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# RETURN OF CONVENTICLES IN SUSSEX, 1669, AND KING CHARLES' LICENCES FOR

# NONCONFORMISTS, 1672.

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Among the Tenison MSS. in Lambeth Palace Library is (No. 639) the Return made by the Bishops, at the request of Archbishop Sheldon in 1669, of the number of "Conventicles" in each Diocese, the "quality" or social status of those who frequented them, and the names of their "Heads or Teachers." 1 Wilkins (Concilia, Vol. IV., p. 588) gives a copy of the Letter to the Commissary of the Diocese of Canterbury, and it is probably identical with those sent to other Dioceses. The Archbishop directs him to "make speedy enquiry what and how many Conventicles are held in every Parish, what are the numbers which usually meet at them, and of what condition or sort of people they consist; " he adds that "His Majesty had laid some blame to the Bishops for want of care in this affair." This letter is dated "Lambeth house, June, 1669." The Return for Sussex contains so much valuable information respecting "the middle sort" that it is worthy of a place in our *Collections*. It will be seen that there were at that time 50 Conventicles in Sussex, of which 11 belonged to the Anabaptists, six to the Quakers, four to Presbyterians, three to Independents, one to "Papists;" as to the remaining 24 the "sect" is not recorded.

<sup>1</sup> See Stoughton's *History of Religion in England*, Vol. III., p. 386. LI. B

| Place.  | Sect.         | Number.               | Quality.                                  | Heads and Teachers.  |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Ваксомв   | 1             | <b></b>               |   | Thomas Croucher  |
| DITCHELING  |               |                       | middle sort                               | Mr. Lulham <sup>1</sup>  |
| BEEDING with Seale at the house of Thomas Parsons,<br>living at Peppersgate | 1 Quakers     | seldom fewer than 220 | ···· ··· ··· ··· ···                      | Strangers  |
| PLUMPTON at the house of Mr. Turner, a non-<br>conforming minister          |               | about 200             | of all sorts under<br>the degree of gent. |  |
| East Grinstead  | Independents  | about 20 or 30        |   | Mr. Christopher Snell<br>Thomas Turner, a chirurgeon                                       |
| Ваlсомв   | 1 Anabaptists | 7 or 8 familys        | tradesmen and<br>labourers                |  |
| WESTMESTON  | 1             | above 200             | many of good estate                       | Thomas Hallett (at Wivels-<br>field), Rich. Turner, John<br>Earle, <sup>2</sup> Ed. Lulham |
| SLAUGHAM  | 1 Quakers     |                       | , , , ·                                   |  |
| BRIGHTHELMSTONE   |               | about 200             |   |  |
| Ретиортн  | 1             | 50 or 60              | some middle sort,<br>others inferior      | Mr. Henry Staples <sup>3</sup>   |
| LURGESALE   | 1             | about 40              | yeomen and<br>labourers                   | Mr. Kemes  |
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|   | Place.  |      | Sect.                  |     | Number.            |       | Quality.                              | Heads and Teachers.   |
|---|---|------|------------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---|
|   | STEDHAM at the house of Richard Smyth, of Bradefoot     | 1    |                        |     | 200                |       | some of the gentry                    | Mr. Richard Garrett, <sup>4</sup><br>Mr. Staples                                  |
|   | YAPTON  | 1    |                        |     | about 6            |       | ordinary                              | John Lutter   |
|   | ARUNDEL   | Q    | uakers                 |     | about 40<br>few    |       | meane persons                         | Samuel Wilmore, <sup>5</sup><br>Mr. Staples, Mr. Fish,<br>Mr. Wilson <sup>6</sup> |
|   | BIRDHAM   | 2 A: | nabaptists .           | ••  | about 30           |       | inferior people                       | One Clayton   |
|   | Sidlesham   | 1    |                        |     |                    |       |                                       |   |
|   | TWYNEHAM  | 1 A: | nabaptists .           |     | about 40           |       | meane for y <sup>e</sup> most<br>part | Michael Martyn and others<br>unknown  |
|   | MARSFIELD at the house of Walter Norman and Ed. Gerrard | 1 Q  | uakers                 |     |                    |       |                                       |   |
|   | HATLSHAM  | 1    |                        | ••  | about 40           |       | most meanest sort<br>of people        |   |
|   | Alfriston   |      | luakers<br>.nabaptists |     | 3 or 4 familys     |       |                                       |   |
|   | Тнакенам  | 1    |                        | ••  | 20 or 30           |       | poore people                          | Samuel Wileman  |
|   | ITCHINGFIELD  | n    | oe conventicle         | but | t several that nev | er co | ome to church                         |   |
| B | STORRINGTON   | 1    |                        |     | 20 or 30           |       | poore people                          |   |
|   | HASTINGS, Castle Parish at the house of John Thorp      | 1    |                        |     | 40 or 50           |       |                                       |   |
|   | BECKLEY   | 1    |                        |     |                    |       |                                       |   |

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|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Peasemarsh             |              | 1                              | 20 or 30                            |                           |
| WARBLETON              | ···· ··· ··· | 2 Quakers                      |                                     |                           |
| NINFIELD               |              | 1                              |                                     |                           |
| HURSTMONCEAUX          |              | 1 Anabaptists                  |                                     |                           |
| WARTLING               |              | 1                              | many persons of considerable estate |                           |
| HEATHFIELD             |              | 1 Anabaptists                  |                                     |                           |
| CROWHURST              |              | 1                              |                                     |                           |
| Sedlescome             |              | 1                              |                                     |                           |
| SALEHURST              |              | 1                              |                                     |                           |
| Westfield              |              | 1 Anabaptists                  |                                     |                           |
| South Malling          |              | 1 Presbyterian                 | at least 500 middle sort            |                           |
| ALL SAINTS IN LEWYS    |              | 1 Independent                  | numerous                            |                           |
| LINDFIELD <sup>7</sup> |              | noe conventicles t             | no' many factious persons live here |                           |
| Cliffe                 | ••• ··· ···  | 1                              | 60 middle sort                      |                           |
| Раднам                 |              | 1                              | 20 or 30                            |                           |
| <b>Ryb</b>             |              | 1                              | 100                                 |                           |
| TROTTON                |              | 2 Anabaptists<br>Presbiterians | from 50 to 100                      | Mr. Garnett<br>Mr. Rowell |
|                        |              | Independents                   |                                     | Mr. Rowell                |
| MIDHURST               |              | 1                              | great numbers                       | Mr. Samuel Mann           |
| FERNHURST              |              | 1                              | neare 200 middle                    | Mr. Corbett               |

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From Calamy's Nonconformists' Memorial, Vol. III., it appears that of these "Heads and Teachers" some were "intruded" and "ejected" ministers, e.g.:—

- 1. Mr. Ed. Lulham was Vicar of Ditchling 1653 to 1658.
- 2. Mr. John Earl resigned the Vicarage of East Terring, which he had held since 1654, and went to reside in Lewes, where he died in 1669.
- 3. Mr. Henry Staples resigned the Vicarage of South Stoke and went to Ireland, but soon returned to England, and died in 1686.
- 4. Mr. Richard Garrett resigned the Rectory of Barlavington, but continued to live there and to preach.
- 5. Samuel Wilmer had been intruded into the Rectory of Clapham in 1651. The inhabitants petitioned the Protector that as their pastor had been "zealous in gathering the scattered Saints into one body to enjoy gospel ordinances, but is overwhelmed with incident charges, has been at great charge for repairs, arrears to Magdalen College, so that he can hardly maintain a great family, and as Mr. Whetstone, minister of Patching, only 1/2 mile distant, is dead, the rectories may be united." Mr. John Druett, churchwarden, and 12 inhabitants of Patching petition the Protector in favour of the union, as it was the last request of their pastor, and the living is of very small value. 1653, Dec. 28. "A certificate in favour of Wilmer" is signed by Fr. Cheynell, of Petworth; Nath. Kilton, Billinghurst; John Tredcroft, W. Grinstead; John Chatfield, Horsham; John Buckley, Shipley; all "intruders" except Kilton. This petition was referred to eight Justices, in order that the union might take place, and the next year Wilmer took possession of the Rectory of Patching. He died at Havant in 1681.<sup>2</sup>
- Mr. William Wilson resigned the Rectory of Billingshurst, but remained there, keeping a school until his death in 1670. Sir Harry Goring was "a firm friend" of his.
- 7. Calamy also says that John Stonestreet resigned "the Chapel" at Lindfield, but continued there preaching in private, until he went to Lewes, where he died in 1689.

<sup>2</sup> State Papers, Dom., Vol. XLII., p. 70.

## CHARLES II.'s LICENCES IN SUSSEX.

English historians record the "Declaration of Indulgence" issued by Charles II. in 1672, but hardly any of them give an account of the means taken by the King to carry out its object. He, like his father and grandfather, was anxious at least to mitigate the severity of the "Penal Laws" by which their Parliaments had persecuted in turn "Sectaries," Churchpeople and Roman Catholics; but the House of Commons answered the King's efforts for Toleration by passing Acts which were even more severe. Charles imagined that he had power to suspend these laws,<sup>3</sup> and while the House was not sitting on March 15th, 167<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, he published his Declaration of Indulgence, which ran thus:—

We shall from time to time allow a sufficient number of places as shall be desired in all parts of our Kingdom for the use of such as do not conform to the Church of England to meet and assemble in, in order to their public Worship and Devotion. . . Our Will is that none of our subjects do presume to meet in any Place, until such Place be allow'd, and the Teacher of that Congregation approv'd by us."<sup>4</sup>

The King immediately received applications for Licences and granted 3,500 in the course of the year. From Sussex came 26 applications, the date of the earliest April 13th, of the latest December 9th. The following is the Form of Licence:—

Charles . . . to all Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and other our officers and ministers Civill and Military, greeting. In pursuance of our Declaration of the 15th March  $167\frac{1}{2}$  Wee have allowed and wee do hereby allow, of a house . . . to be a place for the use of such as doe not conform to the Church of England who are of the persuasion commonly called Presbyterian to meet and assemble in order to their Publick worship and devotion. And all and singular our officers and ministers Ecclesiastical, Civill and Military whom it may concerne are to take due notice hereof. And they are hereby strictly charged and required to hinder any disturbance and to protect them in their said meeting.

#### By his Maj<sup>ties</sup> command

ARLINGTON.5

#### <sup>3</sup> Stoughton's History of Religion, Vol. III., p. 395.

<sup>4</sup> Roman Catholics were not to be allowed to worship in public places, but only in their private houses. The effect summarised by Matthew Henry—"the Conformists displeased, the Presbyterians glad, the Independants very glad, the Papists triumph." Life of Philip Henry, p. 136.

<sup>5</sup> Henry Bennet, created Earl of Arlington 1663, Secretary of State.

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When the House of Commons met 4th February,  $167_3^2$ , it at once resolved that "the Penal Statutes in matters ecclesiastical cannot be suspended but by Act of Parliament."<sup>6</sup> Charles was forced to cancel his Indulgence on March 7th; and the unhappy Test Act was then passed in answer to the King's attempt to procure toleration. Strange to say, the news of the withdrawal of the Declaration was received with the greatest joy—bells were rung and bonfires blazed up and down the land. The list of Licences is contained in the State Papers, Domestic, Charles II., Entry Book 38 a and b, arranged in a by date, in b by counties. The names of Preachers who took out Licences in Sussex:—

At ARLINGTON. John Beaton to be a Presbyterian preacher in the house of Thos. Lees.

Son of John Beaton, Vicar of Rye 1642, and brother of Nehemiah Beaton, of Little Horsted. S.A.C., Vol. XIII., p. 275.

Arlington had been "sequestered" from John Wilson to John Manninge in October, 1643.

- ARUNDEL. May 8. Samuel Murner at the house of Thomas Watersfield; Congregationalist; the house of Henry Wolgar.
- BALCOMBE. June 10. William Mills in Ninyan Tasker's house; a Congregational man.

Ninyan, born 1643, son of George Tasker, blacksmith, and Philippa (born 1613), daughter of Thomas Bridges, yeoman. Nynian Tasker, son of Nynian Tasker, born 1675. *Balcombe Register*.

BALCOMBE, Nylond. Richard Turner in Alexander Brydges' house; Congregationalist.

Alexander Bridges, son of Thomas Bridges, married Maria Payne, of Lywood, Ardingly.

BRIGHTLING. April 13. Joseph Bennett to be a Presbyterian teacher in his house.

The son of Joseph Bennett, Rector of Warbleton, educated at Tonbridge and Cambridge, preached at Burwash until his uncle, T. English, presented him to the Rectory of Brightling in 1658. After his resignation in 1662 he kept a school, but, having lost his scholars during the plague, he removed to Hastings, where he died in 1707. S.A.C., Vol. XVIII., p. 111; Vol. XXXIII., p. 215; Egerton's Sussex Folk, p. 155.

<sup>6</sup> Bp. Burnet's *History*, Book III.

#### BURWASH. April 30. Thomas Goolham at his house; Presbyterian.

Appointed minister of "the Chapel at Chiltington" by Sir John Pelham, where he received, in 1649, a stipend of £13. 6s. 8d. from the rents of the Deanery of Chichester. In 1658 he was intruded into the Rectory of Burwash. He resigned in 1662 and died in 1691. His broken tombstone was in memory of men lying about in the churchyard. Shaw's *History of the English Church*, Vol. II., p. 545; Palmer's *Nonconformist Memorials*; Egerton's *Sussex Folk*, p. 44.

CHICHESTER. May 2. John Corbet, general licence; Presbyterian.

> May 8. William Fletcher, of Chichester, and M<sup>r</sup> Upton, of the Manhood, Anabaptists; at M<sup>r</sup> Fletcher's house without the east gate of Chichester in S<sup>t</sup> Pancras Parish.

### June 10. 'The house of John Willie, near Westgate, for Congregationalist.

John Corbet, son of Roger Corbet, was born at Gloucester, where he preached during the Civil War, and wrote "A History of Col. Massey's Military Actions." He matriculated in 1636, aged 16, at Magdalen Hall, and came to Chichester in 1648; he married the daughter of Dr. Twisse; in 1656 he was intruded into the Rectory of Bramshot, which he resigned in 1662. After a short residence at Totteridge he was recalled by his old flock to Chichester in 1672. While there he published some discourses and assisted in the compilation of Rushworth's Collections. He went to London in 1682 for an operation, but died before it could be performed, and was buried at St. Andrew's, Holborn, where Richard Baxter preached his funeral sermon, and spoke of him in it as "my most faithful and familiar friend." An ordinance was passed on Oct. 9, 1646, settling  $\pm 150$  a piece on three ministers to preach in Chichester. "Thomas Hull, John Corbett and William Martin, ministers in Chichester," had £225 from the rents of the Deanery settled upon them for the half-year to December, 1649. Shaw's History, p. 545. "Will. Speed to succeed John Corbet as Minister of Chichester, December, 1656." State Papers, Dom., p. 131. Our Library at Lewes contains a copy of Corbet's Principles and Practices of several Nonconformists, wherein it appears that their religion is "none other than that Profest in the Church of England, 1682." His "Remains" were published in 1684. In 1667 he published "A Discourse of the Religion of England asserting that Reformed Christianity settled in its due latitude is the stability of this kingdom." Amongst the records of the Baptist Chapel at Chichester is a memorandum of the purchase of land outside the east gate by John Avery and others for £14. 5s. for the erection of a meeting house in 1671. Mr. George Smith, grandfather

of the artists, acted as minister. Bishop Carleton was the means of his being imprisoned "in Horsome gaol" in 1678. The chapel was rebuilt in 1720 at the cost of £199. West Sussex Gazette, 1902.

#### EAST DEAN. April 19. William Wallace, at his own house; Presbyterian. Countersigned by Sir John Trevor.

William Wallace was born near Aberdeen, "but spoke English very well;" he was intruded into the Rectory of East Dean in 1654 by "The Committee of Plundered Ministers;" he resigned in 1661 and removed to Hove, where he applied for a Licence. He had  $\pounds 10.3s.4d$ . while minister of East Dean "from the profits of the Deanery." Shaw, Vol. II., p. 545.

Sir John Trevor, a Covenanter, M.P. for Arundel 1658, knighted 1668. He married John Hampden's daughter, and their son married the heiress of Glynde. S.A.C., Vol. XX., p. 62.

#### EASTDEN. The house of Richard Key.

EAST GRINSTEAD. May 13. Christopher Snell, at his house; Presbyterian.

Ch. Snell was intruded into the Vicarage of East Grinstead in 1658, and resigned in 1662. State Papers, Dom., Commonwealth, 130, have this entry: "1656. Nov. Sam. Sylyard, preacher at E. Grinstead, to have £20 more, and his assistant £50, from the tithes of E. Dane." In the 1669 return he is stated to minister to 20 or 30 Independents.

EAST GRINSTEAD. May 13. Stephen Martin, a general licence in any allowed place; Presbyterian.

HARTFIELD. John Eliott, at his house; Presbyterian.

FUNTINGTON. The house of Elizabeth Bridger.

- HELLINGLY. Dec. At the house of Samuel Burton; Presbyterian.
- WEST HOATHLY (Hordlie). Christ. Snell, in the house of Mary Frankner (? Faulkner); Presbyterian.
- HORSHAM. April 16. Matthew Woodman, for his person and house; Presbyterian.

M. Woodman was born 1621, son of George, of Thakeham, and grandson of Matthew Woodman, ironmaster, of Warbleton; martyr in 1557. He matriculated at Magdalen Hall 1637, took his B.A. in 1641, and was intruded into Slinfold in 1647. (Sept. 1. Matthew Woodman to Slynfold. *Lords' Journals*, Vol. IX., 414.) On his resignation he retired to Horsham, where "he preached gratis," and was buried in 1683, aged 63.

#### HORSTED PARVA. 25 May. The house of Will. Peckham.

John Peckham, the rector, was ejected in 1643 by order of Parliament. "Horsted Parva sequestered from John Peckham to Joseph Bigges, Sept. 5." Commons' Journals, Vol. III., 228. "Mr. Joseph Bigges was buried Feb. 4, 1660." Horsted Register. "Here lieth the body of Joseph Bigges, sonne of George Bigges, of Hampshire, who was 17 years a faithful and painful minister of this place, who died Jan. 31, 1660, aged 59 years." Tomb in Horsted Churchyard.

"William Peckham, of Horsted Parva, and Elizabeth Longley, of Hellingly," July, 1675. Lewes Marriage Licences, Record Society, Vol. VI., p. 27.

#### HOVE (How). May 8. William Wallace, at the house of Sir John Stapley; Presbyterian.

William Wallace. See under East Dean.

Sir John Stapley, son of Antony Stapley, of Framfield and Patcham, regicide; he married Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Springate, of Broyle Place; was created a Baronet in 1660 for his part in the Restoration, and died in 1701, aged 73. S.A.C., Vol. II., 103.

#### KINGSTON. April 30. William Martaine, at the house of John Oglander; Presbyterian.

Lewes. Edward Newton and seven others apply for licences for Will. Harris' house in All Saints for Presbyterian worship, and for the said Ed. Newton to be a teacher there, with liberty for him to use the house of Mistress Frances Pickering, in the parish of St. Michael.

Edward Newton, born at Maidstone; B.A. of Jesus College, Cambridge, Fellow of Baliol, was ordained by the Presbytery of Sarum in St. Thomas', Salisbury, in 1652. He preached at Kingston Bowsey in 1654, when there were only three houses in the parish. He succeeded his father-in-law, Benjamin Pickering, at St. Mary's Westout in 1657, on the nomination of the Lord Protector. Goring House, which in 1578 had become the Bull Inn, was turned into a chapel for him in 1687. He was married in 1688 to Mary Margaret Lane, of Southover, widow (Vicar-General's Licences). He preached there until 1701, when, owing to a controversy with his partner, Thomas Barnard (whom he had ordained at Glynde), he seceded to a house in Crown Lane. He was buried at St. Anne's, 1712, aged 84. The historian of Sussex, T. W. Horsfield, was a preacher at this Westgate Chapel. Benj. Pickering was one of the Assembly of Divines, and in June, 1646, the Committee of Plundered Ministers ordered that St. Anne's and Southover should be united, and £60 of the revenues of the Cathedral should be allowed for the maintenance of Mr. Benj. Pickering. S.A.C., Vol. XXXIII., p. 219; Vol. XXXV., p. 183; Vol. XXXVI., p. 146. Lea's and Horsfield's Lewes.

Lewes. May 7. Stephen Ford applies for a licence for John Crouch, jun., at the back house of Thomas Fissenden, and for John Lover at his own house, both at Lewes; both Congregational.

John Crouch, servitor and chorister of Magdalen College, 1657, buried at St. Michael's. Bloxam's Magdalen Register, Vol. I., p. 79. Thomas Fissenden, an apothecary.

LINDFIELD (Lienfield). Oct. 28. Edward Lullam, at the house called Kenwards; Mr. John Challinor dwells in the house; Presbyterian.

Edward Lullam figures in the return of 1669 as ministering at Ditchling and Westmeston. In Nov., 1671, he is surety for the marriage licence of Frances Lulham, of Ditchelling, with Joseph Seavenoake, of Uckfield.

John Challinor, the son (born 1623) of Thomas Challinor, of Tremans, in Horsted Keynes, and of Kenwards, in Lindfield, by Jane, daughter of Laurence Littler. Thomas is called Major Challinor, J.P., in the entry of the marriages performed by him during the Commonwealth. He was buried at Lindfield in 1680. John married Hannah, daughter of William Lukins, in 1655, and died 1690.

- LURGASHALL. Nov. 18. At the house of Richard Lander; Presbyterian.
- MIDHURST. May 8. Richard Garrett, at the house of Nicholas Brewer, clothier; Congregational.

Rich. Garrett had been intruded into the Rectory of Barlavington, and in 1669 was returned as preaching at Stedham.

- Oct. 8. Thomas Martin, at the house of MOUNTFIELD. Richard Spencer; Baptist.
- May 25. James Bricknoll, in any allowed PRESTON. place.

The house of John Hall and of Robert Walker. PEGHAM.

SELSCOMBE. April 13. The house of Edmund Thorpe, licensed to be a Presbyterian meeting place.

Ed. Thorpe, born at Westerham 1621, went to Christ's College, Cambridge, at the age of 14; was intruded into the rectory of Seddlescomb in 1651. One of his pupils was Titus Oates, who was baptised at All Saints, Hastings, 1619. He never had any "settled meeting," but preached in his own house to his own family. He afterwards lived at Brenchley, where he attended the Church services, and died in 1678.

#### SHIPLEY. May 1. John Buckley, at the house of John Prior, Goring Lee; Presbyterian.

Goringley belonged to the Carylls till the death of Philip Caryll in 1735, when it became the property of Lord Selsey. It is now an old farmhouse, belonging to Col. Boxall, and is known as Goring Lee Farm. Information kindly given by the Vicar of Shipley.

NEW SHOREHAM. May 25. The house of John Jeffrey.

WALDRON (Walderne). Dec. 9. John Stoner, at the house of Nicholas Winton; Presbyterian.

WESTGATE (West Stoke). June 10. The house of Peter Le Gay; Congregationalist.

Calamy writes: "Mr. Le Gay, who welcomed many nonconforming ministers, was a Huguenot refugee, bringing little or nothing with him, but by God's blessing on his industry in merchandise he in a few years so increased his substance that he bought the estate of West Stoke." Also "John Ridge, Curate of Foundington, had a small society in the house of Mr. Le Gay."

WESTCAKE. June 10. John Abbot; Congregationalist.

WESTMESTON (Westminston). The house of Stephen Ridge.

WIVELSFIELD. Oct. 28. Thomas Hallett in Mr. Thomas Hurst's house; Congregationalist.

Thomas Hallett "from Ireland" resigned the Rectory of Streat in 1662 and died at Lewes 1701, aged 80.

Thomas Hurst, the son of John Hurst by Joan Page, of Cuckfield. His grandfather, John Hurst, left (Will proved at Lewes May, 1614) houses in Cuckfield and Horsham, "and my house at Wivelsfield Church." Thomas had four daughters, the youngest of whom married Nicholas Godman in 1675. Sandrocks was the property of the Hursts.

#### BRIGHTON (Bredhempston). May 8. Joseph Osbourn, Independent, at the house of John Fryland; Presbyterian.

Joseph Osborn was intruded into the Vicarage of Benenden, and, after his resignation in 1662, lived first at Heathfield and then at Brighton, where he preached for nine years. He returned to Kent and died at Staplehurst in 1714, aged 85. 1656, December, "The £60 granted to the minister of Patcham to be reduced to £40, and the £20 to the minister of Brighton, which is an important market town." State Papers, Dom., p. 131.

## CHARLES II.'S LICENCES IN SUSSEX.

THE REV. JOSIAH THOMPSON'S LIST OF DISSENTING CONGREGATIONS IN SUSSEX IN 1715.

#### (British Museum, Add. MS. 32,057, f. 16.)

| Arundel and Midhurst   | Presbyterian              | 190 |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Battle                 | ,,                        | 120 |
| Burwash                |                           | 90  |
| Burwash                | ,,                        |     |
| Brighthemstone         | ,,                        | 560 |
| Chichester             | ,,                        |     |
| ,,                     | Baptist                   | 810 |
|                        | Independent)              |     |
| Glinley, near Hailsham | Presbyterian              | 110 |
| Framfield              | ,,                        | 200 |
| Horsham                | Presbyterian and Baptist  | 120 |
| TUISHam                |                           | 120 |
| Lewes                  | Presbyterian, Independent |     |
|                        | and Baptist               | 670 |
| Mayfield               | Presbyterian              | 100 |
| Petworth               | ,,                        | 82  |
| Dree                   | Tu daman dama             |     |
| Rye                    | Independent               | 140 |
| Worth                  | Presbyterian              |     |
| Carter's Corner, in    | •                         |     |
| Hellingly              |                           | 30  |
| Linfold                |                           | 120 |
| Linfield               | Presbyterian and Baptist  |     |
| Wadhurst               | Baptist                   | 60  |
| Warbleton              | ,,                        | 120 |
|                        |                           |     |

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