

## Proceedings of the Derbyshire Committee for Compounding, and other Commonwealth Papers.

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IN the eleventh volume of the Journal of this Society, a considerable number of documents were given relative to the sequestration of the Derbyshire estates of Philip Earl of Chesterfield. Among the manuscripts of the library at Meynell Langley, are various other original papers pertaining to the sequestered lands of different Derbyshire "delinquents" during the Commonwealth. These papers are chiefly of the year 1652, but extend also occasionally a year or two on either side. There is no record at Meynell Langley, that we have been able to trace, which in any way explains how the late Mr. Godfrey Meynell became possessed of this bundle of interesting papers. But the late Dr. Webb, of Wirksworth, once assured us that he had heard on good authority that they were obtained for a trifle by Mr. Meynell from an impoverished descendant of Robert Mellor, who was Mayor of Derby in 1647, and who was one of the most active of the Derbyshire Commissioners for the sequestration of the estates of delinquents. At the Restoration, almost the whole of the local documents of this class, showing the work done by the resident Commissioners, were naturally destroyed, a fact that gives additional value to these Derbyshire instances.

For brief notes with regard to some of the central Commissioners for Compounding, as well as the Derbyshire officials, the reader is referred back to the article in the eleventh volume.

So little has been put on record, and that little generally characterised by inaccuracy, with regard to the principle of sequestration, by even our standard historians, that no excuse is necessary for quoting, as a preliminary to the re-production of these papers, the Order of Parliament that first provided for this punishment of delinquents. The Ordinance is too long and wordy to quote *in extenso*, but the preamble is given in full, with an abstract of the remainder.

I. Aprill. 1643.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament for sequestring notorious Delinquents Estates.

The Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, taking into their serious considerations the heavy pressures and calamities which now lye upon this Kingdom by this unnaturall warre raised against the Parliament; and that notwithstanding all their faithfull and uncessant Endeavours, for the preserving of His Majesty, and the whole Kingdome from the mischievous and restlesse designes of Papists and ill affected persons (whose aym is the extirpation of our Religion, Laws, and Liberties) yet their counCELLS and practises are still so prevalent with His Majesty, and the hearts of many people so misled and beguiled by their false pretences and insinuations, that nothing can be expected, but ruine and desolation, unlesse God in mercy prevent it, and incline His Majesties heart to the faithfull advice of His great Councell of Parliament; which hath ever been, and is (under God) the cheif support of His Royall Dignity, and the security of all that we have or can enjoy. And for that it is most agreeable to common Justice that the estates of such notorious Delinquents, as have been the causers or Instruments of the publike calamities which have been hitherto employed to the fomenting and nourishing of these miserable Distractions, should be converted and applyed towards the supportation of the great charges of the Common-wealth, and for the easing of the good Subjects therein, who have hitherto borne the greatest share in these Burthens.

Be it therefore Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That the estates real and personal of, the Archbishops of Canterbury and of York, the Bishops of Durham, Coventry and Lichfield, Norwich, Asaph, Oxford, Bath and Wells, Hereford, Ely, Gloucester, Peterborough, Landaff, Worcester, And of such Bishops, Deans, etc, and of all other persons Ecclesiasticall or Temporall as have or shall raise arms, against the Parliament, or have or shall voluntarily contribute any Money, Horse,

Plate, Arms, Muniton or other Aid or Assistance to the maintenance of any force which is hostile to the Parliament or which is to rob spoil plunder or destroy any persons who have willingly submitted to Parliament; and of those who associate themselves against Parliament, or who have taxed or assisted in forcibly taxing anyone for the maintenance of forces hostile to parliament, shall be siezed and sequestred into the hands of Sequestrators and Committees appointed by both Houses of Parliament for any county, city, or place in England or Wales. The sequestrators, or their agents two or more in each county etc, are required to sieze the personal and the real estate of all the above specified Delinquents, and also two parts of the personal and of the real estate of every papist. The sequestrators, & their agents to have power to let and demur the same as their Landlords might have done, to take verbal evidence and to sieze accounts etc. and to appoint and remunerate estate agents. The tenants debtors etc of the delinquents are required to pay their rents etc to the sequestrators who on account of the hardness of the times are to have power to grant a full and sufficient receipt.

The sequestrators & their agents to have power to distrain for rent, to pay rents to the Treasurer at Guildhall London, to keep accounts, to have power to call to their aid the train bands, to punish those who are refractory or negligent in assisting them to compel obedience to this ordinance by a fine not exceeding 20 pounds, or to report their names to the committee of Lords and Commons appointed for the purpose.

It is declared and ordained that all the sums profits etc. shall be employed to the use and for the maintenance of the army and forces raised by Parliament or for such uses as may be directed by Parliament.

The Sequestrators etc to have allowances for their necessary charges and pains in & about the premises. Aggrieved persons to appeal to Parliament or to the above mentioned committee of Parliament. This ordinance not to be put in execution in places where any former ordinance has been made for siezing estates of Delinquents.

The estates of the said Delinquents shall be liable for their proportionate part of any public charges just as if this ordinance had not been passed, and also for all charges payable to persons other than the Delinquents.

The ordinance is not to interfere with any sums paid to Colleges or Hospitals (whose revenues have not been employed for the maintenance of war against Parliament) Grammar Schools, Scholars, or for the repair of Churchs, Chapels, Highways, Cawseys, Bridges, Schoolhouses, or for any other charitable use.

The Committee appointed for the county of Derby in the schedule of this Act consisted of "Sir John Curson Baronet, Sir

John Gell Baronet, Sir John Coke Knight, Francis Revell, Nathaniel Hallowes, and James Abney Esquires."

Additional ordinances were voted from time to time, making special regulations and changes with regard to delinquents' estates in different counties, and certain general details were altered at a later date with regard to compounding; but, nevertheless, the ordinance of April 1st, 1643, remained the basis of the process of sequestration throughout the Commonwealth.

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### HARPUR OF SWARKESTON.

The founder of the once influential and wealthy Derbyshire family of Harpur was Richard Harpur, son of a younger son of the Harpurs of Rushall, Staffordshire. He married Jane, daughter and heiress of Sir George Findern, and hence obtained the large properties of Swarkeston, Findern, etc. Richard Harpur was Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and died on January 29th, 1573. Both his son and his grandson, Sir John and Sir Richard, materially increased their wealth by their marriages. The children of Sir Richard Harpur dying without issue, the property devolved upon his next brother, John, who had married Dorothy, daughter and heiress of John Dethick, of Breadsall. His only son became Sir John Harpur, Knt., of Swarkeston and Breadsall. He married firstly, Catherine, daughter and heiress of Henry Howard, third son of Thomas, Earl of Suffolk, by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bassett of Blore; and secondly, Frances, eldest daughter of William Lord Willoughby of Parham. Sir John Harpur, of Swarkeston, who was High Sheriff in 1636, was beyond doubt the richest man of his times in the county of Derby. He strongly backed the king's advisers in the matter of the disastrous ship money. The fourth ship-writ reached the county during his shrievalty, so that Sir John was responsible for its collection. On February 27th, 1636-7, he forwarded the following letter, with a plan of assessment, to the lords of the Council:—



“ Right honorable,

In obedience to his Matyes writ and directions from yor Lopps for prperation of a shipp in the Countie of Derby for his Matyes service I have caused to be assessed and taxed the sume of 3,500li. in the rateing whereof upon the severall townships I have governed myself (as much as might be) by such publique payments as have bine usuall in the said County.

The perticular sume of everie Constablerie is mentioned in the schedule here inclosed wth distinction of the charge of the Clergie according to yor Lops appointment And some addition is therein proposed to be raised out of prtended exempt places from their townships for supplie of others unable to pay. And although some part of the money in the said schedule in regard of the povertie of the parties cannot without great pressure be prsently leavyed nor the rates of some impropriate tythes and some other thinges for the prsent be distrayned for, because the owners thereof reside not in the County whereby one hundred pounds and upwards is not yet come to my hands. Yet in my desire of expediteing the service I have brought up the whole sume of 3,500li. humbly desireing that if I finde any absolute refusall to pay the said sume of 100li. and upward to me I may have the honorable assistance of this Board to helpe myselfe. And soe I shall remaine to be commanded by your Lopps.

In all humblenes,

John Harpur.

27 Feb. 1636.” \*

The persistency with which he supported the Council seems to have rendered him specially obnoxious to the Parliament men.

On January 10th, 1645, Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston was ordered by the Commissioners to settle £110 per annum, viz., £20 per annum upon the vicar of Barrow, £40 per annum upon the church at Ticknall, and £50 per annum upon the church of Repton; for which he was to be allowed £583, reduced his

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\* Dom. State Papers, Charles I., ccciii., No. 135.

previous fine of £4,583 to the round sum of £4,000. When, in 1655, a further levy of one tenth the value of the estates of delinquents was made, another fine of £4,000 was put upon Sir John, by far the largest sum demanded of any Derbyshire delinquent.

The following is Randle Holmes' description of the loyalty of this Derbyshire sheriff :—

“Sir John Harper of Swarson in the Hundred of Repingdon and Gresly Knight, who for his own virtues and actions received the honour of Knighthood from the hands of King Charles the First at his Court of Whit Hall the IV. of July Anno MDCXXX., with whom he faithfully adhered against those Antimonarchical spirits in the Late Long Parliament in Anno XLII. in his Majesties distressed condition, For this piece of Loyalty he was brought under the cursed Lash of Sequestration, and payd for the same four Thousand pounds, besides Cx pounds per annum settled on those parsons, who in their pulpets blew the greatest blast.” \*

He died in 1677, without surviving issue. His uncle, Henry Harpur, who purchased the Calke estate in 1621, was made a baronet in 1626, and his grandson, Sir John Harpur, Bart., united the Swarkeston and Calke properties by becoming heir to his father's cousin in 1677. Sir Henry Harpur's third son was William Harpur of Derby, and afterwards of Bilston. He is referred to in the two last of these Harpur sequestration papers. Randle Holmes thus describes the first baronet of Calke :—

“Henry Harpur of Calke, created Baronet eight of September Anno Dom. MDCXXVI. This family hath deserved to be recorded amongst the Kings Royall party, for both the Father and Son faithfully adhered unto that pious King Charles the First, and stood with an invincible constancy against that compacte rebellious crewe of the Parliamentarians then in Armes against their known Sovereign, whose principles they abhorred; But stood as an Oak unmoveable and participated with the rest of

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\* Harl. MSS. 2043, f. 145.

true hearted Protestants, whose Sequestration cost Five hundred seventy eight pounds eight shillings and Twopence."\*

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"By the Commissioners for Compoundinge etc 27 May 1652. Forasmuch as it appears by the perticular of the estate of Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston in the County of Derby Knight upon which he compounded the 6 of January 1645 that the said Sir John did allowe unto the Curate of Ticknall out of the Rectory there the yearly Sum of Twenty five poundes And whereas y<sup>e</sup> late Committee for Compounding did (by way of augmentation of maintenance to the Minister there) purchase of the sayd Sir John Harpur (amongst other things) forty pounds per Annum and made abatement in his fine for y<sup>e</sup> same according to rule; which forty pounds per Annum is accordingly settled upon Trustees for the use of the Minister there And forasmuch as complaint is made to us that the Minister there doth only receive after the rate of forty pounds per Annum from the sayd Sir John, but hath not received any part of the sayd Twenty five pounds so formerly payd to the Curate there These are therefore to order & require the sayd Sir John Harpur to pay unto the Minister of Ticknall for the tyme being the sayd augmentation of forty poundes per Annum (over & besides the sayd five & twenty pounds per Annum) together with all and every the Arrears thereof from the tyme of his Composition And if the said Sir John Harpur shall refuse or neglect to pay the same & the Arrears thereof That then the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the sayd County of Derby be and are hereby authorized and required to levy the same out of the Lands and estate of the said Sir John Harpur And hereof they are not to faile.

SAM: MOYER  
 EDW: WINSLOW  
 RIC: MOORE  
 WILLM: MOLINS"

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\* Harl. MSS. 2043, f. 145.

“ By the Commissioners for Compounding 26 November 1652.

G. 527 Ex.

Whereas by our order of the 27th of May 1652 upon y<sup>e</sup> grounds and reasons in the same expressed, we did order and require Sir John Harpur of Swarkeston in the County of Derby K<sup>nt</sup> to pay unto the Minister of Ticknell for the tyme being the yearly Sum of Forty pounds, (which was purchased of him (*inter alia*) by the late Committee for Compounding) over & besides the yearly Sum of Twenty five pounds formerly paid by the said Sir John Harpur out of the Rectory of Ticknell to the Curate there, together with all and every the Arrears of the said Twenty five pounds per Annum from the tyme of his Composition being the 6th day of January One thousand Six hundred forty five And whereas upon a misinformation represented to us on the behalfe of the said Sir John Harpur, whereby it was pretended that the said five and twenty pounds per Annum was included in the forty pounds per Annum settled upon the Minister of Ticknell & that the said Sir John ought not to pay any further Sum then the said forty pounds per Annum, wee did thereupon order the fifteenth of June 1652 that our said order of the 27th of May made in behalfe of the said Minister should be made voyd. Now upon further view of the particular of the estate of the sayd Sir John upon which he Compounded and consideration had of the papers of the day upon which the fine imposed on the said Sir John was sett, written by the then chaireman of the said late Committee and other bookes & records remaying with our Register, whereby it evidently appears that there was cleerly purchased of the said Sir John by way of augmentation to the sayd Ministers maintenance the yearly Sum of forty pounds out of the said Rectory over and besides the sayd twenty five pounds formerly paid to the Curate there It is therefore ordered that our said Order of the fifteenth of June 1652 made in y<sup>e</sup> behalfe of the sayd Sir John Harpur be and is hereby made null and voyd. And the said Sir John Harpur is hereby ordered & required to pay Unto the sayd Minister of Ticknell for the tyme being the said augmentation of forty pounds per Annum (over and besides the said Twenty five

pounds per Annum so formerly payd to the Curate there as aforesaid) together with all & every the Arrears thereof from the tyme of his Composition And if the sayd Sir John Harpur shall refuse or neglect to pay the same and y<sup>e</sup> Arrears thereof, that then the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the said County of Derby be and are hereby authorized & required to leavy the same out of the lands & estate of the said Sir John Harpur any former order from us to the contrary notwithstanding.

WILLM. MOLINS

SAM. MOYER

AR. SQUIBB

RIC. MOORE”

“ December 31, 1652

I saw this order signed by some of the comissioners and received it of there Clarkes as there order, this certified upon the oath of

LUKE CRANWELL ”

“ January the 5<sup>th</sup> 1652.

John Butler of Derby yeoman made oath that he was the 4<sup>th</sup> of this instant January at Swarkestone Hall the place where Sir John Harpur in the order mentioned Usually resides & did there house with Walter Lees the said Sir Johns serv<sup>t</sup> a true copy of the order of the commissioners for compounding mentioned on the other side

JOHN BUTLER.”

“ To the Honor<sup>ble</sup> the Commissioners for Compoundinge with delinquents.

The humble petition of W<sup>m</sup> Harpur of Darby in the County of Darby Gent.

Sheweth

That your Honours by your Order of the 28<sup>th</sup> of Sept. last past did order the Commissioners of the County of Leicester to examine such witnesses as your Petitioner should produce in reference to his Title to certaine Lands called Kinton Wast in the said County of Leicester How soe it is that some materiall

witnesses being then absent soe that your Petitioner could not have them there to be examined

Your Petitioner humbly prayes your Honours Order to the Commissioners of the County of Darby for Examineing such further proofes as your Petitioner shall produce in Order to his Title

14 Dec. 1652

And hee shall pray

WILLIAM HARPUR

A true copy

JO. LEECH."

" By the Commissioners for Compounding

6 January : 1652

Upon reading the petition of Sir John Harpur touching the Business between him & the Minister of Ticknall in the County of Derby—It is ordered that both partyes bee heard together after one & Twenty days notice.

SA. MOYER

EDW. WINSLOW

RICH. MOORE

W<sup>m</sup> MOLINS

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JO : LEECH."

" By the Commissioners for Compoundinge etc

15 Janry. 1652.

Upon reading our order of the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1652 in the case of Sir John Harpur Knight whereby upon misinformation given to us wee Ordered that the said Sir John Harpur should pay the sume of twenty five pounds per annum to the Curate of Ticknall over and above the forty pounds per annum payable to the Minister there being purchased of him by the late Committee for Compoundinge upon his Composition with them Now upon hearing the said Sir John Harpur in the premisses and perusal of his papers of

Composition it appearing to us that the said forty pounds per annum already settled by the said Sir John Harpur is onely payable to the Minister of Ticknall and that the aforesaid twenty five pounds per annum is included within the same. It is therefore ordered that our said Order of the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1652 be and is hereby made void.

AR: SQUIBB

SAM: MOYER

EDW: WINSLOW

RIC: MOORE."

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Jo: LEECH."

"By the Commissioners for Compoundinge etc

14 December 1652

Upon reading the petition of W<sup>m</sup> Harpur of Derby in the County of Derby Gent (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed and attested by our Register)—It is ordered That it be referred to the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the County of Derby to prove the said petition and examine the matter & contents thereof with such witnesses on oath upon Interrogatories in writeing as shall be produced touching the same and that they crosse examine all such witnesses upon such Questions and Interrogatories as they shall judge materiall in the behalfe of the Comonwealth as may best discover the truth and that they examine all such witnesses for the Comonwealth as they shall finde materiall to the business in Question, and certifie such proofes examinations crosse examinations & Interrogatories upon which the witnesses are examined or crosse examined with true coppies of each particular order or other entrie which they shall finde in the bookes & records of the late Committee or their owne touching the business in Question attested under their hands to be true coppies with all proceedings affixed to their said Certificate and what They particularly know touching the seisure or sequestration & the tyme when first seised or sequestered with all other things materiall in the case And

whether they have all the bookes and records of the former Committee with an account of their receipt of this order to us sealed upp within a month after notice hereof.

JA. RUSSELL

RIC. MOORE

WILLM MOLINS

EDW. WINSLOW."

" Derb. SS.

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1652

John Reeve of Osmastone in the said Countye Husbandman made oath before us Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett Commissioners for Sequestration in the said County that he knows certayne lands lying in the county of Leicester called by the name of Kinton wast which William Harpur of Derby gent & as the deponant hath heard but of whom he knowes not lately purchased And this deponant was at one tyme present when one Mr Thimbleby did receive of the said Mr Harpur a great sume of money but how much this deponant remembereth not but at the same tyme he heard the said Mr Thimbleby to acknowledge that the sume he received was in full satisfaction of the said purchase of Kinton wast And the said Mr Thimbleby upon the payment of the said money did cancell a bond & sold it unto the said Mr Harpur

JOHN X REEVE

G. B.

his marke.

ROBERT MELLOR.

Gent: According to your order of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Dec: last in the case of William Harpur of Derby gent: we have herewith sent this information of Jo: Reeve taken before us by vertue of the said order which is all materiall in the premisses that hath come to our knoledge the land lying in the county of Leicester.

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1652."

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COKE, OF MELBOURNE.

Thomas Coke, of Melbourne and Tottenham High Cross, was second son of Sir John Coke, one of the principal secretaries to



King Charles I.\* He was a man of considerable political ability and decision of character, and strenuously supported the King's side. He was one of the members for the borough of Leicester; and after having got into trouble several times for rash speech, he was expelled the House on September 30th, 1645, for "being in the King's quarters and adhering to that party." In 1650, he was apprehended and brought before the Council on a charge of high treason against the Commonwealth, but escaped from custody. An Act was then passed declaring Thomas Coke a traitor unless he surrendered to the Serjeant-at-arms to take his trial within four days from March 20th, 1650, and five hundred pounds was offered to those who should deliver him up. The compounding Order of 1655, whereby all who had been active royalists were to pay the tenth part of their estates, was a severe fine on Thomas Coke, of Melbourne, who paid then to the State the sum of two thousand two hundred pounds. He was evidently one of the richest men in Derbyshire, for out of the forty leading men of the shire who submitted to this exaction, there were only two whose tenth came to a larger sum. He died at Tottenham High Cross on August 23rd, 1656, and was buried at Melbourne.†

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"Whereas the Estate reall & personall of Thomas Coke of Melburne in the said County of Derby Esq<sup>re</sup> is seized & sequestered to & for the Use and benefitt of the Comonwealth & whereas the said Thomas Coke was heretofore seized of the Mannor of Ashbarne in the said County of Derby with the toles of the Fayres & ordinary Markett days & divers small rents for incroachments upon the wast part of which is now in tenure of Mrs. Greenwood or her assignes & an other part in the possession of the said Thomas Coke or his assignes. Now these presents wittness that we Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett substituted &

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\* See the Account of the Coke Papers, edited by our member, Mr. Dashwood Fane, in the 11th Vol. of the Journal of the Derbyshire Archæological and Natural History Society.

† "Coke of Trusley," a privately printed family history.

appointed Commissioners for Sequestration in the said County have demised granted Leased Lett & to farme lett & by these presents doe demise grant lett & to farme lett Unto Thomas Sleigh of Derby in the said county of Derby gent & R. Greenwood of Ticknall in the said county gent all & every the said Manner with the appurtenances & all the toles & the profits not already in lease to Mrs. Susanna Greenwood with the appurtenances thereunto belonging To have & to hold the said Mannor & toles unto them the said Tho : Sleigh & R. Greenwood & their Assignes for & dureing & Untill the full end & terme of one whole yeare from the five & twentyeth day of March now last past to be fully compleate & ended yeilding & paying therefore to us to & for the use of the state the Rent or sume of twenty pounds of Currant English money in & upon the 29th Sept : & 25th March now next following now next ensuing by even & equall portions & also paying & discharging all & all manner of Taxes due & payable forth of the premises & likewise well & sufficiently upholding repaireing & maintaining all houses & outhouses upon the premises in good and sufficient repaire & makeing noe wast of any part of the premises. And it is further agreed & the said Thomas Sleigh & Robert Greenwood for themselves & their Assignes doth Covenant grant & agree to & with the said Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett that for every aker of Ground which he the said Tho : Sleigh & Robert Greenwood shall plow up more then that is already employed in Tillage without license from the Commissioners or some two of them shall forfeite to the Use of the Comonwealth to be leyed by distress & sale the sume of five pounds And lastly it is Covenanted & agreed Upon by & betweene the said parties Unto these presents that in Case the said Rents be behind & Unpaid after any of the said termes in which it ought to be paid that then it shall & may be lawfull to & for the said Commissioners into the premises to enter & distraine & the distress there found to take leave drive away & sell Wittness our Hands & seales att Derby

(Seal) THOMAS SLEIGH.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of W<sup>m</sup> Flint.”

“Whereas the Estate reall & personall of Thomas Cooke of Melburne in the said County of Derby Esq<sup>re</sup> is seized & sequestred to & for the use & benefitt of the Comonwealth & whereas the said Thomas Cooke was heretofore seized of divers Messuages Landes & Tenements

situate lying & being in Melburne in the said County of Derby now these presents wittness that we Robert Mellor and Gervase Bennett substituted & appointed Commissioners for Sequestrations in the said County Have demised granted Leased sett & to farme lett & by these presents doe demise grant sett & to farme lett Unto George Allestre of Derby gent all & every those Closes or parcells of Ground inclosed called by the name of Willson end the Lodge Close the Meadowe Close the Corne Close way in Holford, Stattfeild Harthill the long Pitts & the Milne Close with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging To have & to hold the said Closes Hay & parcell of ground aforesaid to him the said George Allestre & his assignes for & dureing & untill the full end & terme of one whole yeare from the five and twentyeth day of March now last past to be fully compleate & ended yeilding & paying therefore to us to & for the use of the State the Rent or sume of One Hundred Twenty & Eight poundes of Currant English money in & upon the Feast day of S<sup>t</sup> Michael the Archangell the Annuntiation of the Virgin Marie now next ensuing by even and equall portions & also paying & discharging all & all Manner of Taxes due & payable forth of the premises & likewise well & sufficiently upholding repairing & Maintaining all houses & outhouses upon the premises in good & sufficient repaire & makeinge noe wast of any part of the premises. And it is further agreed & the said George Allestre for himselfe & his Assignes doth Covenant grant & agree to & with the said Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett that for every Aker of ground which he the said George Allestre shall plow Up more then that is allready employed in Tillage without license from the said Commissioners or some two of them shall forfeite to the Use of the Commonwealth to be levied by distress & sale the sume of five poundes And lastly it is Covenanted & agreed Upon by &

betweene the said parties Unto the presents that in Case the said Rents be behind & Unpaid after any of the said Termes in which it ought to be paid that then it shall & may be lawfull to & for the said Commissioners into the premises to enter & distraine & the distress there found to take leave drive away & sell Witness our Hands & Seales att Derby May the first 1651

(Seal) ROBERT MELLOR

(Seal) GER. BENNETT

Sealed & delivered in the presence of William Flint."

"Gent<sup>n</sup> :

There is a Fee Farme rent to the State issuing out of the Mannor of Melburne of 59s per annum, 5s 5d of which is payable out of the lands there now under sequestration for the delinquency of Tho: Coke Esqr the annual some of 2 . 11 . 0 which we haveing no power to pay at the instance of the purchaser are bold to certefie unto you & remayne

Gent :

Your humble servant

Derby June 26 1652."

[Endorsed]

"A Certificate of a Fee Farm Rent issueinge out of Melburne."

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#### EVERY OF EGGINTON.

On the death of Sir Henry Leigh, in the reign of James I., his estate at Egginton passed to his daughter and co-heiress Anne, who was married to Simon Every, of Chard, Somerset. Simon Every was created a baronet in 1641. His son, Sir Henry Every, succeeded in compounding for the sequestration of his Derbyshire estate, in 1655, for the sum of £110, representing a tenth of the whole value of the property.

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"To the Honorable the Commissioners for Compoundinge etc.

The humble Petition of Sir Henry Every of Egginton in the County of Derby Barronet.

Sheweth

That by deed of Entaile dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1640 S<sup>r</sup> Simon Every the Petitioners late Father, granted to the Petitioner and the heires males of his body etc the Mannors of Egginton with the Tithes and other appurtenances the Mannor of Newton Soulney with the free fishing in the river of Trent etc the same beinge sequestered as the Estate of your Petitioners father.

Hee humbly prayeth that his Title may be allowed and the said Estate discharged from Sequestration

22<sup>th</sup> June 1652

HEN. EVERY

A true copy

JO: LEECH "

" Haberdashers Hall  
London

Wednesday 23 June 1652

By the Commissioners for Advance of Money etc.

Upon the Petition of Colonell Nicholas Devoreux shewing that he exhibited an Information that Sir Symon Every was in his life time adjudged a Delinquent by the Committee for the County of Derby and that then the said Sir Symon made his appeale to the Lords and Comons for Sequestrations and afterwards his sonne Sir Henry Every made his appeale to the Barons of the Exchequer who ordered in February last that proceedings be had upon the Sequestration laid upon the said Sir Symon Everys Estate in his life time And the petitioner praying our orders into the severall Counties of Derby Buckingham and Essex that his Estate may be sequestered and that Sir Henry may be responsible for the arrears of rent according to the Bond given in by him to the Commissioners of Derby And upon hearing of M<sup>r</sup>. Turner who alledges that the said Sir Henry hath petitioned to compound It is nevertheless Resolved & ordered that the Sequestration upon the said Sir Symon Everys Estate be continued And that the Commissioners for Sequestrations in y<sup>e</sup> Countyes of Derby Bucks and Essex do receive the rents and profitts of his Estate for the use of the Commonwealth accordingly

JO: RUSSELL

WILLM. MOLINS

RIC: MOORE

EDW: WINSLOW "

“30 July, 1652

Gent :

S<sup>r</sup> Henry Every

In observance to the order of the vi of June last in the case of Sir Henry Every of Eginton in this county Barronet upon his petition herewith Exhibited, we have herewith sent the depositions of such witnesses as have beene produced before us for the proove of the petitioners title to the lands in the said petition mentioned & do further certifie that the said lands are sequestered for the delinquencies of Sir Symon Every father to the said Sir Henry upon a charge Exhibited to the former Committee which is all materiall in the premisses knowne etc

Sent

Derby July 30<sup>th</sup> 1652

Your humble servants.”

“ By the Commissioners for Compoundinge etc

22 Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1652.

Upon reading the petition of Sir Henry Every of Egginton in the County of Derby Bar<sup>t</sup> (a cobby whereof is hereunto annexed and attested by our Register) It is ordered that it be referred to the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the County of Derby to peruse and examine the matter of the said petition with such witnesses on oath as shalbe produced for proove of the petitioner's Title to the Mannor of Egginton & Newton & other premises therein mentioned and the sealing deliverie & Execution of the Deed by which the petitioners Claymes and certifie the true state of the Case & such proofes and examinations as shalbe taken therein with the ground & cause of the Sequestration upon the said premises & when they were first sequestered and what els they know or shall upon enquiry finde materiall in the case to us sealed up with all convenient speed And it is referred to M<sup>r</sup> Reading to state & report the whole case to us

JA : RUSSELL

SAM : MOYER

RIC : MOORE

EDW : WINSLOW ”

“S<sup>r</sup>

I doe finde by yo<sup>r</sup> accompt sent to y<sup>e</sup> Com. (with yo<sup>r</sup> Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Auditor Sherwyn dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 1654) that you doe acknowledge to have received of the 1880*li* 04*s* 08½*d* remaying in arreare due from severall Tennants upon your former accompt and y<sup>e</sup> 15*s* 8*d* more as an arreare mentioned in this last accompt y<sup>e</sup> sum of 1705*li* 15*s* 11*d*, which with y<sup>e</sup> 175*li* 04*s* 05*d* mentioned to be still in arreare or discharged makes up y<sup>e</sup> former charge of 1880 . 04 . 08 and 15*s* 8*d*. Soe that it appeares by y<sup>e</sup> said last accompt that y<sup>e</sup> 91*li* 15*s* 04*d* remaying in arreare upon y<sup>e</sup> former accompt of S<sup>r</sup> Symon Everyes estate is received, but because you have not mentioned it in particular in your last accompt Mr. Sherwyn conceives it is not a sufficient for him to certifie to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurers y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> same is received—Wherefore I make it you in y<sup>e</sup> behalf of a friend to send a Certificate to M<sup>r</sup> Auditor Sherwyn That you have received y<sup>e</sup> said sum of 91*li* 15*s* 4*d* due as aforesaid out of y<sup>e</sup> estate of S<sup>r</sup> Symon Every & which was remaying in arreare upon y<sup>e</sup> former accompt being parte of 1705*li* 15*s* 11*d* made received in your last accompt which also is paid into y<sup>e</sup> Treasurie at Goldsmithes Hall. When you send y<sup>e</sup> Certificate pray direct it to me at M<sup>r</sup> Sherwyns offices wherein you shall much engage mee to studdy to serve you. Soe rest

September 17<sup>th</sup> 1654

Yo<sup>r</sup> Servant

THO : BROWNE, one of

y<sup>e</sup> auditors accomptants”

[Endorsed] “M<sup>r</sup> Spateman and M<sup>rs</sup> Carver

To his hono<sup>red</sup> Freind M<sup>r</sup> Gervas Bennett  
one of the Commissioners & Treasurer for  
Sequestrations for the County of Derby.  
Derby.”

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#### THE COUNTESS OF ARUNDEL AND SURREY.

The manor and church of Glossop, with all their appurtenances, were given by Henry II., in 1157, to the Cistercian Abbey of Basingwerk. At the time of the dissolution of the monasteries,

Henry VIII. granted all the property to Francis Talbot, fifth Earl of Shrewsbury. On the death of his grandson, Gilbert, seventh Earl of Shrewsbury, without male issue, the manor and rectory of Glossop passed with his younger daughter and co-heiress, Alatheia, in marriage to Thomas, fourteenth Earl of Arundel and first Earl of Surrey. On the death of her husband, in 1646, Glossop did not pass to their son, Henry Frederick, fifteenth Earl of Arundel—and in whom the dukedom of Norfolk was afterwards revived—but remained, as part of her dowry, with the Countess Alatheia. Adherence to the Roman faith was the excuse for seizing this property. When the Parliamentary Commissioners visited Glossop in 1650, they reported that the impropriate tithes alone were worth £350.

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“ By the Commissioners for Compoundinge.

1<sup>m</sup>º September, 1652.

Upon reading the petition of W<sup>m</sup> Couse Gent desireing that he may be admitted Tenant to the State for the two parts of the Mannor and Rectory of Glossop and Glossop dale with the appurtenances in the County of Derby sequestered for the Recusancy of Alatheia Countesse of Arundell and that he may have the same for seaven yeares—It is ordered that the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the said County of Derby Doe forthwith enter upon the said Mannor rectory and premises and view and Survey the same according to the Act of Parliament of the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 1649 and our Instructions thereupon (if not already done) and make Certificate to us accordingly and what is the true yearly value thereof and what the same is worth to be let for Seaven yeares and proceed in the letting thereof according to the said Instructions.

AR SQUIBB

SAM. MOYER

WILLM MOLINS

EDW. WINSLOW.”

“ Whereas Alatheia Countess of Arrundell & Surrey was heretofore Seized of Certaine Farmes or rents of farmes Issuing out of farmes & of Certaine Tythes of Corne Hay Wooll & Lamb.



& other tythes issuing Coming growing & renewing forth of the parish of Glossop in the County of Derby & of Certaine Corne Millns there called Glossop Millns which by authority of parliament for the recusancy of the said Countess are sequestered Now these presents Wittness that Wee Raphe Clarke Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett substituted & appointed Commissioners for Sequestrations in the said County Have demised granted leased lett & to farme lett & by these presents doe demise grant lett & to farme lett unto W<sup>m</sup> Couse of Stuffnall in the County of Salop gent & Robert Ashton of Stony Midleton in this County of Derby gent Two parts in three parts to be divided of all the said Tythes Farmes Rents & Millnes To have & to hold all the said Tythes Farms Rents & Millnes to them the said W<sup>m</sup> Couse & Robert Ashton & their Assignes for one whole yeare from the five & twentyeth day of March now next ensuing & fully to be Compleate & ended yeilding & paying therefore to us to and for the use of the state the rent or sume of Three Hundred Eighty three pounds of Currant English money in & upon the foure and Twentyeth day of June & the Eleaventh of November now next following by even & equall portions & also paying & discharging all & all manner of Taxes due & payable forth of the premises & likewise well & sufficiently upholding repaireing & maintaining all houses and out houses upon the premises in good & sufficient repaire & makeing noe wast of any part of the premises And it is further agreed & the said W<sup>m</sup> Couse & Robert Ashton for themselves & their Assignes doe Covenant grant & agree to & with the said Raphe Clarke Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett that for every Aker of ground which they the said W<sup>m</sup> Couse & John Newton shall plow up more than what is allready employed in Tillage shall forfeite to the use of the Comonwealth to be leyved by distress & sale the sume of five pounds And lastly it is Covenanted & agreed upon by & betweene the said parties unto these presents that in Case the said Rents be behind & Unpaid after any of the said Termes in which it ought to be paid that then it shall & may be lawfull to & for

the said Commissioners into the premises to enter and distraine & the distress there found to take leave drive away and sell. Given Under our Hands & Seales this eighth day of March 1650 Sealed and delivered in the presence of

W<sup>M</sup> FLINTW<sup>M</sup> COUSE

EDW. CLARKE

ROBERT ASHTON.”

## MERRY, OF BRISLINGCOTE.

When James Blount, sixth Lord Mountjoy, became involved in pecuniary difficulties about the year 1560, he sold the manor and advowson of Barton Blount (more usually then termed Barton Park), together with other parts of the family estate, including Brislingcote, in Winshill township, a farm at Kniveton, and other property at Sutton-on-the-Hill and Stanton-by-Bridge, to one John Merry, gentleman and merchant, of London. John Merry was succeeded by his son Henry, and subsequently by his grandson, Sir Henry Merry. Sir Henry was followed by a son of the same name, and afterwards by a grandson John. John Merry took the Royalist side, and hence suffered sequestration. John and Anne Merry died without issue, and his only sister and heiress brought the property to the family of Simpson. The Merrys were for the most part staunch to the Roman faith, and in consequence suffered materially. Their names appear on various Recusant Rolls throughout the reigns of Elizabeth and of her Stuart successors. The Derbyshire estates of the Merry family were compounded in 1655, for the sum of £1,640, being a tenth of their total value.

“Derb. SS.

Whereas the Estate reall & personall of John Merry of Brissingcoate in the County of Derby Esq<sup>r</sup> for his delinquency against the parliament & by the authority of the

same is seized sequestred to & for the use & Benefitt of the Comonwealth whereas the said John Merry was heretofore seized of one farme called Durden farme & of one croft called or knowne by the name of Stony Croft & scituate lying & being in Kniveton in the said county of Derby Now these presents witness that wee Raphe Clarke Robt Mellor & Gervase Bennett substituted & appointed Commissioners for Sequestration in the said county have demised granted leased sett & to farme lett & by these present doe demise etc unto Henry Buxton of Bradbourne in the said county of Derby gent the said farme & close with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have & to hould the said farme & close for him the said Henry Buxton & his assignes for & during & untill the full end & terme of one whole yeare from the five & twentyeth of March now last past to be fully compleate & ended yeildinge & paying therefore to & for the use of the State the rent or sune of Eleaven pounds sixteene shillings of currant English Money in & upon the nine & twentyeth day of September & the fyve & twentyeth day of March next following by equall portions & also paying & discharging all & all maner of Taxes due & payable forth of the premises & lykewise well & sufficiently repairing & maintaining all houses & outhouses upon the premises in good & sufficient repair & makeing noe wast of any part of the premises And it is further agreed & the said Henry Buxton for himself & his assignes doth covenant promise & grant to & with the said Raphe Clarke Robt Mellor & Gervase Bennett that for every Aker of Ground which he the said Henry Buxton shall plow up more than what is allready employed in Tillage without license from the said Commissioners or some two of them shall forfeite to the use of the Comonwealth to be leyed by distress & sale the sune of five pounds And lastly it is covenanted & agreed upon by & betweene the said parties unto these present that in case the said rents be behind & unpaid after any of the said Termes when it ought to be paid that

then it shall & may be lawfull to & for the said Commissioners into the said Premises to enter & distraine & the distress there found to take Lead drive away & sell. Given under our hands & seales March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1651

Sealed and delivered in the  
presence of

HENRY BUXTON

SEAL.

W<sup>m</sup> FLINT

EDW: BROOKES.”

“Whereas the Estate reall & personall of John Merry of Brisingscoate for his delinquency against the parliament & by the Authority of the same is seized & sequestered to & for the Use of the Commonwealth & whereas hee the said John Merry was heretofore seized of one Farme Called the Bower & one other Farme Called Bradshawe Farme situate lying & being in Stanton in the said County of Derby Now these persons wittnesse that wee Ralph Clarke Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett substituted & appointed Commissioners for Sequestrations in the said County Have demised, granted, Leased, lett & to farme lett & by these presents doe demise grant lett & to farme lett Unto Richard Harrison of the Burrow of Derby in the said Countie of Derby yeoman the said Two Farmes with the appurtenances thereunto belonging excepting the liberties of lead mynes To Have & to Hould the said Two Farmes to him the said Richard Harrison & his Assignes for & dureing & Untill the full end & Terme of one whole year from the Five & Twentyeth of March now next ensuing to bee fully Compleate & ended yielding & paying therefore to us to & for the use of the State the Rent or sume of Twenty Seaven pounds Seaventeen shillings syxpence of Currant English Money in & upon the nine & Twentieth day of September & the Five & Twentyeth of March now next following by even & equall portions & also paying & discharging all and all manner of Taxes due & payable forth of the premises & likewise well & sufficiently Uphoulding repaireing & maintaineing all Houses & out

houses Upon the premises in good & sufficient repaire & makeing noe waste of any parte of the premises And it is further agreed & the said Richard Harrison for himselfe & his Assignes doth Covenant grant & agree to & with the said Ralph Clarke Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett that for every acre of Ground which hee the said Richard Harrison shall plow up more then what is allready employed in Tillage without License from the Commissioners or some Two of them shall forfeite to the Use of the Commonwealth to bee levied by distress & sale the sune of Five pounds: And lastly it is Covenanted & agreed Upon by & betweene the said parties Unto these presents that in Case the said Rent bee behind & Unpaid after any of the said Termes in which it ought to bee payed that then it shall be lawfull to & for the said Commissioners into the premises to enter & distraine & the distress there found to take, leave, drive away & sell Given Under our Hands & Seales March the xii<sup>th</sup> 1650


 SEAL.

RICHARD HARRISON.

Sealed & Delivered & the words excepting the liberties of lead mynes interlyned before the sealing and delivering hereof in the presence of

W<sup>r</sup> FLINT

RICH: WALTON

The Tenant is to have use of the three groves already sunke and to dig them onely threescore yards in length from the hedge where they first entered dureing the terme."

"Wheras the estat reall and personall of John Merry of Brisingcoate gent for his delinquencie against the Parliament and by the authority of the same is seized and sequestered to and for the use of the Comonwealth and whereas hee the said John Merrie was heretofore seized of one farme situate lyeing & being in Knyveton in the said County of Derby Nowe these presents witness that wee Raphe Clarke Robert Mellor and Gervase

Bennett substituted & appointed Commissioners for Sequestration in the said County have demysed granted Leased lett and to farme lett and by these presents doe demyse grant lett & to farme lett unto Raphe Tomlinson of Knyveton aforesaid husbandman the aforesaid Farme in Knyveton aforesaid in the said County of Darby with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have & to hold the said Farme to him the said Raphe Tomlinson & his assignes for & dureing the full end & tearme of one whole yeare from the fyve and twentieth of Marche nowe next ensueing to bee fully compleat & ended yeilding and payeing therefore to us & for the use of the State the Rent or sum of fyftee pounce and two shillings of Currant Englishe money in & upon the nyne and twentyeth of September & fyve and twentyeth of Marche nowe next followeing by even & equall portions And alsoe payeing and dischargeing all and all manner of Taxes due & payeable forth of the premises And likewise well & sufficiently upholding repairing & maynteaning all houses & out houses in good and sufficient repaire and makeing noe wast of any parte of the premises And it is firther agreed and the said Raphe Tomlinson for hym & his assignes doe covenant grant & agree to & with the said Raphe Clarke Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett that for every acre of ground which hee the said Raphe Tomlinson shall plowe upp more then what is already employed in Tyllage without License from the said Committee or some twoe of them shall forfeit to the use of the Commonwealth to bee levyed by distresse & sale the sum of fyve pounds And lastly it is Covenanted & agreed betweene the said parties unto these presents that in case the said Rent to bee behind & unpaid after any of the said tearmes in which it ought to bee paid that then it shall & may bee lawfull to & for the said Committee to enter & distrayne and the distresse there found to take lead dryve away & sell. Given under our hands & seales the xii<sup>th</sup> of March 1650

Sealed and delivered

in the presence of

EDW: CLARKE

W<sup>m</sup>: FLINT

The marke of

RAPHE TOMLINSON."



SEAL.

“By the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the said County  
of Derby

It is this present day ordered that Anne Merry wife to Jo: Merry of Brisingcoate in the said county Esqr shall from the 25<sup>th</sup> of March last past have hold & enjoy the house wherein she now dwells at Brisingcoate the cow close next adjoyneing the rough close & dadle poole the neare new close the nearer of the two farther new closes & the vallers in lew of the 5<sup>th</sup> part of her husband's estate for the maynetenance of her selfe and three children

Derby April 11<sup>th</sup> 1651 ”

“Whereas the Estate reall and personall of John Merry of Brisingcoate in the County of Derby Esqr<sup>e</sup> for his delinquency against the parliament & by authoritie of the same is seized and sequestered to and for the Use & Benefitt of the Commonwealth & whereas the said John Merrie was heretofore seized of Divers Lands and Closes & of one Cottage & Croft called Dakin Cottage situate lying and being in Brisingcoate in the said County of Derby as also of one farme in Kniveton now in the possession of Francis Wibbersly Now these presents Witness that we Robert Mellor and Gervase Bennett substituted & appointed Commissioners for Sequestration in the said County Have demised granted lett & to farme lett and by these presents doe demise grant lett & to farme lett Unto Henrie Gregson of Turneditch in the said Countie of Derby gent all the said Lands & premises in Brisingcoate & Kniveton aforesaid with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging To have & to hold the said Lands & premises to him the said Henry Gregson & his Assignes for & dureing & Untill the full end & terme of one whole yeare from the five & Twentyeth day of March now last past to be fully compleate & ended yeilding & paying therefore to us & for the Use of the State the Rent or sume of Threescore and Eighteene pounds of currant English money in & upon the Feast of S<sup>t</sup> Michaell the Archangel & the Annuntiation of the Virgin Mary now next ensuing by even and small portions & alsoe paying & discharging all & all manner

of Taxes due & payable forth of the premises & likewise well & sufficiently upholding repaireing & maintaining all Houses and out-houses upon the premises in good & sufficient Repaire & makeing noe wast of any part of the premises And it is further agreed & the said Henrie Gregson for himselfe & his Assignes doth covenant promise & grant to & with the said Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett that for every aker of ground which he the said Henrie Gregson shall plowe up more than what is already employed in Tillage without license from the said Commissioners or some two of them shall forfeite to the Use of the Commonwealth to be levied by distress & sale the sume of five pounds. And lastly it is Covenanted & agreed Upon by & betweene the said parties Unto these presents that in Case the said Rents be behind & Unpaid after any of the said termes in which it ought to be paid that then it shall & may be lawfull to & for the said Commissioners into the premises to enter & distraine & the distress there found to take lead drive away & sell Wittness our Hands & seales Derby May the second 1651

Sealed and Delivered in  
the presence of  
W<sup>r</sup> FLINT



HEN : GREGSON''

### BULLOCK, OF NORTON.

The family of Bullock were settled at Unston, in Dronfield parish, at an early date. In 1572, John Bullock, of Unston and the Inner Temple, purchased from the Denham family a moiety of the Manor of Norton. Eventually, in 1624, his descendant, John Bullock, became, through purchase, sole proprietor of the manor and advowson of Norton, and impropiator of the tithes. He died in 1641, leaving three sons, of whom the two first soon died without issue, the estates coming to the third son William. In the list of knights and gentlemen of Derbyshire, who compounded for their estates in 1655, by a tenth of the total value, occurs the name of William Bullock, of Norton, for £40. He



died on March 7th, 1666, aged 50. The monument in Norton church specially celebrates William Bullock's fervent loyalty. Two of the lines of the epitath run thus :—

Regiis partibus contra rebelles cum primis se devovit,  
In quibus pertinaciter cum ultimis fortissimus stetit.\*

“ By the Commissioners for Compounding etc.  
Gent.

Wee have received yours of the fourteenth of Aprill 1652 wherein you certifie us of one of the third of March last concerning William Bullocke Wee never received any of that date from you and therefore can give noe further answeare till it be transmitted to

Harberdashers' Hall

Your affectionate friends

19<sup>th</sup> April. 1652.

EDW. WINSLOW

SAM. MOYER

WILLM. MOLINS

RIC. MOORE ”

#### BOWDEN, OF BOWDEN.

Bowden Edge or Bowden Chapel is one of the four townships into which the large parish of Chapel-en-le-Frith is divided. A family who took their name from the estate, Bowden of Bowden, held the manor as early as the end of the thirteenth century. In the register of Chapel-en-le-Frith, under the year 1661, is the following entry :—“ Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> The coate of armes belonging to Nicholas Bowden of Bowden, in y<sup>e</sup> Countie of Derby, Esquire, beinge quartered with the two coates of his two wives Woodrofe & Barnby, are placed over y<sup>e</sup> seat belonging to Bowden, by consent of us.

JAMES HULME

HENRY KIRKE

JOHN COOPER

} Church

} Wardens”†

We believe this Nicholas to have been the son and heir of George Bowden, of Bowden, who died during the

\* See “Journal of D. A. and N. H. S.,” vol. ii., p. 16.

† “Reliquary,” vol. vi., p. 66-7.

Commonwealth. George Bowden, of Bowden and Barnby, the son of Nicholas, was the last heir male of the family. Younger branches settled in Leicestershire.

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“By the Commissioners for Compounding etc  
28 May 1652.

Upon the petition of George Bowden of Bowden in the County of Derby gent desiring his estate may be discharged according to the late Act of Generall Pardon being not Actually Sequestered the first of December last 1651 as he alleadgeth, and that in order thereunto the Commissioners for Sequestration in the sayd County may certifie whether his estate or any parte thereof stood Actually Sequestered the first of December aforesayd or not It is ordered that the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the sayd County of Derby doe forthwith upon notice hereof certifie unto us whether the estate of the petitioner or any parte thereof stood Actually Sequestered the sayd first of December or not And in case it appeare that the petitioners estate or any parte thereof did not stand Actually Sequestered the sayd first of December that then our Register doe of course drawe upp his discharge.

JA : RUSSELL  
RIC : MOORE  
WILLM : MOLINS  
EDW : WINSLOW ”

“ Gentlemen

In observance to your order of the 28 of May last in the case of George Bowden of Bowdon in the county of Derby gent we doe hereby humbly certifie that the said Georçe Bowdens estate nor any part thereof was neither seized nor actually sequestered the first of December 1651. Only some depositions for the prooffe of his delinquencie taken by

Gentlemen

Your humble servants

Derby. July 16. 1652 ”

## PEGGE, OF YELDERSLEY.

There is a good deal of confusion and uncertainty about the Pegge and Kniveton pedigrees of the first half of the seventeenth century ; but it seems probable that this Katherine Pegge was the widow of Thomas Pegge, of Yeldersley, and one of the daughters of Sir Gilbert Kniveton. The Pegge family, like many others, were divided in their views at the time of the great rebellion ; the Pegges of Beauchief were pronounced roundheads, Edward Pegge being one of the most active of the Commonwealth justices ; whilst their cousins, the Pegges of Yeldersley, were equally determined royalists.

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“These presents witness that we Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett Commissioners for Sequestrations in the County of Derby Have demised granted Leased & Lett unto Tymothy Greenwood of Bradley in the said County of Derby gent Two partes in three partes to be divided of one messuage & two Cottages situate lying & being in Yeldersley in the said County of Derby Sequestered from Katherine Pegge of Yeldersly aforesaid Widdowe To have & to hould the said Land & premises for one whole yeare from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March now last past to be fully Compleate & ended yeilding & paying therefore to Us to & for the Use of the State the Sume of three pounds Six Shill : and Eight pence of Current English Money att or Upon the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September & the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March now next following by even & equall portions And also payinge & discharginge all & all manner of Taxes due & payable forth of the premises Given Under our Hands & Seals the Eleaventh day of March 1651


 SEAL.

TIMO. GREENEWOOD.

Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of W<sup>m</sup> FLINT.”

## CARLETON AND BRETLAND.

Neither of these families were of any special note in Derbyshire. One Thomas Bretland was lecturer at the parish church of Chesterfield during the Commonwealth. But all original documents of this date are of some local value and interest.

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“To the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Commissioners for Compoundinge with delinquents and advance of moneyes sittinge at Haberdashers Hall.

The humble Petition of Thomas Carleton Cittizen and Merscer of London.

Sheweth

That whereas your Petitioner upon valueable considerations purchased of one Humphry Bradborne Cittizen and Cloth worker of London certaine Lands called the Nether burroughs farme lyinge in Kirk Langley in the County of Darby And before the warre had the same by recovery & other lawfull assurance conveyed unto your Petitioner and his heires forever.

That since the said purchase your Petitioner employed one M<sup>r</sup>: John Bretland to sett and Lett the s<sup>d</sup> Lands and to receive the Rents thereof and afterwards account with your Petitioner for the same, whereupon the said Bretlands Estate beinge sequestered your Sub Commissioners in the s<sup>d</sup> County received the last yeares rents thereof as if the same had bine due to the said Bretland and doe refuse to pay the same unto your Petitioner without your Honours order.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prayeth that your Honours Councill may peruse his said writeings and upon the prooffe made thereof to consider and report.

And your Petitioner shall

27 May 1652

THO: CARLETON”

“By the Commissioners for Compoundinge etc.

27 May 1652.

Upon the petition of Thomas Carleton Cittizen and Mercer of London (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed and attested by

our Register) It is ordered that it be referred to the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the County of Derby to peruse and Examine the matter of the sayd petition with such Witnesses on Oath as the petitioner shall produce to prove his tyle to the Lands mentioned in the sayd petition and certifie unto us for what the sayd Lands are Sequestered from whom and when they were first Sequestered together with what else they know or shall upon enquiry finde materiall touchinge this businesse to us sealed upp within one month after notice hereof And it is referred to Mr. Brareton to state and report the whole case to us.

EDW. WINSLOW.      JA. RUSSELL  
WILLM. MOLINS.      RIC. MOORE

Rec. June 24. 1652."

"July 2nd 1652.

Christopher Dethicke of Borrows in the county of Derby knight made oath before Robert Mellor & Gervase Bennett Commissioners for Sequestrations in the County of Derby that about 4 yeares since at Lady day last he contracted with M<sup>r</sup> John Bretland for the same in Borrows for 25 yeares at xxxv<sup>li</sup> a yeare & was to have a lease made thereof by M<sup>r</sup> Bretlands promise who also told this depositor that one M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Carleton was to sett his hand & seale to the said Lease but the said Jo: Bretland did never seale the said seale but this depositor hath ever paid his rent to the said Jo: Bretland Untill the same was sequestered but M<sup>r</sup> Bretland hath oft told this Depositor that he received the Rent for the said M<sup>r</sup> Carleton

R. M.

G. B."

"Gent:

We have herewith sent you the testimony of Christopher Dethicke of Borrows taken in the case of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Carleton by vertue of your order of the 27 of May 1652 (which come to our hands the 24 of June last) & this is all the witnesses he hath produced before Us to prove his title to the farme in

Borrows now Under Sequestration as the lands of Jo: Bretland & for his delinquencye & we do farther certifie that the said Jo: Bretland was first sequestered in this county the 13 of January 1647 but that rents of the farme in Borrows first by us from the 29 Sept. 1650 it being concealed from the former Committee which is all materiall in the premises that hath come to the knowledge of

Gentlemen

Your humble servants

Derby July 7, 1652."

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#### THE DUKE OF NEWCASTLE.

All that pertains to "The Loyall Duke" cannot fail to be of interest. Sir William Cavendish was the eldest son of Sir Charles Cavendish, of Bolsover, by his second wife Catherine, daughter and co-heiress of Baron Ogle, and declared Baroness Ogle in her own right in 1628. Sir William was created Lord Ogle, and subsequently Viscount Mansfield by James I. In the third year of Charles I., he was advanced to the dignity of Lord Cavendish of Bolsover, and Earl of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and was appointed governor of Prince Charles. When the Civil War began, the Earl was most zealous for his royal master, and in consequence of his success as Commander-in-Chief was created Marquis of Newcastle when the king was at Oxford. His pecuniary losses through sequestration of his estates and through his own expenditure on the royalist forces during the rebellion were enormous, and are said to have reached a total of £950,000. At the restoration, he was created by Charles II. Earl of Ogle and Duke of Newcastle. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of William Bassett, and afterwards to Margaret, daughter of Sir Charles Lucas. The Duke died in 1676, aged 84, and was buried at Westminster Abbey. In the life of her husband, the Duchess says that he had one of the best estates in the kingdom, specifying that his income from

Sir W. St. Loe's estate was £1,500 per annum; from Lady Ogle, £3,000; from the Bassett inheritance, £2,400; and a jointure for life of £800 per annum. In 1641, his estates in Derbyshire, Notts., Stafford, Lincoln, Gloucester, Somerset, York, and Northumberland brought in an income of £22,393. All these estates fell into the hands of Parliament, and brought him no profit for eighteen years. The woods on his property were cut down to the amount of £45,000, his parks were disparked and the deer let out, whilst many of the estates were sold at five and a half year's purchase, by which means the Parliament raised a sum of £111,593.

The first two of the papers relative to the Duke among the Meynell Sequestration MSS. refer to a curious mistake made between a part of his property and that of the Earl of Worcester. The full valuation of the Newcastle estates, made immediately on the restoration, is decidedly noteworthy, and (like the rest of these papers) now printed for the first time.

The following example of the Loyal Duke's signature is facsimiled from a firm signature written by him in the year 1670, when he was 78 years of age.

*Newcastle*

“ 8 July 1652.

“ Gentlemen

There is expected from us an exact and speedy Account of the State of those Revenues which were formerly vested in the Trustees for the Service of Ireland Wee doe therefore request you to Certifie us att what Rent the Estate of the Earle of Worcester of your County hath beene lett from Michaelmas 1649 to Michaelmas 1652 And alsoe what moneyes have beene already reserved out of it for the Use of the Commonwealth either for arreares the groweing Rents or any other way till Lady day last Inclusive The occasions of the Commonwealth in reference to this perticuler are very pressinge for which reason

you must not fayle to returne Us Answere by the end of this month And soe wee rest

Your very lovinge friends

Haberdashers Hall

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1652.

SAM: MOYER

JA: RUSSELL

AR: SQUIBB

EDW: WINSLOW."

"Gentlemen

we have received yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant wherein you signifie that all accompt of the State of those revenues which were formerly vested in the Trustees for the Servase of Ireland is expected from you & therefore require us to certifie what rent the Earle of Worcester in this county hath beene lett at from Mich: 1649 & what mony hath beene clearly received out of it & In observance thereunto do certifie that the said Earle hath no estate in this county, but lest the name should be Mistaken part of the Earle of Newcastle's estate in this County being settled upon the said Irish trustees we thought fit to insert what hath beene clearly received out of the said since Mich: 1649 & the severall fines, as paid have been Certified to the treasurers at Goldsmiths hall by

Gentlemen

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1652.

Your humble servants

settled on the irish trustees

The part of the E: of New: estate in the county of D.  
the mony rec: out of the same, viz<sup>t</sup>

the 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1650 to Mich: 1651 inclusive...	340 . 01 . 00
This land sold & discharged before Lady day 1652	
Stoke, Little Longston, Great Huckloe Grundloe & Blackwall to March 1651 ... ..	540 . 00 . 00
The same from 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1651 to 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1652 ... ..	503 . 06 . 8
Litchurch the 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1650 to the 29 <sup>th</sup> of Sept: 1651, inclusive ... ..	987 . 3 . 2
This land sold & discharged before Lady day 1652 ... ..	1867 . 4 . 2"







The names of the several Baylifs & their Charges.	AN ABSTRACT OF MY LORD MARQUESS OF NEWCASTLE HIS ESTATE at Michaelmas & Martinmas 1660. Together with what lands hath been sold for Life what for reversion what is in arrear at the said Rent days what the said Lands are improved for the years 1661 & what is conceived is improveable hereafter.	Rents due at Michaelmas & Martinmas 1660.	Lands sold by my Lord his trustees for Life & Reversion.	Lands hold by them for Reversion only.	Arrears of Mich: & Mart: Rents.	Lands Improved by my Lord his Commissioners for y <sup>e</sup> years 1661.	Improvements which may be of such lands as hath been viewed.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mr. Outram	Barlowe Woodhouse & Dronfeild sold to Mr. Burton Mr. Milnes Mr. Hall & Mr. Anderton	071. 18. 11	143. 17. 10	..	..	..	..
Midsummer & Mart:	Linaker .. .. .	036. 10. 0	..	..	..	..	..
1035. 1. 2	Cogehall .. .. .	042. 19. 0	..	..	..	19. 00. 0	..
	Brampton & Rufford .. .. .	021. 8. 9	..	..	..	..	..
	Cowley sold for life & reversion to Mr. Ashton.	014. 4. 8	020. 9. 4	..	..	..	..
	Newbold .. .. .	015. 0. 0	..	..	..	..	..
	Stubley Barnes & Shorcliffe to Mr. Milnes	049. 3. 9	98. 7. 6	..	..	..	..
	Dunston & Breereley was sold to Mr. Clayton & Mr. Mills	028. 4. 2	56. 8. 4	..	..	..	..
	Cold Aston sold the reversion to Mr. Hall	013. 6. 8	..	..	..	..	..
	Dunston sold to Mr. Bullocke	003. 5. 0	06. 10. 0	..	..	..	..
	Barlowe etc. with the tyth the Leese Oxen Rakes Cutthorpe Cottages etc.	238. 1. 1	..	..	..	..	..
495. 2. 8	Of all which there is arreare about 1000l.	..	..	..	100. 0. 0	..	..
Mich: and	Manfield Parke sold to the Corporation of Nottingham	040. 0. 0	80. 0. 0	..	040. 0. 0	..	..
La: day	Litchurch remaine ungsold	103. 1. 4	..	..	..	..	..
	Windley Hill	104. 12. 0	..	..	..	..	..

Thomas Lummas	DERBYSHIRE LANDS—PEAKE FORREST.	126. 18. 11	126. 18. 11	28. 16. 0	25. 0. 0
994. 10. 6	Buxton Rents with the tyth reversion sould to Heathcott & others .. .. .	063. 9. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	28. 16. 0	25. 0. 0
	Blackwell & the Tythe .. .. .	131. 10. 4	..	31. 6. 0	20. 0. 0
	Huclowe sould to William Bagshawe .. .. .	005.	..	..	30. 0. 0
	Grinlowe sould to Sr John Harper .. .. .	059. 15. 0	..	..	10. 0. 0
	Little Longton sould to Mr. Wright for reversion .. .. .	031. 14. 4	..	12. 17. 8	25. 0. 0
	Berchall sould both Life & reversion to severall .. .. .	015. 4. 8	..	31. 14. 4	10. 0. 0
	Stoake sould both Life & reversion to Mr. Sacheverall .. .. .	075. 15. 5	036. 19. 4	..	10. 0. 0
	Peake Forrest .. .. .	027. 1. 0	151. 10. 10	..	10. 0. 0
	Forde Poole & Rideinge House sould for reversion .. .. .	003. 15. 0	..	..	..
	Tidswall farme .. .. .	003. 15. 0	..	03. 15. 0	..
	Critch Tythe .. .. .	007. 10. 0	007. 10. 0	..	..
	Middleton Tythe .. .. .	006. 0. 0	..	07. 0. 0	..
	Haddon Tythe .. .. .	001. 10. 0	..	..	..
	Chelmerton oblations .. .. .	001. 1. 8	..	01. 10. 0	..
	Bradwell Tythe .. .. .	001. 3. 4	..	01. 1. 8	..
Mart : & Midsom :	1715. 9. 0	601. 13. 2	737. 1. 7	270. 19. 8	151. 11. 10
					130. 0. 0
Midsomer & Martinmas	Lands in Darbyshire come by my Lady Dutchesse of Ritchmond's death.				
	Langley the old Rent was 591. 14. 2, but Improved by my Lord Mansfeild to next 700 <sup>l</sup> .				
	Tissington Mapleton & Mackworth which were together 346. 7. 8 all sould by my Lord Mansfeild.				

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		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	NORTHUMBERLAND.						
Mr. Whitehead 2099 <sup>l</sup> . 9s. 10d.	8 The Lands in Northumberland under the charge of Mr. Whitehead are now Lett for p. annum	1049 . 15 . 4	..	..	80 . 0 . 0	..	..
Midds. & Mart. Mr. Webb	Besides the improvement of Mr. Babington's lease						
167 . 5 . 2 Michaelmas & Lady Day	8 The Reserved Rents of Gloucestershire are	057 . 3 . 4	..	..	57 . 12 . 0	..	..
	6 The Reserved Rents in Sumerssetshire are	026 . 9 . 3	..	..			
	YORKSHIRE LANDS.						
Ed: Stafford Mich: & La: day	0 Slingsby Friton Hovingham Wath & North Forge are about	600 . 0 . 0	..	..	100 . 0 . 0	..	..
Mr. Booth 150 . 13 . 4	And Pomfrett Parke is about	150 . 6 . 8	..	..	..	..	..
	LINCOLNESHIRE.						
Roger Hilton 85 . 0 . 0 Michaelmas & Lady day	0 Wellingore the Rent of it is about	035 . 0 . 0	..	..	7 . 6 . 6	..	..
	0 And Ingam Meales about	087 . 10 . 0	..	..	..	..	..
	3852 . 7 . 2	1926 . 3 . 7	..	..	244 . 18 . 6	..	..

