOUS. A. Townsend, purchase of un- claimed Farthingdale	0	10	0		
Grass money from Freemen	3	13	6		
Sale of Grass in Westmead, 1888	73	7	6		
ditto on land purchased	21	14	0		
Sale of 26 Beast Leazes in Westmead in respect of the above Land	3	6	6		
By the County in repayment under Sec: 47 of the Contagious Diseases Animals Act to 25 th March 1888	3	12	10		
	<hr/>				106 4 4
Balance due to the Treasurer					69 15 10
	<hr/>				<u>£479 10 8</u>

EXPENDITURE for the year ending 25th March 1889

[£380. 14. 3. made up as follows]

Balance due to Treasurer from previous year				98 16 5
RENTS RATES TAXES AND INSURANCE. Land Tax	2	3	9	
Property tax	11	6	9	
Rectorial Tithe rent charge on Englands and Westmead	16	13	1	
Vicarial ditto	2	10	10	
Police Rate 1 year £0. 17. 2. Poor rates 1 year £18. 0. 9. Local Board Rates 1 year £6. 17. 6	25	15	5	
One year's Fire insurance on Bumpers Farm Buildings	0	6	3	
				58 16 1
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TO MUNICIPAL OFFICERS. The Mayor	20	0	0	
Town Clerk	31	10	0	
Justices' Clerk	12	10	0	
Treasurer	5	0	0	
Mace Bearer	4	4	0	
School Inspector (to Michaelmas 1888)	4	0	0	
Market Inspector (to February 1889)	4	0	0	
Land Bailiff (25 weeks and 2 days at 7/- per week ditto for marking Cattle	8	17	0	
ditto for looking after the Borough Lands during Winter	1	0	0	
Organist (to Easter 1888)	1	1	0	
Sexton (to 9th November)	0	10	6	
Hall Keeper (ditto)	1	10	0	
				94 17 5
POLICE. County Treasurer for Police Services from 25th December, 1887 to 25th December 1888 (2 officers)				118 0 0
CHARGES UNDER THE PARLIAMENTARY AND MUNI- CIPAL REGISTRATION ACT. Overseers of Chippenham for Revising Barrister's Cer- tificate				4 3 0

LIGHTING, CLEANING AND REPAIRING BRIDGE.

Balch's bill repairing lamp on Bridge . . .	0 2 0	
Downing & Son's bill for repairs . . .	6 10 5	
Chippenham Gas Co. for lamps on Bridge 1 year to 31 st December 1888 . . .	23 13 3	
Local Board for cleaning Bridge, and keeping in order Roadway, 1 year to 30 th June 1888	12 0 0	
Cleaning water side of Bridge . . .	0 5 0	
	<hr/>	42 10 8

REPAIRS &c. John Smith, for repairing Foot-path

London Road . . .	0 19 0	
Thomas Swayne, for repairing Bounds on Borough Lands, & 2 new Seats at the upper part of Englands . . .	17 19 3	
Joseph Cole, repairing Bounds and Drainage in Englands and Westmead . . .	4 1 0	
A. Billett, for repairing Bounds in Englands and new iron fencing at Canal Bridge . . .	6 15 3	
	<hr/>	29 14 6

MISCELLANEOUS. Jones & Co. for sign-plate "To

Bath," and fixing it to the lamp-post on the Bridge . . .	0 13 6	
One year's donation towards Church expenses, to Easter 1888. . .	1 10 0	
ditto subscription to Chippenham Agricultural Association . . .	2 0 0	
R. F. Houlston, printing and stationery . . .	8 6 0	
Auctioneer's expenses on Sale of Grass in Westmead & 26 Beast Leazes, including Hotel charges for room &c. . .	5 6 6	
Cheque book . . .	0 2 6	
Bank interest . . .	1 9 6	
Lewis & Sons, engraving and illuminating Address to the Marquis of Lansdowne on his return from Canada . . .	3 3 0	
ditto ditto to their R.H.'s the Prince and Princess of Wales on their Silver Wedding day . . .	1 11 6	

Wiltshire Times, advertising Winter Feed to Let in Englands &c.	0 18 0	
Bath Herald, advertising Meeting as to the extension of the Borough	0 7 0	
Knight & Co. for new Minute Book	1 8 0	
Bryants bill for oak trees in Englands, and planting them	3 12 11	
Law costs in obtaining Chancery power for dividends on 3 per cent. Reduced Stock .	2 4 2	
	<hr/>	32 12 7
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		<u>£479 10 8</u>



 THE CORPORATION CHARTERS.

 CHARTER of QUEEN MARY,

 Dated 2nd May 1554.

Maria Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supremum caput **OMNIBUS** ad quos presentes litere prevenerint salutem **SCIATIS** quod nos ad humilem petitionem delectorum subditorum nostrorum hominum et inhabitantium Ville et Burgi de Chippenham in Comitatu nostro Wiltes pro meliori gubernatione et regimine eiusdem Ville et Burgi ac inhabitantium inde volentes eosdem subditos nostros homines et inhabitantes Ville et Burgi illius pro eorum communi utilitate et commoditate in unum corpus politicum erigi et incorporari de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris volumus ordinavimus constituimus decrevimus et concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris volumus ordinamus constituimus decernamus et concedimus quod dicta Villa et Burgus de Chippenham in dicto comitatu nostro Wiltes decetero sit et erit liber burgus corporatus in re facto et nomine in perpetuum de uno Balliuo et duodecim Burgensibus per nomen Balliui et Burgensium Burgi de Chippenham in Comitatu Wiltes perpetuis futuris temporibus durati. Ac quod Balliuus et Burgenses Burgi illius pro tempore existente Sint decetero una Communitas perpetua et unum corpus corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine in perpetuum habeantque successionem perpetuam ipsosque Balliuum et Burgenses unam communitatem et unum corpus corporatum et politicum de se realiter et ad plenum creamus erigimus ordinamus facimus constituimus declaramus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris incorporamus perpetuis futuris temporibus duratur **ET ULTERIUS** volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui per nomen Balliui et Burgensium Burgi de Chippenham in Comitatu Wiltes plitare et implitari sequi ac defendere et defendi respondere et responderi valeant et possint in omnibus Curiis et Locis nostris hered et successorum nostrorum Ac in aliis Curiis et Locis quibuscumque tam in omnibus et singulis accionibus sectis querelis causis et demandis realibus et personalibus sen mixtis quam in omnibus et singulis aliis causis negotiis et materiis quibuscumque quidque iidem Balliuus et Burgenses Burgi predicti et successores sui heant et hebunt commune sigillum ad omnimodo causas scripta et negotia sua agend tractand et sigilland ac quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Balliuo et Burgensibus et successoribus suis sigillum illud ad libitum suum frangere mutare et de novo facere Et quod iidem Balliuus et Burgenses sint et erunt persone habiles et in lege capaces ad recipiend capiend et perquirend sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum omnia et singula messuagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas redditus reuerciones seruicia et cetera hereditamenta infra scripta cum eorum pertinentiis universis **AC ETIAM VOLUMUS** ac

ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus et ordinamus quod de cetero sint et erunt duodecim homines de discretioribus et magis probioribus viris dicti Burgi de Chippenham qui erunt assistentes et auxiliantes dicto Balliuo eiusdem Burgi pro tempore existente in causis et materiis eundem Burgum tangend qui erunt et vocabuntur Burgenses eiusdem Burgi AC ECIAM VOLUMUS ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus ordinamus et declaramus quod bunde limites mete circuitu et procinct predicti Burgi de Chippenham se extendant et protendant per totum et integrum Burgum de Chippenham predictum ac per omnes et omnimod vicos venellas Stratas Domos edificia et habitacula eiusdem Burgi Er a quodam loco vocato Brymland landes situat ad occidentalem finem predicti Burgi de Chippenham usque quendam locum vulgariter nuncupat le yate post de Huntingdons landes situat ad orientalem finem eiusdem Burgi Er a medio siue media parte pontis de Chippenham predict situat ad boriam finem burgi predicti usque australem finem cuiusdem strat vocat Cookes Strete ad australem finem predicti Burgi de Chippenham Et quod omnia et singula mesuagia domos edificia habitacula mansiones terras tenementa vacua funda et sola quacumque infra easdem bundas metas et limites decetero sint et erunt ac reputentur fore et esse partes et parcelle predicti Burgi de Chippenham modo per presentes in corpus politicum erect et incorporat Er ut eadem omnia et singula premissa suum debitum sortire valeant effectum SCIATIS quod nos de ampilori gratia nostra ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris assignauimus nominauimus fecimus et ordinauimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successionibus nostris assignamus nominamus facimus et ordinamus dilectum nobis in Christo Henricum Farnewell (A) probum virum et inhabitaten dicti Burgi de Chippenham fore et esse primum et modernum Balliuum dicti Burgi de Chippenham et ad officium Balliui eiusdem Burgi fideliter per sacramentum suum exequend usque festum sancti Michælis Archi prox futur et ab eodem festo quousque una alia persona per Burgenses dicti Burgi pro tempore existent vel per maiorem partem eorum elect et ad officium illud fideliter exequend debito iurat fuerit AC ECIAM assignauimus nominauimus fecimus et ordinauimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nominamus facimus et ordinamus Dilectos nobis in Christo Robertum Wrotysley (B) Henricum Bull Johannem Barthbe Johannem Scott Robertum Scrivner Willielmum Cockfelde Robertum Burgis Robertum Vessard Brianum Rowland Adam Goree Jacobum Andrewes et Willielmum Lovell inhabitantes dicti Burgi de Chippenham fore et esse duodecim primos et modernos Burgenses eiusdem Burgi qvi super eorum sacramenta corporaliter et seperaliter prestit ad officium illud fideliter exequaad sint et erunt Burgenses Burgi de Chippenham predict AC ECIAM volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham et successoribus suis quod Burgenses eiusdem Burgi pro tempore existent vel maior pars eordem de tempore in tempus quolibet anno decetero in perpetuum in festo sancti Michael Arch inter horas nonam et duodecim ante meridiem eiusdem diei conueniant et conuenire valeant et possint quadam aula siue domo infra Burgum predictum vocat le Yelde Halle aut in aliquo

(A) Henry Farnewell alias Goldney was M.P. for Chippenham in the Parliament dissolved 5th December, 1553.

(B) Robert Wrotysley was M.P. for Chippenham in the Parliament dissolved 5th December, 1553.

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alio loco conuenienti infra dictum Burgum de Chippenham et ibidem nominare et assignare valeant et possint duos homines tunc existentes Burgenses eiusdem Burgi coram aliis inhabitantibus ad tunc ibidem presentibus ad intentionem quod alii Burgenses homines et inhabitantes Burgi illius ad tunc ibidem presentes aut maior pars eorumdem eligant et eligere valeant et possint unum ex illis duobus Burgensibus sic nominat et assignat et assignand et assignand officium Balliui dicti Burgi de Chippenham Ac fore et esse Balliuum eiusdem Burgi pro anno tunc sequenti. Quiquidem homo sic ad officium Balliui elect post corporal sacramentum suum debet modo fact et prestit geret officium Balliui dicti Burgi de Chippenham pro uno anno tunc futuro videlicet a festo Michael Arch usque an festum sancti Michael Arch et in illo festo quousque una alia persona ad officium illud elect debito modo uivat fuit ad officium illud fideliter exequand ET ECIAM VOLUMUS ac per presentes concedimus et ordinamus quod quelibet persona ad officium Balliui predicti Burgi de Chippenham in posterum elect sacramentum capiet et prestat corporale coram ultimo predecessore suo in eodem si idem predecessor ad tunc superstes sit et presens fuit ET si idem predecessor suis tunc mortuus vel absens fuerit tunc coram aliis Burgensibus dicti Burgi ad tunc ibidem presentibus ex fidei execucione dicti officii Balliui eiusdem Burgi ET si ac quociens contigerit aliquam personam existent Balliuum dicti Burgi de Chippenham obire vel ab officio suo amoueri durante tempore quo sit Balliuus eiusdem Burgi quod tunc et totiens Burgenses illius Burgi pro tempore existent vel maior pars eorumdem conueniant et conuenire valeant et possint in dicta Aula siue domo aut alio conuenienti loco infra Burgum predictum ad certum diem prefixum infra octo dies proximo sequentes mortem aut amocionem dicti Balliui dicti Burgi de Chippenham et ibidem nominare et assignare valeant et possint duas personas de numero predictorum Burgensium eiusdem Burgi coram aliis eiusdem Burgi inhabitantibus ad tunc ibidem present ea intencione quod alii Burgenses homines et inhabitantes eiusdem Burgi ad tunc ibidem present vel maior pars eorumdem eligant et eligere valeant et possint unum ex illis duobus Burgensibus sic nominatis et assignatis nominand et assignand ad officium Balliui dicti Burgi de Chippenham ac fore en esse Balliuum eiusdem Burgi usque ad festum sancti Michael Arch ad tunc proxime futur et in eodem festo quousque nouus Balliuus electus et ad officium illud fideliter exercend debito modo jurat fu Quodque eadem persona sic elect sev eligend ad officium Balliui dicti Burgi sacramentum capiet et prestat corporale coram aliis Burgensibus eiusdem Burgi ad tunc ibidem presentibus pro fidei execucione dicti officii Balliui dicti Burgi modo et forma predict ET VOLUMUS ac pro nobis et heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus pefat Balliuo et Burgensibus et successoribus suis quod quociens et quandocumque contingeret aliquem Burgensium dicti Burgi de Chippenham pro tempore existent obire siue extra dictum Burgum habitare vel ab officio suo Burgensis eiusdem Burgi pro aliqua causa amoueri quod tunc et totiens bene liceat et licebit Balliuo et Burgensibus illius Burgi vel maiori parti Burgensium eiusdem Burgi pro tempore existent de tempore in tempus cum et quando eis placuerit et expediens videbit infra octo dies proxime sequentes postmortem siue amocionem dictorum Burgensium in dicta Aula siue domo aut alio conuenienti loco infra Burgum predictum ad libitum suum conuenire et ibidem nominare et eligere unum aut plures aliarum personarum tunc inhabitantium dicti Burgi de Chippenham de mag probioribus et discretioribus viris eiusdem Burgi ad tunc non existentes Burgenses eiusdem Burgi fore et esse Burgensem seu Burgenses

Burgi illius durante vita sua ET quod quelibet persona sic nominata et electa a tempore huiusmodi electionis erit Burgens seu erunt Burgenses ipsius Burgi durante vita eius vel eorum vel aliter si bonum et expediens sic videbit Balliuo et aliis Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham ET quod quelibet persona sic nominata et electa nominanda et eligenda ad officium Burgensis eiusdem Burgi sacramentum capiet et prestat corporale coram Balliuo eiusdem Burgi ad officium Burgensis Burgi illius bene et fideliter exequend AC ECIAM VOLUMUS ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefat Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui per eorum communem consensum vel per maiorem partem inde habeant auctoritatem potestatem et facultatem condend et constituend assignand et faciend de tempore in tempus leges statuta et ordinationes quecumque pro gubernacione et regimine artificum et inhabitantium Burgi predicti et pro victalacione eiusdem Burgi que erunt bona et necessaria pro republica eiusdem Burgi. AC pro meliori gubernacione et regimine Burgi predicti ita quod huiusmodi leges statuta et ordinationes non sint repugnancia nec contraria legibus et statutis regni nostri aut prerogative nostre heredum aut successorum nostrorum ET ULTERIUS nos de ubiori gracia nostra considerantes et perpendentes quod dicti dilecti subditi nostri inhabitantes et Burgenses dicti Burgi de Chippenham tam in sustentacione duorum Burgensium ad interessend et attendend ad parlamentum nostrum quam in reparacionibus cuiusdam magni pontis super aquam de Avena in Burgo predicto construct et cuiusdam ripe siue vie ibidem vocat a Cawsaye graviori onerentur magnosque impendere sumptus arcentur et cognuntur. Volentesque eorum onera in hac parte sublenare De ampliori et ubiori gracia nostra dedimus et concessimus ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham totum illud clausum pasture nostrum cum pertinent in Chippenham predict vocat Inglands continen per estimacionem septemdecim acras modo vel nuper in tenura sine occupacione Johannis Pye Armigeri vel assignatorum suorum AC totum illud pratum nostrum cum pertinent in Chippenham predict vocat Westmeade continen per estimacionem triginta acras modo vel nuper in tenura siue occupacione dicti Johannis Pye vel assignatorum suorum AC eciam unum mesuagium et medietatem unius virgate terre et quatuor parcell terre vocat Poks cum pertinent in Rowdens Downe in parochia de Chippenham predict continen per estimacionem centum et viginti acras unum clausum terre vocatum Burleis cum pertinent in Chippenham predict continen per estimacionem quatuor acras ac viginti unam acras terre arrabilis cum pertinent jacen in communibus campis de Chippenham predict modo vel nuper in tenura siue occupacione Ricardi Blacke Generosi vel assignatorum suorum AC totum illum boscum nostrum et copiciam bosci nostram cum pertinent in Chippenham predic vocat Rowdens Downe coppice continen per estimacionem virginti unam acras. AC totam illam pasturam nostram cum pertinent in Chippenham predict vocat Bolts Crofte modo vel nuper in tenura siue occupacione cuiusdam Adam Gower vel assignatorum suorum NECNON reuersionem et reuersiones omnium et singulorum predictorum mesuagiorum clausorum terrarum tenementorum pratorum et ceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum cum eorum pertinent universis AC reddit et annualia profuita quecumque super quibuscumque dimissionibus seu concessionibus premissorum aut alicuius inde parcellae facte reseruat AC omnes et singulos boscos subboscos et

arbores nostros quoscumque de in vel super premissis aut aliquam inde parcellam crescen siue existen. **QUEQUIDEM** mesuagia terre tenementa et cetera premissa cum pertinent quondam fuerunt parcell terrarum et possessionium nuper Domini Hungerford et modo vocantur lez Burgslands dicti Burgi de Chippenham et inter se extendunt ad clarum annum valorem nonam librarum duodecim solidorum et octo denariorum **HABENDUM TENENDUM ET GAUDENDUM** predicta mesuagia clausa terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas boscos subboscos redditus reuersiones ac cetera omnia et singula premissa cum eorum pertinent universis prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham et successoribus suis in perpetuum ad usus et intenciones supradictas. Tenend de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ut de Manerio nostro de Estgrenewiche per fidelitatem tantum et in libero Burgagio predicti Burgi de Chippenham et non in capite pro omnibus reddit seruiciis et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddend soluend vel faciend **AC ECIAM DAMUS** pro consideracione predicta ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham omnia et singula exitus reddit reuerciones et proficua omnium et singulorum predictorum mesuagiorum clausorum terrarum tenementorum pratorum pasturarum boscorum et ceterorum omnium et singulorum premisorum cum eorum pertinent universis a festo Annuncianionis beate Marie virginis ultimo preterito hucusque prouemen siue crescen **HABENDUM** eisdem Balliuo et Burgensibus ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddend soluend vel faciend **AC ECIAM VOLUMUS** et per presentes concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham et successoribus suis quod iidem Balliuus et Burgenses et successores sui per nomen Balliui et Burgensium dicti Burgi de Chippenham in comitatu Wiltes sint et erunt persone habiles et in lege capaces breve de ad quod dam in curia cancellarii nostro retornat ad perquirend capiend et recipiend sibi et successoribus suis seu aliter quecumque Domina Maneria terras tenementa redditvs reuersiones et hereditamenta libertates franchises Jura iurisdictiones et priuilegia quecumque infra dictum Burgum seu precinct eiusdem que de nobis immediate non teneantur in capite nec per seruicia militare ita quod Domina Maneria terre tenementa redditus reuersiones hereditamenta libertates franchises iura iurisdictiones et privilegia illa non exced annum valorem viginti librarum statut de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponend aut aliquo alio statuto actu ordinacione seu prouissione incontrari inde antehac habuit fac edi ordina seu prom aut aliqua alia re causa rel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstant **AC ECIAM** volumus ac ex certo sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus et ordinamus quod sint et erunt in dicto Burgo de Chippenham duo Burgenses parlamenti nostri quodque predicti Balliuus et Burgenses eiusdem Burgi et successores sui super breve nostrum de eleccione Burgensium Parlamenti nostri eis direct heb et heb potestatem autoritatem et facultatem nominand et eligend duos probos et discretos viros dicti Burgi fore Burgenses Parlamenti nostri pro eodem Burgo de Chippenham eosdemque Burgenses sic elect ad onera et custagia dicti Burgi et communitatis eiusdem mittent ad parlament nostrum ubicumque ad tunc ten fuit eisdem modo et forma prout in aliis Burgis Regni nostri Anglie usitat et consuet fuit quosquidem Burges sic elect et nominat volumus interesse et moram facere ad parlamentum nostrum ad onera et custagia dicti Burgi de Chippenham et Communitatis eiusdem durante tempore quo huiusmodi parlamentum teneri contigit in consimilibus

modo et forma prout alii Burgenses Parliamēti pro quibuscumque aliis Burgis aut alio Burgo quocumque infra regnum nostrum Anglie faciend seu fieri consueuerunt Et qui quidem Burgenses in huiusmodi parlamento nostro hebunt voces suas tam affirmatiuas quam negatiuas ceteraque omnia et singula ibidem facient et exequantur que alii Burgenses vel alius Burgens parlamenti nostri pro quibuscumque aliis Burgensibus aut alio Burgo quocumque habent faciunt et exequantur aut habere facere aut exequi valeant et possint racione aut modo quocumque AC ECIAM volumus ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et suecessoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefato Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham quod heb et heb has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo fact et sigillat absque fine seu feodo magno vel paruo nobis in hanaper nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum quoquomodo reddend soluend vel faciend Eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum siue alicujus aut de aliis donis siue concessionibus per nos vel per aliquem progenatorum nostrorum prefat Balliuo et Burgensibus ante hec tempora fact in presentibus minime fact existit aliquo statuto actu ordinacione prouisione siue restriccionē in contrarium inde antehac edit fact ordinat seu prouis aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstant IN CUIUS rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes **TESTE** me ipsa apud Westmonasterium secundo die Maii Anno regni nostri primo.

Per Breve de priuato sigillo.

On the parchment, between the silk cords which suspended the Great Seal of England (a portion of which still remains), is written, in unclerical style, a large letter M, over which are the letters, a r y.

TRANSLATION of the CHARTER of QUEEN MARY.

MARY BY THE GRACE OF GOD QUEEN OF ENGLAND FRANCE & IRELAND defender of the faith and on earth supreme head of the Church of England and Ireland To ALL unto whom these present Letters shall come sendeth greeting BE IT KNOWN unto you that we at the humble petition of our beloved subjects the men and inhabitants of the Town and Borough of Chippenham in our County of Wilts for the better rule and government of the same Town and Borough and of the inhabitants there Willing our said subjects the men and inhabitants of that Town & Borough for their common advantage and convenience to be set up into one body politic and to be incorporated of our special grace and certain knowledge and mere motion We will have ordained constituted decreed and granted and by these presents for us our Heirs and successors Do will ordain constitute decree & grant That the said Town & Borough of Chippenham in our said County of Wilts hereafter be & shall be a free Borough corporate in deed fact and name for ever of ONE BAILIFF and TWELVE BURGESSES by the name of the Bailiff and burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham in the

County of Wilts to endure for all time to come And that the Bailiff and Burgesses of that Borough for the time being be hereafter one perpetual community and one body corporate and politic in deed fact and name for ever And that they may have perpetual succession them the said Bailiff and Burgesses one community and one body corporate and politic of itself really and fully we do create set up ordain make constitute declare And by these presents for us our heirs & successors do incorporate that it may endure for all time to come AND MOREOVER we will and by these presents for us our heirs and successors Do grant unto the before-named Bailiff & Burgesses and their successors That they and their successors by the name of the Bailiff & Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham in the county of Wilts shall and may be able to plead and to be impleaded sue and be sued defend and be defended answer and be answered in all Courts and Places of us and of our heirs & successors and in all other Courts and Places whatsoever as well in all and singular Actions Suits Plaints Causes and Demands real and personal or mixed as in all and singular other causes affairs and matters whatsoever And that the said Bailiff & Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid & their successors may and shall have a common Seal to use set & seal all manner their causes writings & affairs And that it shall & may be lawful to & for the said Bailiff & Burgesses & their successors at their pleasure to alter break & make anew the said Seal And that the said Bailiff & Burgesses are & shall be able persons and in law capable to receive take and acquire to them & their successors for ever All & singular the Messuages Lands Tenements Meadows Pastures Feedings Rents Reversions Services & other hereditaments under written with all their appurtenances AND ALSO we will and of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us our heirs & successors Do grant & ordain that from henceforth there be and shall be twelve of the more discreet and honest men of the said Borough of Chippenham who shall be assistant & aiding to the said Bailiff of the same Borough for the time being in the matters & causes touching the same Borough & who shall be and shall be called Burgesses of the same Borough AND ALSO we will & of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us our Heirs & successors by these presents do grant ordain & declare That the bounds limits metes circuit & precincts of the said Borough of Chippenham do extend & stretch through all the entire Borough of Chippenham aforesaid and through all and every the Streets Lanes Pavements Houses Edifices & Dwelling places of the same Borough And from a certain place called Brymland Landes situate at the West end of the aforesaid Borough of Chippenham unto a certain place commonly called the Yate post of Huntingdons Lands situate at the East end of the same Borough And from the midst or middle part of the Bridge of Chippenham aforesaid situate at the North end of the aforesaid Borough unto the south end of the same street called Cookes Street at the south end of the said Borough of Chippenham And that all & singular Messuages Houses Edifices Dwellings places Mansions Lands Tenements vacant void and uninhabited places whatsoever within the said bounds metes & limits from henceforth be & shall be and be reputed to be parts and parcels of the Borough of Chippenham aforesaid now by these presents into a body politic set up & incorporated And to the end that all & singular the same premises may take due effect BE IT KNOWN unto you that we of our more full grace & of our certain knowledge & mere motion Have assigned nominated made & ordained And by these presents for us our Heirs & successors do assign nominate make & ordain our beloved in Christ Henry Farnewell [alias Goldney] an honest man & inhabitant of the said Borough of Chippenham to be the

first & present Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham and to the office of Bailiff of the same Borough faithfully upon his oath to execute until the feast of St Michael the Archangell next ensuing & from the same feast until another person by the Burgesses of the same Borough for the time being or by the greater part of them shall be elected & sworn faithfully to execute the same Office AND also we have assigned nominated made & ordained & by these presents for us our Heirs & successors do assign nominate make & ordain our beloved in Christ Robert Wrotysley Henry Bull John Barthbe John Scott Robert Scrivner William Cockfelde Robert Burgis John Vessard Brian Rowland Adam Gore James Andrewes & William Lovell inhabitants of the said Borough of Chippenham to be the twelve first & present Burgesses of the same Borough whom on their oaths corporally & severally taken faithfully to execute that Office are & shall be Burgesses of the Borough of Chippenham aforesaid AND ALSO we will & by these presents for us our Heirs & Successors do grant to the before named Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham and their successors That the Burgesses of the same Borough for the time being or the greater part of them from time to time every year from henceforth for ever on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel between the hours of nine & twelve in the forenoon of the same day may & shall come together in a certain Hall or House within the Borough aforesaid called the Yelde Halle or in any other convenient place within the said Borough of Chippenham and there shall and may nominate & assign two men then being Burgesses of the same Borough before other the inhabitants then & there present to the intent that the other Burgesses men & inhabitants of that Borough then & there present or the greater part of them do choose & shall & may choose one of those two Burgesses so nominated & assigned to be nominated and assigned unto the office of Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham and to be Bailiff of the said Borough for the year then following The which man so elected to the office of Bailiff after his corporal oath in due manner made & taken shall bear the Office of Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham for one year then to come that is to say from the feast of St. Michael the Archangel unto the feast of St. Michael the Archangel & in that feast until one other person shall be elected into that Office & in due manner sworn faithfully to execute that Office AND ALSO we will & by these presents do grant & ordain that every person hereafter elected to the office of Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham shall receive & take a corporal oath before his last predecessor in the same office if the same predecessor shall be then alive & present And if his said predecessor be then dead or absent then before the other Burgesses of the said Borough then and there present for the faithful execution of the office of Bailiff of the same Borough And if and as often as it shall happen to any person being Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham to die or be removed out of his office during the time wherein he is Bailiff of the same Borough That then and so often the Burgesses of the same Borough for the time being or the greater part of them shall & may come together in the said Halle or House or other convenient place within the said borough at a certain day prefixed within eight days next after the death or removing of the said Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham And there shall & may nominate & assign two persons of the number of the aforesaid Burgesses of the same Borough before the other inhabitants of the same Borough then & there present To the intent that the other Burgesses men & inhabitants of the same Borough then & there present or the greater part of them do choose & shall & may choose one of those two Burgesses so nominated

& assigned to be nominated & assigned to the office of Bailiff of the said Borough of Chippenham & to be Bailiff of the same Borough untill the feast of St. Michael the Archangel then next ensuing & in the same feast untill a new Bailiff shall be elected & in due manner sworn to execute that office faithfully And that the same person so elected or chosen to the office of Bailiff of the said Borough shall take & receive a corporal oath before the other Burgesses of the same Borough then & there present for the faithful execution of the said Office of Bailiff of the said Borough in manner and form aforesaid AND WE WILL for us our heirs & successors by these presents do grant to the before named Bailiff & Burgesses & their successors That as often & whensoever it shall happen to any of the Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham for the time being to die or out of the said Borough to dwell or from his office of Burgess of the same Borough for some cause to be removed That then & so often it shall & may be lawful to the Bailiff & Burgesses of that Borough or the greater part of the Burgesses of the same Borough for the time being from time to time when & at what time it shall please and seem expedient unto them within eight days next following after the death or removing of the said Burgess in the said Halle or House or other convenient place within the Borough aforesaid at their pleasure to come together and there to nominate & choose one or more of the other persons then inhabitants of the said Borough of Chippenham of the more honest & discreet men of the same Borough & then not being Burgesses of the same Borough to be Burgess or Burgesses of that Borough for life And that every person so nominated & elected from the time of such Election shall be Burgess or Burgesses of that Borough during the life of him or them or otherwise if it shall so seem meet & expedient to the Bailiff & other Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham And that every person so nominated & elected to be nominated & chosen to the office of Burgess of the same Borough shall take & receive a corporal oath before the Bailiff of the same Borough well & faithfully to execute the office of Burgess of that Borough AND ALSO we will & of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us our heirs & successors Do by these presents grant to the before named Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham & their successors that they & their successors by their common consent or by the greater part thereof shall have authority power & faculty to appoint & constitute assign & make from time to time Laws Statutes & ordinances whatsoever for the government & rule of the artificers & inhabitants of the Borough aforesaid & for the victualing of the same Borough which shall be good & necessary for the commonweale of the same Borough And for the better government & rule of the Borough aforesaid so that such Laws statutes & ordinances be not repugnant nor contrary to the Laws & Statutes of our realm or to the prerogative of us our heirs or successors AND MOREOVER we of our more free grace considering & weighing That our said beloved subjects the inhabitants and Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham as well in the maintenance of two Burgesses to be present & attendant at our Parliament as in the reparations of a certain great bridge built over the River of Avon in the Borough aforesaid & of a certain bank or way there called a Cawsaye are grievously burthened & driven & compelled to bestow great costs. And willing to ease their burthens in this behalf Of our more abundant & free grace have given & granted & of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us our heirs & successors Do give and grant to the before named Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham All that our close of Pasture with the appurtenances in Chippenham aforesaid

called Inglands containing by estimation 17 acres now or late in the tenure or occupation of John Pye Esqre. or of his assigns And all that our meadow with the appurtenances in Chippenham aforesaid called Westmead containing by estimation 30 acres now or late in the tenure or occupation of the said John Pye or of his Assigns And also one Messuage & the moiety of one yard land & four parcels of land called Poks with the appurtenances in Rowdens Downe in the parish of Chippenham aforesaid containing by estimation 120 acres one close called Burleis with the appurtenances in Chippenham aforesaid containing by estimation 4 acres and 21 acres of Arable land with the appurtenances lying in the common fields of Chippenham aforesaid now or late in the tenure or occupation of Richard Blake gentleman or his assigns And all that our wood and our coppice of wood with the appurtenances in Chippenham aforesaid called Rowdens Down Coppice containing by estimation 21 acres And all that our pasture with the appurtenances in Chippenham aforesaid called Bolts Crofte now or late in the tenure or occupation of one Adam Gower or of his assigns And also the reversion & reversions of all and singular the aforesaid Messuages Closes Lands Tenements Meadows and all & singular other the premises with their appurtenances whatsoever And the rents and yearly profits whatsoever reserved upon whatsoever Demises or grants made of the premises or any parcel thereof And all & singular our Woods Underwoods & Trees whatsoever of in or upon the premises or any parcel thereof growing or being Which Messuages Lands Tenements & other the premises with the appurtenances were heretofore parcel of the Lands & possessions of the late Lord Hungerford & now called the Borough Lands of the said Borough of Chippenham And altogether do extend to a clear yearly value of nine pounds twelve shillings & eightpence To HAVE HOLD and enjoy the aforesaid Messuages Closes Lands Tenements Meadows Feedings Pastures Woods Underwoods Rents Reversions & all & singular the premises with their appurtenances whatsoever to the before-named Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham & their successors for ever To the uses & intents above said. To be held of us our heirs & successors as of our Manor of East Greenwich by fealty only and in free Burgage of the said Borough of Chippenham & not in capite for all rents services & demands whatsoever therefore to us our heirs or successors by whatsoever means to be yielded paid or done AND ALSO for the considerations aforesaid we give & of our certain knowledge & mere motion by these presents Do grant unto the before named Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham All and singular Issues rents reversions & profits of all & singular the aforesaid Messuages Closes Lands Tenements Meadows Pastures Woods & all & singular other the premises with their appurtenances whatsoever from the feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary last past hitherto arising or growing To HOLD to the said Bailiff and Burgesses of our gift without account or any other thing therefore to us our Heirs or successors by whatsoever means to be yielded paid or done AND ALSO we will & by these Presents do grant unto the aforesaid Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham & their successors that the same Bailiff and Burgesses and their successors by the name of the Bailiff & Burgesses of the said Borough of Chippenham in the Connty of Wilts are and shall be persons able and in law capable by writ of ad quod damnun returnable in our Court of Chancery to purchase take & receive to them & their successors or otherwise whatsoever Lordships Manors Lands Tenements Rents Reversions & hereditaments Libertys Franchises Rights jurisdictions & priviledges whatsoever within the said Borough or precincts of the same which are not holden of us immediately in

capite or by military service so that those Lordships Manors Lands Tenements Rents reversions hereditaments libertys franchises rights jurisdictions & privileges exceed not the yearly value of twenty pounds Any statute of Lands & Tenements not to be put in Mortmain or any other statute act ordinance or Provision to the contrary hereof heretofore had made set forth ordained or provided or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever in any wise notwithstanding AND ALSO we will & of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us our heirs & successors by these presents Do grant & ordain that there be & shall be in the said Borough of Chippenham Two Burgesses of our Parliament which the aforesaid Bailiff & Burgesses of the same Borough & their successors upon our writ of Election of Burgesses of our parliament to them directed may & shall have power authority & faculty to nominate & choose Two honest & discreet men of the said Borough to be Burgesses of our Parliament for the same Borough of Chippenham And the same Burgesses so elected at the burthen and costs of the said Borough & the commonalty of the same they shall send them to our parliament wheresoever it shall be then holden after the same manner & form as is usual & accustomed in other Boroughs of our Realm of England which Burgesses so named & chosen we will to be present & to make their stay at our Parliament at the costs and charges of the said Borough of Chippenham & the commonalty of the same during the time that such Parliament shall chance to be holden in like manner & form as other Burgesses of Parliament for whatsoever other Borroughs or Borrough within our Realm of England Do or have accustomed to do And which Burgesses in such our Parliament shall have their voices as well affirmative as negative & all & singular other things there shall do & execute which other Burgesses or Burgess of our Parliament for whatsoever other Boroughs or other Borough have do and execute or shall & may have do and execute by whatsoever reason & means AND ALSO we will & of our certain knowledge & mere motion for us our Heirs and successors by these presents Do grant to the before-named Bailiff & Burgesses of the same Borough of Chippenham that they may and shall have these our Letters Patent under our Great seal of England in due manner made and sealed without Fine or Fee great or small to us in our hanaper or elsewhere to our use by whatsoever means to be yeilden paid or done For that express mention of the true yearly value or of the certainty of the premises or any of them or of any other gifts or grants by us or any of our Progenitors to the said Bailiff & Burgesses before this time made at this present doth not appear to be made Any statute act ordinance provision or restraint to the contrary thereof heretofore decreed made provided or ordained or any other thing cause or matter whatsoever in any wise notwithstanding IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent WITNESS ourself at Westminster the second day of May in the first year of our reign.

BY WRIT OF PRIVY SEAL.



CHARTER of QUEEN ELIZABETH.

Dated 29th January 1560.

Elizabeth Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Regina fidei defensor &c. Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Salutem **INSPEXIMUS** litteras patentes Domine Maria nuper Regine Anglie Sororis nostre precharissime de confirmatione factas in hec verba Maria Dei Gracia Anglie Francie [&c. setting forth the Charter of Queen Mary verbatim.]

NOS AUTEM litteras predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata eas pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus ac dilectis nobis nunc Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham et successoribus suis ratificamus et confirmamus prout littere predictae in se racionabiliter testantur. **IN CUIUS** rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus **TESTE** me ipsa apud Westmonasterium vicesimo nono die Januarii Anno regni nostri secundo.

About one-third of the Great Seal remains attached to the silk cord.

DECREE of JAMES I.

Dated 20th March 1604.

JACOBUS DEI GRATIA ANGLIE SCOTIE FRANCIE ET HIBERNIE REX fidei defensor &c. **OMNIBUS** ad que presentes Littere nostre pervenerint Salutem **INSPEXIMUS** irrotulamentum cuiusdam Decreti coram nobis in Cancellaria nostra inter Gabrielem Farnell alias Goldney Johannem Scott et alios Querentes et Henricum Banckes Willielmum Banckes et alios Defendentes redditum et in eadem Cancellaria nostra irrotulatum ac ibidem de recordo remanen in hec verba **WHEREAS** Gabriel Farnwell alias Goldney John Scott Edward Essington Henry Ladd & John Berrett Inhabitants of the Towne and Borrowe of Chippenham in the Countie of Wiltes as well for and in the behalfe of themselves as for and in the behalfe of divers other of the poore commoners and Inhabitants of the said Towne and Borrowe Have before this tyme exhibited their Bill of complainte into this Honorable Courte of Chauncerie againste Henry Banckes William Banckes William Amyat William Geale Henry Berry Nathanyell Coleman John ffabyan Edward Beatley John Gale William Wastfeild Edward Stafford William Exham and William Gale Defendants declaringe by the same **THAT WHEREAS** the sayd Towne of Chippenham consistinge of divers Streets

Lanes wayes Houses Buildings and Dwellings within the precincte and circuite of the said Towne whereof one of the Streets of the said Towne was commonlye called & knowen by the name of St. Maries streete and was and from the tyme whereof the memorie of man was not to the contrarie had bene an auntyent Towne and Borrowe and by all the sayd tyme had usuallie as often as any Parliament had bene holden for the Realme of Englande had Two Burgesses for the sayd Towne and Borrowe to giue their attendance at every suche parliament ffor the findinge of which sayd Burgesses as well the inhabytants of the sayd streete called St. Marie streete as also all the inhabytants of the other streets and Lanes within the sayd Borrowe were by all the sayd tyme whereof the memorie of man was not to the contrarie ever wonte to be contributorie And that in consideration of which charge for the ffindinge of the sayd two Burgesses for the parliament as also of another great charge for the maintaingeing repairinge and amendinge as often as neede did requier of a greate Bridge and causewaye in and neare adjoininge to the sayd Towne wherewithall as well the sayd Inhabytants of the sayd streete called St. Maries streete as thother Inhabytants of the sayd Towne and Borrowe of Chippenham in tymes past by all the tyme whereof the memorie of man was not to the contrarie had bene charged and were thereunto contributorie QUEEN MARIE late Queene of Englande in the ffirst yeare of her Raigne by her Letters Patente under the Greate Seale of Englande att the humble petycion of the then Inhabytants of the sayd Towne and Borrowe of Chippenham for the better government and regiment of the sayd Towne and Borrowe and the Inhabytants thereof Did incorporate the Inhabytants of the sayd Towne and Borrowe into one bodie Politique ordeyninge thereby and graunting that the sayd Towne and Borrowe of Chippenham extendinge thoroweout and comprehendinge all the Streetes Lanes wayes Howses Buildings and dwellings of the sayd Towne and Borrowe shoulde from thensforth be a free Borrowe corporate of itself in deede and in name for evermore of one Bayliffe and Twelve Burgesses by the name of the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Borrowe of Chippenham in the Countie of Wiltes And did farther thereby ordaine that the twelve Burgesses which from time to time then afterwards should be elected to be assistante to the Bayliffe of the sayd Borowe for the tyme beinge shoulde be of the moste discreete and honest Inhabytants of the sayd Towne and Borowe And for the easinge of the Inhabytants of the sayd Towne and Borowe of the sayd burthen and charge aforesayd She the sayd Queene Marie did by her sayd letters patents geve unto the sayd Baylie and Burgesses and to their successors for ever certain Lands Tenements and hereditaments beinge of the cleare yerelie value of Nyne pounds Twelve shillings and eightpence of auntyente rente by the year not improved over and above all charges and reprizes situate lyinge and beinge within the parish of Chippenham aforesayd And by her sayd Letters patents had ordeyned constituted and appointed one Henry ffarnell alias Goldney deceased beinge at the tyme of grauntinge of the sayd Letters patents an Inhabytante of the sayd streete called St. Maries Streete in Chippenham aforesayd and being ffather unto the sayd Gabriell ffarnell alias Goldney one of the complaynants aforesayd to be the ffirst Baylie of the sayd Towne and Borowe of Chippenham And the complaynants do further shewe that the true intente and meaninge as well of the sayd Quene Marie as alsoe of the then Inhabytants of the sayd Towne and Borowe of Chippenham by whose petycion and at whose costes and charges the premises were in forme aforesayd obtained of the sayd late Quene then was the overplus of the issues and proffits of the landes above mencioned that shoulde defraye the said contynewall

charge of mainteyninge the uses in the sayd Letters Patent mencioned shoulde not be and remaine onlie to the singuler use and commoditie of the Baylie and twelve Burgesses of the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge for the private inrichinge of themselves But shoulde be equallie and indifferentlie devided amongst all the Inhabytants and poore commoners of the sayd Towne and Borrowe which being very well knowen unto the sayd Baylie and Burgesses and especiallie to the sayd Henry Banckes one of the defendants the then Bayliffe of the sayd Borrowe and to William Banckes his brother one other of the sayd defendants being one of the twelve Burgesses of the sayd Borrowe havinge also bene Bayliff of the sayd Borrowe for the yeare past yet they all confederatinge with some other of the defendants contrarie to the true meaninge of the sayd Letters Patent did take uppon them againste the commonweith of the sayd Borrowe to dispose of the sayd Lands Tenements and hereditaments as aforesayd to other uses than the same were ment and intended by the sayd Letters patent namelie to their owne benefitt and the benefitt of such others whom they liked of excluding without cause divers of the Inhabitants of the sayd Borrowe bothe from receyvinge any benefitt of the sayd overplus of the profits of the sayd Lands Tenements and Hereditaments and also from the socyete or beinge of the Bodie Politique of the sayd Borrowe and did alsoe pretend that the Streete called St. Maries Streete was not parte of the sayd Borrowe Albeit in truthe the sayd Streete by all the tyme whereof the memorie of man was not to the contrarie had ever bene a principall and knowen parte of the sayd Towne and Borrowe And by couller thereof did disfranchise from the freedome of the sayd Borrowe suche persons as were dwellinge in the sayd Streete and did alsoe refuse to electe and choose into the sayd freedome or socyete of the sayd Corporacion any persons inhabytinge in the sayd Streete WHEREFORE the sayd complainants humblie prayed precepts of Subpœna to be directed to the sayd defendants to aunswere the premises and to abide therein the order of this Honorable Courte As by the sayd Bill more at large appeareth TO which bill all the defendants appeared and aunswere AND the Complainants Replied And the defendants Reiyoned And a Commission wente forthe for the examynacion of wytnesses Howbeit the Righte Honorable Sir Thomas Egerton then Lorde Keeper of the Greate Seale of England and nowe Lord Ellesmere and Lord Chauncellor of England beinge left to understande the nature of the said suites and conceyvinge it fitter that controuersies of that kinde shoulde be examyned and ended by mediation of frinds and neighbours to the sayd Borrowe than by stricte judgment and justice of law did write His Letters to Sir Edwarde Hungerford Sir Wm. Eire Sir Henry Baynton Knights and to James Lee then Esquier now Knight that they shoulde repair to the sayd Borrowe and viewe the sayd Streete and examine the state of the sayd controuersies and establishe a quiet end betwene the parties if they coulde if not then to certefie the pointes of difference into this Honorable Courte that thereupon some further course mighte be taken for determininge and appeasinge thereof AND WHEREAS the sayd Knights accordinge to the sayd letters did meete at the sayd Borrowe and viewed the sayd Streete and treated betwene the sayd parties for a small composition of the sayd controversies and made certificate into this Honorable Courte under their hands in these words followinge (that is to saye) OUR Humble dutie unto your Lordshippe remembred Accordinge to the tenor of your Lordshippes letters We examyned the controversies arisin amongeste the Townesmen of Chippenham as well those dependinge by suite before your Lordship in Chauncerie as others and perused withall an award made the sixteenth yere of the late Quene's Maiestie by Sir Walter Hungerford Sir John Danvers Sir

Henry Sherington and John Eyre Esquier concerninge some of the matters nowe in question in which Awarde we finde a Clause that the parties shoulde be sutors to procure it to be decreed in the Chauncerie Which award leading us in part to understande the principall grieffe to be the misemployinge of the towne lands given by Charter for charitable uses & the publique good of the towne unto the priuate benefitt of some fewe of the incorporacion againste which the awarde maketh prouision And we further perceuinge by the suite nowe dependinge that for the effectinge of that evil purpose the doers thereof pretended a Streete called St. Maries Streete to be carried out of the lymites of that Borrowe and thereupon they have of late since the suite begane disfranchised certen of the Inhabytants of that Streete whos were opposite to the sayd evill purpose of misemploying the lands althoughe in truthe they be men of honest carriage well known to us and have bene chosen accordinge to use ever sithence the Charter We have also repayred to the sayd Borrowe in person and have conferred the wordes of the Charter with the lymitts of the Borough that be used And have hearde the testimonie of sundrie aged wyttnesses And out of all these thinges we are of oppinion ffirst that the sayd Street is and oughte to be parcell of the sayd Borrowe and that the persons disfranchised upon supposall that they dwelte not within the sayd Borrowe videlicet Edward and William Egham were not lawfullie disfranchised And as concerninge the profitts of the towne lands howe hereafter they maye be employed to those charitable uses for which they were given by the late Quene Marye We did with assent as we tooke it of the whole Corporacion or at the leaste of the greatest number of them digest into divers articles divers ordinances to be observed for ever amongst them Which orders hearewithall we most humblie presente to your Lordshippe Howbeit we are alsoe informed that some of the Towne and Corporacion beinge onlie the number of fiue persons that gaine more then is meete by those Lands have started from their Agreements and doe persuade dyvers of the weaker sorte of the Inhabytants to doe the like But because we see no cause to varie from it and are required by your Lordshippes Letters to certifie our opinions if we coulde not end the controversies we have thoughte good most humblie to leave it to your Lordshippes grave wisdom and censure humblie taking our leaves this xiiiith of December 1603 As by the sayd certyficat remayninge with the Register of this Courte alsoe appeareth which ordynaunces so by the sayd Knightes made and established doe followe in these wordes **THEIS ARE THE ORDINAUNCES** constitucions agreements and decrees had and made the fourteenth day of December in the yeare of our Sovereigne Lorde James by the grace of God of Englande Scotlande ffrance and Irelande Kinge defender of the faythe &c beinge of his Reigne of Englande ffrance and Irelande the ffirste and of Scotlande the seaven and thirteth **WHEREAS** Thomas Atkins Gentleman Bayliffe of the Borrowe of Chippenham in the Countie of Wiltes William Ameat Edward Stafford John Roberts Henry Berye William Banckes Nathaniell Coleman William Wastfelde Edward Bentley John Gale William Gale Henry Banckes and John ffabyan Burgesses of and within the sayd Borrowe consideringe and callinge to mind the greate and manifolde miseries and calamities which daylie grow and arise almoste everiewhere and especiallie within the foresayd Borrowe through controversies suits and troubles in Law as well by reason of vexation of minde as alsoe for the unsupportable charge and expensis of the same And what an uncharitable life it is for men to dwell therein And also that the gracious intente meaninge and princelie affeccion of the late Quene Marye in givinge and granting to the sayd Borrowe the Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in her Highness's

Letters patents mencioned for the better advancement and good thereof in usage of the same maye seeme more thankfullie to be accepted And moreover for the extinguishing of all former grudges strifes malice and evill will conceaved and sprung betwene the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Borrowe aforesayd and other the Inhabytants of the same concerninge the use and ymployment of the same Lands Tenements and hereditaments Whereby they maye be united into an indissoluble knott of neighborlie affection to the good of the whole Borrowe thorough the quiet government of the same And for the better execucion of the uses expressed in the sayd Letters pattent and in performance of the gracious and charitable purpose and intente of the sayd Quene The said Bayliffe and Burgesses of the foresayd Borrowe together with the other Inhabytants thereof beinge housholders and no Inmates By and with their Whole assente and consent have ordeyned ordered decreed and agreed and by theis presents Doe for them and theire successors for evermore ordaine order decree and agree for touching and concerninge the disposition and orderinge of the sayd Lands Tenements Rents and Hereditaments belonginge and apperteyninge to the sayd Borrowe and of the commodityes issues and profitts of the same in manner and forme as followeth that is to saye IMPRIMIS it is ordeyned ordered and agreed by mutual consent that the sayd Lands Tenements and Hereditaments of the sayd Borrowe nor any parte or parcele thereof shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter be soulede alyened leased demised graunted or letten to any person or persons whatsoever or otherwise imployed put or transferred to any other use or behoofe then in and by these presents are expressed and declared and accordinge to the true intente and meaninge of the sayd Letters patents Excepte all that the Messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances sytuate lyinge and beinge at Rowdens Downe within the sayd parishe of Chippenham and the lands meadowes pastures feedinges and commons to the sayd messuage or Tenement belonginge or in any wise appertaininge now in the Tenure or occupation of one John Hulberte or of his assignee or assignees And Thirteene acres of meadowe lyinge in a meadowe called Westmede In accomplishment whereof the sayd Bayliffe and Burgesses for them and theire successors and the said Inhabytants doe ordeine graunte and agree That the cropp of the Heye of all the meadowe grounde called by the name of Westmeade beinge the lands of the sayd Borough conteyning foure and thirtie acres shall be appointed allotted and devided yearelie amongste the Baylife and Burgesses and the sayd Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe and theire successors for evermore beinge Housholders and no Inmates in manner and forme followinge (that is to saye) To the Bayliffe of the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge One acre And to euery of the twelve Burgesses of the sayd Borrowe One acre And the residue of the sayd foure and thirtie acres to be equallie devided to and amongste the Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe beinge housholders and noe Inmates by the fardendele or by tourne and not otherwise at or before the feaste of the nativitie of St. John the Baptiste yearelie or within foureteen dayes then nexte followinge after euery the sayd feastes yearelie at the fartheste the same tourne to goe accordinge to the aunycyentie of theire beinge Householders in the same Borrowe and they to take the same as it shall fall out to lie in the sayd Meadowe beginninge at the end thereof next adioyninge to the sayd Borrowe the same to be indifferentlie measured by the appointment of the Bayliffe for the tyme beinge Euery of the sayd Burgesses and Inhabytants yeldinge and payeinge therefore to the Baylife of the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge for euery of theire porcions so to them allotted accordinge to the rate of foure shillings for euery acre and twelve pence for euery

farrendeale the same to be payed at the lettinge and dividinge or the same meade And the sayd Baylife uppon his accompt to be charged with the payement of foure shillinges for suche acre to him allotted ITEM it is ordeyned graunted and agreed by mutuall consente of the sayd Baylife and Burgesses and Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe That the Baylife and Burgesses of the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge or the greater number of them from and after the determination and expyracion of thestate terme and Interesse of the sayd John Hulberte of and in the sayd Messuage or tenement lands meadowes pastures feedinges and hereditaments before mencioned to be in the tenure or occupacion of the sayd John Hulberte or of his assignee or assignees shall demise lett or graunte to any person or persons whatsoever the sayd Messuage or Tenement and premisses in the tenure of the sayd John Hulberte or his assignee or assignees for and duringe the terme of seaven yeares from and next after suche demise or graunte to be made at or for an Annuall improved Rente for the same to be payed And soe from thenseforth the same shall demise and graunte from one Seaven yeres to another Seaven yeres at an Annuall ymproved Rente and to have in that manner a contynewance by Gods Grace for ever And the sayd Baylife and Burgesses shall make the beste benefitt and ymprovement thereof and make truee accompte of the same to the uses hereafter mentioned ITEM it is further ordeyned graunted and agreed That yearelye for evermore the sayd meade called Westmead shalbe broken upon the Even of St Luke the Evangeliste at the farthest and at the breache thereof euery Inhabytante beinge a Housholder and noe Inmate within the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge shall or may have to the number of two rother Beastes or two Horse Beastes to euery Inhabytante so beinge a Housholder and noe Inmate and not above and to take in noe other agistements to goe feede and be depastured from the Breache thereof untill the ffeaste of St Andrew Thapostle then next followinge yieldinge and payinge to the Baylife for the tyme beinge for euery suche rother beaste or Horse beaste the somme of foure pence of lawfull Englishe money at the entringe in of the Cattell into the said premisses ITEM It is further ordeyned graunted and declared That the Baylife and Burgesses for the tyme beinge or the greater number of them shall dispose of the Herbage or winter Leaze of the meadowe called Westemeade from the ffeaste of St Andrew Thapostle yearely untill the ffeaste of the Annuncyacion of the Virgen Marye and shall make the beste benefitt thereof and make a true accompte thereof to the uses hereafter mencioned ITEM It is further ordayned graunted and agreed that the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and noe Inmates and their successors for euermore shall or maye have tenn kinne or other Rother beastes and not above without any agistement to goe feede and be depastured in and upon two closes or groundes of Pasture commonlie called Boltes Crofte and Burleaze yearelie from the thirde daye of Maye untill the ffeaste of St. Andrew Thapostle in forme followinge (that is to saye) That tenn of the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and noe Inmates within the sayd Borrowe shall or maye have every yeare yearelie the sayd number of tenn kyne or other rother Beastes there by tourne beginninge with the tenn Auncientest housholders beinge no Inmates in the same Borrowe and so goinge on to the reste by tourne accordinge to the like auncyentie from one tenn to another tenn untill the whole Company of the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and noe Inmates and every of them by course successivelie have throughlie enjoyed the same and soe to begin againe and to proceede yearelie and orderlie from age to age and from tyme to tyme to have a contynuance by Gods Grace for euer YEALDINGE AND PAYINGE to the bayliffe for the tyme beinge

for euery such Cowe or other Rother beaste the yerelie somme of five shillings and fourepence of like lawfull Englishe money at the entringe in of the sayd cattell into the sayd premisses **ITEM** it is ordeyned graunted and agreed That the sayd Inhabytants within the sayd Borrowe and their successors beinge housholders and noe inmates for euermore shall or maye have yearelie twentie Sheepe and not above without any agistements to goe feede and be depastured in and upon the foresayd closes and grounds called Boltes Crofte and Burleaze yearelie from the feaste of St. Andrewe Thapostle untill the feaste of the annuncyacion of the Blessed Virgen mary in forme followinge (that is to saye) That Tenn of the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and noe inmates within the sayd Borrowe and beinge those the sayd Inhabytants which are by thentent and true meaninge hereof to enioye the sommer Leaze of the sayd Closes and Grounds of pasture called Boltes Crofte and Burleaze shall or maye have euerye yeare the sayd number of twentie sheepe in the sayd closes and grounds by tourne (Videlicet) Euery of the sayd Tenn Inhabytants Two Sheepe beginninge with the sayd Tenn auncientest housholders in the same Borrowe and soe goinge one to the reste by tourne accordinge to the like ancyentie from one Tenn to another Tenn untill the whole Company of the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and noe inmates and euery of them by course successivelie have throughlie enjoyed the same And soe to begin againe and to proceede yearelie and orderlie from Age to Age and from tyme to tyme to have contynuanace by Gods Grace for ever **YEALDINGE AND PAYEINGE** to the Bayliffe for the tyme beinge for euery suche Sheepe the yearelie somme of sixepence of lawfull Englishe money at the entringe in of the sayd Sheepe into the sayd premisses **ITEM** it is ordeyned graunted and agreed that the sayd Inhabytants beinge Housholders and noe inmates and their successors for euermore shall and maye have yearelie eighte Kyne or other Rother beasts and not above without any agistments to goe feede and be depastured in and uppon one other close or grounde of pasture latelie enclosed Scytuate in Pippesmore in the parishe of Chippenham aforesayd conteyninge by estymation one and twentie acres more or lesse which said grounde beinge uninclosed was late in the tenure or occupacion of William Gale or of his Assignee or Assignees from the therde daye of Maye untill the feaste daye of St. Andrewe thapostle in forme followinge (That is to saye) That eighte of the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and noe inmates within the sayd Borrowe shall or maye have every yere the sayd number of eighte Kyne or other Rother Beasts in the sayd close or grounde by tourne beginninge with the eighte auncyentest housholders in the sayd Borrowe and soe goinge on to the reste by tourne accordinge to the like ancyentie from one eighte to another eighte untill the whole Companie of the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and no inmates and every of them by course successivelie have thoroughlie enjoyed the same and so to begin again and to proceede yearely and orderlie from Age to Age and from tyme to tyme to have contynuanace by Gods Grace for ever **YEALDINGE AND PAYEING** to the Bayliffe for the tyme beinge for euery suche Cowe or Rother Beaste the somme of twelve pence of lawfull Englishe money at thenteringe in of the sayd cattell into the sayd premisses **ITEM** It is further ordeyned graunted and agreed that the sayd Inhabitants beinge Housholders and noe inmates and their Successors for euermore shall or maye have yearelie Sixtene Sheepe and not aboue without any agistements to goe feede and be depastured in and uppon the sayd Close or Grounde of pasture in Pippesmore yearlie from the feaste day of St. Andrewe thapostle untill the feaste of Annuncyacion of the virgen

in forme followinge (That is to saye) That eighte of the sayd Inhabytants beinge Housholders (and no Inmats) within the sayd Borrowe and beinge those the sayd Inhabytants which are by the intente and true meaninge hereof to enioye the sommer Leaze of the sayd close or grounde of pasture in Pippesmore shall or maye have euery yeare the sayd number of Sixtene Sheepe in the sayd close or grounde by tourne (videlicet) euery of the sayd Inhabytants Two Sheepe beginninge with the eighte Auncientest housholders in the sayd Borrowe and so goeing on to the reste by tourne accordinge to the like Auncientie from one eighte to another eighte till the whole company of the sayd Inhabytants beinge Housholders and noe Inmats and euery of them by course Successivelie have thoroughlie enioyed the same and soe to begin againe and to proceede yearelie and orderlie from age to age and from tyme to tyme to have contynuance by Gods Grace for ever YEALDINGE AND PAYEINGE to the Baylife for the tyme beinge for every suche Sheepe the somme of four pence of lawfull Englishe money at the entringe in of the sayd Sheepe into the sayd premisses **ITEM** yt is further ordeyned graunted and agreed that the sayd Inhabytants beinge Housholders and noe Inmats within the sayd Borrowe and their successors for evermore shall and maye from and after thead expiracion or determinacion of a certain lease or estate graunted to one Robert ffranklyn have yearelie Two and Twenty Kyne and not above without any Agistments to goe feede and be depastured in and uppon certain Pastures and Grounds called Englands in the parish of Chippenham aforesayd yearelie from the ffirste daye of May untill the ffeaste daye of St. Andrewe thapostle in forme followinge (that is to saye) That Two and Twenty of the sayd Inhabytants beinge housholders and noe Inmates within the sayd Borrowe shall or maye have euery year the sayd number of Twenty two Kyne in the sayd pastures or grounds called Englands by tournes beginninge with the two and twentie auncientest Housholders in the sayd Borrowe and soe goinge on to the reste by tourne accordinge to the like ancientie from one two and twentie to another two and twentie untill the whole Company of the sayd Inhabytants beinge Housholders and noe Inmates and euery of them by course successivelie have throughly enioyed the same And soe to begin again and to proceede yerely and orderlie from age to age and from tyme to tyme to have contynuance by Gods Grace for ever YEALDINGE AND PAYEINGE therefore yearelie to the Baylife for the time beinge the somme of five shillings foure pence a peece of lawfull Englishe money at the entringe in of the sayd Cattell into the sayd premisses **ITEM** yt is further ordeyned graunted and agreed that the sayd Baylife and Burgesses for the tyme beinge or the greater number of them shall dispose of the herbage and winter Leaze of the pastures and grounds called Englands from the ffeaste of St. Andrewe the Apostle yearelie untill the ffeaste of the Annuncyation of the virgen mary and shall make the best benefitt thereof and make a true accompte thereof to the uses hereafter mentioned **ITEM** yt is ordeyned graunted and agreed That a certen Copice conteyninge by estimacion twentie acres lyinge within the sayd parishe of Chippenham beinge the Lands of the sayd Borrowe shall be preserved for wood Seaven yeares together And then the same Copice Wood (the parson beinge allowed for Tythe and a sufficyente and convenient proportion of the sayd woode beinge allowed and allotted for the makinge of the bounds for the sayd Coppice) shall be appointed allotted and devided amongst the sayd Inhabytants beinge Housholders and noe Inmates and their successors for evermore by and into fardendales and by tourne untill euery of the sayd Inhabytants hath had his severall tourne the same tourne

to goe accordinge to the auncientie of their beinge Housholders in the sayd Borrowe in forme followinge (That is to saye) That the auncientest Inhabytante housholder and noe Inmate the same fallinge to his tourne shall or maye have his fardendeale of the sayd Coppice beginninge at that end of the Coppice which lyeth next to Rowden House and soe in order from thence goeing on to the Reste of the sayd Copice as yt next lyeth thereto and to the reste of the sayd Inhabytants by tourne accordinge to the like Auncyentie untill every one of them hath had his tourne as aforesayd throughout the whole housholders beinge noe Inmates and throughout the sayd Coppice Wood and so to proceed orderly from one seaven years to another beinge the tyme appointed for felling the sayd Copice as is aforesayd and from age to age and from tyme to tyme to have contynuance by Gods Grace for euer YEALDINGE AND PAYEINGE yearelie to the sayd Bayliffe for the tyme beinge for euery suche Fardendeale of Copice the somme of five shillings of lawfull Englishe money at the felling or cuttinge of the sayd fardendeale ITEM yt is ordeyned graunted and agreed that all the foresayd Closes Pastures Grounds and premisses shall contyneue and be freshe and heynd at all and euery suche tyme and tymes of the yeare as the same are not by these presents lymitted or appointed for pasturinge or feedinge as aforesayd The same to be fenced preserved and mainteynd by the Bayliffe for the tyme beinge ITEM yt is ordeyned graunted and agreed That the sayd Bayliffe of the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge and after his decease Then the heires Executors and Administrators of the sayd Bayliffe so deceasinge shall from tyme to tyme as well for the money which he himselfe shall or oughte to paye his parte as alsoe for the receipte of all the monies that shall and ought to be payed for the said premisses as aforesayd so by the sayd Bayliffe appointed to be collected and receyved within fouretene dayes yearelie next followinge after the ffeast daye of St. Michaell Tharchangell before his Brethern the Burgesses or the greater number of them yealde and make a true and juste accompte of all and every suche monies and receipts And shall and will alsoe before them and six of the sufficyentest and discreetest Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe to be thereunto called publishe manifeste and declare the same accompts And that he the sayd Bayliffe his Executors or Administrators shall and will alsoe then and there make true payemts thereof and delyver over the stocke and arrrages thereof unto the next successor Bayliffe of the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge which shall next succeed him the yeare after his office of Bayliewicke ended To the intente that the same monies and stocke maye be employed to the uses behoofes and intents hereafter mencioned and accordinge to the true meaninge of the afore mencioned Letters patents ITEM yt is ordeyned graunted and agreed That the monies stocke use and benefitt thereof shal be from tyme to tyme employed and bestowed to suche uses as before is mencioned and the surplusage thereof alsoe accordinge to the true intente and meaninge of the sayd Letters patents and that alsoe There shal be a faire Booke provided for the sayd Borrowe by the sayd Bayliffe and Burgesses wherein shalbe dylie wrytten the names and Surnames of all and every the Inhabytants of and within the sayd Borough beinge noe Inmates as they are in Auncyentie And in which booke also shalbe duellie wrytten and sett down from tyme to tyme the Receipts disbursements payements Reckonings of monies which shall be employed according to the sayd Letters patents which shalbe wrytten by the Towne Clerke or some other Register to be named from tyme to tyme for the doeing thereof and that there shalbe allowed yearelie unto him the somme of twentie shillings The

same Booke to be from tyme to tyme safelie kepte and preserved and to have contynewance by Gods Grace for euer And that there shalbe allowed unto the Bayliffe for the tyme beinge upon the makinge of his accompte the somme of sixe pounds yearlie for and towards his labour charges and travaile in the due execucion of the premisses and for the wages and liverie of the under Bayliffe ITEM yt is graunted and agreed That it shalbe lawfull for the housholders of the sayd Borough beinge no Inmats and every or any of them at his and their pleasures to lett and sett his or their or any of their tournes when it shall fall to them as aforesayd to any other of the sayd Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe beinge a Housholder and noe Inmate and to none other person or persons to his their and euery of their beste commodities and advantage soe that noe suche person have above three tournes in one place at one tyme accountinge his owne tourne for one PROVIDED that euery of the sayd Inhabytants shall and maye sell their benefitt of Sheepe Leaze at their pleasures ITEM whereas greate question and controversie hath bene had and moved aboute the boundarie of the sayd Borrowe of Chippenham and chieffie aboute a Streete there called St mary Streete Yt is nowe therefore Resolved declared expounded graunted and agreed that the sayd Streete called St. Marie Streete is parcell of the Borrowe aforesayd And so hath and shalbe adjudged reckoned and established to be from henceforthe for euermore without any doubt or question thereof to be made And that the Inhabytants thereof beinge no Inmats shall and maye be elected and chosen as Burgesses and Officers within the sayd Borrowe and to have their voices accord- ingelie and to take suche benefitt in and by the sayd Borrowe in suche sorte and manner as other of the Inhabytants maye by force of these presents or otherwise ITEM yt is further ordeyned graunted and agreed that no Bayliffe for the tyme beinge or Burgesse Inhabytante or Housholder shall at any tyme hereafter breake change or alter or cause to be broken changed or altered any of the ordynances graunts or agreements in these presents conteyned or specyfyed or any article or clause thereof to the prejudice of any ITEM yt is farther ordeyned graunted and agreed for and in consideration that the nowe Inhabytants of the sayd Town and Borrowe have of their owne proper goods layed out and disbursed divers greate sommes of money as well aboute certen inclosures fences and ymprovements of the sayd Borrowe Lands as alsoe aboute greate Suits in Lawe for the effectinge establishinge and settlinge of the sayd Lands and premises in suche sorte manner and forme as in these presents are mencioned and conteyned THAT euery person and persons whatsoever which at any tyme hereafter shall happen to become an Inhabytant or Inhabytants within the foresayd Borrowe beinge not Inmats and beinge not borne or havinge not served as an Apprentice for the space of seaven yeares at the leaste within the same Borrowe before that he they or any of them shall have perceiue take or enioye any benefitt profit or commoditie out of the sayd premisses or out of any parcel thereof by virtue of theis presents or otherwise shall come to the place where the sayd Baylie and Burgesses for the tyme beinge doe make their common Meetings and assembles and there praye to have his or their name or names to be recorded and Registred in the register Booke before mencioned and shall then paye or cause to be payed unto the Bayliffe and Burgesses and their successors of the same Borrowe for the tyme beinge the full sum of Twentie shillings of lawfull Englishe money and not above or under which money soe payed shall be employed and used to the uses in theis presents mencioned ITEM yt is farther ordeyned graunted and agreed that euery person and persons whatsoever which nowe are and for evermore hereafter shall

be inhabytinge and dwellinge within the sayd Borrowe beinge borne or having served as an Apprentice for the space of seaven yeares at the leaste within the sayd Borrowe or otherwise shall marrie the Wydowe or daughter of an Inhabytante whose name shall then be and remaine upon the Register booke aforesayd before that he or they or any of them shall have perceiv take or enjoye any benefitt profitt or commoditie out of the aforesayd premisses or any parcell thereof by vertue of theis presents or otherwise shall come to the place where the sayd Baylife and Burgesses for the tyme beinge doe make their common meetinges and assemblies and there praye to have his or their name or names to be Recorded and registred in the Register Booke before mencioned and shall paye for Registringe and Recordinge of the same the somme of three shillings fourepence and not above nor under which money so payd shalbe alsoe employed to the uses in theis presents mencioned PROVIDED alwayes that if any of the sayd Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe which by the intente and true meaninge of theis presents are to take Benefitt of the sayd Borrowe Lands shall at any tyme refuse and will not be conformable and agreeable in all things as is before sayd and shalbe a common breaker of the peace a common drunkard or person of evell behavior or a receivor or mainteynor of any suche person or persons or shall not carie him and themselves conformable aydinge and agreeable to all good laudable and lawfull ordinances made and established or to be made and established by the Baylife and Burgesses of the sayd Borrowe for the tyme beinge for the better government of the Inhabytants of and within the same or shall not all tymes and from tyme to tyme paye and be contributorie to all and every lawful and Reasonable Taxacions Rates and Payements to be made by the Baylife and Burgesses of the Borrowe aforesayd for the tyme beinge or the greater parte of them with the assistaunce of eighte sixe or foure of the most discreetest and most sufficyentest Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe to be thereunto called for the sayd purposes for all taxes rates and payments which the sayd Borrowe and Inhabytants thereof shalbe charged or chargeable withall eyther for makeinge or repayringe of the fences and bounds of the premisses or for and in any other respecte or for any other occasion whatsoever That then every suche person and persons soe doeinge refusinge and offendinge shall for so longe tyme onely as he or they shalbe soe uncomformable disagreeable or offendinge be debarred and shall loose all manner benefitt which he shoulde have had or maye clayme out of the same Lands ITEM yt is farther ordeyned graunted and agreed that no Inhabytante or Housholder within the sayd Borrowe takinge or who is to take any benefitt of the sayd Borrowe Lands by vertue of theis presents shall at any tyme hereafter devide his Tenement House or Habytacion into dyvers parts or habitacions or into more habytacions than one whereby any person or persons Inhabytants thereof shall or maye take any benefitt of the sayd Borrowe Lands by vertue of this decree And that noe Inhabytante which at any tyme hereafter shall dwell in any newe erected house within the sayd Borrowe whére noe House or habytacion was at the tyme of the makeinge and establishinge of this Decree shall have or také any benefitt of the sayd Borrowe Lands or of any part or parcell of the same FINALLIE yt is ordeyned graunted and decreed that the Rents Revenues issues and profitts of the Lands aforesayd other than suche as are speciallie lymitted and appointed by these presents shalbe employed towards the performance of the true intente and meaninge of the sayd Letters patents and to the uses and behoofes expressed in the same Letters patents And if there shall remaine any overplus at thend of every yeare the same shalbe put into a Common Stocke and be distributed yearely by waye of Loane and that freeilie

and upon good Suretie and Securitie to and amongst the poorer sorte of artificers and Tradesmen of the sayd Borrowe at the discrecion of the sayd Baylife and Burgesses for the tyme beinge PROVIDED alwayes that for the avoydinge of scruple and question the Baylife and Burgesses of the Borrowe aforesayd shalbe accompted taken and esteemed to be Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe and shall take their benefitts by tourne of and in all the sayd Borrowe Lands and Stocke of money savinge in the firste Share or cropp of the sayd meadowe called Westmeade as all other the Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe doe or oughte to doe And that the Baylife Burgesses and euery the Inhabytants of the sayd Borough shalbe for his and their Auncientie concluded for the same as their names are and shalbe registered in the Register Booke before named AFTER which (that is to saye) on mundaye the three and twentieth daye of Januarie laste It was ordered by this Courte that a Subpena shoulde be awarded againste John ffabyan William Banckes Henry Banckes Edward Bentlie and Nathaniell Coleman five of the Defendants in the sayd Bill of Complaine mentioned beinge the parties supposed to disassent from the sayd Ordinances and former agreements certified as aforesayd to shewe cause in this Octabis purificacionis wherefore the sayd Orders shoulde not be ratefied by decree of this Courte accordinge to the certyficat and oppynion of the sayd Knightes which subpenas were served upon the sayd parties accordingelie And one of them (Videlecet) Nathanyell Coleman wroughte his Letters to Thomas Atkyns nowe Baylife of the sayd Borrowe And to Richarde Wastfeild an Attornie of the Common Plees Inhabytants of the sayd Town nowe bothe residente in London signyfing his likeinge and assente that the sayd Ordinances shoulde be decreed as by the sayd Letter shewed forthe appeared And the residuee (that is to saye) Edwarde Bentlie William Banckes Henry Banckes and John ffabyan came upp to London and appeared upon the sayd Subpenas and beinge advised aboute the matter of their coming upp to London did declare to one William Stockes an Attornie of the Common Plees and an Inhabytante of the sayd Borrowe that they woulde not contradicte the proceedings of the said Decree And that if they had knowan so muche before their comminge to London as they had bene advised sythence they woulde not have come from Home aboute it sayinge Proceede on in Gods name as by an Affidavite thereof made by the sayd William Stockes appeareth And so the sayd foure departed home without shewing any cause whie the sayd Decree shoulde not be made IT IS THEREFORE this presente Terme of Saint Hillarie That is to saye on Satardaye the Eleaventh daye of februarie in the yeares of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lorde James by the Grace of God Kinge of Englande ffrance and Irelande the firste and of Scotlande the Seaven and thirteenth defendor of the faythe, &c. By the Righte Honorable Thomas Lorde Elesmere Lorde Chauncellor of England and the Hight Courte of Chauncerie ordered adiudged and decreed That the sayd Articles and Ordinances soe certified by the sayd Knightes be confirmed by decree of this Courte and shall for ever hereafter be well and truelie fulfilled and kepte by the Bailife and Burgesses of the sayd Borrowe and their successors for ever and by all other the Inhabytants of the sayd Borrowe that nowe be and hereafter shalbe accordinge to the purports tenor and true meaninge thereof as fullie firmelie and effectualle as if the sayd Articles and Ordinances had bene made and sett downe by Decree of this Honorable Courte NOS autem tenorem irrotulament predict ad Requisitionem Ricardi Wastfeild Johannis Scott et Gabrielis ffarnell alias Gouldney duximus exemplificand per present IN CUIUS rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus Patentes TESTE me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die martii Anno Regni nostri Anglie ffrancie et Hibernie primo et Scotie tricesimo septimo.

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Examinat per nos

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CHARTER of JAMES I.

Dated 21st November 1607.

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decimas quacunq̄ue tam maiores quam minores NECNON oblaciones obuenciones fructus propitua aquas piscaria piscaciones et consuetudinem suam habere et tenere in primo fractu predicti prati vocat le Westmeade pro animalibus in Foresta nostra predicti in super et apud die Sancti Luci Euangelist usque ad diem Sancti Andrei Apostuli annuatim Et ab eodem die Sancti Andrei Apostoli usque ad festum Beate Marie Virginis annuatim habere pascuam ouilem per totum pratum predictum prout dicti Balliui et Burgenses et predecessores sui ad aliquod tempus preantea consueuer Ac omnia alia iura iurisdictiones Franchisias Priuelegia profuitua commoditates aduantage emolumenta et hereditamenta nostra quecumque eorum pertinentiis munera quuscumque sunt natur generis siue speciei seu quibuscumque nominibus sciantur censeantur nuncupentur seu cognoscantur scitua iacen et existen prouemen crescen renouam siue enagen de in super vel racione premissorum infra Comitatu vill Campos Loca parochias siue Hamlett predicti seu in vel infra eorum aliquem vel aliquos predicti Cotag Claus et cetera premissa superius per presentes preconcess seu eorum alicui vel aliquibus quoquo modo spectan pertinen inciden appenden ereun vel emergen aut ut membr part vel parcell eorundem Cotagiorum Clausorum et ceterorum premissorum superius per presen preconcess seu eorum uliquorum vel alicuius unquan ante hac habit cognit accept occupat ut et seu reputat existen Ac eciam omnes et omnimodos boscos subboscos et arbores quascumque de in et super premiss et qualibet inde parcell cresten et existen. Ac totum terr fund ab solum eorundem boscorum subboscorum et arborum NECNON reuercionem et reuerciones quascunq̄ue omnium et singulorum predictorum Cotagiorum Clausorum terrarum tenementorum et hereditamentorum quorumcunq̄ue ac ceterorum premissorum superius per presentes preconcess cuiuslibet inde parcell. Necnon omnia et singula reddit et animal profit quecumque referunt super quibuscumque dimissionibus vel concessionibus de premissis per presentes preconcess seu de aliqua inde parcella fact et reddit et anual profuitua omnium et singulorum eorundem premissorum superius per presentes preconcess et cuiuslibet inde parcella. DAMUS ulterius et per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Balliui et Burgensibus predicti Burgi de Chippenham predicta et Successoribus suis predicta Cotagia terras tenementa ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius per presentes preconcessa cum eorum pertinentiis universis Adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et singula premissa aut aliqua inde parcella ad manus nostras seu ad manus aliquorum progenitorum siue predecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Regnarum Anglie sue ad manus eorum vel earum alicuius racione vel pretextu alicuius dissoluencionis vel earum reddificacionis aliquorum nuper monasteriorum siue Prioratorum aut racione vel pretextu alicuius exchambii vel perquisicionis aut alicuius doni vel concessionis aut alicuius Officii vel Inquisicionis aut alicuius attinctur siue forisfactur aut racione vel pretextu alicuius actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum actuum Parliamentorum aut racione estaet sistens seu quocunq̄ue alio legali modo in re seu titulo deueniant seu deuenire debuerunt aut in manibus nostris iam existum seu existere debent vel deberent EXCEPTIS tamen semper et nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris omnino reseruat omnibus aduocacionibus donacionibus et liberis dispositionibus Ecclesiarum quarumcunq̄ue premissis per presentes preconcessant aut alicui inde parcell spectan pertinen inciden appenden vel incumben Saluo eciam et nobis heredibus et Successoribus nostris reseruat libertat Foreste nostre predicti infra omnia et singula terras tenementa et cetera premissa per presentes preconcessa in talibus et consimilibus modo et forma

et non aliter prout in eisdem terris et tenementis preantea preconcess libertat forest usitat fuerunt et de iure uti consuet fuit. **HABENDUM TENENDUM ET GAUDENDUM** predicta Cotagia terras tenementa prata pasua pasturas boscos subboscos profuita comoditates advantagia emolumenta et hereditamenta nostra quecunque ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata ac per presentes preconcess cum eorum iuribus membris et pertinentiis uniuersis Ac reuercionem et reuerciones quascunque omnium et singulorum eorundem premissorum et eorum cuiuslibet Exceptis per presentes preexcept prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta et Successoribus suis in feod firma in perpetuum **TENENDUM** predicta Cotagia terras tenementa ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius per presentes preconcess de nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris ut de Manerio nostro de Eastgreenewich in Comitatu nostro Kantie per fidelitatem tantum in libero et comuni Soccagio et non in Capite nec per seruitium militare **REDDENDUM** annual nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris de et pro premissis superius per presentes preconcess nouem solid legalis monete Anglie ad Receptum Stanarii nostri Heredum et Successorum nostrorum seu ad manus vicecomitis Comitatus nostri Wiltes predicto pro tempore existen ad Festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli annatum soluend in perpetuum pro omnibus redditibus seruiciis exaccionibus et demandis quibuscunque et absque alio reddit seu alia re proinde vel aliqua parcell premissorum nobis Heredibus vel Successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddend soluend vel faciend **ET ULTERIUS** de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris volumus ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Damus et concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta et Successoribus suis quod ipsi ad libitum suum omnia et singula premissa vel ut liber et sepal pastur suam tenere occupare possidere et gaudere valeant aut antehac tenere occupare possidere et gaudere soliti sunt vel de tempore in tempus ad voluntatem suam licet omnia vel aliqua premiss infra met foreste nostre predict existunt Haiis et fossatis includere et siue licencia nostra Heredum et Successorum nostrorum vel Justiciar Foreste nostre citra Trentam bosc subbosc et arbores super premissa vel aliqua inde parcella modo crescentem vel crescentes vel que imposterum crescere contigerit succidere et asportare et ad usum suum proprium de tempore in tempus conuertere totumque solum et fundum predict vel aliqua inde parcellam frussare assertare seu in culturam redigere Et que sic inclusa frussata et in culturam redacta fuerunt tenere sibi prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta et Successoribus suis imperpetuum absque contradicione vel impedimento nostri Heredum Successorum nostrorum Justiciaciorum Forest eriorum veridariorum Regardatorum et aliorum Balliuorum et Ministorum nostrorum Forest Et quod in omnibus plenam et liberam habeant Disposicionem premissorum **ET ULTERIUS** de ampliori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris Dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris damus et concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predict et Successoribus suis omnia exit reddit reuenciones et profuita omnium et singulorum premissorum superius express et specificat ac per presentes preconcess et cuiuslibet inde parcell Et omnia et singula acreragia eorumdem nobis aut aliquibus antecessoribus vel Predecessoribus nostris ante dat presentium huiusque debit prouenien crescen amden siue emergent Necnon omnia redditus per aliquam arratacionem antehac de premissis seu de aliqua inde parcella reseruat unde eosdem Balliuum et Burgenses Burgi de Chippenham predicta et successores suos et omnes alios occupatores premissorum ex onerare volumus et exoneramus per presentes Habendum eisdem Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta et successoribus suis absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddend soluend seu faciend **ET ULTERIUS** de ampliori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris volumus ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus

Burgi de Chippenham predicta et Successoribus suis Quod nos heredes et successores nostri imperpetuum annuatim et de tempore in tempus exonerabimus ac quietabimus et indemnes conseruabimus tam prefatos Balliuum et Burgenses Burgi de Chippenham predicta et successores suos quam predicta messuagia terras tenementa et cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata ac per presentes preconcessa et quamlibet inde parcell cum eorum pertinentiis uniuersis versus nos Heredes et successores nostros de et ab omnibus et omnimodis Corrod redditibus feodis annuitatibus Pensionibus Portionibus Denariorum Summis ac oneribus quibuscumque ac omnibus et singulis arreragiis eorundem premissorum seu de aliqua inde parcella nobis Heredibus et successoribus nostris exeun seu soluend vel super inde versas nos Heredes vel Successores nostros oneratos seu onerand preterquam de redditibus seruciis et tenuris superius pro premissis in hiis presentibus nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris reseruat Ac preterquam de Dimissionibus et concessionibus pro termino vite vitarum vel Annorum ac conuencioribus et condicionibus in eisdem existen Ac conuencioribus et oneribus que aliquis Fimarius sine aliqui Firmarii premissorum ratione aliquarum Indenturarum et Dimission suarum facere et exonerare tenetur seu tenentur **VOLENTES** eciam ac per presentes firmitur inimigentes et precipien tum Thesaurer Cancellar et Baronibus Stanarii nostri Heredum et Successorum nostrorum quam omnibus Receptoribus auditoribus et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris Heredum et Successorum nostrorum quibuscumque pro tempore existen Quod ipsi et eorum quilibet super solum Demonstrationem harum litterarum nostrarum patentium vel Irrotulamentorum earundem absque aliquo alio breui seu warrant de nobis heredibus seu successoribus nostris quoquo modo impetrand seu prosequend plenam integram debitamque allocationem et exoneracionem manifestam de omnibus et omnimodis huius modi corrod redditibus Feodis Annuitatibus Pensionibus Porcionibus et Denariorum summis ac oneribus quibuscumque ac arreragiis eorundem preterquam de predict seruciis et ceteris premissis preantea ut preferitur per presentes reseruat ac per prefatos Balliuum et Burgenses Burgi de Chippenham predicti et Successores suos imposterum per presentes solubit fiend seu performand de premissis seu de aliquo premissorum nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris exeun seu soluend vel superinde versus nos heredes vel successores nostros onerat seu onerand prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta et Successoribus suis et omnibus aliis occupatoribus premissorum ut preferitur concessfacient et de tempore in tempus fieri causabunt Et he littere nostre patentes vel Irrotulament earunden erunt anomatim et de tempore in tempus tam dict Thesaurar Cancellar et Baronibus Stanarii nostri predict Heredum et Successorum nostrorum Quam omnibus et singulis Receptoribus Auditoribus et aliis Officiariis et Ministris nostris Heredum et Successorum nostrorum quibuscumque pro tempore existen sufficien warran et exoneracione in hac parte Ac **DEIQUE** pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris Declaramus volumus et ordinamus quantum in nobis est Quod exitus et profuita premissorum de tempore in tempus renouand emergent et contingen expendent et impendentur ad tal eadem et huiusmodi usus opera et proposit qual per prior litteras patentes in quibus Tenementa predicta inter alia mencionantur fact Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta per sereuissimam Antecessorem nostram Dominam Mariam nuper Reginam Anglie geren dat secundo die Maii Anno regni sui primo Ac per quoddam Decret in Curia Cancellaria nostra undecimo die februaryi Anno regni nostri Anglie Francie et Hibernie primo exprimantur et appunctuantur Et **ULTERIUS** de ampliori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris pro consideracionibus predictis volumus ac per presentes pro nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta et Successoribus suis Quod he littere nostre Patentes vel Irrotulament earunden erunt in omnibus et per omnia Firme valide bone sufficientes et effectuales in lege erga et contra nos Heredes et Successores nostros

tam in omnibus Curis nostris quam alibi infra Regnum nostrum Anglie absque aliquibus confirmacionibus Licenciis vel tolleracionibus de nobis Heredibus et Successoribus nostris imposterum per predictos Bellium et Burgenses Burgi de Chippenham predicta vel Successores suos procurand aut obtinend **NON OBSTANTE** male nominand seu male recitand aut non recitand aut non nominand predicta cotagia pasturas boscos ac cetera premissa superius per present prero vel aliquam inde parcell Et non obstan non emendant non sufficienter inneniend offic aut Inquisic premissorum aut alicuius inde parcell per quod aut que titulus noster inneniri debuit ante confeccionem Harum Litterarum nostrarum Patentium Et non obstante male recitand vel non recitand aliquas Dimissiones vel concessiones de premissis vel de aliqua inde parcella fact existen de recordo vel non de recordo Et non obstante male nominand vel non nominand aliquam Villam ham lettam parochiam locum vel comitatum In quibus premissa aut aliqua inde parcella existunt vel existit Et non obstante quod de nominibus aut certitudine particularum Tenentium Firmariorum sine occupatorum Mesuagiorum terrorum tenementorum et hereditamentorum predictorum seu aliquorum premissorum vel alicuius inde parcella plena vera et certa non fit mencio. Et **NON** obstante aliquibus defectibus de certitudine vel computacione vel declaracione veri an valoris premissorum aut alicuius inde parcella aut annualis redditus reseruat de et super premissa vel de et super aliqua inde parcell in hiis litteris nostris patentibus expressis et contentis **ET NON** obstante aliquibus aliis Defectibus in non nominand aut in male nominand aliquam Tenentem Firmar siue occupator premissorum aut alicuius inde parcella **ET NON OBSTANTE** Statut in Parlamento Domini Henrici nuper Regis Anglie sexti Antecessoris nostri Anno regni sui decimo octauo fact et edit **ET NON OBSTANTE** Statut de terris et tenementis in manum mortuam non ponend Et non obstante aliquibus aliis defectibus in non certe nominand natur gener species quantitat et qualitat premissorum aut alicuius inde parcella. **VOLUMUS** eciam ac per presentes concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta quod habeant et habebunt has litteras nostras Patentes sub magno Sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo fact et sigillat absque fine seu feodo magno vel paruo nobis in Hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum proinde quoquo modo reddend soluend seu faciend **EO QUOD** expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum siue eorum alicuius aut de aliis donis siue concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum siue predecessorum nostrorum prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicta ante hec tempora fact in presentibus numine fact existit Aut aliquo Statut actu ordinacione prouisione proclamacione siue restriccionem in contrarium inde ante hac habit fact edit ordinat seu prom Aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante **IN CUIUS** rei testimonium Has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes **TESTE** me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo primo die Nouembris Anno regni nostri Anglie Francie et Hibernie quinto et Socie quadragesimo primo.

Per warrant Comissionariorum.

The great seal attached to the Charter is quite perfect, and in fine condition.

CHARTER of JAMES II.

Dated 13th March, 1685.

Jacobus Secundus Dei gratia Anglie Scotie Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei defensor
 Omnibus ad quos presentes littere prevenerint salutem SCIATIS quod nos melioracionem Ville et Burgi nostri de Chippenham in Comitatu nostro Willtes graciose affectantes Et volentes quod de cetero nup sit et erit unus certus et indubitatus modus in Villa et Burges predict pro meliori gubernacione et regimine eiusdem Ville et Burgi ac Inhabitantium inde de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris Volumus ordinavimus constituimus determinavimus et concessimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris volum ordin constitui determin et concedim quod dict Vill et Burg de Chippenham in dicto Comitatu nostro Wiltes sit et erit liber Burgus corporat in re facto et nomine imperpetuum de uno Balliuo et duodecim Burgensibus per nomen Balliui et Burgensium Burgi de Chippenham in Comitatu Wiltes perpetuis futur temporibus durat Ac quod Balliuus et Burgenses Burgi illius pro tempore existen sint de cetero una Civitas perpetua et unum corpus corporat et politic in re facto et nomine imperpetuum Ac ipsos Balliuum et Burgenses un Civitatem ac un corpus corporat et politic de se realiter et ad plen creamus erigimus ordinamus facimus constituimus declaramus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris incorporamus perpetuis futur temporibus duratur ET ULTERIUS volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui per nomen Balliui et Burgensium Burgi de Chippenham in Comitatu Wiltes plitare et implitari sequi ac defendere et defendi respondere et responderi valeant et possint in omnibus Curiis et Locis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum ac in aliis Curiis et Locis quibuscunque tam in omnibus et singulis accionibus sectis querelis causis et demandis real et personal seu mixt quam in omnibus et singulis aliis causis et negociis et mater quibuscunque Quodque iidem Balliuus et Burgenses Burgi predict et successores sui heant et hebunt com Sigill ac omnimod causas scripta et negotia sua agend tractand et sigilland Ac quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Balliuo et Burgensibus et successoribus suis Sigillum illud ad libitum suum frangere mutare et de novo facere Et quod iidem Balliuus et Burgenses sint et erunt persone habiles et in leges capaces ad racipiend capiend et perquirend sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum Maner messuag terr tenement libertat privileg iurisdiccio franchises reddit reversion servic et hereditament quecunque cuiuscunque hener natur vel specei fuerint sibi et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate pro termino vite vitarum vel animarum seu aliter Necnon ad dand concedand dimittend alienaud assignand et disponend terr tenement et hereditament etaid omnia et singula alia facta et res faciend et exequend per nomen predict AC ETIAM volumus ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus et ordinamus quod de cetero imperp sit et erit infra Burg predict unus probus et discretus vir qui erit et vocabit Balliuus Ville et Burgi predict Ac eciam sint et erunt duodecim homines de discretioribus et magis probioribus viris dicti Burgi de Chippenham qui erunt Assistentes et auxiliantes dicto Balliuo eiusdem Burgi pro tempore existen in causis et materiis eundem Burgum tangen

qui erunt et vocabunt Burgenses eiusdem Burgi Et pro meliori executione voluntate et concessione nostre in hac parte Assignavimus nominavimus fecimus et ordinavimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus facimus et ordinamus Dilectum nobis Johannem Flower generosum fore et esse primum et modernum Ballium Burgi predicti ad officium Balliui eiusdem Burgi fideliter per sacramentum suum exequend usque festum Sancti Michaelis Archi pro futur et ab eodem festo quousque una alia persona per Burgenses dicti Burgi pro tempore existente vel per maiorem partem eorumdem elect et ad officium illud fideliter exequend debito iurat fuerit sed ordinationes et provisiones inferius in his presentibus express et mencion Ac eciam assignavimus nominavimus fecimus et ordinavimus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris nominamus facimus et ordinamus Dilectos nobis Sharringtonum Talbott ac Jonathanum Rogers generosum Gulielmum Stephens Samuelm Twiford generosum Gulielmum Bule generosum Rogerum Warne Johannem Short seniore Gulielmum Lord Gulielmum Gale iuniorem Johannem Weekes Thomam Webb et Jacobum Gingell Inhabitantes dicti Burgi de Chippenham fore et esse duodecim primos et modernos Burgenses eiusdem Burgi qui super eorum sacramenta corporaliter et sepaliter prestit ad Officium illud fideliter exequend sint et erunt Burgenses Burgi de Chippenham predict pro et duran vitis suis naturalibus respective nisi ab Officio predicto pro male se gerend amoti fuerint aut eorum aliquis amotus fuerit AC ETIAM volumus ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes Concedimus prefatus Balliuo et Burgensibus dicti Burgi de Chippenham et successoribus suis quod ipsi et successores sui per eorum com consensum vel per maiorem partem iude habeant auctoritatem potestatem et facultatem condend et constituend assignand et faciend de tempore in tempus leges statuta et ordinationes quecunque pro gubernacione et regimine Artific et Inhabitantium Burgi predicti et pro vicalacione eiusdem Burgi que erunt bona et necessaria pro republica eiusdem Burgi ac pro meliori gubernacione et regimine Inhabitantium Burgi predicti Ita quod huiusmodi leges statuta et ordinationes non sint repugnantia nec contraria legibus et statutis regni nostri aut prerogative nostre heredum aut successorum nostrorum Proviso semper ac plen potestat et auctoritat nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris reservam de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora imposter ad Ballium aut aliquem vel aliquos de Burgensibus Burgi predicti modo et pro tempore existen ad libitum et bene plitu nostr heredum et successorum nostrorum per aliquem Ordinem nostrum sive heredum vel successorum nostrorum in Privato Concilio fact et sub sigillo privati Concilii predict eisdem respective significat ad amovend et amot et amotos esse declarand Et quoties nos heredes vel successores nostri per aliquem aliquem tal Ordinem in Privato Concilio fact declar vel declar huiusmodi Ballium aut aliquem vel aliquis Burgens Burgi predict pro tempore existen fore et esse amot vel amotos a respectivis Officiis suis predictis quod tunc et extunc huiusmodi Balliuus aut aliquis vel aliqui de Burgensibus Burgi predicti sic amot vel amot esse declarat sive declarand a sepaliteribus et respectivis Officiis suis ipso facto et sine aliquo ulterior processu realiter et ad omnia intent ces et proposit quecunque amot sit et erit amoti sint et erint Et hac toties quoties sic cesus sic acciderit aliquo in contrar inde non obstan ET ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Concedimus prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis quod quandocunque acciderit aliquem Ballium vel aliquos de Burgensibus Burgi predicti pro tempore existente obire seu ab Officio suo vel ab Officiis suis amovere vel decedere quod tunc et in quo tal casu al persona vel al persone de tempore in tempus ad et in Offic illius vel illorum sic mort vel mortuorum vel sic amoveri vel decedere contingen vel contingent deb modo eliget jurabit constituet eligent jura-

bunt constituent pro tal person in tal loco modo et forma per spaciem septem ann jam ult elaps in Burgo predict assuet et consuet fuit **PROVISO** semper ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris precipimus et ordinamus quod Balliuus et Burgenses Burgi predict per presentes nominat et constitut et impost nominand vel eligend antequam ad execucionem Officiorum suorum admittant seu eorum aliquis admittat tam sacramenta corporata vocata the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy ac omnia alia sacramenta pro de execucione Officiorum suorum respective quam omn Declaracion et subscripcion per nuper Act Parlamenti pro regulacione corporacion requisit prestabunt facient et subscribent et eorum qui faciet prestabit et subscribet necnon que persona imposter elect vel eligend in libertat Burgi predicti vel antequam admiss erit esse liber homo Burgi predicti prestabit separabit sacramenta corporal vocat the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy coram tal person et personis coram qua vel quibus usualis sacramentis pro deb execucione Offic Balliui vel Burgensium Burgi predicti antehac prestit fuit vel prestit fuerunt sui persone vel quibus personis huiusmodi sacramant ab subscripcion dandi administrandi et requirendi plenam potestat et auctoritat pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus per presentes **ET** ulterius de ampliori gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia nostra et mero motu nostris volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus concedimus restituimus confirmamus et approbamus prefatis Baliuo et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis omnia et singula libertates ffranchess immunitates exemptiones quietantes juris dicciones necnon omnia et singula ead et huiusmodi Maner messuagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas vasta vacua funda vias comm boscos subboscos Rector Dec redit reverciones reven servit mercat ffer Offic Officiar Cur ffer amerc bona catalla deb adimissiones concessiones consuetudines privileg potestat auctoritat emolumenta jur et hereditamenta quecunque **QUE** nuper Balliuus et Burgenses Burgi predicti vel predecessones sui aut eorum aliquis sive aliqui per quecunque nomina seu per quodcunque nomen vel per quamcunque Incorporacionem vel pretextu cuiuscunque Incorporacionis antehac habuerunt tenuerunt usi vel re fuerunt aut habere tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt vel debuit eis et successoribus suis imperpetuum racione seu pretextu aliquarum Chartarum aut Litterarum Patentium per nos aut per aliquem predecessorum vel progenitorum nostrorum Regum vel Reginarum Anglie sive alicuius alternis vel aliquorum aliorum Dominorum Burgi predicti quoquo modo antehac dat concess seu confirmat seu quecunque al legali modo usu prescripcione sive titulo antehac litum visitat habit et consuet **HABENDUM** tenendum et gaudendum omnia et singula premissa prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi predicti et successoribus suis imperpetuum pro huiusmodi servit et ten per qual preantea tenebant **AC** reddendum et solvendum inde annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris tot tant tal eadem et huiusmodi feod firm reddit servit denar summ et demand quecunque quot quant qual et que nobis vel predecesoribus nostris antehac pro eisdem reddit seu solvi consueverunt seu reddere debuerunt **Eo** quod expressa mencione de vero valor annuo vel de certitudine premissorum vel eorum alicuius aut de aliis Donis vel Concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum vel predecessorum nostrorum prefatis Balliuo et Burgensibus Burgi de Chippenham predicti antehac tempora fact in presentibus et minime fact existit Aut aliquo Statuto vel aliqua al re causa vel mater quarum in aliquo non obstante **IN** cuius rei testimonium Has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus **PATENTES** **TESTE** me ipso apud Westmonasterium Decimo tertio die Marcii anno regni nostri primo.

Per breve de private Sigillo.
Pro Fine in Hanaperio vii. xiiij. iiijd.
(Signed)

Guilford.
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The seal is much broken.

TITLE DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS

Relating to the early History of the Borough.

(1) 1320. June 15. Copy Grant by Edw. II. to Edmund Gascelyn and Alianor his wife, of two Markets and four Fairs in his (Gascelyn's) Manor of Chippenham.

(2) [No date.] Copy Grant by Johanna Godardville, Widow of Geoffrey Gascelyn, to Stanley Abbey.

To which is appended a sketch of the ownership of the Hundred of Chippenham traced from a certain Norman in King John's reign, down to the time of Mr. Sharington.

(3) 1525. March 25. Copy view of Frankpledge of the Manor of Chippenham, endorsed "A copy of the Records of the Court Leet of Chippenham held 25 March 16^o Hen. 8. taken from y^e parchmt copy in the late Court for y^e Augmentation of the Revenues of the Crown." Amongst the names is Nicholas de farnell.

(4) 1552. May 22. Extract from Grant of the Hundred of Chippenham by Edw. VI. to Lord D'Arcy.

(5) 1553. June 7. Copy Grant of the Hundred of Chippenham by Lord Darcy to Sir William Sharington of Lacock.

(6) [No date.] Draft Petition to the Queen of "the Baylyff and Burgysse of the Borough of Chippenham" against Henry Sharington.

(7) [No date.] Copy letter from the Queen's Steward of the Town of Chippenham to the Lord Chief Justice and other the Judges informing them that there had been long variance between the Town of Chippenham and Mr. Sharington "by occasion of a Graunt which he had obtained from the Prince"—that Sir George Penrudock, the bearer of the letter, would give explanation—that "there is a case drawn thereof by Mr. Briante Wrey Manood and Lovelaw"—and asking for their judgment to passe on the case.

(8) [No date.] Draft Information of Gilbert Gerrard the Attorney General against Henry Sharington for a Quo Warranto.

(9) [No date.] Copy Answer of Henry Sharington to the Quo Warranto.

(10) 1554. Copy "Order of y^e Barons for dissolving y^e Informacon against Mr. Sharington."

(11) "A brief remembraunce how, and when certen controversies grewe betwene Henrie Sherington Esquier and the townesmen of Chipnam."

"Imprimis Henrie Sherington Esquier aboute St. Andrewes tide vidt the third day of Novebr in the ixth year of the Queenes ma^{ty} raigne that nowe is sent thre of his household servants wth staves and axes in riotous manner to the towne of Chipnam to cutt downe certen shambles and shoppes there whereupon one Thomas Asheley bocher one of the Tenants of

Sr Walter Hungerford came wth a staffe and comaunded the said Mr Sheringtons men to leave hewing downe of his shoppe for that he had his vittell there and two of his boies lyeng in the shoppe to keepe the possession thereof the dore beyng Locked and the windowes fast, they answered they wold not whereupon the saide Thomas Ashley owner of the shoppe keyng the possession thereof and seyng they would not cease to hewe downe his shoppe did strike at one of Mr Sheringtons men and they strake at him agayne and thereupon came the Balie of the towne and the constables to keepe the queenes peace and to putt them asunder, at w^{ch} time one John Croke one of Mr Sheringtons men did take one Laurence Madocke constable of the towne by the bosome and askte him what he had to doo wth the matter whoo answered that he came to see the queene's peace kepte

Then the saide Thomas Asheley and one Richard Vyncent required the said Bailie and constables that they wold arest the said Mr Sheringtons men of the peace, whereupon the Bailie and constables required Mr Sheringtons men to goo to Mr Edward Baynton justice of peace, w^{ch} Mr Baynton hearyng the matter of bothe parts willed them not to take the peace one of an other for that it wold be chardge to bothe parts, and thereupon tooke uppe the matter and so they departed wthoute anie further punyshement

Item Since the agrement the said Henrie Sheringtons men hathe brought an action of trespass for that they had no warrant from the justice to arest them

Item The said Henrie Sherington beyng now^(A) shereif did arest the Balie of the Towne and Wm. Beryman constable wth a latitat and wold take no Baile but sent them to the comon Jayle

Item The said Henrie Sherington keepeth awaie the key of the churche house of Chipnam called the yeild hall and dothe clayme it to be his inheritaunce as parcell of the hundrede havynge no Landes wth in the saide Burrow

Item The said Henrie Sherington hathe indited the Bailie and constables of Chipnam upon a reskew for beatyng the Bailie of his hundrede "

(12) "Notes Concerning the Antiquity of the Borough of Chippenham."

"Henrie the third was Seased of the Hundrede manor and Boroughe of Chippenham in the countie of Wilshere and so seased graunted the same to one Walter de Gaderwyll in fee together wth the assise of Bred and ale and to hold plee of vetito and to have stocks pillorie and Tumbrell and viewe of frankepledge belongyng to the same Hundrede, and after Walter had Issue Johane and died and Johane toke to husband Geoffrey Gascelyn and they had Issue Edmunde Gascelyn and died and Edmund so Seased of the pmisses Kyng Edward the second by his Lres Patente did graunt to the same Edmond Gascelyn and Elianor his wief that they and the heires of the said Edmond shoulde have twoo mketts euerie weke at suche daies &c. at there manor of Chypenham and fowre faires euerie yere by xii daies vizt &c. and that they should haue fre warren in there said manor So that the same Landes were not wthin the Boundes of his Forest and that none should entre into the saide Landes to hunt there or anie thing to take that pteyned to a warren wthoute Licence of the said Edmund and Elianor and the heires of the saide Elianor Under the payne of forfeiture of xl and this hundrede

(A) 1566.

manor and Boroughe wth the Liberties disceded to the Lord Hungerford and he so Seased was attaynted and so the same came to kyng Henrie the viiith and he so of the pmisses seased graunted to Roberte Serle and Laurence Wamsley the Baylywicke of the towne of Chippenham in his handes and disposition by the attayndor of the Lord Hungerford for terme of their Lyves wth all goodes and cattels waived and profeicts of the faires and marketts and tole of the same wthin the same Towne yealding somuche as the Lord Hungerford yealded and after by his Lres Patente dated 25 die ffebruarii a^o 35 graunted to quene Katherine the Lordshippe and manor of Chyppenham and the hundred of Chyppenham and his faires in Chyppennham wth their apptenances in the countie of Wilshere Late pcell of the possessions or hereditaments of the Lord Hungerford of Highe Treason attaynted and dyuerse other Liberties ffrauncheses and privileges wth in the same Hundrede To have and to hold to her for terme of her Lief and after Kyng Edward the vith graunted to Lord Darcy the Hundrede of Chyppenham and dyuerse other ffrauncheses Liberties and Privilegs wth in the same hundrede in as Lardge and ample maner as the quene had held and enjoyed the same &c. To haue to him and his heires &c whose estaite Henrie Sherrington esquier nowe hathe &c. By color whereof he claymeth to haue the libtyes ffrauncheses & pyvlegs in the informaⁿ presentyd."

(13) "Case of ye Hundred of Chippenham."

"The L Hungerford was seased of the manor Hundred and Burrow of Chippenham in feo and of the assise of bred and ale and to hold plee of vetito names and to haue stocke pillory and Tumborell and view of ffranck plege wth in the saide Hundrede and of ij mkette euerie weke and iiij faires by xij daies everie yere and of fre warren wth in the said manor the L Hungerford is attaynted and the premisses come thereby to Kyng H 8 whoo graunted to L D the Balwoicke of the towne of Chippenham and all goodes and cattels wayved and profeicte and markette and tole of the same wth in the same towne yealdyng somuche as the L Hungerford yealded after Kyng H 8 amoungest diuerse other Landes and Tenements graunteth to quene Katherine the Lordshippe and Manor of Chippenham and the hundrede of Chippenham and his fayres in Chippenham and all Landes Tents Rents Reucons servics offic fees baliwocks knightes fees advawsons righte patronage gifte colleges hospitals churches prebendes psonage vicaridge chaunteries fre chapels and all other ecclesiasticall benefics or promocons righte of foreste chaces purprestures fre warens wooddes underwooddes heathes comons waters dammes pooles Banks Rivers ffshyngs viewe of franke plege courts Leete Turnes Hundredes Liberties ffrauncheses privilegs faires markette tolles customes stallage picage wardes marriage Relieses eschete reasonable aides fines hariects bondmen wth their Sequeles customes service and redempcons and all other profeicts comodities and advauntage whatsoever to the saide Hundrede manor. &c. perteynyng &c. and that she should haue wthin or upon the saide Hundrede &c. the goodes of felons fugitives and outlawes of felonie of her men and Tenaunts holly holdyng or not holie holdyng Resident or not Resident wth in the saide Hundrede &c. fynes for all manner of escapes Retornes of writte fines for amerciaments wayfe stray deodand tresor trove see flotyng Roiall fishes plees of wythernam viewe of franke plege assise of Bred and also correction of victuell Tithing pence Rente and fines certen Hundrede silver shrievs Tothe toll infangthief and outfangthief socke and sacke &c. for terme of Lief.

H 8 died, the quene died, the premisses came to Kyng E the VIth whoo graunted to the L

Darsey his hundrede of Chippenham and all the issewes of the saide Hundred wth all goodes and cattels wayved felons goodes astraies profiecte and tolles of faires and markette there And all profiecte and casualties whatsoever to the same Hundrede belongyng and all mesuags landes tenemente parke milles cotage meadowes leasues pastures advousons gifts psentacons free disposicons and rights of patronage of vicaridge and churches fre warens Tenthes oblacons obvencons pencons fruyte profiecte comodities Rente Reucons servics rentes chardges rentes Socke Rente of fre and customarie Tenaunts and rente and service upon whatsoever demise and graunte reserved revenewes and other yerelie presente anuities yerelie Rents farmes fee farmes waters fishyngs Rivere pooles streames Banke little Rivere heatges mores marishes comon waies voide groundes faires markette tolles customes privilege presente jurisdictions ffranchises villens neifes and theire Sequeles Knighte fees wardes mariage eschete Reliefes Hariecte Leete courte waynes strays courte of pipouders felons fugitives and outlawes goodes and all other righte Liberties comodities emolumente and hereditaments whatsoever spiritual or temporall to the saide Hundrede belongyng or as pte pcell or membre of the same had held reputed knowen letten or placed

The towne of Chippenham lieth wthin the precincte of the manor of Chippenham wthin the boundes of the foreste of pewsam and the towne and manor is wthin the Hundred of Chippenham and pte of the saide forest wthin the same Hundred, the towne was incorporate a^o primo Marie, in the middeste of the strete of the towne standethe a yelde Hall or churche house alone by it selfe from all other houses w^{ch} the Inhabitaunte of the same towne time oute of mynde haue Repaired and therein kepte their churche ales and oplaics and haue had their metyng for makyng of ordinaunce for the same towne &c. and in the same howse by the same time the Lordes of the Hundrede haue kepte their Lawe daies and hundrede courte but by grauntyng of the hundrede the grauntee never enioyed the house sohe to him selfe but as before whether my L. Darsie or his assynes by the patente aforesaide oughte to haue the yeld Hall sohe or no.

Whether my L. Darsie or his assynes maie him selfe as Lord of the Hundrede make the Constables of the hundred wth oute assente of other Justice in Sessions.

Whether my L. Darsie or his assynes oughte to have fines for Rescows for Riotte for huntynge issewes forfeitures [words obliterated]. Sessed in the starre chamber Kyngs Benche chauncerie comon place Exchecquer Courte of chamber &c.

Whether he maie haue Respite of homage and fynes for all Alienacoins of the Tenaunte or Inhabitante of the Hundrede for fynes levied at the lawe &c.

Whether he maie haue voide groundes wardes mariage eschete hariecte Reliefes fre warrens fines for escapes Returne of writte fines for amerciamente within the hundreth deodandes tresor trove correction of victuall Tithe pence Rente and fines certen hundrede silver shreves tothe infangthief and outefangthief wthin the Hundrede."

(14) "Sir Walter Hungerforde Title unto the Manor and Stawles in Chippenham."

"Imprimis it appereth that Edmond Gastlyne was seased of a manor in Chippenham and y^t King Edward ye 3 in Anno 3^o graunted to the same Gastlyn A Faier in his maunor of Chippenham w^{ch} proveth that Gastlyn had A maunor in Chippenham

Item it appeareth that Kinge Henry 3 gaue the maunor of Chippenham to Walter Goderuell whose estate Geffery Gastlyn had and pleded the same befor Justics in Eyre Anno 8^o E 1.

Item that in 6^o H 3 he graunted unto Roger de Tarolduell a faire and a market in Chippenham.

Item an office found Anno j^o R 3 before thexcheker at the death of Edmond Gastlyn wherein was the maunors of Shildon & Chippenham

Item a market graunted to Edmond Gastlyn to be kept eury Satterday in his maunor of Chippenham Anno E 2.

Item the maunor of Chippenham intailed to Sr Walter Hungerford Anno 8^o H. 6.

Item it appereth by the pticulers that the rent of Chippenham is xix^l xixs. xid. of the wch cannot be by v^l except the rent of the shambles be also accompted

Item it appeareth that in Anno xix^o H 8 ther was a recouy had by the marques of Exeter therle of Rutland and others from Walter Hungerford esquier of the maunor of Chippenham

Item that the hundred of Chippenham was rated to the Lord Darcy by his pticuler at iij^l xs. wch is worth to Mr Sherington xl^l a yeare besides the shambles.

Item it appeareth by the cortt rolles that ther was an halminote corte of the maunor of Chippenham and houlden at Chippenham for the Lord Hungerford

Item that Quene mary by letters patente dated the xxvth of may in the first yere of her raigne graunted the manor of Chippenham unto Sr Walter Hungerford wth all that was Lord Hungerfords in Chippenham."

(15) Bundle of drafts and copies of legal documents relating to the claim of Sir Walter Hungerford to the half yard lahd in Rowdons Down given to the Bailiff and Burgesses by Queen Mary's Charter.

(16) 1578. Rough draft Petition, with numerous corrections, to Sir Walter Mylmay to assist in the adjustment of Sir Walter Hungerford's claim to part of the Borough Lands:—

"To the Right Honable Sir Walter Mylmay Knight one of the Quenes Maties Pryvy Counsell Humbly sheweth unto yo^r honor yo^r dayly orators the Baylefe and Burgesses of the boroughe of Chippenham in the Countie of Wiltes where the late Quene Marye in consideracon that yo^r said orators & ther successors shoulde yearly repayre & mayntayne the moytie of one greate stoned bridge conteyning xv Arches & one cawswey ledinge by & throughe the said borowghe Did in the firste yeare of her raigne graunte by Her lres Patent to yo^r said orators and ther successors certein lands in Chippenham aforesaid to the yerely valewe of ix^l xij. viij. some tyme pcell of the lorde Hung'fords possessions and then in her Highnes possession in the right of her crowne by the attaynder of the said lorde Hung'ford And where yo^r said orators have for the space of xxiiij yeares now last past enjoyed the pmisses by vertue of the said lres Patent So yt ys that Walter Hung'ford Knight beinge after the makinge of yo^r said orators patente restowred by the said Quene to the residewe by all other the lands of the said Lord Hung'ford in Chippenham aforesaid hathe of late so with some of yo^r said orators patente as he ys very lykely thorowge the missed writinge or the of law yo^r said orators patente of yo^r said orators the greate thoroughe the generall words of the said Sir Walter patente of the greatest parte of the lands by the said Quene Marye to be assured to yo^r said orators and to ther successors by the said patente yf some be not in tyme may yt therefore please

yo^r Honor the premisses to the said Walter by yo^r lres that the contrarye betwene yo^r said orators and hym may be rather or dissided be mediacon of some indyfferent gentleman in the Countrey then by order or of lawe and yo^r said orators shall dayly pray for the pseruacon of yo^r Honors state in honor longe to contynewe."

(17.) Draft instructions to counsell as to the action to be brought against Sir Walter Hungerford, headed:—

"The Bref and note of the whole instrukcons of All our matter to aske counsel of." It commences:—"The lord Hungerford was seased off the towne of Chippenham & Hundred as in his demeans of fee and by his ataynder the whole came to Kinge Henry the viiii." The devolution of title is then traced out.

(18) 1579. Nov. 12. Deed whereby the Bailiff and Burgesses appointed Richard Woodland of Lacock Yeoman "to choose and measure off the moytie of one Yard Land in a pcell of Lands in Chippenham called Rowdens Downe or a pcell of grene conteyninge by estimacon one hundred and twelve acres" which was part of the Grant made to them and their successors by Queen Mary's Charter.

Signed by Thomas Goldney [Bailiff] John Scott the Elder Leonard Woodland Edward Stafford Phillip Smyth John Wrotesley and Richard Balden.

The Common Seal of the Borough is attached; but is much broken.

(19) 1579. Novr. 30. Report of Richard Woodland giving the measurements and position of the half yard land in Rowdens Down.

(20.) Names of the 20 Tythings within the Hundred of Chippenham.

(21) 1540. Sep. 29. Copy Patent to Laurence Searle and Robert Wamesley constituting them Bayliffes of the Town of Chippenham.

"Henry the Eight by the grace of God &c. To all to whom these pres shall come Greating know ye that we of our grace especialle & of our serteine knowledg & meare moton and also in consyderacon of the good and faythefull sirice by our welbeloved sirants laurence Searle & Robarte Wamesley one of the yeomen of our chambre befor this tyme Done and hereafter to be donę Haue geven graunted and by these pntes Do geve and graunte unto the same laurence and Robart the office of the Baylife of our Towne of Cheppenham in our countye of Wiltes nowe in our hands & dysposycon by Reson of the attend^r of Walter Hungerford Knight lord Hungerford wch was atteinted of highe treason & the same laurence Searle & Robert Wamesley Do constytute ordeine and make Baylyies of our towne afsaysd to haue holde enioye occupye & exersyes the office afsaysd to the same Laurence & Robart by them selves or their sufficiente Deputy or suffyicient Deputyes Durying the lyfe of the same laurence & Robart & of either of theme longest lyving together wth all and all man^r of goodes & cattels waye uses strayes and proffytes of ffayress & mketes & the tolles of the same wthin our sayde towne of Cheppenham to haue and to holde the sayde goods and cattells together wth the streyes the profytes of ffayres marts and mketts and tolles afsaysd to the afsaysd Laurence and Robarte & to their assignes during the life of theme and of either of theme longeste lyuing yelding or paying therfore to us to our Heires Successors Deurying the terme afsaysd somuche and suche Rent and Reuanewes

as & suche as the sayd Lord Hungerford for the afordsayd goodes cattells and other the prymysse to us yearlyly hathe payd or hathe accustomed to paye yearlyly to be payde to the Hands of the Treasurer of our chamber for the tyme being at the feaste then usuall yearlyly by euen porcons because that expresse intencon & in witness whereof wytness my selfe at Westminster the xxixth Day of september in the yeare of the Reigne of our sayd Soueigne Lord Henry the eight &c. the xxxii."

(22) Copy of the above Patent in Latin, with an English translation.

(23) 1544. Feb. 25. Extract from Marriage Settlement of Henry viii. and Katharine Parr.

"Rex Henricus Octavus per litteras suas patentes gerentes datum apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quinto die februaryi anno regni sui tricesimo quinto dedit et concessit precharissime Consorte sue & Domine nostre Katerine Regine Anglie in consideracione tocino iuncture sue (inter alia) Has parcellass subsequentes in forma sequentes videlicet Rex &c. Cum &c. Necnon Domina et Maneria nostra de Chipenham Shildon et Rowelesdon ac Manerium nostrum de Upton Skydmore ac Hundredum nostrum de Chipneham et Nundinas nostras de Chipneham in dicto Comitatu nostro Wiltes cum suis pertinentiis nuper parcellass possessionum et hereditamentorum Walteri Hungerford Militis nuper domini Hungerford de alta prodicione attincti et convicti &c. Habendum tenendum et gaudendum (inter alia) predictum Manerium Hundredum terras tenementa et Hereditamenta predicta ac cetera premissa quecunque cum suis pertinentiis iura et libertatibus quibus cunque (exceptis pre exceptis) prefate Domine Katherine ad terminum vite sue absque compoto &c."

Endorsed "A note of Quene Katherine's patent."

CHANTRY LEASES.

(24) 1369. July 7. Lease from John Gode and John Enforde "custodes servicii beate Marie de Chyppenham" to Thomas Gode son of John Gode of Chippenham Isabella his wife and John their son of a house ["unum messuagium"] in Kings Street [in vico regali] Chippenham for a term of years. In testimony whereof their seal of office (sigillum officii nostri) was set. Witnesses Andrew Tounsende Nicholas Stow and Robert Chapuis.

The seal attached to the deed is in a perfect state of preservation. On it are the two coats of Arms, of Hussey and Gascelyn, suspended from a palm tree. This seal has continued to be used as the Common Seal of the Borough to the present day.

(25) 1374. August 3. Lease from Richard Cook "perpetuus vicarius ecclesie de Chippenham" and Phillip Enford "custodes servicii Beate Marie in Chippenham" to Nicholas Boucher of the same place Lucy his wife and Agnes their daughter of a house with its appurtenances in Cook Street there between the tenement ("tenementum") of William Poddyng and the Chantry ("cantarie"). In testimony whereof was set "sigillum nostrum cum sigillo communi Beate Marie in Chippenham."

The deed is much stained and scarcely legible in places. The seal is in a perfect state of preservation, excepting that much of the inscription on the edge is broken. There are cuts for two other seals, both of which are wanting.

(26) 1378. Sepr. 29. Lease from John Gode and John Enforde to Walter Selemon and Tebote his Wife of the house which Thomas Gode held of them in High Street ["in alto rico"] Chippenham between the tenements of the said John Gode and Laurence Brouker for their lives and the life of the longest liver of them at an annual rent of 6s. 8d. ["sex solidos et octo denarios argenti"] Witnesses Andrew Tounsende Thomas Irmanger Thomas Loce Robert Chapman.

Similar seal, in an equally good state of preservation.

(27) 1380. April. Lease from Andrew Tounesende John Endeforde and Thomas Say custodes &c. to John Truchn de Cadeu and Magote his wife of a plot ["unan splottam"] of ground formerly belonging to Simon Prome lying between the tenement formerly of John Floreys to the east and a plot of ground formerly of Nicholas Joudde to the west and of another plot of ground formerly of Simon Brewkewen lying between the tenement of Nicholas Stor and the ground of John Say at an annual rent of 1s. 6d. Witnesses Radulph ffrench John Sympol John Rymeld John Salston William Rustele.

Similar seal, well preserved.

DEEDS OF GIFT, EXCHANGE AND PURCHASE.

(28) 154½. Feby 14. Lease from the Crown to Richard Blake alias Hurlle of 'Burleys' and other Lands.

(Latin copy in the handwriting of the period, and a translated copy of much later date.)

Between Sir John Dance Knt one of the Kings Counsel Sir Richard Pollard Knt Kings Remembrancer in his Exchequer and Thomas Mayle Esqr. Surveyor General of the King's Lands of the one part And Richard Blake otherwise Hurlle of the other part. It recites that Sir Edward Hungerford Knt had in 1520 demised unto the sd Richard Blake & Isabella his Wife and John his Son for their lives and for the life of the longest liver of them one Messuage and half a Rod of land and four perches lying near Rowdons Down and the pasturage of Rowdons Down And also one Toft with a close of meadow and pasture called Burleys lying at the east end of the Town of Chippenham And one Rod of Land to the said Toft and close belonging All which premises were formerly held by Robert Baker at a rent of fifty-seven shillings and fourpence and one pound of pepper And recites that Richard Blake was still living though his Wife and Son were dead and that he had surrendered the lease to be cancelled Therefore in consideration thereof the Surveyors General of the Kings Lands demised the before mentioned premises which were formerly parcel of the Lands and possessions of Sir Walter Hungerford Knt. late Lord Hungerford attainted of High Treason and then in the hands of the King to the said Richard Blake for 21 years at a rent of 57/4—and 20d for the price of one pound of pepper.

(29) 1568. Oct. 24. Grant by the Petit Burgesses to the High Burgesses of the Winter Feed of 'Rowdons Down.'

"Be it knowen to all men to whom this pnte Writing Indented comes that we Henry Pyrry John Aber Willm Aboury Willm Waxman George Higgins John Southwood Roberte Lynsey thelder Willm Holthroppe Nicholas Baker Laurence Maddocks Richard Vyncent Willm Myllsham Willm Wastfield Wyllm Webbe Willm Yonge Phillippe Thomas Petty Jenkins Richard Tascar & John Kyte Being Petit Burgesses of the boroughe of Cheppenham within ye countie of Wiltess Adam ffernell [alias Goldney] Willm Norway Roberte Dey Richard Selby Nicholas Bruen John Vyser John Davys Roberte Exhm John Lemiesbere Willm Mandrell John Porter Thomas Asseley John Blicke Philippe Goosey John Betts John ffysher Willm Jenson Roberte Lynsey the your Richard Wypitt Roberte Punteney George Reve Ric. ffenill Willm Orpyn Willm Norway ye younger John Godsden John Hulberd John Norway Willm Weste Thomas Butler & Willm Amyett Inhabytants & fremen within the said Boroughe and of the libts & ffranchises of the same FFOR DIVERSE weightie & good causes or consideracons Us and eury of us Hereunto especially moving tending to a further utilite & comon pfytt (as we trust) as well of us being now pnte petit burgesses ffremen and Inhabitants of the said Borough as also of our successors by the advoyding of sondry Inquiries molestacons & wrongs now partely offered to the baylife & burgeses of the said Borough which yf the same should not out of hand be foresene Resysted & Defended The most pryncipall pointcs concerning the Liberte priledges ffranchises & jurisdicons granted & confirmed to the said borough by the Quenes most excellent Maiestie and her noble pgenitors mought be in gret pill & damge to be made frustrate & voyde of their due effecte vigor and force w^d we in sure tyme wold be very loth to se or susteyn AND for that the same cannot be avoyded without great charge & expense we therefore the said petit burgesses ffremen and Inhabitants aforesaid Do Remytte Release & for us and our successors do freely geue and gnte our into thands of John Scotte now being Bailife of ye said borough of Cheppenham & to all his Brethren The High Burgesses of the said Borough & to their successors all the Right Tytle Interest Use and Profyte of the Wynter shepe leasue which we or any of us the said petit burgeses fremen and Inhabitants whatsoever have or w^{ch} we or our successors mought or ought to have of in & to ye Down or pasture called Rowdons Downe pcell of the borough Lands of the said borough of Cheppenham ffrom & after the Day of the Date of these Pnts During & cotynnyng the Hole terme of twentie & one yeares from thence nexte ffolowyng and fully to be complett determyned and endyd Under the prysyons and condicons hereunder lymyted Excepted and Resued to us the said petit burgesses fremen & inhabitants & to our successors all such Right & Interest as we or our successors mought or ought to have of & into the comon of pasture for our Rother or Horse beaste in & upon the said Down and all other the borough Lands aforesaid by Vertue of one Acte of Decree & Ordynnce made & gnted to us and our successors By Henry Bull late baylif of the said Borough and His Brethren the Burgesses bearing date the xviith Day of August in the sixte yeare of the Quenes Maiests Reigne that nowe ys PROVIDED also that at thende of the said xxi yeares or at any tyme within the said terme Yf the said shepe leasue shall happen to be Redemed into thands of the said Baylife and Burgesses so the same be Done at the chargs borne by porcon & porcon alike of the said baylife and burgeses and of the said petit burgesses ffremen & Inhabitants for the tyme being and our successors That then we the said petit burgesses ffremen and Inhabitants & our successors may and shall Repossede haue

anew & enioye all and singlr the shepe leasue atorsaid together wth all other comodits of the said Borough Lands in.as large and Ample forme and manner as We lawfully mought & ought to haue Don by vertue of the said Acte of Decree and ordynnce aorsaid or otherwise by any other meanes This Dede of Release or anything herein conteyned to the cotrary in any wyse not withstanding IN WITNESS whereof to thone pte of this pnte Dede of Release Indented Remayning with the said Baylif and burgesses we the said Petitt burgesses ffiremen and Inhabitants aboue named and any of us have sette oure sevall hands and seales And to thother pte thereof Remayning wth the said petit burgesses and ffiremen the said Baylif and burgesses have sette their Common Seale Dated the xxiiijth Day of Octobre in the Tenth yeare of the Reigne of our Soueigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England France & Ireland Defender of the faith &c."

Signed by John Skott, the Baylif, and the initials and marks of several of the Burgesses.

The Borough seal attached is in fair condition.

The following is the endorsement upon the foregoing deed.

"And it is further agreed & the petit burgesses fremen & inhabitaunts whose names are conteyned in the s^d Dede indented for them & their successors do geue & graunt our into the hands of John Scott baylif of the said Borough & of all his Brethren the Burgesses all ther right & interest which they haue or hereafter might haue of in & to the ground or Close of pasture called Bolts Crofts & Squiers Croft And so that Richard Gale & his assignes wth their consent shall & may haue and enioy the same from our Lady Day last during the terme of thirty & tooe years According to the tenor of a lease gnted to him by the said Bayli & burgesses bearing date the tenth day of this pnte month of June In witness whereof the said ptes have hereunto subscribed their said hands alternety Dated the thirteenth Day of June in the Eleventh yeare of our souereigne Lady Elizabeth by the gce of God Quene of England France & Ireland defendor of ye faith Prouided neuthelless that when the said leace shalbe determynd or otherwise shall come to thands of the said Bayli and burgesses or their successors that then the said petit burgesses freemen and Inhabitants & their successors shall enioy the premysses as before the making hereof they mought should or hereaft ought to haue don."

(30) 1569. July 9. Lease from Henry Sharyngton of Laycocke Esquier to the Bailiff Burgesses and their successors of Tolls of Fairs and Marketts held within the Borough.

Recites that he was "seased to him and his heires in fee of and in the Hundred of Chippenham," "which Hundred extending to the Towne or Burrough of Chippenham," and "the same Towne or Borough being situate within the said Hundred" and demises to the Bailiff and Burgesses "All and singular Issues gooddes and chattells waived gooddes and cattells of felons streys profits and tolls of faires and marketts with all other proffits and casualties whatsoever conyng risyng happenyng or growing during the terme thereunder written within the boundes lymytts metes circuyte and preceinct of the said Borough of Chippenham of in upon for or concernyng any of the Inhibitaunts or resiaunts of the said Borough for the tyme being to the said Henry Sharyngton his heires or assignes in the right of the said Hundred to be due or paible or belonging during the terme hereunder written And also all and almaner

of fines amerciaments forfeitures and profits comyng and growing of any maner Cote or Cotes letes or lawdayes to be holden within the said Towne or Borough of Chippenham or elsewhere of or in any other Cote or Cotes whatsoever whiche in anywise shalbe due or paiable by any the Inhabitantes of the same Towne or Borough for the tyme being to the said Henry Sharyngton his heires or assignes during the terme hereunder written And also all other gooddes and chattells of felons and fugitives waiffs estrayes profits and Tolls of faires and marketts comyng rising happennyng or growing within the boundes lymytes metes circuyte and precinct of the said Borough of Chippenham aforesaid to the said Hundred belonging or in anywise apperteynyng or whiche the said Henry Sharyngton his heires or assignes nowe hathe may or ought to haue clayme enioye or demaunde in the right or by reason of the said Hundred By force of any gifte graunt Lrs patente Charter confirmacon prescripcon use allowaunce or otherwise whatsoever" for the term of 40 years at a rent of £8 "to be paide at or in one House called or knowne by the name of the Guyldhall scituate and being within the said Towne or Borough of Chippenham aforesaid." Covenants by the Bailiff and Burgesses inter alia to keep in repair the Guyldhall and at the end of the term to leave the same sufficiently repaired to provide at suche tyme as the steward of the said Henry Sharyngton his heires and assignes for the tyme being shall come and repaire to the said Borough for the holding and keping of the Law Daye yerelie there to be kept for the feast of Saint Michaell tharchaungell for and in the right of the same Hundred one convenient and sufficient Dynner for the said Steward and his Sunt or Sunts."

Permission granted to the Bailiff and Burgesses and their successors to "haue the use and occupon of the prison house there to be used as a prison during the terme aforesaid."

(31) 1565. Oct. 13. Draft Lease from Henry Sherington to the Bayliffe and Burgesses of Fairs and Marketts.

(32) 1569. July 9. Draft Lease from same to same, of the same.

(33) 1580. Nov. 28. License from Sir Henry Sharyngton of Lacock Knight to the Bailiff Burgesses and ther Successors to erect Stalls Shambles and shops in the Market place.

Recites his lease dated 9 July 1569 and states that he "Doe geue and authoryse full and lawfull power lycense and authoritie unto the sayd Bayliff Burgesses and their successors to edyfye erecte buylde and sett uppe all mann^r of stalles shambles shoppes and other necessarye buyldings (ffytt and expedyent for fayres and marketts) in upon and about the markett place ther and other the waste groundes and voyde places to me the sayd Sr. Henrye Sharyngton belongynge scytuate lyinge and beinge wth in the libertyes of the forsaid Borough at all tymes and from tyme to tyme at their wyll and pleasure duringe and contynnuynge all the terme of yeares yet to come and unexpired conteyned in the sayd dede indented"—"without anye maun^r of fyne or other yerlye rent to be answered or paid to me"—"more than is alreadye reserved and payable upon the forsaid dede indented."

The Bailiff and Burgesses were at the end of the term to yield up the stalls shambles shops and other erections in sufficient repair.

Signed by Sir Henry Sharyngton.

Seal much perished.

(34) 1605. Sept. 20. A Terrier of the Borough Lands.

(35) 1654. Jan. 10. Gift of Little Englands, by Alexander Popham Esq. "Between Edward Wastfeild Citizen and Marchant of London of the first parte the Honorable Alexander Popham of Littlecott in the County of Wiltes Esq. of the second part Gabriell Gouldney the elder of the Borough of Chippenham in the County of Wiltes Clothier Richard Scott of the same Borough Clothier Anthony Neate of the same Borough gent. Nathaniell Thorley Lynnen draper William Kyte Baker William Edward Tanner Henry Bull gent. James Essington Woollen Draper Edward Hawkins Clothier Gabriell Gouldney the younger Clothier John Scott Clothier Adam Gouldney and John Ely gent. of the third part." In consideration of £142 paid by Alexander Popham to Edward Wastfeild "being the free Guifte and Benevolence by him the said Alexander Popham given unto the said Borough of Chippenham and to the freemen and Burgesses thereof" the Meadow called "Little Englands" containing 5 acres, adjoining certain lands belonging to the Bayliffe & Burgesses, was granted to the persons of the ^{sd} part in fee for ever Upon Trust that the yearly sum of Six Pounds out of the yearly Rents shall for ever be yearly paid at the Feast of All Saints "to such three of the poore ffreemen or free Burgesses of the said Borough as the said Alexander Popham and his heirs shall yearely between the feasts of St. Michael Tharchangell and All Saints nomynat and appoynt and for every yeere and tyme in which the said Alxndr Popham and his heirs shall fayle of such nomynacon and appoynt Then to such three of the poore ffreemen or ffree Burgesses of the said Borough as by the discretion of the Bayliffe and greatest parte of the Burgesses of the Incorporated Company of the said Borough wch shalbee for the tyme being enfeofed of the said prmises shall yeerely between the feasts of All Saints and the Birth of our Lord bee deemed and thought fittest and best deserving to have and receive the same And as for touchinge and concerninge the rest and residue of the whole yeerely Rents Revenues Issues and Proffitts of the said prmises comeinge ariseinge encreaseinge and renewinge *Upon Further Truste* and confidence and to the use intent and purpose that the same shall by the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the said Incorporated Companye for the tyme being Att the will and pleasure of him the said Alexander Popham and his heirs Bee from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter Employed disposed and bestowed for and towards the bondeing forth and placeing Apprentice of poore children borne and to bee borne within the said Borough in such sorte and manner as hee the said Alexander Popham, and his heirs shall from tyme to tyme direct and appoynt and that the said Bayliffe and Burgesses of the said Incorporated Company for the tyme being shalbee from tyme to tyme accountable unto the said Alexander Popham and his heirs for all the said rest and residue of the Rents Issues and Proffitts of the said Close and prmises so lymitted for the byndeing forth of poore children Apprentice as aforesaid as often as they shalbee thereunto required."

(36) 1669. July 13. Lease made between T. Reeve of Bidston St. Nicholas of the one part and Henry Gouldney of the Borough of Chippenham Clothyer [Bailiff] W. Edwards Senr Tanner Edw. Hawkins Clothyer Gabriell Gouldney Junr Clothyer John Scott Clothyer T. Neate Gent. W. Dyer Mercer W. Gale Malster J. Stephens Grocer A. Neate Clothyer H. Lambert Mercer E. Bayliffe Tayler W. Stephens Innholder of the other part," of half an acre of Arable Land in the 'Further Field' for 2000 years at a peppercorn rent.

(36A) [Same date.] Bond of T. Reeve to perform covenants.

(37) 1669. Aug. 25. Lease by way of Exchange Between Sir Edward Hungerford of farley Castle of the one part and Henry Gouldney Bayliff and the twelve Burgesses of the other part of 'Claypole' 'Claypole Mead' and 'Blackwellhams' for 2000 years at a peppercorn rent. Provided the said Sir Edward should for the same time peaceably enjoy possession of Rowden Downe Coppice Salterns containing 3 acres "shootynge uppon the way leadinge from Chippenham towards Corsham on the North side thereof and adioynge to the lands belonging to Rowden farme on the West side thereof" and 22 acres in the Further Field at "a place called Abdon Corner."

(38) [Same date.] Lease to Sir Edward Hungerford of Rowden Down Coppice.

(39) 1673. "Lands belonging to the Corporacon let att the Improved rent."

	£	s.	d.
The vijth of March 1658 The Bayliffe & Burgesses demised to John Webb all that pasture called Pipsmore conteyning 21 acres with a Dwellinghouse thereon to hold for 21 yeares att the rent of...	12	0	0
To Richard Steevens the pasture called Burleaze	6	0	0
John Hussey holdeth Littlefield...	4	10	0
Adam Gouldney holdeth the tenemt & Lands in Rowden Downe	5	15	0
Josias Holbrow for Blackwellhams	7	0	0
Edward fleetwood holdeth Litle Inghlands	6	0	0
John Stiles holdeth the closes & land at ffoxham	10	0	0

(40) [No date.] Schedule of Borough Deeds and Documents.

(41) 1733. Dec. 26-27. Deeds of Conveyance "Between Richard Scott of Chippenham Gentleman Son & Heir of Walter Scott late of the same place gent. deceased who was the Son & Heir of John Scott deceased who was the Son & Heir of Richard Scott deceased of the one part" and the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the other part. Recites the Will of the said Richard Scott the Great Grandfather dated 28 May 1661 whereby he gave his house in Cook St. for the maintenancy of a Schoolmaster when one should be settled. And recites that a School had been established. And that the charitable bequest in the Will was these deeds confirmed.

(42) 1740. July 22. Deeds of Conveyance of an acre in 'Westmead' from Harry Goldney to Anthony Guy.

Signature, and crest seal, of Harry Goldney.

(43) 1804. Oct. 17. Deeds of Conveyance of the same acre from Henry Guy the son and devisee of Anthony Guy to the Bailiff and Burgesses.

(44) 1765. March 25. Deed of Exchange whereby the Bayliffe and Burgesses convey to William Norris of Nonsuch Esq. 'Burleaze' and two acres at 'Pipsmore' in exchange for 'Shorts Leaze' near Wood Lane containing 4 acres.

(45) 1768. Sept. 29. Assignment of Lease from T. Eacott Plumber & Glazier to the Bayliffe & Burgesses in consideration of £16 10s. of the plot of ground in the Market Place

with the well thereon sunk known as the Town Pump which he held under a Lease for lives from William Norris of Nonsuch in the Parish of Branham with certain rights of renewal.

(46) 1779. June 25. Assignment from T. Eacott to Thomas Goldney, Bayliffe Joseph Colborne Matthew Humphreys Gabriel Goldney John Scott and other Burgesses of the renewed lease for lives of the above Town Pump.

(47) 1660. Sept. 22. Grant by Roger Warne yeoman, to E. Langfer cardmaker, of one acre of meadow ground in Westmead "att a place there called the Crooke."

(48) 1881. Sept. 29. Conveyance of certain scattered pieces of land in 'Westmead' comprising part of Steeple half acre a Crook and others and containing altogether 7a. 1r. 17p. from G. J. Bailey to the Mayor and Corporation.

The purchase money £514. 11s. 9d. was provided out of the sum realised in 1841 by the sale of part of Little Field in Rowden Down to the Great Western Railway Company and which sum had been set aside by Act of Parliament for re-investment in Land.

(49) Bundle of Title Deeds relating to the above 7a. 1r. 17p. Commencing with copy Lease & Release dated 21 and 22 March 1699 made between Mary Gouldney of Chippenham Widow and Adam Gouldney of London son and heir of Adam Gouldney late of Chippenham Genta of the one part and John Bedford of Chippenham Ironmonger of the other part.

(50) 1678. March 27. Deeds of Conveyance from the Trustees of R. fortescue of ffileigh Devon to T. Salmon of Wellow Chandler of a House in the High St Chippenham two Beast Leases in and upon 'Rowden Downe' and one acre in 'Westmeade.'

(51) 1678. July 31. Deeds of Conveyance of the above property between T. Salmon and Jestion his wife of the 1st part Francis Rily of Chippenham of the 2nd part Henry Gouldney of the same place Clothier of the 3rd part Adam Gouldney of the same place Clothier of the 4th part and Gabriell Gouldney of the same place Clothier of the 5th part being a conveyance of the before mentioned property to Gabriell Gouldney Upon trust as to the house for F. Rily for £50. As to the acre in Westmeade for H. Gouldney for £20. And as to the two Beast Leases for A. Gouldney for £9. Signed by all the parties.

(52) 1688. May 28. Deed of Assurance to S. Chapman and T. Daniell of a wood and 20 acres of pasture in Chippenham Hardenhuish and Langley Burrell formerly the property of Ann Harris Widow.

(53) 1797. June 3. Mortgage to T. Sealy of Broad Somerford Yeoman of 'Inglands' containing 17 acres and 'Westmead' containing 30 acres for securing £800 with interest at 5 per cent "to defray the charges of repairing the great bridge over the water of Avon."

(54) 1801. April 4. Further Chardge for securing £400 with interest to complete "the repairing widening and improving" of the same bridge.

(55) 1840. April 2. Reconveyance on payment of the balance of the £800 borrowed in 1797.

(56) 1865. March 25. Deed of Covenant by W. Austin as to a window in the party wall between his premises and the old Town Hall.

LEASES OF LAND GRANTED BY THE BAILIFF AND BURGESSES.

(57) 1556. May 20. Counterpart Lease between "the Bayly and Burgesses" on the one part "and Richard Gale of the Parishe of Chepnam aforesayd Sawyar on the other part" of "the Lease or Pasture callyd or knowen by the name of Burles conteynyng by Estimacon thre Acres oon Pock or seuerall grownde conteynyng by estimacon halfe an Acre lying at the Yate callyd Rowdons Yate and fflower score and fowartenne Acres of Errablelande and medowe lyyinge and beyng in the Commen felde belongyng to Chipnam aforesayd And also oon forundell of medowe lyyng in Ladeymeade And also the Commen of Pasture to ffede and depasture in the sayd felde of Chipnam for all manner of Rotherbeastes and Horsebeasse from the tyme of the Breache of the sayd felde untill the tyme of the Leymyng or Inclosure of the same felde." For 41 years immediately after the termination or surrender of the lesse to Robert Hurrell alias Blake of which seven years was then unexpired. Fine £28. Rent 15s.

(58) 1569. Sepr 12. C. Lease to "Thomas Wylde Clerke Vicar of the Parishe Church of Cheppenham" of "All that their Leasue or close of Pasture or Meade called or known by the name of Burlyes in the Parishe of Cheppenham conteynyng by estimacion 54 Acars be it more or less and Fower Acars of Land Arable lying in the field of Cheppenham whereof two Acars lyeth in a furlong without Rowdons Downe Yate in ye severall partes shoting upon the way leading to Laccocke and two acres lieth in the North field whereof one lyeth beside long Crosse furlong adjoining to three half acars of the lord (A)Wynsor Land on the Southe side of the Way leading to Laccocke And one other Acre butteth on the North side of the Way leading to Diriards on the Southe side of the Land of Henry Perry." Term 35 years. Fine £20. Rent 7s. Repairs to be done by the Tenant he taking sufficient "hedgboote" without waste.

(59) 1658. Octr 6. C. Lease to Richard Steevens, Malster, of "Burleazue," containing 4 acres, for 21 years : Rent £6. "To the use intent and purpose That such part or porcon of the said sume of Six pounds as shalbe consented and agreed unto by the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the said Borroughe for the tyme beinge and other the Inhabitants of the same or the greater pte of them shall yearelye and everye yeare dueringe the said terme be equalye distributed and divided amongst those ffyve inhabitants householders of the said Boroughe whose Lotts and Turnes shall yearlye happen to fall to have anie benefitt in the said Ground caled Burleazue And Twentye six shillings and eight pence more thereof to be retayned for the Rent then payable for the said ffyve inhabitants for the feedinge of ffyve Kine or other Rother beastes the same season And ffyve shillings more thereof to be retheyned for the feedinge of ffyve sheepe the winter season there accordinge to the decree established. And the Residue of the said yearlye sum of Six Pounds to be employed to and for such uses intents and purposes as are mencoed and expressed in the Letters Pattent of the Gift and Graunt of the said Boroughe lands."

(A) Edward third Baron Windsor. His second son Henry, who after the death of his elder Brother succeeded to the Title married Anne, daughter of Thomas Rivet of Chippenham.

- (60) 1708. Sep^r 18. C. Lease to Roger Cook, Clothier of the same for 6 years. Rent £7. 5s.
 (61) 1714. March 1. ditto for 7 years. Rent £7. 5s.
 (62) 1715. March 10. ditto for 14 years. Rent £7. 10s.
 (63) 1728. June 10. ditto to William Stevens, Malster, for 7 years. Rent £7. 10s.

(64) 1559. April 23. " This Indenture made the xxth day of Aprill in the first yeare of the Reigne of our Souereigne Lady Elyzabethe By the Grace of God of Englande France and Irelande Quene Defender of the Faithe &c. BETWEEN John Scotte Baylyff of the Boroughe of Cheppenham in the Countye of Wiltes and Henry Bull Henry Fernewell als Goldney John Barthebye Robert Vysare James Andrewse William Buryman John Vysare Thomas Exham William Gale Henghe Myllsam Bryan Rowland and Walter Broke Burgesses of the same Cheppenham on thone partye. And Rychard Gale of the same Towne and Countye Caryer on thother partye WITNESSETHE that the said Baylyf and Burgesses with their sole assent and consent for and in consyderacion of the summe of Eleven pounds in the name of A Fyne by the Hands of the said Rychard Gale to the said Baylyf and Burgesses at thensealment of these presents in hand payed Hathe Demysed Granted and to Ferme Letten and by these presents Dymisethe Grantethe and to Ferme Lettethe to the forsaid Richard Gale. All that their Ground or Close of pasture called Boults Crofte and Squiers crofte shooting by Wood Lane there late in the tenure of Adam Goore of Cheppenham TO HAVE and to hold the forsaid grounds or closes of pasture called Boults Crofte and Squiers crofte to the said Rychard Gale and to his Assigns from the feaste of thannuncyacion of the Blessed Virgin Mary last past before the date of these presents unto thend and full terme of xxi yeares thence next folowing and fully to be complett YELDINGE and paying yearely therefore to the said Bayley and Burgesses and to their successors xiiij^s of lawfull money of England At ye most usuall termes of the yeare yt ys to say At the feaste of Saynte Michael the Archangell and of thannuncyacion of the Blessed Virgin by euen portyons AND the said Rychard Gale and his assigns shall Repaire uphold and maintain the sayd Boults crofte and Squiers crofte in hedging Dytcheyng and yate (if any) At theire owne propre costs chargs duryng the saide terme of xxi yeares taking All suche frythe and shrowds as there growethe And for unsuffcyency thereof shall take thornes and Rushs in Rowdons Downe for the necessary Reparacyons of the same And in thende of the saide terme suffcyently and tenanteably shall leave the same Repayred and ordered AND if it shall happen the said yearely Rent of xiiij^s to be behynd in parte or all After Any the aforesaid Feasts Due to be payd by the space of xv dayes and it lawfully asked that then it shalbe lawfull to the said Baylyf and Burgesses and successors into All the sayd Grounds of Boults Crofte and Squiers crofte to enter and distrein and the dystres so there taken with them to Retayn Untill if the aforesaid rent so being behind with the Arrerage if any be they fully contented and payed AND if the said Rent shalbe behind by the space of one whole monethe After it shalbe Due in forme aboue said Demanded and no suffcyent Dystresse in and upon the premises be found that then it shalbe lawfull to the said Baylyff and Burgesses and to their Successors into All the forsaid Grounds or Closes of pasture called Boults crofte and Squiers crofte wholly to Reentre and the same to Resume and Reposses as in theyr pristyne or former state. AND the said Baylyf and Burgesses covenantethe for them and their Successors the said Rychard Gale and his assignes in the aforesaid Boults crofte and Squiers crofte for the said Rent of xiiij^s in

manner aboue said yearly payed Againste All people to Warrant and Defend during the said terme IN WITNES whereof to their parte of these present Indentures Remaynyng with the sayd Rychard Gale the sayd Baylif and Burgesses have sette their Common Seale And to thother parte Remaynyng with the sayd Baylyf and Burgesses the aforesaid Rychard Gale hathe sette his seale the day and yeare first Aboue written."

(65) 1557. Oct. 20. C. Lease to Grace Pye wedow and John Pye alias Carryngton Gentelman of "Thurtye Acres of Medowe sett lying and beyinge in a certeyne Medowe called Westmede in the Parishe of Chippenham aforesayd Together wyth all Rowat or aftergrasse of the said Medowe called Westmede And one other parcell of Grounde callyd or knowen by the name of Inglonds conteynyng by estimacon Seventenne Acres lyyng and beyinge within the Parishe of Chippenham aforesayd." Term 18 years. "fyne or Incombe" £20. Rent £5 18s. 4d. The Bayliffe and Burgesses to have the crop standing or growing but not the after grass upon one half of the land on their paying the yearly sum of £3 1s. 8d.

(66) 1559. Aug. 23. C. Lease to certain persons named (including "Peter Jessilyn") and "all and singular persons y^t be or hereafter shalbe indorsed or recorded upon the backside of these presents on the partye being fre men and Inhabitants of ye sayd Bouroughe" of leasee feeding pasture or common in and upon their pasture of Rowdons Downe" for 2 Rother beasts or horse beasts and for 4 or 6 sheep apiece from the 5th of May to the of November paying 2d for every Rother or horse beast and 4d for every sheep.

(67) 1560. Aug. 6. C. Lease to William Hulberd Agnes his Wif and John Hulberd sonne of the sayd William and Agnes of "All that their Tenemente calid Pookes and fower Closes or Pocks contayning by estimacon iiij Acres And also one acre of land in Lady Meade with fortie three acres of land and meadowe in the Parishe and felde of Chepenham aforesaid And also the Common of pasture for xij rother beasts and two horse beasts to be fedde and pastured in Rowdons Downe And the Common of pasture for one Score of Shepe to be feade and pastured in and upon Rowdons Downe aforesaid in the Wynter tyme only accordyng to the Custome ther in the said Downe" for the lives of the said William Agnes and John and of the longest liver of them. Fine £20. Rent 16s. 8d. Tenants to repair and to "amend and Stoppe the Shards and Beaten places of the Grounds So that the same Shards and Beaten places doth not extend more than half a luge in one place."

(68) 1569. Jan. 10. Lease and Counterpart to Henry Hulbert of Rowdons Downe subject to the pasturing of 20 Sheep by one William Hulbert. Term 21 years. Fine £45. 13s. 4d. Rent 12d.

(69) 1569. Sep. 21. C. Lease to John Stoks of Langleyburell in the Countie aforesaid Yeoman of "One poke or severall Grounde conteyning half an acre" in Rowdons Downe Yate half an acre in Lady Meade and four score and ten acres in the Common Field "The comon Pasture in the said Common fields of Chippenham for all manner of Rother beasts and Horse beasts to the said Bayliff and burgesses and their successors excepted and always reserved." Term 35 years. Fine £8. Rent 11s.

(70) 1569. Oct. 18. C. Lease to Robert ffrancklein of Allington gentleman. After reciting the Lease of 20 Oct. 1557 to Grace Pye and John Pye and that Grace Pye was now the wife of

Robert franklein the "ground of Pasture called Inglands" comprised in such Lease was demised for 41 years immediately after the determination of such former lease. Fine £90. Rent £1. 7s. 8d.

Witness to the sealing "Thomas Wilde Vicar of Chippenham."
"David Dulan."

(71) 1570. March 23. C. Lease to Robert ffrancklen of Allington gent. In similar terms as the preceding lease.

(72) 1580. April 13. Lease and Counterpart to Robert Ely Lynnen Draper of "All that theire moytie of one yerde Land conteyninge by estimacyon xl acres of pasture lying and being in a certayn place called and knowen by the name of Rowdons Downe within the Parische of Chippenham." Term 3 years. Fine "a certayne somme of money." Rent 4d.

Signed	"Thomas Gowldney	Edward Stafford	} Burgesses.
	[Bailiff]	Edmund Wrottesley	

(73) 1660. Oct. 5. C. Lease to William Hulbert the elder, Husbandman, of the Messuage or Tenement in Rowdens Downe and the severall parcells of Meadow or Pasture lately enclosed into one and containing 4 acres partly bounded by the late coppice ground belonging also to the Borroughes And the Meadow called Salters close containing 2 acres adjoining the highway leading from Chippenham to Corsham "having the greate corne field belonging to Rowden ffarme on the North side thereof." Term 7 years. Fine amount not specified. Rent £11.

(73A) [Same date.] Bond of W. Hulbert senr. and W. Hulbert junr. to perform covenants.

(74) 1677. Oct. 1. C. Lease to Jonathan Scott of the Ivy gent. of "the Tenement." And also the Pasture land called "Little ffeild" containing 12 acres "late in the several occupacions of Adam Gouldney and John Husey their respective Assignee or Assignees." Term 7 years. Fine amount not specified. Rent £9 10s.

(75) 1692. Aug. 2. C. Lease to Thomas Long gent. of "the Tenement." Term 7 years. Rent £4. 5s.

(76) 1700. June 1. C. Lease to Thomas Long of Rowden gent. of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £4. 4s.

(77) 1716. April 12. C. Lease to same of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £5. 5s.

(78) 1764. Feb. 2. C. Lease to Mary Long of Rowden Widow of the same. Term 21 years. Rent £5. 5s.

(79) 1658. March 7. C. Lease to J. Webb, Chaundler of the Close of Pasture called 'Pipsmore' containing 21 Acres with the dwelling house erected thereon "next adioyninge unto Bristol waye." Term 21 years. Fine amount not specified. Rent £12.

(80) 1676. March 28. C. Lease to J. Collett of Langley of parcel of land containing 2 acres lying intermixed with the lands of James Collett called 'Pipsmore' theretofore in the tenure of William Woodroffe. Term 99 years. Fine. Rent 13s. 4d.

(81) 1690. Feb. 10. C. Lease to J. Willis, Baker and Thomas Brookes the younger, Victualler, of 'Pipsmore' containing 21 acres with the Dwelling house thereon Also a close of Arable "lying in or near a certaine place called 'Little ffeild' containing 12 acres Also the

new inclosed ground of arable conteyning 3 acres neare a place called 'Druriards' late in the tenure of Hugh Goodcheape. Term 15 years. Fine. Rent £17 10s.

(82) Same date. Bond for performance of covenants between the same parties.

(83) 1741. Sep. 29. Lease & Counterpart to J. Colborne, Tallow Chandler, of the same. Term 21 years. Rent £20.

(84) 1764. Feb. 2. C. Lease to William Colborne of Bath Esquire of the same And of 'Blackwell Hams' And pasturage for 150 Sheep in 'Inglands' 'Westmead' and 'Claypoles.' Term 21 years. Rent £45.

(85) 1741. Sep. 29. C. Lease to Joseph Colborne of 'Blackwell Hams' And pasture for 150 Sheep in 'Inglands' 'Westmead' and 'Claypoles' from 1st November to 25th March. Term 6 years. Rent £24.

(86) 1750. Aug. 17. C. Lease to W. Shipton, tallow Chandler, of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £24.

(87) 1812. Sep. 19. Lease from Thomas Spencer, Surgeon, Bailiff, John Noyes Harry Russ John Heath John Noyes the younger Anthony Guy Ralph Hale Gaby Audley Harvey William Stephens Thomas Goldney John Beams Harry Goldney and Ralph Gaby, Burgesses to Daniel Emmett, Butcher, of 'Hulberts Hold' 5a. 1r. 21p. 'Blackwell Hams' 6a. 1r. 13p. and the winter feed of Inglands and Westmead 104a. Term 7 years. Rent £81.

(88) 1820. July 24. Lease to D. Salter, Gardener, of 'Blackwell Hams.' Term 7 years. Rent £12.

(89) 1826. Sep. 18. Lease to same of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £18.

(90) 1833. Nov. 15. Lease to same of the same, for same term. Rent £16.

(91) 1841. March 2. Lease to John Reeve of the same for same term. Rent £18.

(92) 1848. March 30. Lease to F. Young of the same for same term. Rent £12.

(93) 1855. April 9. C. Lease to same of the same for same term. Rent £12.

(94) 1862. May 13. C. Lease to S. B. Perrett of the same. Term 12 years. Rent £15.

(95) 1880. Feb. 10. Lease and C. to H. Collett of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £15.

(96) 1880. Nov. 9. Statutory Declaration by R. Slade and T. Holloway as to the Roadway, and Right of way, from "Forest Lane" to "Blackwell Hams."

(97) 1820. July 24. Lease to G. Neate of Winterbourne Bassett of "Hulberts Hold" with the winter feed for sheep in "Inglands" and "Westmead." Term 7 years. Rent £60.

(98) 1826. Sep. 18. Lease to S. Ghey of the same for same term. Rent £68.

(99) 1834. May 22. Lease to J. Beck of the same for same term. Rent £50.

(100) 1841. March 2. Lease to G. Neate of the same for same term. Rent £50.

(101) 1848. March 30. Lease to R. Slade of the same for same term. Rent £35.

(102) 1855. April 9. C. Lease to same of the same for same term. Rent £30.

(103) 1862. May 13. C. Lease to J. Ferris of the same. Term 12 years. Rent £35.

(104) 1874. Aug. 11. Lease & C. to Mark Bristow of 'Hulberts Hold.' Term 8 years. Rent £20.

(105) 1882. Aug. 8. C. Lease to R. Rich of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £20.

- (106) 1874. Aug. 11. C. Lease to F. Ferris of the winter feed of 'Englands' and 'Westmead.' Term 8 years. Rent £31.
- (107) 1882. Aug. 8. C. Lease to J. Gough of the same. Annual tenancy. Rent £15.
- (108) 1755. March 1. Lease to H. Pryor, Baker, of the pasture ground called 'Little Englands,' 4 acres. Term 7 years. Rent £6.
- (109) 1812. Sep. 19. Lease to J. Drew of the Messuage Barn and Pasture ground called 'Bumpers,' 15a. 2r. op. And of the Arable land called 'Littleworth,' 2a. 2r. 31p. Term 7 years. Rent £41.
- (110) 1820. July 24. Lease to F. Bryant of the same for same term. Rent 44.
- (111) 1826. Sep. 18. Lease to same of the same for same term and rent.
- (112) 1833. Nov. 15. do. do. do. Rent £51.
- (113) 1841. March 2. do. do. do. do.
- (114) 1844. April 7. Assignment of Lease to R. P. Rich on the death of F. Bryant.
- (115) 1848. March 30. Lease to J. Rich of Hardenhuish of the same for same term. Rent £52.
- (116) 1855. April 9. C. Lease to G. Edgecombe Grocer do. do. Rent £50 8s.
- (117) 1862. May 13. C. Lease to Messrs. Parry of the same. Term 12 years. Rent £63 1s. 9d.
- (118) 1874. Aug. 11. C. Lease to W. H. Porter of 'Bumpers.' Term 8 years. Rent £52 15s. od.
- (119) 1882. Aug. 8. C. Lease to A. Phillips of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £40.
- (120) 1874. Aug. 11. C. Lease to R. S. G. Fry of 'Littleworth.' Term 8 years. Rent £4.
- (121) 1882. Aug. 8. C. Lease to do. do. Term 7 years. Rent do.
- (122) 1812. Sep. 19. Lease to D. Salter of the Arable Land called 'Little Field' 10a. 1r. 31p. near the 'Camp Field.' Term 7 years. Rent £34.
- (123) 1826. March 24. Lease from Harry Goldney, Bailiff, and five of the Burgesses to W. Gay of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £39.
- (124) 1826. Sep. 18. Lease to W. Downham of a Cottage and 'Little Field.' Term 7 years. Rent £40.
- (125) 1833. Nov. 15. do. do. do. do.
- Rent £36.
- (126) 1848. Aug. 20. Lease to C. and S. Downing of (A) 'Little Field' 4a. 3r. 27p. Term 7 years. Rent £17. 2.
- (127) 1862. May 13. C. Lease to S. Downing of the same. Term 12 years. Rent £15.
- (128) 1874. Aug. 11. do. G. Sims do. do. 8 years. do. do.
- (129) 1882. Aug. 8. do. do. do. do. 7 years. do. £13. 10.
- (130) 1670. June 8. C. Lease to John Stiles of Avon of two closes of Pasture called 'the Slow' 3 acres And 11 acres of Arable land lately laied together adjoining thereto "Alsoe one halfe acre and one Lott of Meadowe in Dowlmeade" all being in foxham, within the Parishes of Bremble, Christian Malford, and Avon. Term 21 years. Fine. Rent £10.

(A) In 1841 part of 'Little Field' was sold to the Great Western Railway Co.; the purchase money was invested; and in 1881 was sold out, and applied towards purchasing land in Westmead.

- (131) 1697. Feb. 26. C. Lease to T. Gardiner of the same. Term 7 years. Rent £8.
- (132) 1705. March 16. do R. King, of Avon, Cook, of the same. do. do.
- (133) Same date. Bond of R. King to perform covenants.
- (134) 1718. Sep. 30. C. Lease to R. King of the same for same term. Rent £8. 15.
- (135) 1737. Sep. 29. do. G. Hillier do. do. do. £9.
- (136) 1759. Lease and C. to R. Gale do. do. do.
- (137) 1812. Sep. 19. Lease by the Bayliff and Burgesses, Feoffees under the Will of Sir Francis Popham deceased, of two closes of Meadow called 'the Slough' 13a. or. 34p. Term 7 years. Rent £35.
- (138) 1812. Sep. 19. Lease to U. Tarrant, of Avon, Clothier, of two Lots of Meadow land in 'Down Mead' otherwise 'Doal Mead' containing 29 perches and 26 perches. Term 7 years. Rent £3.
- (139) 1820. July 24. Lease to B. Pegler of 'the Slough' and the Lots in 'Down Mead' alias 'Doal Mead.' Term 7 years. Rent £26.
- (140) 1835. June 17. C. Lease to the Chippenham Gas Co. of half an acre in 'Westmead.' Term 200 years. Rent £2.
- (141) 1837. March 9. Consent signed by 11 of the Corporation that the first acre in 'Westmeade' should be held by the senior Burgess for the time being, and that he should be entitled to receive the Rent due from the Gas Co. in respect of the buildings thereon.
- (142) 1853. June 22. Surrender by the said Gas Co. of 6 perches part of the said half acre for the residue of the said term.
- (143) 1853. June 22. C. Lease to the Gas Co. of 15 perches adjoining the other demised land. Term 75 years. Rent 2s.
- (144) 1855. July 24. C. Lease to the Gas Co. of 15 perches more. Term 75 years. Rent £1. 10s.
- (145) 1870. Aug. 1. Surrender by the Gas Co. of the several pieces of land comprised in the three above Leases for the remainder of their respective terms.
- (146) 1870. Aug. 2. C. Lease to the Gas Co. of the land then occupied by them and 10 perches more. Term 75 years. Rent £8.
- (147) 1878. Aug. 13. C. Lease to the Chippenham District Local Board of half an acre in 'Westmead' upon which the Local Board had sunk a well and had erected an engine and Boiler House and other Buildings for the purpose of Water Works And of 30 perches in 'Englands' upon which a Reservoir had been made. Term 75 years. Rent £12.
- (148) 1584. Jan. 11. C. Lease between Leonard Woodland and Jonne his wife on the one partie and Peter Jeskyn. Alce his wife and Elizabeth their daughter on the other partie of "ye garden grounds as they ly nowe sett lying and being and nowe adioining uppon A little mead called little westmead and butteth upon the ryuer or water called aven" for their lives and the life of the longest liver for a Fine and 10s. Rent. Covenant by the lessees to erect a house upon the premises before the feast of the Annunciation in 1587 and to repair and sustain the same "as well in tymber thatching walling bording dawbing and other necessary repara-

cions" taking "frith and shrowdes as doth or shall grow upon the premisses. Livery of seisin endorsed.

(148) Same date. Bond of L. Woodland and his wife to perform covenants.

(149) 1662. April 23. Bond of G. Graunt of Bowood Parke "Agricol." and J. Graunt to perform covenants of lease.

(150) 1663. Sep. 1. Bond of Joanna Lambert widow and W. Cannaway of Pewsham to perform covenants of Lease.

(151) 1689. April 22. Bond of T. Chappell to perform covenants of lease.

(152) 1697. Sep. 25. ditto ditto

LEASES OF SHOPS GRANTED BY THE BAILIFF AND BURGESSES.

(153) 1570. March 20. "This Indenture made th xxth day of Marche in the Twelfth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England ffrance and Irelande defender of the faith &c. Betwene the Bailif of the Boroughe of Chippenham in the Countie of Wiltes and the Burgesses of the said Boroughe of that one partye and Leonard Wodland of the Parish of Chippenham aforesaid Yeoman of that other partie WITNESSETH that whereas Henry Shearinton of Lacocke in the said Countie Esquier by his sufficient Writing or Dede Indented under his hand and seale Hath demysed graunted and to ferme letten to the Baylif and Burgesses of Cheppenham aforesaid All and singular the Issues good and chattelles wayved goodes and Catells of felons strayers Tolles and profites of fayres of Marketts with all other profits and Casualts what so ever coming Renuying and growing to him the said Henry Shearinton his Heires and Assigns within the lymitte boundes and precincts of the Boroughe of Cheppenham aforesaid and whereof the said Henry Shearinton is and standeth seised in fee allowaunce or otherwise. To have and to holde all and singular the premisses to the said Bailif and Burgesses and their successors from and after the feaste of St. Michaell tharchangell then next following the day of the date of the said dede Indented during the terme of fferty yeares from thence next ensuyng and fully to be complett for the Yearley Rent of Eighte Poundes of Lawfull mony of England at two the Moste usuall termes of the yeare to be paide, that is to say at the feaste of the Annuntyacyon of the blessed virgin Mary and of St. Michaell tharchangell by even porclons to be paide with sondry other Clauses and covenants therein conteyned as by the said dede Indented whose date is the Nynth day of Julij in the Eleventh Yeare of the reigne of our said sovereigne Lady Elizabeth among other things more at lardge may and doth appeare Now **THE SAID** Bailif and burgesses for dyverse good consideracions them hereunto especially moving Hath dymysed graunted and to ferme letten and for them and their successors doth dymise graunte and to ferme lett to the said Leonard Woodland one Shoppe covered with tyles and newly erected and builded scytuate behinde the Shambles of Chippenham aforesaid beneth the Chese Markett behind a shoppe nowe in the tenure of William Beryman To HAVE AND to holde the said Shoppe newly erected and builded to the said Leonard Woodland his Executors and Assignes from and after the feaste of th Annunciation of the blessed virgin Mary nowe nexte ensuyng the day of the date of these presents unto thend and terme of Thirty

and nyne yeares from thence next following and fully to be complett and ended YELDING and paying yearly therefore during the said terme to the said Bailif and Burgesses and their successors for the tyme being thre shillings and fflower pence lawfull money of England at the feaste of St. Michael tharchangell and thannunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary by even portions to be paide AND if it shall fortune the said yearly Rent of iij^s iiij^d to be behinde and unpaide in parte or in all at any tyme within the said terme untill the next Saturday folowing immediatly after any the said feastes or dayes of payment thereof above Lymitted and then the same be lawfully demanded at the said Shoppe betwixte the houres of Eleven of the Clocke in the fore None and Two of the Clocke in the after None of the same day and not duely paide and no sufficient distresse can then be founde within the said Shoppe That then and thenceforth at all tymes afterwarde it may be Lawfull to and for the said Bailiff and Burgesses and their successours into all the saide Shoppe holy to Reentre and the same to have agayne and repossede as in their former estate AND the said Leonard Woodland for his executores and assignes to and with the said Bailif and Burgesses doth covenante by these presents that he the said Leonard Woodland his Executors and Assignes the saide Shoppe well and sufficiently shall repaire upholde and mainteyne in Tymbre Tyle Walling and boording and other necessary reparacione as often as nede shall require during the said terme at his or their owne proper costes and expence and so in thende of the said terme sufficiently reparyed and Tyled shall yelde upp the same into the hands of the said Bailif and Burgesses and their successores ALSO the saide Bailif and Burgesses do covenante to and with the said Leonard Woodland by these presents that it may and shalbe lawfull to and for the said Leonard Woodland his Executores and assignes to have holde and quietlye to enioy the said Schoppe for and during the said term of xxxix yeares for the said yearly rente of iij^s iiij^d and under the covenants and conditions above specified without lett or Interruptions of the said Baylif and Burgesses IN WITNESS WHEREOF to the one parte of these Indentures remayning with the said Leonard Wodland the said Bailif and Burgesses have sett their Common Seale And to the other parte remayninge with the said Bailiff and Burgesses the said Leonard Wodland have sett his hande and seale the day and yeare first above written."

signed " Leonard
Wodland."

The seal bears the following initials G. H. E.

(154) 1580. Sep. 17. C. Lease to Henry fernell als Goldneye of Chippenham, of "One Shopp or Standyng situat and standing in the markt place their." Term 28 years. Fine "dyvers good causes and consideracons. Rent 2s 6d.

Signed " Henry Gowldney
Jan^y 1580."

(155) Same date. C. Lease to William Howithropp, Weaver, of two Shoppes or Standings in the Markett place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 4s.

(156) Same date. C. Lease to William Amett Junior, mercer, of a shopp in the Market place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 2s. 6d.

(157) Same date. C. Lease to Robert Ely, Lynnen Draper, of two Shoppes in the Markett place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 6s.

Signed " Robert Ely. Witnessed By me John norway."

(158) Same date. C. Lease to William Yonge, Woollen Draper, of a Shoppe in the Markett place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 3s. 3d.

(159) Same date. C. Lease to John Scott of Langlye Bouroughe, clothman, of six Shoppes in the Markett place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 12s.

(160) Same date. C. Lease to Robart Hawkyns, clothman, of a shopp or standing in the Markett place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 4s.

(161) Same date. C. Lease to John Viser the younger of two Shoppes or Standings in the Markett place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 4s.

(162) 1580. Sep. 23. C. Lease to John Baker of Lacok, Woolen Draper, of a Shoppe in the Markett place. Term 28 years. Fine. Rent 2s.

(163) 1590. Sep. 20. C. Lease to Thomas Bedforde, Shewmaker, of a shop or house newly erected by the saied Thomas situat adioyning to the Shambles. Term 18 years. Fine. Rent 2s.

(164) 1592. June 1. C. Lease to William Hyll, carrier, of a Shoppe house or standing newlye erected and builte by the saied William situate and beinge at the Weste end of the Shambles there. Term 16 years. Fine. Rent 2s.

(165) 1593. Dec. 14. C. Lease to George Williams, yeoman, of a Shoppe or house newly erected by Thomas Bedford cordwayner and adioyneth next unto the Shambles. Term 14½ years. Fine. Rent 2s.

LAW PAPERS.

(166) 1561. Aug. 16. "Be hit knowen unto all men by these psents that I John Zouche haue receaued of Bayley of the borough of Chippenham for certayne psons amerced in the forth and Vth yeare of o^r Soveraygne Lorde & Lady Phillipe and marye upon certayne trespasses ryotts and unlawfull assembles whereof they were indyted the some of iiij^s iij^s iiij^d In wytnes whereof I have set to my hand the xvjth of August in the therd yeare of o^r Soveraygne Lady Quene Elizabeth.

By me John Zouche

Late undershreve."

(167) Oct. 18. "After my harty comendacyons I have sent yo^u herein enclosed a copy of a ler dyirected unto me from the ryght Honorable my Lord Treseror and S^r Rychard Sakevile w^{ch} I receaved this psent frydaye nyght at fyue of the clocke beinge the xvijth of October whereby yo^u shell understand the great goodnes of the Quenes ma^{tie} towarde her Subjects wherefore it shalbe well done of yo^u to fulfyll the contents of the sayd ler whereby great quyetnes shell growe unto the people Thus fare yo^u Lastely well ffrom Austy this psent frydaye nyght.

Yo^r fryynd

John Zouche."

Addressed "To the Baylyfe and cunstables of the brough and Hundred of Chippenham."

(168) 1568. April 1. Order addressed to Edward Stafford Bayliff.—“I comend me to you I do intend by Comandm^t from the Right Honorable therle of Penbroke Hyghe Stuard of Cheppynhm to kepe the Lawday wtin yo^r Borowghe as his Lordshypps Deputie on Munday next th vth day of Apell by x of the clock in the fornone of the same day therefore I require you & in the Quenes Hyghnes name Charge & Comaund you that upon Receipt hereof to geue lawfull Somons & warnyng to all those psons wtin yo^r said borowghe then & ther to appere wch heretofore have byn accustomed tappere at the said lawday & at the place accustomed Fayle you not here of at y^e prell the fyrst of Apell 1568.

Y^r frynd

N. Snell.”

(169) 1568. Three sheets of pleadings in an Action at law; Edward Stafford, yoman, Plaintiff, L. Maddox, Tayler, W. Boreman, mercer, and J. Thomas, Husband, Defendants: and Jury list of 24 names.

(170) 1568. Feb. 19. Copy Inquisition.

(171) 1565. July 9. Recognizance entered into by Robert Southell of Chippenham Taylour in the presence of the Bayliffe and of some of the Burgesses.

The endorsement thereon is as follows: “THE CONDICON of this forte obligacon ys suche That whereas the Quenes maj^{tie} our Soueigne Lady Hathe by Her Hyghnes Proclamacon for Reformacon to be had of the use of the monstrous & outragious greatnes of Hosen phibited & forbydden All Taylors & Hosyers wtin her Realmes & Domynions To make any hosen of the said outragious greatnes And y^t no taylour or hosyer put into the outsyde of Any paire of Hosen aboute one yard & a half or one yarde and iij quarters of a yarde of Carsey or of any other Clothe leather or other Stuffe aboute y^t quontyte w^t one lynyng onely As by the sayd pclamacon whose Date ys the vjth day of May in the yeare of o^r lord God y^e Dlxij amonge other things more at large may & Dothe appeare Whereupon yf the wtin bounden Robert Southall nor Any his jorneymen appntices or sun^{ts} or any other pson by his appoyncement pcurement or consell Do not at any tyme or tymes hereafter Cut Sowe make or cause to be cut sowed or made Anye man^r of Hosen contrary to the order forme and assise specyfied & expressed in & upon the sayd pclanacon That then this psente obligacon to be voyde & of none effect or ells y^t to be & stand in his full force strength and virtue.”

(172) 1566. March 6. Recognizance entered into by John Southerwoode of Chippenham Taylour. The endorsement is as follows: “The Condicon of this psente obligacon is suche that Whereas the Quenes Maj^{tie} our Soueigne Ladie by Here Highnes Pclamacon Geven at grenewth the xijth daye of ffebruarye in the Eight yeare of Here Highnes Reigne for the Reformacon of the use of owe Traygous great Hosen Hathe prohibited & forbidden all taylos & hosyers wthin here highnes Domynions to mak Any Hosen of the sayd outragious greatnese & that no taylor or Hosyer put into the outside of the upper stock of any hosen but one yarde & one quarter of clothe Carsey or othere stuffe of that quantitie & in copasse but one yarde & half a quarter for the tallest pson ys of stature and for psons of lesse stature to make lesse & not to put into the same hose no more lynynge but one lynynge of lynnen or suche lyke next the legge & one other strayghte lynynge made of stuffe made & wroughte wthin Her hyghnes

Domyons wth sundrye prysons & ordeynans spesyfyed one & appon the said pclamacon where uppon yf he the wthin bounden John Southerwoode do not by hym self or Any his sunts joneymen or Apntiss at any hereaft^r mak or cause to be mad Any man^r of hoses cotrary to the forme" &c-

(173) 1566. March 15. Similar Recognizances entered into by Laurence Maddocks, John Talbott, William Orpyn, William ffeyres and William Younge.

(174) 1579. Aug. 19. "Be it knowen unto all men by thes presents that I Thomas Wynpyt of the Borow of Borford in the County of Oxford fflesher Doth confes of my selfe to have Rd ffrom the Baylyff and Burgesses of Chepenham in the County of Weltyes on man cheyld abowght the eage of v yeas wyche chyld was son unto on Thomas Wynpyt of Chepenham shew-macker where and upon and in consyderacion I the sayd Thomas Wynpyt of Bourford of mer good well hathe tacken Rd ffrom the bayly and burgesses and all the resedewe of the sayd parysoners this chyld wher and upon I the sayd Thomas Wynpyt of bourford dothe bynd my selff my eyres excutores in the some of fforty shellings to kepe y^t the ful som of vii yeares or els to forfit to the baylyff and burgesses the sayd som of xls in witness herof I have caused this bell to be mad and set to my hand and seale even the xixth day of awgust 1579."

(signed) "Thomas."

"Sealed and dd in the presence of Leonard Wodland Bayly and Thom Wyld senior Edmond Wroستly Thomas Goldney W^m Tyden of Bourford wth others."

"This chyld most be sent to borford unto Thomas Wynpyt by the charg of the ton."

(175) 1579. Dec. 16. Copy Writ of Execution from "Nycholas St. John" Sherife, "to the Baylyffe of the Hundrethe of Chyppnam," "to levye the goods and catalls of Rycharde Ballden and Willyam Hulbert £5. 11s. for having wrongfully taken possession of four score acres of pasture in Chippenham which Sir Walter Hungerforde had on the 1st Dec, 1577 demised to Willyam Butler for 3 years, and who had brought a Suit for restitution.

(176) Jury list of 12 names, in duplicate.

(177) Fragment of a large paper document, ending, "Yo^r. Loving ffrinds," followed by several signatures, including "E. farr alias Smith, Constable."

(178) 1583. Oct. 28. Bond of "the Baylye and Burgesses of the Towne and Borowghe of Chippenham" with Richard Bawldley mercer "in the somme of xij^l wee saye twelve Poundes of corant mones of England."

(179) 1591. Feb. 24. Bond of Walter Howell of Christchurch in the County of Bristol Hallier for £10 to exonerate the Bayliffe and Burgesses from maintaining Joane Coxo late of Chippenham Widdowe, by reason of the Statute.

(180) 1637. June 19. Exemplification of a judgment upon an Action tried at the Assizes at New Sarum before Sir Thomas Richardson K^t Chief Justice of the King's Bench and Sir John Denham K^t one of the Barons of the Exchequer.

The Action was brought by the Bailiff & Burgesses against John Younge Yeoman and

Thomas Hulbert, Husbandman for cutting & lopping trees in the 20 acres of Wood called Rowden Downe Cops. The Defendants pleaded that Sir Edward Hungerford was seised in his demesne as of fee of Shepherds otherwise Sheephouse Mead and Withey Mead which were adjoining the said 20 acres of Wood, and that Sir Edward & his Ancestors had used the right to lop & top & carry away the branches of Trees and cut & carry away the underwood for 16 feet in breadth on the said Wood adjoining the whole length of the said two Meadows.

That on 22^d May 1606 Sir Edward enfeoffed Sir John Tufton K^t and Nicholas his Son their heirs & assigns of the tenements afd. with the appurtenances to the use of Cecilia daughter of Sir John Tufton for her life. That on 10th September 1625 Cecilia married at Chippenham Francis Earl of Rutland. That they the Defendants lopped the Boughs and grubbed up and carried away the underwood as Bailiffs of the s^d Francis & Cecilia.

Judgment in favour of Defendants, and for "their damages occasioned by the premises Eight Pounds."

(181) 1679. Sep. In Conformitie to the late Acte of Parliament "made in the teenth yeare of the Raigne of Or Souaigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defend^r of the faith &c I Samuell Twyford doe declare that I hold that there lyes noe obligacon upon me or any other pson from the oath comonly called the Solemne League and Coveunte and y^t the same was in itself an unlawfull oath & Imposed upon the Subjects of this Realme ag^t the knowne Lawes and Liberties of the Kingdome."

[signed] "Sam. Twyford."

(182) 1680. "Burgesses. Chippenham Burrough. 27 July 1649. Gabriell Goldney jun. elected Burgesse in the roome of Philip Cogswell sen. 5 April 1650 John Scott elected in the roome of Jonathan Scott" [then follow the names and elections of three other Burgesses] "The Corporacon not visited by the Com. about the Act of 13th Car. 2." "Since that tyme—15 November 1667 Henry Gouldney elected in the roome of Wm. Adye. 25 May 1668 Wm. Stevens elected in the roome of John Glanvill Esq. [then follow the names and elections of 64 other Burgesses] "We cannot find by the Register that any chosen conformed to the Act of Parliamt. of y^e 13 Car. 2 by taking all the oathes & subscribing the Decl. agst the Covenant at the tyme of their being sworne into the office the same not beinge tendered to them respectively."

Declarations subscribed to by the Bailiffes and Burgesses yearly down to 1704.

(183) 1680. May 17. Notice to the Bayliffe and Burgesses by W. Dyer of his resignation of the office of a Burgess.

Similar Notices in 1705 by John Bedford—1719 by D. Webb—1742 by Edward Bayntun Rolt and G. Stucley.

(184) 1685. Jan. 23. "Sir Samuel Astry Knight doth inform that from the tyme whereof noe man knowes to the contrary there was and is a certaine cawsey leading from the markett towne of Chippenham towards the markett towne of Calne for all the King's subjects as well footmen as horsemen to goe & ride, which conteyneth in length 2 miles & in breadth 10 foot lying in the psh of Chipp. the first day of Aprill in the first yeare of the King & continually afterwards untill the exhibiting this information was and is in great decay for want of repara-

ton, Soe that the King's Subjects cannot passe & repasse over the same without perrill of their lives & losse of their goods to the great Damage of the King's subjects, And that the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Burrow of Chippenham aforesaid ought to repaire & amend the same as often as is needfull."

(185) 1687. Dec. 16.

" At the Court at Whitehall
the 16th of December 1687

Present

The King's most Excellent Maty
in Councill."

"Whereas by the Charter granted to the Town of Chippenham in Wiltshire a power is reserved to his Maty by His order in Councill to remove from their Employment any officers in the said Town. His Maty in Councill is pleased to order, and it is hereby Ordered that John Flower Bayliff and Burgesse, William Weekes, Samuel Twyford, Thomas Webb and William Gale junr. Burgesses be, and they are hereby removed as displaced from their aforesaid offices in the said Town of Chippenham.

(Signed) William Blathwayt."

"James R."

(186) 1687. Dec. 17.

"To our trusty and wel-beloved the Capitall
Burgesses and Corporation of Our Burrough of Chippenham
in Our County of Wilts."

"Trusty and welbeloved We greet you well. Whereas We have by Our Order in Councill thought fit to remoue John Flower from being Bailiffe and one of the Burgesses of that our Burrough of Chippenham, William Weekes, Samuel Twyford, Thomas Webb and William Gale senr [sic] from being Burgesses of the same; We have thought fit hereby to will and require you forthwith to elect and admit Our trusty and welbeloved William Bedford to be Bailiffe & one of yr Burgesses John Hulbert, Wm. Dyer, William Hobbs and William Scott to be Burgesses of Our said Burrough in the room of the persons aboue mentioned without administering unto them any Oath or Oaths, but the usual Oath for the execution of their respective places with which We are pleased to dispense in this behalfe. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. And so We bid you Farewell. Giuen at Our Court at Whitehall the 17th day of December 1687 in the third yeare of our Reigne.

By his Majty's command.

(Signed) Sunderland Ld."

(187) 1691. June 19. Copy Warrant to the Constables of Chippenham from James Long Henry Chivers and Nicholas Bayntun "three of the Deputy Lieutenants of the said County" directing them to levy £3. 15s. upon the goods of J. Short and R. A. Power late Constables who had "collected several sumes of money of the Inhabitants of the said Towne & the precincts thereof for the setting forth & Maintaineing of the foot souldiers sett forth in the Militia in the last sumers Expedicon," and had retained £3. 15. The Warrant directs that "the money soe levyed yo" are to dispose of for the use of the Militia of the Towne of Chippenham and the precincts thereof."

(188) 1692. April 12. Order of Quarter Sessions made in pursuance of the Act 3 & 4 William & Mary. "That every comon Waggoner or Carrier shall take no more than one shilling for the carrying of one hundred weight of Goods or Merchandize in any place within this County for the distance of twenty miles & so after that rate proportionably for a greater or less quantity of Goods & for a farther or shorter distance & for every small pcell of Goods or Merchandize & weighing lesse than flourteen Pounds the sume of six pence for any place for any distance whatsoever."

(189) 1696. Oct. 10. Stamped Certificate of the nomination and election of John Bedford as a Burgess and of his having been sworn before the Bayliffe and Burgesses "according to the Charter."

43 Similar Certificates from 1699 to 1783.

(190) 1700. May 13. Exchequer Order for the delivery "to the Cheife Magistrate of the Town of Chipnum" of "too measures of brass one containing one quart and one containing one pint sized and sealed by his Ma^{ties} Standard ale quart."

(191) 1715. Dec. 21. Opinion of Sir Nicholas Hooper upon the sealing of Borough Leases.

(192) 1727. July. Bill of costs of an Ejectment Action.

(193) 1674. Nov. 5. Apprenticeship Indenture. Whereby the son of J. Lovegrove is bound to serve W. Singer of Melksham Broadweaver, the £4 consideration money being paid by the Bailiffe & Burgesses out of "the Guift money of Sr ffancis Popham."

(194) 1675. Indenture; J. Gent being bound to T. Singer of Melksham Broadweaver. [Seal of Singer with initials and Merchants mark.]

(195) 1675. Indenture, binding W. Traunter to E. Wallis Tanner.

(196) 1675. Indenture binding T. Serrall to T. Tayler of Langley fitzhurst Broadweaver.

(197) 1676. Indenture binding R. Deanes to J. Willys Baker.

(198) 1692. Indenture binding T. Martin to A. Angell of Calne Cordwiner.

(199) 1692. Indenture binding J. Burgess to J. Burgess senr. Cooper.

(200) 1693. Indenture binding J. Stephens to W. Dodimead Cordwinder.

(201) 1696. Indenture binding R. Martyn to J. Sparkes Taylor. Endorsed. "The day of the date of the within written Indenture rec^d. of Mr. Gabriel Goldney the four pounds within ment^d. by me John Sparkes."

(202) 1703. Indenture binding J. Orchard to S. Orchard Cordwinder.

(203) 1756. Aug. 9. Faculty for the appropriation of Seats in the Parish Church for the exclusive use of the Bayliff & Burgesses for the time being. "Henry Stebbing Doctor in Divinity Vicer General and Official Principal of the Right Reverend ffather in God *John* by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Sarum lawfully constituted. *To* all to whom these presents shall come or whom they may in anywise or at any time hereafter concern. *Greeting Whereas* it hath been represented unto us on the part and behalf of the Bailiff and Burgesses of the Borrough of Chippenham in the County of Wilts and Diocese of Sarum. That there were in the said Parish Church of Chippenham in the body of the said Church certain Seats adjoining to each other opposite the reading desk and pulpit and having the passage leading from the

South door of the Church to the Desk and pulpit on the West side thereof which for time immemorial have borne the name of the Bayliff and Burgesses Seats and which the Bayliff and Burgesses aforesaid have from time to time made use of to sit stand and kneel in to hear divine Service and Sermons in the said Church had made and celebrated That the said Bayliff and Burgesses have lately with the consent of the Minister and Churchwarden of the said Parish of Chippenham made two of the said Seats into one Seat containing in length from North to South ten feet and in breadth six feet two inches being bounded on the East by a Seat in the possession of Mathew Humphrys Isaac Humphreys and Thomas Stroud and on the West by a Seat now occupied by Henry Singer on the North by the body Isle of the said Church and on the South by Seats in the several occupations of Henry Elliot and Robert Colborn And have fitted up the said Seat in a decent manner at the sole expense of the said Bayliff and Burgesses for the better accommodation of the said Bayliff and Burgesses consisting of thirteen persons to sit stand and kneel in to hear divine Service and Sermons in the said Parish Church of Chippenham. And that the said Bayliff and Burgesses are not otherwise provided with a convenient Seat in the said Parish Church. *And whereas* the said Bayliff and Burgesses have by their petition under the Common Seal of their Incorporation prayed and petitioned us that their aforesaid Seat of the dimensions aforesaid so fitted up as before set forth and the Sole and Separate use and enjoyment thereof exclusive of all other persons may be Confirmed and appropriated to them the said Bailiff and Burgesses and to the Bayliff and Burgesses of the said Burrough of Chippenham for the time being in all future times to be by them Solely possessed and enjoyed and to be maintained at their own proper Costs and Charges, *And whereas* we willing and inclining to grant such the Petition of the said Bayliff and Burgesses by confirming and appropriating the before described Seat to them in the manner and to and for the uses and purposes before set forth" [here follows the recital of the Proclamation Citation &c. &c.] "*Know ye therefore* that We the Vicar General and principal official aforesaid do by these presents Approve of ratify and confirm the alteration of the before described two Seats into one by the said Bayliff and Burgesses and do by our Ordinary Authority Confirm and appropriate the before described Seat of the dimensions and bounded as before set forth and the sole use and enjoyment thereof to the present Bayliff and Burgesses of the Burrough of Chippenham and to the Bayliff and Burgesses thereof for the time being in all future times to sit stand and kneel in to hear divine Service and Sermons in the said Church of Chippenham had made and celebrated exclusive of all others whomsoever Provided and upon this condition nevertheless that the said Bayliff and Burgesses for the time being and shall from time to time and at all times when and as often as occasion shall require at their own proper costs and charges and without any cost charge or expense of the Parishioners of the said Parish of Chippenham repair uphold sustain amend and maintain the said Seat in all and all manner of needfull and necessary repairs. *In witness* whereof we have caused the Seal of our office to be affixed to these presents. *Dated* at Sarum the ninth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred fifty and six."

(204) 1847. March 26. Printed circular from the Revd. Lewis Purbrick, Vicar, setting out a proposed scheme for reseating the Parish Church.

(205) 1847. June 4. Summonses issued by W. Wilmot the Town Clerk to the Members of

the Corporation to meet the Mayor and receive his report of the proposed alteration of the Corporation Pew in "the Parish Church and to determine thereon."

(206) Estimate for the repair of the Corporation Pew.

(207) 1847. Sep. 20. Copy letter from the Town Clerk to the Vicar enclosing copy of the following Resolution passed at a Boro' Meeting held at the New Hall on Saturday last :—

"It was proposed by Mr. Harry Goldney and seconded by Mr. Joseph Phillips that Notice be given to the Committee for repairing the Parish Church of Chippenham that the Corporation possess a Faculty for their Pew in the said Church And that the Members of the Corporation require a Seat to be erected on the old Scite on the same Plan and Height and in all respects similar to the Seat lately removed. Which proposition was carried by a majority of the Members present." The Town Clerk was directed to send a copy of the above Resolution to the Vicar of Chippenham and the sd. Committee.

(208) Order signed by seven of the Members of the Corporation upon Mr. Poole the Treasurer of the Borough to pay £25 to the Churchwardens towards defraying the expense of rebuilding the Pew in the Parish Church.

(209) 1830. July 26. Letter from Mr. Joseph Neeld, M.P., for the Borough of Chippenham, to Mr. Harry Goldney, the Bailiff acknowledging receipt of an address to His Majesty for presentation.

(210) 1830. July 31.

"Sir,

"Whitehall, July 31st. 1830."

"I have had the honor to lay before the King the loyal and dutiful address of the Bailiff, Burgesses, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the Borough and Town of Chippenham which was transmitted by you.

"And I have the Satisfaction to inform you that His Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

"I have the honour to be Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"Joseph Neeld, Esq., M.P."

"Robert Peel.

(211) 1830. Dec. 29. Printed circular letter from Viscount Melbourne requesting a return of the limits of the Borough, number of houses, population, electors, &c.

(212) 1831. Jan. Memorandum that in the "Boro' of Chippenham 174 houses were assessed to the House & Window Duty and Parochial Rates in the year 1821."

(213) 1830. "I, Harry Goldney, do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify and declare upon the true Faith of a Christian, that I will never exercise any power, authority, or influence which I may possess by virtue of the office of Bailiff, of the Borough of Chippenham to weaken the Protestant Church as it is by Law established in England, or to disturb the said Church or the Bishops and Clergy of the said Church in the possession of any Rights or Privileges, to which such Church or the said Bishops or Clergy are or may be by law entitled."

13 similar Declarations subscribed to by various Bayliffes, Burgesses and Town Clerks.

(214) 1836. April 21. Case, and opinion of Sir John Campbell thereon, as to the rights of inhabitants of Burgage houses who had not taken up their Freedom previous to the Municipal Corporations Reform Act.

(215) 1845. Sept. 15. Certificate of conviction and fine under the hands and seals of John Darley, Mayor, and Harry Goldney, "two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Chippenham."

(216) 22 April 1650. Money Bond from Robert Gill of Chippenham, Glover, Henry Lambert the younger, mercer and Thomas Farr alias Linzey, Blacksmith to secure payment of £5 to the Baylyffe & Burgesses.

(217) 22 April 1659. Money Bond from Philip Bancks of Chippenham Sadler, Charles Glover, Woollen Draper and Thomas Nash, Taylor, to secure the payment of £3 to the Bayliffe and Burgesses.

RECEIPTS FOR MARKET RENTS.

(218) 1571. "xxvij^{mo} Marcii Anno xiiij^{is} Regine Elizabeth Annoque Doni 1571 Received of Richard Bawlden Bayliffe of the Boroughe of Chippenham the day and yere aforesaid for one half yeres rent (for the profittes of Allmarketts, faires and other commodities whatsoever happen within the same Boroughe; together with the use of the yeld hall there) due unto me Henrye Sharyngton esquier at the feast of thannuncyation of ye Blessed Ladye St. Marye now last past... .. £
 by me John Lever balyff iiiij
 of the Hundred."

(219) 1571. Similar Receipt for one half yeres Rent due at the feast of St Michael the Archangell £
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(220) 1572. "Be it knowen unto all men by thes prsentes that I Henrye Sharyngton of Lacoche in the countie of Wylsher esquier Have Received this vth daye of October in the xiiijth yere of the quenes maiesties Raygne that nowe is of Wylliam Gale late baylie of the boroughe of Chippenham the some of fower poundes of lawful englyshe monye beyng one halfe yeres Rent Due at the feaste of Saynt Mychael tharchangell laste paste for the whole pfittes of the boroughe of Chippenham as also for the Geld Hall ther beyng within the said boroughe. In wytness hereof I have Sett my Hande to this Acquittance the Day and yere Above written." £
 "H. Sharyngton." iiiij

(221) 34 Receipts for half yearly rents for the Fair and Markets of Chippenham dated

Oct. 1573. Oct. 1574. April & Oct. 1575. Oct. 1578. April 1579 April 1581. Oct. 1584 April and Oct. 1585. April & Oct. 1586 14 Oct. & 19 Oct. 1591 April 1592. Oct. 1602. Oct. 1603. April & Oct. 1604. April and Oct. 1605. April & Oct. 1606. April 1607. March & Oct. 1608. Oct. 1609.

In 1581 the Rent is paid to "the Ryght Worshipful John Talbot esquire ." In 1584 to "the Right Worshipful Anthonye Milmaye esquire ." In 1591 to "Sir Roberte Stapelton and Dame Olyffe his wyfe ;" at this time the rent appears to have become reduced to forty shillings.

In 1592 to "Master Anthonye Mylmaye." In October 1603 forty shillings for the half yeres rent were received by Sir francis ffane Kt. in October 1604 four pounds received on behalf of Sir Robert Stapylton Kt.

In April 1605 forty shillings received on behalf of the Ho^{le} Sr francis ffane K^t & Dame "Marye his wief as there moitye of the rent." In March 1608 four pounds received on behalf of Sir Anthony Mildmay, "for the half yeres Rent for the ffayres & markets & other proffytys belonging to the hundred wthin the towne of Chippenam." The subsequent receipts are for similar amounts paid to him.

RECEIPTS FOR CROWN PAYMENTS.

(222) 1607.

"Septimo die Novembr. 1607."

"Received the day and yeare aboue Written of the Bayliff & burgesses of the borough of Chippenham by the hands of Willm Gale & John Mathewe of Chippenham aforesaid to the Use of the Kings Ma^{tie} the some of ffortie pounds of good and lawfull money of England beinge in full paym^t for their fyne or Composicon money dewe & payable to His Ma^{tie} for cteyn asserte lands and lying wthin the forest of Chippenham alis Pewsham and County of Wiltes I say rd ut sup. ... xl
"Oth : Nicholson"

(223) 1607.

"xxi Novembris 1607"

"Re : the daie and yeare Abouesaid of Thomas Hawkins Bayliff of the Burrowe of Chippenham in pte of a more some the some of xx^l of current Englishe money to the use of the Kings Ma^{tie} I sayi re
per me Tho Jenkins
Oth Nicholson"

(224) 1609.

"xx^o die April^s 1609"

"Re : of the Borow of Chippehm the some of x^l for all his in the County of Wiltes towards y^e ayde to make y^e Ho^{le} Prince Henry His Ma^{ties} eldest sonne Knight
Tho Gorges caro Raleigh."

BENEFACTIONS.

(225) 1603. "I giue to the Towne of Chepnam twentie shillings for euer to keepe the power at woork in stock for euer to remayne the gaine the power to be disposed by the maisters & officers of the towne & Pryshe or els suche as they shell thynk fitt for the true disposition thereof Yo^r frynd & welwiller (A) Hugh Atwill pson of St. Tue in cornall in tymes past pson of Cauverly in Devonshyre.

I pray the state of yo^r towne with some of yo^r mones for the true testimony of the carrying thereof"

(226) 1664. Sep. 1. Office copy Will of William Woodroffe of Chippenham Yeoman whereby amongst other charitable gifts to neighbouring Towns he bequeathed an annual sum of £5 "to be paid unto a Schoolmaster at Chippenham for keeping a School and teaching of Tenn poore boys borne within the said Burrough such as the said Bayliffe and Minister for the tyme being shall think fit and such whose Parents shall not be otherwise able to keepe at Schoole and such who for their aptnes and Ingenuity may in likelyhood receive most profit in learning."

(227) 1681. Statement of receipts and payments of Gales Gift for the last two years.

(228) 1685. Letter from John Reeve of Christs Hospital addressed to Mr. John Flower Bayliffe respecting the accounts of Gales gift.

(229) 1691. Letter from Phillip Lacock of Woodburgh Nottinghamshire addressed to Mr. Edward Adey Bayliffe, upon the same subject.

(230) 1701. Letter from Rev^d. North Boothouse, Rector of Carsington, Derbyshire, upon the same subject and with copy Petition to the House of Commons.

(A) Requests in similar terms were made to Sarum and Dursley. The following inscription:—

Sir Hewe Atwill Parson of Calverle

is carved upon a piece of oak which formed one of the supports beneath the Altar in Calverleigh Church. When the Altar was removed on account of its decay, and a new one given in its place by Lady Henrietta Chichester in 1868, this piece of oak was hung up in the Rectory, where it was recently pointed out by Nugent Chichester Esq., formerly of Guyers Corsham, the owner of Calverleigh Court and Estates.

Sir John Maclean, in his Parochial History of Trigg, states as follows:—St. Ewe sometimes written St. Tue. Dr. Hugh Atwell Rector of this Parish is spoken of by Carew for his singular practice of physic, thus:—"Mary his practice is somewhat strange and varying from all others, for though now and then he use blood letting and do ordinarily minister Manus Christi and such like cordials of his own compounding (a poynt sitting well with my humour, as enabling nature who best knoweth how to worke) yet mostly for all diseases he prescribeth milk and very often milk and apples, a course deeply subject to the exception of the best esteemed practitioners; and such notwithstanding as whereby either the vertue of the medicine, or the fortune of the physician or the credulity of the patient, hath recovered sundry out of desperat and forlorn extremities."

His practice is said to have been applied with great benevolence, and to have been attended with such success, that his cures were ascribed to the Magic art.

Risdon says that he lived to be 100 years of age, and that the maid servant who attended him was 120; but Prince tells us that he died at the age of 91 years on 4 May 1617; he adds that it was a received tradition in the Parish of St. Ewe that he was buried naked, and that the shroud in which he was wrapped containing 30 ells of linen, was given by his own direction to the poor at his grave.

(230) 1766. Letter from Thomas Smith of Christs Hospital with the Accounts of Gales Gift for the previous year.

(231) 1626. Attested copy of the Directions to the Churchwardens as to manner of distribution set forth in the Deed of Gift of Henry Smith Esqr. of London.

(232) 1643. Declaration of Trust by the Trustees of Henry Smiths Gift as to, amongst other benefactions, the annual sum of ten Pounds given for the poor of Chippenham.

(233) Same date. List of Towns benefited by the above gift.

(234) 1667. Letter from (A) Sir John Pettus Bart. addressed to "Mr. Gayre Minister of Chippenham," as to delivery of Deeds relating to the gift and referring to the following receipt: "August 22 : 1648 Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed received by the hands of Sr. John Pettus a Deed of Settlement of tenn pounds p ann to the Towne of Chippenham conveyed to them by the exec^{rs} and Trustees of the estate of Henry Smith of London Esqr. which Deed is dated the 18 of Ocr. 1642 as also a Deed Leading the uses of the said tenn pounds p ann soe settled.

Jon. Essington : Baylife	Richard Scott
Antho : Neate	Jonath : Scott
Gabriell Gouldney	William Edwards
William Kyte	Henry Bull."

(235) 1667. Letter from Sir John Pettus to Mr. Giare as to a suggested Act of Parliament to settle the Gift, and with certain proposals for avoiding it.

(236) 1667. Letter from same to same.

(237) Extract from the Will of Henry Bull whereby he gave £20. to the Bayliffe and Burgesses to let out to four poor Tradesmen of Chippenham at £5. apiece, without interest for two years.

(238) 1674. Receipt by J. Brown for £4. from Alexander Pophams Gift.

(239) 1679. List of recipients of the Gift, signed by R. Kemm, Bayliffe, Gabriell Goldney, John Scott and others.

(240) 1861. Letter from the Clerk of the Peace for Somerset stating that Barons Charity consisted of "nine shillings payable to the poor of Wells for divers assart Lands in the Forest of Chippenham, and is a Fee farm rent for a Cottage and Barn and 65a. 6r. 25p. of meadow and pasture within the Forest aforesaid, and paid by the Burgesses of the Town of Chippenham."

LOANS.

(241) 1624. Discharge by J. Banks for all moneys due from the Bayliff and Burgesses.

(242) 1636. Similar discharge by J. Wastfield of Langley Burrell.

(A) Sir John Pettus was Cup-bearer to King Charles II., King James II., and King William.

(243) 1647. April 22. Bond of N. Lovegrove, Shoemaker, R. Pinching, Blacksmith, and E. Steevens, Inneholder, all of Chippenham, for repayment of Five Pounds to the Bayliffe and Burgesses in a years time.

(244) 1650 to 1701. Eight similar Bonds by various persons for sums of £5 and under.

(245) 1658. List of Bonds for "the moneyes due and oweing of the comon Stock lent out upon Bond as the same was accounted for by Ga: Gouldney late Bayliffe to John Scott nowe Bayliffe 1658." The list contains 37 names of borrowers, and the loans amount to £134 16s. od.

Similar Lists for 1661, 1662, 1664, 1674, 1684, 1693.

PARLIAMENTARY DOCUMENTS.

(246) 1562. Dec. 12. Return of Francis Woodygate and Nicholas Snell as Members of Parliament for the Borough of Chippenham. Signature and seal of George Penruddocke, Sheriff.

(247) 1570. Feb. 17. Copy Privy Council Proclamation.

(248) 1570. Feb. 27. Letter from the Earl of Pembroke to the Burgesses enclosing the above Proclamation.

(249) 1571. March 7. (A) Return of John Scott, Clothear, and Robert Viser, Haberdasher.

(250) 1597. Oct. 1. Return of (B) Thomas Edmonds and Sharingtoun Talbott. Indenture between John Dautesey, the Sheriff of the one part and William Gale Bayliff Edward Stafford John Scott, Gabriel Gowldney and others Burgesses of the other part.

(251) 1601. Oct. 9. Return of Robert Barkley and Edward Wymarke.

(252) 1613. Feb. 15. Letter from (C) Sir Anthony Mildmay of Althorpe to the Bayliffe and Burgesses recommending his Son-in-law Thomas Ceilpepper to be elected as Burgess to serve in Parliament.

(253) 1613. Feb. 20. Letter from C. Tufton to R. Wastfield recommending his Brother Homfre Tufton for election.

(254) 1613. March 3. Letter from (D) Sir Francis Fane of Mereworth Castell recommending Thomas Culpeper of Greeneway Courte.

(255) 1613. March 6. Letter from Sir Anthony Mildmay regretting that his recommendation had not been approved of.

(256) 1613. March 8. Precept from Sir William Powlet, Sheriff, addressed to the Bayliffe and Burgesses of the Burrowe of Chippenham to elect two Burgesses to serve in Parliament.

(257) 1613. March 16. (E) Return of Sir Richard Owen and Thomas Culpeper Esqr.

(A) The Parliament summoned for this year is not mentioned in the Blue Book of Returns of Members of Parliament 1213-1702.

(B) In the above Parliamentary Blue Book Edward Wymarke and Sharington Talbott are stated to have been returned.

(C) Sir Anthony Mildmay was Ambassador to France in 1596. He married the daughter of Sir Henry Sharington of Lacock.

(D) Sir Francis Fane, afterwards 1st Earl of Westmorland, married the only daughter of Sir Anthony Mildmay.

(E) The Parliament summoned for this year is omitted in the Blue Book.

[William Geale Bayliffe Henry Baylyffe Thomas Atkins Edward Stafforde John Scott Gabriel Gouldney William Gale and others Burgesses.]

(258) 1613. March 18. Letter from R. Wastfelde on behalfe of the Countesse of Rutland recommending Sir Humfrie Tufton Knight for election, addressed "To my lovinge good friends, Mr. Baylie of the Boroughe of Chippenham, Mr. John Scott thelder and Mr. Gabriell Gouldney thelder—wth Spede."

(259) 1613. Memorandum under the hand of John Baker, Towne clarke, certifying that "the Bayliffe and Burgesses alone elected Burgesses for Parliament until the first year of His Majestys Reigne when most of the Inhabitants were called and assembled in the Lower Hall to signify their allowance and approbation of the choice and election."

(260) 1614. March 31. Letter from Sir Francis Fane thanking the Bayliffe and Burgesses for the election of Mr. Cullpeper whom he had recommended.

(261) 1614. Ap. 14. Precept from the Sheriff for the election of a Burgess in the place of Sir Roger Owen who had also been elected for the County of Salop.

(262) 1614. Ap. 15. Return of Sir William Maynard Bart. in the place of Sir R. Owen.

(263) 1620. Nov. 9. Return of Edward Hungerford and John Bayliffe. [Sir Charles Plydall, Sheriffe, Thomas Hawkins, Bayliffe, N. Colman, H. Berry, J. ffabian, J. Gale, Gabriel Gouldney, John Woodlande, and Gabriel Gouldney Junior, Burgesses.]

(264) 1623. "The names of the freemen for the chusinge of the Burgesses of the Parliament House vizt- Charles Maynard, Esquier & Sir Francis Popham, K^t elected by us hereon namely sett downe the xxijth daye of January, 1623."

This list contains 33 names.

(265) 1671. Sep. 29. "The names of the Inhabitants, householders, found registered and recorded according to their antiency untill the nyne and twentyeth day of September, Anno Dni, 1671."

This list contains 122 names.

(266) 1672. Feb. 1. "The names of all such psons who are now Quallified to give their Votes for the Election of a Burgesse for this Borrough to sitt in Parliament vizt-"

This list contains 106 names, and is in duplicate. The initials of the Candidate, Gwyn or Bertue, voted for, are marked against each name.

(267) 1678. Feb 7. Return of Sir Edward Hungerford and Sir John Talbott. [John Hawkyns, Sheriff, John Hulbert, Bayliffe, Gabriel Gouldney, John Scott, William Stephens, Henry Gouldney, and others Burgesses. Their choice and election as Burgesses for Parliament was made by the Bayliffe and Burgesses with the assent and consent of the greater part of the freemen Inhabitants of the Borough, namely, T. Reynolds, Anthony Guy, J. Moxham, Adam Gouldney, J. Browne, and many others.]

(268) 1690. Dec. 9. Bond of Sir Basil firebrace of the City of London, to appear in Parliament at Westminster, "as one of the Burgesses of and for the Burrough of Chippenham in the place of Richard Kent, Esq., dec^d and to indemnify the Bayliffe and Burgesses."

- (269) 1695. Oct. 22. Bond of William White of Grittleton to appear in Parliament.
- (270) 1684. March 16. Return of Henry Bayntun and Sharrington Talbot.
- (271) 1698. July 25. Return of Edward Mountague and Walter White. [Thomas Baskerville, Sheriffe, John Bedford, Bayliffe, W^m. Scott, J. Hulbert, Walter Scott, Gabriel Goldney, A. Martyn and others Burgesses.
- (272) 1700. Jan. 4. Return of Lord Mordant and Walter White.
- (273) 1701. Nov. 19. Notice signed by Roger Warne, Bayliffe of an election of two Burgesses to serve in Parliament, to be held at the Guildhall.
- (274) 1701. Nov. 24. Return of Lord Mordaunt and Walter White ; and draft of same.
- (275) 1705. Nov. 26. Return of Lord Mordaunt in the place of Walter White deceased.
- (276) 1707. Feb. 18. Resolutions passed by the House of Commons relating to Elections.
- (277) 1708. Ap. 29. Letter from Roger Payne of Sarum enclosing the above Resolutions, and also a Proclamation for summoning a new Parliament, with a Precept for the election of two Members.
- (278) 1708. May 5. Bond of James Mountague of Lackham to serve in Parliament.
- (279) 1720. Ap. 20. Return of Giles Earle.
- (280) 1721. March 22. Return of Edward Rolt and Sir John Eyles Bart.
- (281) 1722. Jan. 22. Return of Thomas Boucher in the place of Edward Rolt deceased.
- (282) 1768. Jan. 29. and March 16. Oaths of John Merewether, Bayliffe, to make a true return of the persons elected.
- (283) 1768. May 5. Draft Bond of Sir James Long of Draicot Cerne.
- (284) 1769. March 27. Return of Henry Dawkins in the place of Sir Thomas fludyer K^t. deceased.
- (285) 1803. Copy Proceedings of the House of Commons upon the (A) Petition of John Maitland against the Return of Charles Brooke. The numbers on the Poll were 59 for Brooke, and 57 for Maitland.
- (286) 1806. Nov. 3. Return of John Maitland and Charles Brooke, both of the City of London.
- (287) 1807. May 8. Oath of Harry Goldney, Bailiff, to make a true return.
Similar Oaths for 1817. 1818. 1820. 1830.
- (288) 1817. Return of John Maitland of Woodford Hall, Essex.
- (289) 1818. June 20. Return of William Miles of Abbots Leigh, Somerset, and the Marquess of Blandford of Blenheim Park, Oxford.
- (290) 1820. March 8. Return of Alexander Madocks of Tregunter, Brecknock, and John Rock Grosett of Lacock Abbey.

(A) The trial of this petition is fully reported in "Peckwell on Elections." Vol. I. p. 26a.

- (291) 1826. June 12. Return of Ebenezer Fuller Maitland of Spinfield Park, Berks, and Frederick Gye of Wood Green Middlesex.
- (292) 1830. July 30. Return of Joseph Neeld of Grittleton House, Wilts, and Philip Pusey of Pusey, Berks.
- (293) 1831. Ap. 30. Return of Joseph Neeld and Henry George Boldero of Weymouth.
- (294) 1832. Dec. 10. Return of Joseph Neeld and William Henry Fox Talbot of Lacock Abbey.
- (295) 1835. Jan. 5. Return of Joseph Neeld and Henry George Boldero.
- (296) 1836. Ap. 21. Case, with the opinion thereon of (A) Sir John Campbell, as to the rights of dwellers in Burgage Houses who had not taken up their Freedom previous to the passing of the Municipal Corporations Reform Act.
- (297) 1837. July 24. Return of Joseph Neeld and Henry George Boldero.
- (298) 1847. July 28. Return of Joseph Neeld and Henry George Boldero.
- (299) 1852. July 6. Return of Joseph Neeld and Henry George Boldero.
- (300) 1857. March 28. Return of Henry George Boldero and Robert Parry Nisbet, of South Broom House, Wilts.
- (301) 1859. Ap. 29. Return of William John Lysley of Mimwood, Herts, and Richard Penruddocke Long, of Rood Ashton, Wilts.
- (302) 1865. July 12. Return of Sir John Neeld Bart. of Grittleton House, Wilts, and Gabriel Goldney, of Beechfield House, Wilts.
- (303) 1868. Nov. 17. Return of Gabriel Goldney.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM.

(Taken from the Parliamentary Returns of 1872.)

<p>1295. Johannes de Burle. Robert Osegod.</p> <p>1298. Johannes le Chepman. Ricardus le Mareschal.</p> <p>1300. Adam Hardyng. Johannes de Burle.</p>	<p>1304. Henricus Pas. Johannes de Burle.</p> <p>1306. Adam Hardyng. Johannes de Burle.</p> <p>1307. Johannes le Chapman. Egidius de Chyverdon.</p>
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(A) Lord Chancellor in 1859.

1312. Johannes le Chipman.
Rogerus le Blakkere.
1313. Edwardus le Smyth.
Rogerus le Blecchere.
- do. Edwardus le Smyth.
Rogerus le Blackere.
1360. Johannes Gode.
Johannes Shovyn.
1362. Nicholaus Stoor.
Robertus Hobbes.
1364. Johannes Good.
1373. Johannes Goude.
Thomas Irmongerere.
1378. Thomas Gay.
Thomas Enford.
1379. Thomas Lote.
Robertus Chepman.
1381. Thomas Gay.
Robertus Chepman.
1382. Thomas Gay.
Robertus Chaundeler.
1382. Thomas Lotes.
Robertus Chepman.
1383. Thomas Lote.
Thomas Iremonger.
1383. Thomas Gay.
Robertus Chepman.
1384. Thomas Gay.
Robertus Chepman.
1384. Thomas Gay.
Thomas Irmongere.
1385. Thomas Lotes.
Thomas Irmongere.
1386. Thomas Gay.
Robertus Chaundeler.
1387. Thomas Gay.
Johannes Suyput.
1388. Thomas Loute.
Thomas Gay.
1389. Thomas Loute.
Thomas Gay.
1393. Nicholaus Samborn junior.
Hugo de la Lynde.
1413. . . . e junior.
Johannes Worth.
1422. Johannes Ludwell.
Johannes Langelegh.
1423. Johannes Dykeman.
Henricus Bottenham.
1427. Johannes Fowler.
Ricardus Everton.
1432. Walterus Sargeant.
Willielmus Styrope.
1433. Walterus Sargeaunt.
Willielmus Styrop.
1435. Walterus Sergeant.
Willielmus Stirop.
1436. Willielmus Stirop.
Willielmus Hawkesop.
1441. Willielmus Stirop.
W^r erus Parke.
1446. Willielmus Styroppe.
Thomas Galeys.
1448. Willielmus Bowden.
Willielmus Styrope.
1449. Johannes Whynge.
Willielmus Weston.
1450. Johannes Burlegh.
Willielmus Basyng.
1452. Olyver Wylcotes.
Thomas Child.
1455. Johannes —
Johannes —
1467. Ricardus Evleygh.
Robertus Lygh.
1472. Willielmus Hydes.
Willielmus Barnevyle.
1477. Aldelmus Hungerford armiger.
Rogerus Hopton armiger.

1529. Willielmus Button.
Thomas Wylkes.
1553. Henry Farnewell alias Goldney.
[Appointed the first Bayliffe of the Borough of Chippenham by Charter of Queen Mary, dated 2nd May 1554.]
Robert Wrastlay.
[Appointed a Burgess of the Borough of Chippenham by Charter of Q. Mary dated 2nd May 1554.]
1554. William Smyth.
Thomas Smith.
1554. Thomas Moyle.
John Proctor
1555. Sir Nicholas Snell.
Sir John Pollard.
1557. John Sylyard.
Sir William Nevyll.
1558. Edward Baynard.
Nicholas Snell.
1562. Francis Newdigate.
Nicholas Snell.
1572. William Bayley gent of the
Parish of Chippenham.
John Scott Clothier of Chippenham.
1584. Robert Baynarde.
Robert Hyde.
1586. Lawrence Hide.
Robert Hide.
1588. Sir Edward Baintan.
William Swayne.
1592. Edward Wingfeild.
Francis Harvye.
1567. Edward Wymarke.
Sharrington Talbott.
1601. Robert Barkley.
Edward Wymarke.
1603. Robert Hungerforde.
John Roberts.
1620. Edward Hungerford.
John Bayliffe.
1623. Charles Maynarde.
John Pym.
1625. Sir Francis Popham.
John Maynard.
1625. Sir Edward Bayntun.
Sir Francis Popham.
1627. Sir Francis Popham.
Sir John Eyre.
1646. Sir Edward Hungerford.
Sir Edward Bayntun.
1640. Sir Edward Baynton.
Sir Edward Hungerford.
1658. Edward Hungerford.
James Stedman.
1660. Edward Hungerford.
Edward Poole.
1661. Sir Edward Hungerford vice
Sir Hugh Speke, deced.
Francis Gwyn vice
Henry Bayntun, deced.
- A double return of the same date ; one returning Edward Hungerford and Henry Bayntun ; the other Sir Hugh Speke Bart.
1678. Sir Edward Hungerford.
Sir John Talbott.
1679. Sir Edward Hungerford.
Samuel Ashe.
1680. Sir Edward Hungerford.
Sir George Speke Bart.
1685. Henry Bayntun.
Sharrington Talbot.
1688. Henry Bayntun.
Nicholas Bayntun.
1689. Richard Kent.
Alexander Popham.
1695. Alexander Popham.
Walter White.

1698. Edward Mountague.
Walter White.
1700. Lord John Mordant.
Walter White.
1701. Lord John Mordaunt.
Walter White.
1702. Lord John Mordaunt.
James Mountague.
1705. Sir James Long Bart.
Walter White, Esq.
- 26 Nov. John Lord Mordaunt, vice
Walter White deced.
1708. Sir James Long Bart.
James Montague, Esq.
1710. Sir James Long Bart.
Francis Popham, Jun.
- This Return was amended by Order of the House dated 17 March 1710 by erasing the name of Joseph Ashe, Esq., and substituting that of Francis Popham Junr.
1713. John Norris.
John Eyles.
1714. John Eyles.
Giles Earle.
- Giles Earle was re-elected 20 April 1720 after his appointment to an office of profit by the Crown.
1722. Edward Rolt.
Sir John Eyles Bart.
Thomas Boucher, 22 Jan. 1723
vice
Edward Rolt, deceased.
1727. Rogers Holland.
Gabriel Roberts.
1734. Richard Long.
Rogers Holland.
Edward Baynton Rolt, 22 June
1737 vice

- Rogers Holland,
Appointed Justice of the counties
Carnarvon, Merioneth, and Anglesey within the Principalities of
Wales.
1741. Sir Edmund Thomas, Bart.
Edward Bayntun Rolt.
1747. Sir Edmond Thomas, Bart.
Edward Bayntun Rolt.
Edward Bayntun Rolt.
Re-elected 24 June 1751 after his
appointment as Surveyor General
of the Duchy of Cornwall.
1754. Edward Bayntun Rolt.
Samuel Fludyer.
1761. Sir Samuel Fludyer, Bart.
Edward Bayntun Rolt.
Sir Thomas Fludyer, Kt. 29 Jan.
1768 vice
Sir Samuel Fludyer Bart. deced.
1768. Sir Edw. Bayntun Bart.
Sir Thos. Fludyer Knt.
- 27 March 1769. Henry Dawkins Esq.
vice
Sir Thos. Fludyer Kt. deced.
1774. Sir Edw. Baynton Bart.
Of Spy Park.
Samuel Marsh Esq.
Of the City of London.
1780. Henry Dawkins Esq.
Of Standhurst, Wilts.
Giles Hudson Esq.
Of the City of London.
- 28 Feb. 1783. George Fludyer Esq.
Of Thistleton Co. Rutland vice
Giles Hudson Esq. decd.
1784. George Fludyer Esq.
James Dawkins Esq.
Of Upper Norton, Oxford.
1790. George Fludyer Esq.
James Dawkins Esq.

1801. George Fludyer Esq.
James Dawkins Esq.
1802. James Dawkins Esq.
John Maitland Esq.
Of the City of London.
Return amended by Order of the House dated 28 March 1803 by erasing the name of Charles Brooke Esq. and substituting that of John Maitland Esq.
1806. John Maitland Esq.
James Dawkins Esq.
Return amended by order of the House dated 23 Feb. 1807 by erasing the name of Charles Brooke Esq. and substituting that of James Dawkins Esq.
1807. John Maitland Esq.
Of Woodford, Essex.
James Dawkins Esq.
Return amended by order of the House dated 5 Feb. 1808 by erasing the name of Wm. Blake Esq.
1812. Charles Brooke Esq.
Of the City of London.
Robert Peel Esq.
Of Drayton Manor, Stafford.
- 19 June 1817 John Maitland Esq.
Of Woodford Hall, Essex vice
Robert Peel Esq., who accepted the
Stewardship of the Chiltern Hun-
dred, County Bucks.
1818. William Miles Esq.
Of Abbotsleigh, Somerset.
George Spencer Churchill,
Commonly called the Marquis of
Blandford of Blenheim Park, Oxford
1820. William Alexander Madocks Esq.
Of Tregunter, Brecon.
John Rock Grosett Esq.
Of Lacock Abbey, Wilts.
1826. Ebenezer Fuller Maitland Esq.
Of Spinfield Park, Bucks.
Frederick Gye Esq.
Of Wood Green, Middlesex.
1830. Joseph Neeld Esq.
Of Grittleton House, Wilts.
Philip Pusey Esq.
Of Pusey, Berks.
1831. Joseph Neeld Esq.
Henry George Boldero Esq.
Of Weymouth, Dorset.
1833. Joseph Neeld Esq.
William Henry Fox Talbot Esq.
Of Lacock Abbey, Wilts.
1835. Joseph Neeld Esq.
Henry George Boldero Esq.
Of Hurst Grove, Berks.
1837. Joseph Neeld Esq.
Henry George Boldero Esq.
1841. Joseph Neeld Esq.
Henry George Boldero Esq.
1847. Joseph Neeld Esq.
Henry George Boldero Esq.
1852. Joseph Neeld Esq.
Henry George Boldero Esq.
- 9 April 1856. Robert Parry Nisbet Esq.
Of Southbroome House, Wilts vice
Joseph Neeld Esq. deced.
1857. Lt.-Col. Henry George Boldero
Of Hurst Grove, Berks.
Robert Parry Nisbet Esq.
1859. William John Lysley Esq.
Of Mimwood, Herts.
Richard Penruddocke Long Esq.
Of Rood Ashton, Wilts.

1865. Sir John Needl Bart.
 Of Grittleton House, Wilts.
 Gabriel Goldney Esq.
 Of Beechfield House, Wilts.
1868. Gabriel Goldney Esq.
1874. Gabriel Goldney Esq.

1880. Gabriel Goldney Esq.
 to
 1885. November 18, when Parliament was dissolved.

Under the Redistribution of Seats Act the Borough of Chippenham was deprived of the privilege of returning its Member, and the electors were thrown into the surrounding district, comprising the Division of North West Wilts.

BAILIFFS ACCOUNT.

(Extracts).

(304) "1559. The accompts of John Scotte for the yeare of his Baylywicke made and delivered to John Vysare elected his successor."

Here follows a list of payers of Rents and fynes—amounting to £23, and [*inter alia*] the following items :—

Whereout paid At the bondfyer of the quene	v ^s .	
Itm to the subbayly for his wags	xv ^s .	
Itm to francom for hedging & ditching Bolts Crofte	xx ^s .	vjd.
Itm to the Clerke his wags	xx ^s .	vjd.
Itm to Mr. Read his fee	xl ^s .	
Itm to Mr. Read for councellors At London	xx ^s .	
Itm to Henry Goldney	xxviij ^s .	
Itm to Rycharde Gale of his lone	xx ^s .	
Itm for the Indyctamets	iiij ^l .	

Itm Delyued the Chartr and a cople of the same a chest w^t ix locks the towne boke the bread weights a syse boke.

Itm A boshell a pecke an halfe pecke A quart quart of wood all sealed.

Itm An yron yard sealed a seale for boshell a seale for potts, the comon seale of brasse A seale of boxe A key for the yeld hall.

Itm iij blacke staves for the costables and subbayly.

p Me Thomas Wylde
 Clicus."

(305) 1560. "The Accompts of John Vysare for the yeare of his Baylywicke made and delyued to Thoms Exhm his successour the xvj^h day of October in the second yeare of the Reigne of o^r soueigne Lady Elyzabeth &c."

Itm for o ^r lands to the king's sylur	xv ^s .	viijd.
Itm to John Goddesden his wags iiij ^s . & his coate	iiij ^s .	
Itm for a galon of wyne to Mr. Sharrington and a pottell	iiij ^s .	
Itm to the Clerke of the mkett when he was here	iiij ^s .	iiijd.

Itm in suyte against Mr. Bainton	xxs.	
Itm for the cofyrmason of or Chart ^r	vjd.	xjs.
Itm to Robrt Vysar when he went up w ^t y ^e Supplycacon	xxs.	
Itm for wyne and sug ^r upon the Justices at the Hart	ijs.	vjd.
(306) 1561. "The Accompts of Thomas Exham"		
Itm to the Shrief for Indictament of Seven men	xls.	
Itm for the Retoyning of y ^e ctyfyat for eating of fleshe	iijs.	viijd.
Itm for the mendyng of the way at bucke avey	ijs.	
(307) 1562.		
Itm at my firste going to london I was forthe xviiij dayes for Charges y ^e	xxxvs.	iiid.
Itm for a warrante for the particulars	iijs.	iiijd.
Itm to the Quenes auditor for the particulars	xxijs.	iiijd.
Itm to the auditor's men	iijs.	iiijd.
Itm I gave to master Smythe the master of the pipes	vis.	
Itm I gave he that kepte the dore	ijs.	
(308) 1563. "The accompts of Wyllm Beryman for the yeare of his office geven and deluyed up to Mr. Bull his successor the viii th day of October An ^o Dni 1563."		
To the women of the almes house for the brynging of the woman with child to langley		viiiis.
Itm for y ^e skynnes of pchment for the Indentures made for y ^e burgesses of the Plyment		xijd.
Itm for waxe to seele them		ijd.
Itm for a black staffe for the under bayliffe		xijd.
Itm for v double sacks of lyme	vis.	viijd.
Itm for the certyfyat for eatin fleshe	iiijs.	
Itm for a gallon of secke to Mr. Sharyngton	ijs.	
Itm for a key to the blynd house dore		vid.
Itm pd for vi days work at the bridge for iij masons at xv ^d . a day	xxijs.	vid.
Itm for ij laborers for vi dayes	ixs.	
Itm for the subsedy of the corporacon	xxjs.	iiijd.
Itm for pap for pasports of poore people & other sondry but nessery		ijd.
(309) 1564. "The accompts of Henry Bull Bayliff of y ^e Borroughe of Chippenham for the yeare of his office geuen up to Wyllm Gale his successor."		
"for or banquet for Law ^r Reade	vijs.	ijd.
for a pottell & qt. of Secke to the Shreve		xiijd.
for makyng a lre to Mr. Snells clerke		xijd.
for makyng another lre to Mr. Sherington		xijd.
for makyng the pound		viijd.
for the Vycars fee	xvjs.	viijd.
for crying down y ^e fayre		ijd.
for y ^e pottells of Wyne to Mr. Snell	ijs.	"

(310) 1566. "Ano Dni. M. D. lxxvj. "Thaccompts of John Rye Bayliff."

Itm in chargs for me & Robert Vyser to London	xxxiijd.
Itm for a clampe of yron & a hoke for Rowdons Downe yate & for watching there.	xijd.
Itm to Joane Wrestley of her debte or lone	xxs.
Itm in chargs to Mr. Sharrington for the surplusage of Rent growing v ^l .	
Itm in charge to y ^e Steward ^e Dyn ^r	xvijs. iiijd.

(311) 1568. "xij^o dii Octobris A^o x^o R^{ae} Elizabeth Thaccompts of Edward Stafforde."

Itm for the subseyd for or lands	ixs. iiijd.
Itm to Mr. Penruddocke or chargs	xxxs.
Itm at the Sessions in Cheppenh ^m	xs.
Itm for the fees for opening y ^e boke of Doms Day	xxs.
Itm for searching of the Rools there	xxijs. iiijd.
Itm to Mr. Hooper for Counsaill	xxs.
Itm for search at the tower	vjs. viijd.
Itm to my Lord of Penbrokes Secretary	xjs.

The following is endorsed on the account :—

"Memorandum also that the Borough is indebted to Henry Goldney y^t he hath paid out more then he R^d of the Bayliff the sume of xj^l xs."

(312) 1569. "The accompts of John Scotte."

Itm for ij ^o Release and wax	iijs. iiijd.
Itm in chargs at the Banquet, the 18 of July	xxxiijs.
Itm for paper and Inke the whole yeare	iiijd.

(313) 1570. "The accompts of Wyllm Gale for the yeare of hys Bayliwick from Michelms A^o Dni 1569 for a hole yeare as followeth."

R ^d of Swayne his fyne	vjs. viiijd.
Chargs for Payntyng the Hall Chambre	xiijs.
To Robert Skott	xvijs.
To maistres Wrestley	xxs.
for horse locke	xvj ^d .
for Sendall for searching the boke of Doms Day	xxxjs.

to the Clerke of the mkett for y^t he shulde not sytt

"Examinat et approbat p me

"Thomam Wilde Clicum."

(314) 1571. "Thaccompts of Richard Balden."

Recypts. Itm for the Rent of the Borough lands	viijs. iijs.
Itm of the Tayluors there fyne	xiijs. iiijd.
Itm of the Mercers there fyne	lijs. iiijd.
Itm of Willm fforde for his Scotte & lott	iiijd.
Itm for the fower fayers clere	v ^l . viijs. ijd.
Itm for the Marketts	ljs.
Itm for the herbage of the Down	xxxiijs. iiijd.

(315) 1584. "The accompts of John Coulman."	
Imprimis received of Thomas Gowldney in stocke	xxijs. vd.
Imprimis pd to John Wrosthie and Gabriell Gowldny the mony that they lent ye constables	vs. vijd.
For wyne & sugar to Mr. Docter Sprinter	viijd.
For whippinge a boye att ye Justs command	xijd.
For kepinge the clarke of the Markett company	iijs.
For a pigge	xijd.
A sugar lofe given to Sr Edwarde Bayntun	xiijs. ijd.
A sugar lofe given to Mr. Myldmay	xs. iiijd.
The charges of my dinner	xls.
For a breakafaste att Richarde Vincents	vijjs.
Pd at ye Harte for dyninge w th the Stowerd on the Lawday	iijs.
For the carringe the lame scholmaister	vs. viijd.
A pigge given unto Mr. Myldmay	xxd.
To Mr. Myldmays butler	ijs.
And to Mr. Myldmays man for ye vensone	xijd.
Pd for riddinge the pitts behynde ye shambles	xd.
Pd to Mr. Longe for keppinge the law daye and other chargs	xxvijs.
Pd for makinge of the pillory	xs.
Paid for the harnis & the carrage thereof unto Edwarde Stafforde	iiijl. xixs. iiijd.
Pd for the read cloth, lyninge, lace, and makinge of the cappes	ijs.
Pd to Jno Norawaye for woole and cloth for the head pecess	xd.
Pd to Thomas Gowldny for iiij sword girdles	iiijs.
Pd to them that woare the harnis	xvjd.
To Jno Smyths wyfe for nayles for ye gunne	viid.
For wyne & sugar for the Justices	xjd.
Pd for one penyworth of wax	jd.
Pd for scouringe of ye gonnes & dressinge ye swords & daggers & for ye lyninge of ye new head pecess & for repraciones	vs. vjd.
For stockinge of a gonne	ijs. vjd.
Pd to the soldyers	xxvs.
For wyne & sugar for the capitayne	ijs.
Pd to Phillip Smyth for gunnpowder	xiijs.
(316) 1585. "The accounts of Robart Hall for the Borough land and lease of Chippenham Anno 1585."	
Rd of Jno. West quarterman	xijd.
for the faire one St. Lukes daye	xiijs.
Itm ye faire on St. Andrew.	xvijs. ijd.
Itm ye faire on St. Jno.	xxs.
Itm ye faire on St. barnabe	ixs. ijd.
geven to Mr. Myldmays butler att Christmas	ijs. vjd.
and gevne to the preechar	vs. vjd.

payde to Mr. Myldmay for the pounce	xiijs.	iiijd.
payd to the baylle of calne for writtinge of our Jury		xxd.
paide to the widdow Exham for the hear of a horse to London	x ^s .	
paid at the crownnation Day for rynginge	ijs.	
and geven to the poor in bred then	ijs.	
paid to John Galle for one dayes worke to the bridge w ^t his plowe for a sheath for a Dagr and makeinge cleane of iij Dagers	iijs.	ixd.
Itm p ^d the Quenes silver for Westmead	iijs.	
Itm p ^d to John Visard for a horse heyre to London	v ^s .	
paid to John Wrestlie for the settinge out of the Soulders	xx ^s .	
p ^d Robert Willes for mendinge of a caliver and repayringe of the Harnes in St. mares street	ijs.	iijd.

(317) 1586. "The Accompts of William Ameat for the Borow land and lease of Chippenham Anno 1586."

Payd to the Ryngers for the Quene's holy day	ijs.	vjd.
Payd for a quart of muskaden for Mr. Read		xijd.
Payd to the Ringers when the lord of penbroke cam through the towne		xijd.
Payd for fylling the pytt behynde the Shammells	iijs.	
Payd for a pottle of wyne for Mr. Long at the muster		xijd.
Payd to the Ringers in Rejoycing of the quene	ijs.	

(318) 1587. "The Accompts of John Wrastley."

Itm the rent of the new shamells	xlijs.	vijd.
Itm for parchent & the makyn of the Indenture betwene the Sheriffe & the towne for the burgeses of the pleament		vjd.
Itm to the Sheriffe for the Retourne of the writt	ijs.	vjd.
Item to Gabriell Goldney for or dept and Robert Gale	liijs.	iiijd.
Item to the belfaunder	x ^s .	

(319) 1596. "The Accounts of Nathaniel Colman Bayliff."

Itm to the Cutler for scowringe the Armes	v ^s .	
Itm to Sr Anth. Mildmay & Sr Ro : Stapltn their rent And for halfe a yere at thann 1596	iiij ^d .	
Itm to their Stewards of the Hundred the same tyme		xxd.
Itm for repayeringe the Bridge & Cawswaye	xxx ^s .	vjd.
Itm to the Cutler for blacking the Armor	xx ^s .	
Itm to those that bayed the Badggers	iiij ^s .	

(320) 1597. "The accompte of Willm Ameate late Bayliffe of the foresaid Borough for his saied office ended at Michas 1597."

to Phillipp Smith Sr Anthony Mildmay Knight his whole yeares rent	iiij ^d .	
Itm to Mr. Hande Sr Robte Stapleton Knight his whole yeares rent	iiij ^d .	
Itm to the Ringers on the Coronaton daye	ijs.	vjd.
Itm for keepinge backe Badgers & watchinge of them by night from Michas to Christmas	iiij ^s .	

Item the Bayliffes dynnr	iiij ^l .	x ^s .	viiij ^d .
Item in wyne & sugar to Mr. Hungerford the tyme of or talke about the forest lane		ij ^s .	
Item to watchmen about corne from St. Thomas day until the xv th of Aprill		x ^s .	
Item for carriage of the Cut purse mayde to Jayle		vij ^s .	
Item to a soldier towards his ransom		ij ^s .	
Item to the ringers on the Queenes birthday			xij ^d .
Item for slaying of jobbers			xij ^d .
Item for slaying badgers from Midsom ^r to Michas		ij ^s .	
Item for a bottle of wyne that was carried to my Lady Stapleton		iiij ^s .	
Item for a qt of wyne given to my s ^d ladyes somne			viiij ^d .
Item to the keep of my lady Stapletons wardropp			vjd.
(321) 1598. "The Accompte of William Gale of his Baylywicke ended at the feaste of St. Michaell Tharchangle Ao Dni 1598."			
(322) 1599. "The Accompte of William Geale of his Baylywicke ended at the feaste of Michas 1599."			
Item to the Ringers on the Coronaton		ij ^s .	
Item for mendinge the mkett Bushell			vjd.
Item gallon of wyne & 1 ^{lb} . of sugar to the Justics at the muster		v ^s .	ijd.
Item about the Well		xxxij ^s .	iiij ^d .
(323) 1600. "The Accompts of Henry Berry."			
Item towards the Rate for Her Mats. provision			ix ^d .
Item on the Eaile of Essex Chaplaine		xvij ^s .	"
(324) 1601. "The Accompt of Willm Banks."			
Item to a messengr for a Proclamaton			xx ^d .
Item to the Cook Butler and Porter at Rowdon		iiij ^s .	vjd.
(325) 1602. "The Accompte of Henry Banks."			
Item a pottle of Clarett & a quarte of Secke & Sugar given to Sir Walter Longe		ij ^s .	vjd.
Item laide out at Lowdon in michas terme		vj ^s .	vjd.
Item to the officers at Rowdon		iiij ^s .	
Item for draweing a mapp of the Towne		iiij ^s .	
Item expenses at seull Banketts		xxij ^s .	iiij ^d .
(326) 1603. "The accompt of Edward Bentley."			
"Item to the ringers at the first pclama of or King		ij ^s .	vjd.
Item for the Kings coulers		ij ^s .	iiij
Item iiij ^l of powder one His Mats coronaton		iiij ^s .	
Item for diking of lxxvij lugge by the Causewaye		xix ^s .	vjd.
Item for setting the border stones & scoureing the ditch		x ^s .	ijd.
Item for diging of stones helpinge to fill y ^e pott & spreadinge them abroad		xlij ^s .	iiij ^d .

Itm Kings silver for Westmead				ij ^s .
Itm for watching Leonard Vizers packs				viiij ^d .
(327) 1685. "The Account of Thomas Webb."				
For 3 new meere stones	00	01	00	
ffor treading out of the Grasse	00	11	00	
Mr. Gouldney the Tythe	05	01	00	
Assart rent	00	09	04	
Spent in the Journey to Winchester to repeatt the Adresse to His				
Maiti ^e & horsehire	07	09	00	
(328) 1780. Paid postage for a Praclamation for a Fast				
Paid Charles Harris one years Salary for teaching two Boys due St. Tho^s				
day 1779.	0	15	0	
Paid six Freemen passing the late Bailiffes Accounts	0	3	0	
Paid 68 Freemen their Lots @ 12/- each	40	16	0	
Bailiffes allowance for executing the Office	5	0	0	

(329) Extracts from the old Register of "Expenses about ye Guildhall," commencing "1614. Hen. Berry Bayliffe, £7. 3s. 2d." And of "Expenses about ye Town well," commencing "1628. Gabl Gouldney, junr Bayliffe, £1. 7s. 9d."

The following is a footnote thereto. "The Lease of ye Royalty or Manor granted to ye Corporation Expired at Michas 1609, and it does not appear to have been renewed after that time."



 LIST OF BAYLIFFES OF THE BOROUGH OF CHIPPENHAM.

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| 1554. | Henry ffarnewell als Goldney.
(Appointed by Charter of Queen
Mary, dated 2nd May, 1554.) | 1587. | |
| 1555. | | 1588. | |
| 1556. | | 1589. | |
| 1557. | | 1590. | |
| 1558. | John Scotte. | 1591. | Henry Stafforde. |
| 1559. | John Vysar. | 1592. | Henry Stafforde. |
| 1560. | Thomas Exham. | 1593. | |
| 1561. | | 1594. | |
| 1562. | William Beryman. | 1595. | Nathaniel Colman. |
| 1563. | Henry Bull. | 1596. | William Ameat. |
| 1564. | William Gale. | 1597. | William Gale. |
| 1565. | John Pye. | 1598. | William Geale. |
| 1566. | Henry Goldney. | 1599. | Henry Berrye. |
| 1567. | Edward Stafforde. | 1600. | William Bankes. |
| 1568. | John Scott. | 1601. | Henry Banks. |
| 1569. | William Gale. | 1602. | Edward Bentley. |
| 1570. | Richard Bawlden. | 1603. | Thomas Atkyns. |
| 1571. | William Gale. | 1604. | John ffabian. |
| 1572. | | 1605. | William Ameat. |
| 1573. | John Wrottesley. | 1606. | John Gale. |
| 1574. | Bryan Rowland. | 1607. | Thomas Hawkins. |
| 1575. | Bryan Rowland. | 1608. | Edward Stafford. |
| 1576. | | 1609. | Gabriel Goldney. |
| 1577. | | 1610. | John Scott. |
| 1578. | Leonard Woodland. | 1611. | Edward Essington. |
| 1579. | Thomas Goldney. | 1612. | William Gale. |
| 1580. | John Vizer the elder. | 1613. | William Geale. |
| 1581. | | 1614. | Henry Berrye. |
| 1582. | Thomas Goldney. | 1615. | Nathaniel Colman. |
| 1583. | John Coulman. | 1616. | Thomas Pill. |
| 1584. | Robert Hall. | 1617. | John Gale junr. |
| 1585. | William Ameat. | 1618. | John ffabian. |
| 1586. | John Wrastley. | 1619. | John Gale senr. |
| | | 1620. | Thomas Hawkins. |

1621. Gabriel Goldney junr.
 1622. Edward Essington.
 1623. William Geale.
 1624. Henry Berrye.
 1625. Edward Stafforde.
 1626. John Woodlande.
 1627. Gabriel Goldney junr.
 1628. Richard Scott.
 1629. Anthonye Neate.
 1630. Henry Bayliffe.
 1631. John Gale.
 1632. Thomas Hawkins.
 1633. Gabriel Goldney.
 1634. Edward Essington.
 (Died 24th December.)
 Henry Berry.
 (Elected 29th December.)
 1635. John Woodlande.
 1636. Gabriel Goldney junr.
 1637. Richard Scott.
 1638. Anthony Neate.
 1639. Philip Cogswell.
 1640. Jonathan Scott.
 1641. Nathaniel Thorley.
 1642. John Spencer.
 1643. William Kite.
 1644. Robert Smith.
 1645. William Edwardes.
 1646. Henry Bull.
 1647. James Essington.
 1648. Henry Lambert.
 1649. Gabriel Goldney, senr.
 1650. Richard Scott.
 1651. Anthonye Neate.
 1652. Nathaniel Thorlye.
 1653. William Kite.
 1654. William Edwards.
 1655. Henry Bull.
 1656. Edward Hawkins.
1657. Gabriel Goldney, junr.
 1658. John Scott.
 1659. John Ely.
 1660. William Gale.
 1661. John Stevens.
 1662. John Glanville.
 1663. William Edwards.
 1664. Anthony Neate.
 1665. Henry Lambert.
 1666. John Scott, junr.
 (Died.)
 William Gale.
 1667. Edward Bayliffe.
 1668. Henry Goldney.
 1669. William Stephens.
 1670. Thomas Neate.
 1671. William Dyer.
 1672. Jonathan Rogers.
 1673. Gabriel Goldney.
 1674. John Scott.
 1675. William Gale.
 1676. William Scott.
 1677. May Pinchin.
 1678. John Hulbert.
 1679. Richard Kemm.
 1680. Samuel Twiford.
 1681. William Bedford.
 1682. Thomas Webb.
 1683. Edward Hawkins.
 1684. John Flower.
 1685. John Flower.
 1686. John Flower.
 1687. John Flower.
 (Who was removed by Mandate of
 the King, and William Bedford put in
 his place.)
 1688. Gabriel Norris.
 1689. Walter Scott.
 1690. William Lord.
 1691. Edward Adye.

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| 1692. | John Eatwell. | 1731. | George Johnson. |
| 1693. | John Scott. | 1732. | Richard Singer, junr. |
| 1694. | William Scott. | 1733. | Samuel Martyn. |
| 1695. | Gabriel Goldney. | 1734. | William Stephens. |
| 1696. | Anthony Martyn. | 1735. | Thomas Figgins. |
| 1697. | John Bedford. | 1736. | James Hall. |
| 1698. | John Hulbert. | 1737. | Isaac Humphrys. |
| 1699. | Richard Kemm. | 1738. | Philip Edwards. |
| 1700. | Richard Aland Power. | 1739. | Richard Singer. |
| 1701. | Roger Warne. | 1740. | William Johnson. |
| 1702. | Jonathan Essington. | 1741. | Roger Warne. |
| 1703. | William Stephens. | 1742. | Thomas Figgins. |
| 1704. | James Gingell. | 1743. | William Stephens. |
| 1705. | Benjamin Scott. | 1744. | Samuel Martyn, junr. |
| 1706. | Jonathan Scott. | 1745. | James Hall. |
| 1707. | Edward Bushell. | 1746. | Isaac Humphrys, senr. |
| 1708. | Anthony Guy. | 1747. | Philip Edwards. |
| 1709. | Walter Scott. | 1748. | William Stephens. |
| 1710. | Walter Scott. | 1749. | Joseph Colborne. |
| 1711. | William Stephens. | 1750. | Matthew Humphrys. |
| 1712. | Richard Singer. | 1751. | Thomas Figgins, junr. |
| 1713. | John Weston. | 1752. | Thomas Figgins, senr. |
| 1714. | Benjamin Paine. | 1753. | George Stuckley. |
| 1715. | William Johnson. | 1754. | John Trevanion. |
| 1716. | Nicholas Emmett. | 1755. | William Gale. |
| 1717. | Joseph Colborne. | 1756. | Philip Edwards. |
| 1718. | Roger Stephens. | 1757. | Matthew Humphrys, senr. |
| 1719. | Roger Warne, junr. | 1758. | Matthew Humphrys, junr. |
| 1720. | William Stephens, junr. | 1759. | Thomas Figgins. |
| 1721. | Samuel Maftyn. | 1760. | John Trevanion. |
| 1722. | Anthony Guy. | | (Died March, 1761.) |
| 1723. | Ambrose Awdry. | | William Gale. |
| 1724. | Richard Scott. | 1761. | Rogers Holland. |
| 1725. | William Stephens, senr. | 1762. | Walter Wastfield. |
| 1726. | Richard Singer. | 1763. | John Crook. |
| 1727. | William Johnson. | 1764. | William Johnson. |
| 1728. | Roger Stephens. | | (Died 9th August, 1765.) |
| 1729. | Samuel Martyn. | | Roger Warne. |
| 1730. | John Merewether, M.D. | 1765. | James Wild. |

1766. Gabriel Goldney.
 1767. John Merewether.
 1768. Philip Edwards.
 1769. Matthew Humphrys.
 1770. Thomas Figgins.
 1771. William Gale.
 1772. Walter Westfield.
 1773. Benjamin Edwards.
 1774. Ambrose Lovegrove.
 1775. John Scott.
 1776. John Noyes.
 1777. William Pinniger.
 1778. Thomas Goldney.
 1779. Henry Kemm, junr.
 1780. Gabriel Goldney.
 1781. Francis Head.
 1782. Harry Russ.
 1783. Harry Russ, junr.
 1784. William Pope.
 1785. Thomas Brown.
 1786. John Heath.
 1787. John Scott.
 1788. John Noyes, junr.
 1789. William Tayler.
 1790. Stephen King.
 1791. John Noyes senr.
 1792. Thomas Brown.
 1793. John Cole.
 1794. John Heath.
 1795. John Noyes.
 1796. Anthony Guy.
 1797. Thomas Spencer.
 1798. Ralph Hale Gaby.
 1799. William Tarrant.
 1800. Revd. Richard Weaver.
 1801. Harry Russ.
 1802. Audley Harvey.
 1803. William Stephens.
 1804. Thomas Goldney.
1805. William Tayler.
 (Died January, 1806.)
 John Noyes, junr.
 1806. Harry Goldney.
 1807. Stephen King.
 1808. Anthony Guy.
 1809. Audley Harvey.
 1810. William Stephens.
 1811. Thomas Spencer.
 1812. Ralph Gaby.
 1813. John Beames.
 1814. William Colborne.
 1815. Christopher Heath.
 1816. Ralph Hale Gaby.
 1817. Harry Russ.
 1818. John Noyes.
 (Died June, 1819.)
 Anthony Guy.
 1819. James Morris Coombs.
 (Died February, 1820.)
 Harry Goldney.
 1820. William Pope.
 1821. William Carpenter.
 1822. George Noyes.
 1823. James Morris Coombs.
 1824. Broome Pinniger.
 1825. William Gale.
 1826. William Richard Tayler.
 1827. Thomas Spencer.
 1828. William Colborne.
 1829. Anthony Guy.
 (Resigned.)
 Harry Goldney.
 1830. William Gundry.
 1831. Henry Spencer.
 1832. William Davis.
 1833. William Carpenter.
 1834. William Pope.
 1835. William Pope.
 1836. Charles Bailey.

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| 1837. William Gundry. | 1864. John Wilson. |
| 1838. West Audrey. | 1865. George Noyes. |
| 1839. Charles Bayliffe. | 1866. Thomas Abdy Fellowes. |
| 1840. Henry Spencer. | 1867. Charles James Dowding. |
| 1841. Harry Goldney. | 1868. Charles James Dowding. |
| 1842. Joseph Phillips. | 1869. Alfred John Keary. |
| 1843. Harry Goldney. | 1870. Richard Pinniger Rich. |
| 1844. John Darley. | 1871. William Bryan Wood. |
| 1845. Josiah Graham Lowe. | 1872. John Noyes. |
| 1846. William Colborne. | 1873. John Noyes. |
| 1847. John Wilson. | 1874. Frederick Hastings Goldney. |
| 1848. Frederick Awdry. | 1875. Francis Spencer. |
| 1849. Robert Davis Little. | 1876. Daniel Collen. |
| 1850. William Colborne. | 1877. Richard Careless. |
| 1851. William Colborne. | 1878. William Austin. |
| 1852. Joseph Phillips. | 1879. William Ambrose Clarke. |
| 1853. ^(A) Gabriel Goldney. | 1880. George William Pond. |
| 1854. Broome Pinniger. | 1881. John Wilson. |
| 1855. Thomas Abdy Fellowes. | 1882. Alfred John Keary. |
| 1856. Frederick Awdry. | 1883. Charles James Dowding. |
| 1857. Jacob Phillips. | (Died 31st January, 1884.) |
| 1858. James Hancock Brinkworth. | Alfred John Keary. |
| 1859. Benjamin John Neale. | 1884. Edgar Neale. |
| 1860. Thomas Alexander. | 1885. Edmund Mainley Awdry. |
| 1861. Jacob Phillips. | 1886. Edmund Mainley Awdry. |
| 1862. Jacob Phillips. | 1887. Francis Edwin Dowding. |
| 1863. James Wharry. | 1888. Frederick Hastings Goldney. |

(A) Afterwards Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P.



LINEAL DESCENDANTS

Of the first Bayliffe of Chippenham, (HENRY GOLDNEY), who have held that office.

Henry ffarnewell als Goldney

Appointed by Charter of Queen Mary
to be the first Bayliffe of the Borough of
Chippenham 2nd May 1554.
M.P. for Chippenham 1553.
Died 1573.

Henry Goldney
Bayliffe 1566.

Thomas Goldney
Bayliffe 1579.
1582.
Died 1588

Gabriel Goldney
Bayliffe 1609.
Relator in the Decree
of 1 James I.

Gabriel Goldney
Bayliffe 1621-1627-1633.
Died 1639.

Gabriel Goldney
Bayliffe 1636. 1649.
Died 1670.

Gabriel Goldney
Bayliffe 1657. 1673.
Died 1683.

Henry Goldney
Bayliffe 1668.
Died 1684.

Gabriel Goldney
Bayliffe 1695.
Died 1737.

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