

# THE CHURCH LANDS OF GODALMING. FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY SURVEYS.

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TWO papers on Godalming Church have been given in the Journals of this Society; one by Major Heales, in Vol. IV.; another by J. Evans, F.S.A., on the "Vicar of Godalming" and his parishioners in 1640 (Vol. II.).

As an appropriate appendix to the period of this latter paper, and also as disclosing the nature of the Surveys of Church Lands in Lambeth Palace Library, I have transcribed the Survey (vol. xv.) which relates to Godalming, prefixing the following notes.

An Ordinance of Parliament was made in 1646 for the abolishing of archbishops and bishops within the kingdom, and of settling their lands and possessions upon trustees for the use of the Commonwealth.

Another Act of Parliament, in 1649, was enacted for the abolishing of deans and chapters, canons, prebendaries, &c., and of selling their lands.

The Parliamentary Surveys at Lambeth both originated in these measures of Parliament respecting ecclesiastical affairs, and may be divided into two classes.

1. Surveys of the lands of the bishops and other dignitaries.
2. Parochial Surveys.

The origin and history of both, and the nature of their connection, may also be traced in Scobell's *Acts and Ordinances*, fo. 1658. The history of their transmission to Lambeth affords curious and valuable information, and adds another chain to the link of historical inquiry. The Surveys (both originals and duplicates)

were formerly kept in Old Jewry, but at the Restoration, they were found at a house in Broad-street, where the members used to hold their meetings.

In 1660 a question arose as to their custody, and in May, 1662, it was ordered that such documents be delivered to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury (Juxon), who is desired to take care for the preservation thereof, and to dispose of the same to the respective bishops, deans, and chapters, if he shall think fit.

At Lambeth are retained twenty-one vols. of Surveys, some originals; the others have been returned to the deans and chapters of the Cathedrals.

Their twofold value, as (I.) Surveys of Church possessions, and (II.) of parishes, is very important. The several returns under the first head may be thus enumerated and summarized.

1. Names of present proprietors, incumbents, and possessions, what each are worth per year.
2. How many chapels belong to the parish.
3. How the several churches and chapels are supplied.
4. What chapels are fit to be taken from parish churches and annexed to others and made parish churches, and where it is fit for other churches to be built and parishes divided.

The second division of the Church Surveys includes parochial returns, of which there is great variety of information, both of a brief and lengthy nature. These returns, however, afford a means of judging of the actual and relative values of the different benefices in the 17th century, giving an idea of the distribution of population and state of the country generally; the character and lives of several ministers also supply material for biography.

The County of Surrey is best represented in vol. xxi., which contains a return for some of the hundreds, also a return on the union and division of parishes in the whole county.

Of the Lambeth Surveys, there is a MS. alphabetical index of places, compiled by Dr. Ducarel; also in the

Report of the Commissioners on the Public Records (1837) another local index of them, arranged as follows:—

- I. The possessions of the Bishop.
- II. The Dean and Chapter.

It must be remembered that while the Surveys at Lambeth relate to *Church* property, and include among other counties that of Surrey, there is among the National Records, a *distinct* class of documents, viz. Parliamentary Surveys of the county.

These are seventy-two in number, and relate to the sale of Crown lands by the authority of Parliament in 1649.

From the above Records, Surveys of the important manors of Richmond, Wimbledon, and Nonsuch have been given in Vol. V. Part I. of the *Surrey Archæological Collections*.

Returning to the Survey of Godalming, it appears that from the time of King Rufus, the Rectory, with lands and appurtenances, was in the patronage of the Cathedral Church of Salisbury, a fact confirmed by the transcript from Lambeth, which chiefly consists of a description of the lands, titles, and terms of lease connected with the Rectory.

Though there is not the extraneous information which is often found in some Church Surveys, whereby lives of ministers, local customs and antiquities are given, yet all documents at this disturbed period of history are valuable, as filling up many an *hiatus* in ecclesiastical records.

It is singularly worthy of note, that the sale of Church lands and the outbreak of the Puritan element in Godalming parish should follow each other at no great interval. These events were associated with the persecution of Dr. Andrewes, the Vicar, described in a former number of our Journal.

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## GODALMYNE RECTORIE.

SURVEY of the impropriate parsonage or Rectory of Godalmyne in com. Surrey, with the Rights, members, and appurtenances therof, late parcell of the possessions or late belonging to the late Deanes of the Cathedral church of the Virgin Mary of Sarum, in Com. Wilts, made and taken in the moneth of Aprill 1650, by vs whose names are herevnto subscribed, by vertue of a commission to vs granted, grounded vpon an Act of the Commons of England assembled in parliament, &c.

There belongeth to the parsonage of Godalmyne aforesayde the tyth of all Corne, graine, and Hay and likewise of beanes and Rootes if not in gardens, groweing and reneying yearly within the sayde parrish, comprehending the severall villages or Tythings of Godalmyne, Catteshill, farnecombe, Binscombe, Thursley, East Chynge, Entone, Laborne, Shakleford, and Hurtsmore (excepting in East Ching Streete some part of the Tything of East Chinge, the Tythe whereof is due and payeable to the viccar of Godalmyne, as also the tythe of the aforesaid gleabe lands. All which tythe due and payable to the parsonage is worth p. annum. £258. 10s.

There belongeth to the sayde parsonage or Rectory, liberty of a free Warren, and all manner of Royalties belonging to a free Warren, worth p. ann. £1 0s. 0d.

All which premisses, amongst other things, that is to say, all that parsonage or Rectory of Godalmyne within the county of Surrey, with all manner of gleabe and sanctuary lands and tenements, Rents or seruices, with all manner of Tythes, pençons, porcõns, fruits, emoluments, profitts, advantages, and commodities, except and reserved vnto William Bradbridge, Clarke, Deane of the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary of Sarum, in Com. Wilts, and his successors, the nominacon and presentacon of the Wiccarage of Godalmyne, when and soe often as it shall happen to be voyde, and reserving vnto the sayde Deane the one halfe of all manner of woods and underwoods, saving Fireboote, Hedgeboote, Ploughboote, and such woods as the Lesse hereafter named, or his assignes, shall employ or occupy in or about the sayde Rectory, and that it shall be lawfull to the sayde Deane and his successors to enter into the sayde woods at all tymes, and also to take, fell, and carry away the wood by him sold, or his successors, from tyme to tyme dureing the grant or demise hereafter menconed, leaving sufficient tyMBER standing and growing there for the necessary repairing of his howses and edifices, were by Indenture dated the foureteenth day of December, 9<sup>o</sup> Elizabethhe, demised by the sayde William Bradbridge, then Deane of the sayde Cathedral Church of Sarum, and parson of the church or Parrish of Godalmyne, within the sayde county

of Surrey, unto Francis Barman, Cittizen and Draper of London, habēnd to him and his assignes from the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, which should first happen to fall or come next and ymediately after the determinacon and expiracon, makeing voyde by law or ending of all and everie other former lease or leases (made or conveyed to any manner of person or persons, of the aforesayde Parsonage or Rectory, whether it were by years determined, expired or ended) by surrender, forfeiture or other wise, by what means or chaunce it should happen to be voyde, for the terme of ffourscore yeares then after the aforesayde feast next ensueing, and following, vnder the yearly rent after the commencement of the Terme before mencioned of thirty pounds at the feast of St. Mychaell the Archangell and the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary by even porcons.

But are worth upon improvement over and above the sayde rent per Annum. £406. 15s. 08d.

Redd. thirty pounds, Apporcōned

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December the ffifth., Wm. Webb, 1650.

Besides the moyety of the woods, which I conceive to bee in possession, ffoureteene pounds three shillings & ffourepence.

If the rent be behinde by the space of six weeks then is distresse to be taken, and if it be behind by the space of three monethes and lawfully demanded, and noe distresse to be founde, then a Re-entry.

The Lessor doth Covenant to acquite and discharge the Lessee from all manner of subsidies and other charges ordinary and extraordinary during the term, and also to repair the chauncell and parsonage-howse of the sayde rectory at his owne proper costs and charges, saving that soe often as neede shall be.

The Lessee doth covenant durezza the terme well and sufficiently to enclose, fence in, and save all such springs as shall happen to be of any such woods as shall be felled upon any of the premises by him or his assignes during the term, and sufficiently to staddle all woods by him or them felled, according to the statute in that case provided.

Memorañd the tearme graunted by the lease before-mentioned if comeing at the feast of the Annunciation next followeing, and insueing the date therein specified, did expire at the feast of the Annunciation, 1647.

But whereas the terme thereby granted is therein sayde should commence and begin at the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, which should first happen to fall or come next and ymediately after the determinacon, expiracon, makeing voyde by law or ending of

all and every other lease or leases made, conved? by any manner of person or persons of the aforesayde parsonage or Rectory, whether it were by yeares determynd, expired, or ended by surrendor, forfeiture, or otherwise, by what meanes or chaunce it should happen to be voyde.

It doth thereby appear that then at the graunting of the sayde lease there was some other lease or leases in being, the terme or termes of which were not then expired, but because wee have seene noe other originall lease, we cannot therefore iudge of their commencement, expiracon or determination, but by an abstract made and taken by M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Painter, longe since deceased, who was in his life tyme one of the prebendaries of the Cathedrall Church of Sarum, and Commoner of the sayde church for divers yeares, founde in the monument house at Sarum, which is all the Record wee have seene giving vs any light of the rents and leases belonging to the sayd church. It doth there appeare that the lease before mentioned was graunted to ffrancis Barneham, the Lessee therein named, for eighty years after the expiration of a lease granted to John Baptist, from the sixth and twentieth of June, 3<sup>d</sup> Eliz., for sixty one yeares, according to which (if the same be admitted for an authentique Record) there will remayne, of the aforesayde two termes unexpired fffifty two yeares from the feast of the Annunciacion, 1650, or otherwise, from the six and twentieth of June, 1650.

The remaynder of the sayde terme, if admitted, is in Duglas Castilian, Clarke, who is in present possession of the premisses.

These old graunts to be made good. The committs of Obstrūccons have allowed to Duglas Castillian an interest of eighty yeares in the premisses commencing at the Annunciacion 1623.

Decembr 5<sup>th</sup>, Willm. Webb, 1650.

#### Memorand.

In the court Leete is a constable and three tything men sworne, viz<sup>t</sup> one constable for the Deanes, held in the towne and tything of Godalmyne, and one tything man there for the same, One tything man for the tything of ffrarnecombe, and another tything man for the tything of Thursley.

The advowson, patronage, and right of presentacon to the vicarage of Godalmyne aforesayde did belonge to the late deane of Sarum and his successors. Now to the state.

The Wiccarage there is worth per annum                    £100. 0s. 0d.

The present Incumbent there is M<sup>r</sup> Isaac ffortry.

An abstract of the present rents and future improvements and all other profitts to the sayde mannor and parsonage belonging or appertayneing.

The reserved rent upon the lease for the sayde Mannor and parsonage

payeable by the Lessee, together with the moyety of the Coppice before mentioned, and now due to the state, is Per annum £34. 3s. 4d.

The rents of Assize, or the rents of the freehold tennants of the Mannor aforesayde, together with all profitts and perquisites within the same to the Royaltye thereof apportayneing is p. Anm.

£5. 14. 00.

The improved value of the leasehold or gleabe lands and Tythes belonging to the said Mannor and Parsonage over and above the yearely rent and moyety of the sayde Coppice reserued is p. Anm.

£406. 15s. 08d.

Ex. per W<sup>m</sup> Webb,  
Supvis<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>.

Walt ffoy, Jo. Squibb,

Ch<sup>s</sup> Weare, Geo. Faireley,

} Surveys

Ex<sup>u</sup> Ra. Hall,  
Regist<sup>r</sup> Dep<sup>t</sup>.

