

ARCHÆOLOGIA ÆLIANA.

No. I.—*A Copy of a Commission issued in the Year 1650, for inquiring into the Number and Value of Church Livings in the County of Northumberland, and of two Inquisitions taken in pursuance thereof; being so much of the “Oliverian, or Parliamentary Survey,” as relates to that County.*

COPIES of the following Commission and Inquisitions, certified as agreeing with the Original Record, are remaining with similar transcripts in the Library of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at Lambeth. The whole of them are comprised in 21 large folio volumes, each County being arranged in alphabetical order.

A portion of the original returns, in bad condition, having been lately discovered in the Chapel of the Rolls by an active officer of the Record Commission*, a copy of it, so far as relates to Northumberland, was procured by John Hodgson, Esq., M. P., and has been printed by the Rev. John Hodgson in his preface to Part III., Vol. 3, of his History of that County. The reader is referred to this portion of Mr. Hodgson's work for some curious information respecting the origin of this Commission.

The original being thus defective, the Council of this Society, aided by a subscription, have printed the following accurate copy of the transcript, from the Lambeth Library.

From the Commission it would seem that its powers did not extend to

* Mr. Kepling, in his return (p. 87), mentions them among the Miscellanea of the Rolls Chapel, thus,—“Surveys of the Church Livings, for several Counties, taken during the time of the Usurpation of Oliver Cromwell.”

Newcastle upon Tyne, though in one of the Inquisitions “the *said* parish of St. Nicholas, in Newcastle,” is mentioned. The following Parishes and Chapelries do not appear in either of the Inquisitions, viz. :—In CASTLE WARD, Wallsend Parish, and Cramlington Chapelry ; in MORPETH WARD, Chevington Chapelry (unless miscalled Warkworth) ; in GLENDALE WARD, Doddington Chapelry ; and in TINDALE WARD, the Parishes of Bywell St. Peter, Bywell St. Andrew, Corbridge, and Ovingham, with their Chapelries, and the Parish of Slaley.

The copy of the Commission was furnished by Mr. Thomas Hudson Turner, of London, who also collated the proof sheet of the Inquisitions with the authentic copy at Lambeth.

June 1, 1836.

COMMISSION.

THE KEEPERS of the libty of England, by authority of Parliament, TO William Lenthall, Speaker of Parliament, and Master of the Rolles in the High Court of Chancery; Thomas, lord Fairfax, Generall of the Army; John Bradshawe, lord President of the Councell of State; Bulstrode Whitelock, Richard Keble, John Lisle, lord Commissioners of the great Seale of England; Oliver Cromwell, Lieutenant Generall and Governor Generall of Ireland; the Justices of Assize in the County of Northumbrd; Edmond Prideaux, Attorney Generall of the Comon Wealth; Sr Arthur Hasellrigge, Baronett; Sr * Fenwicke, Knight and Baronett; Sr Thomas Wydrington, Sr Withm. Selbye, Knights; Withm. Fenwicke, Ralph Delavale, Thos. Middleton, Michael Welden, George Fenwicke, William Shaftoe, Henry Ogle, John Hall, † Fenwicke, Luke Killingworth, Henry ‡, Richard Forster, Esq^{res}; and John Ogle, of Kirkebye, || Gent., greeting. WHEREAS WEE for diverse good causes and consideracons us at psent moveing, and willing and intending to pvide a competent maintenance and advancement for preaching ministers in the severall Parishes throughout England and Wales, and also desiring to be certified of the etaine number and true yearelie value of all Parsonages and Vicarages psentative, and of all and every the spualt and Ecclasiacalt benefices, liveings, and Donatives, as well unto which any cure of Soules is annexed, as without cure of Soules. WEE THEREFORE haveing specialt trust and confidence in your fidelities, industries and pvident circumspeccns have noiated, assigned, & appointed you to be Comissioners, Giveing and graunting unto you and any five or more of you full power and authoritie by virtue of this psentes to enquire as well by the oathes of good and lawfull men of the County of Northumbrd aforesaid, as by the examinacns of etaine Witnesses upon oath, and by all other good and lawfull waies and meanes whereby you may the better knowe and fynde out as well within libties as without, the truth herein, WHAT and how many Parsonages and Vicarages psentative and whatsoever other spualt and Ecclasiacalt benefices and Liveings and Donatives, as well to which any cure of Soules is annexed as aforesaid, as without cure of Soules are lying and being within the County aforesaid, and any Cittie, Townes and places whatsoever, within the psincts, lymitts and extents of the said County and likewise what each of them are worth truely and really by the yeare, and the names of the psent Incumbents, Proprietors and Possessours thereof and of such pson and psons as receive the pfittes and to whose use, and whoe supplies the cure and what he hath for his salary and how many Chappells are belonging to Parish Churches and how Parish Churches and Chappells are scituate and fitt to be united within the lymitts of the County aforesaid, and how the severall Churches and Chappells are supplied by preaching ministers, that soe course may be taken for pviding both for preaching and for maintenance where the same shal bee found to bee needefull and necessarie, and further to enquire what Chappells are fitt to bee taken from Parish Churches and annexed to others or made Parish Churches and where it is fitt for other Churches to bee built, and the Parishes devided & part of them appropriated to those new built Churches, AND of all and evy other articles and circumstances which for the better service of the Comon Wealth in this behalfe shall appeare to you or five or more of you as aforesaid to be necessarie and behovefull according to the tenour of a etaine act of this psent Parliament bearinge date the eighth day of June last passed intituled an act for pviding maintenance for preaching ministers and other pious uses in this case made & pvided AND THEREFORE wee comāund you that at etaine dayes and places which you or any five or more of you shall appoint in this behalfe that yee doe diligently make enquiry upon the psmisses, and that yee doe and execute all and every thing and things in the psmisses with effect in forme afore said and the same inquisicon, and your whole pceedings in the psmisses by you or any five or more of you to bee distinctly & cleerly made and taken that you or any five or more of you have before us in the High Court of Chauncery with all convenient speede or at the furthest a die Scē Trinitatis p̄ futu^r in tres septimanas under the seales of you or any five or more of you as aforesaid, and under the seales of them by whome the same Inquisicon shal bee made togeather with this comission AND WEE comāund by virtue of these psentes the Sheriffe of the County aforesaid that at etaine dayes and places which yee, or five or more of you as aforesaid shall make knowne to him, that he cause to come before you or any five or more of you as aforesaid such and soe many honest and lawfull men of his Bayliwicke as well within libties as without by whom the truth in the psmisses may best be knowne and inquired of WEE likewise comāund by virtue hereof all and singuler Justices of peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables and all other Officers, Ministers and others whatsoever that they be attending ayding advising and assisting unto you or any five or more of you in the due execucon of the psmisses in all things as is requisite. IN WITNES whereof wee have caused these letters to be made Patents. WITNES ourselves at Westm, the sixte day of April in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and fifty.

BOLLES.

* John. † Edward. ‡ Horsley. || Kirkley.

SURVEY OF CHURCH LIVINGS, A° Dñi 1650.

Northumbr^d

An Inquisition taken att Morpeth, in the said Countye of Northumberland, the first daye of June, in the yeare of our Lord God One thousand six hundred and fifty, Before William Fenwicke, Raphe Delaval, William Shaftoe, Henry Ogle, John Hall, Luke Killingworth, Esquires, and Henry Horsley, Gent., By vertue of a Commission under the Greate Seale of England to them and others directed, bearing date att Westminster the sixte daye of Aprill, in the aforesaid yeare of God One thousand six hundred and fiftie upon the Oathes of William Heselrigg, Esq., Ephraim Forster, Willm Wetwang, John Salkeld, John Ilderton, Christopher Ogle, Roger Huntridge, John Ridley, Thomas Collingwood, Cuthbert Collingwood, William Armorer, Raphe Wattson, Edward Bell, George Alder, William Thompson, Raph Breadye, John Lindsey, Willm. Widdowes, Hugh Arrowsmith, Rich^d Wallis, Thomas Salkeld, Fra. Forster, and John Hearon, Gent^o, good and lawfull men of the said Countye impannelled and sworne to enquire of the severall Articles in ye said Commission wthin the three Northerne Wards of the said Countie Whoe say upon their Oathes as followeth, viz.

Rothbury. That the Parish of Rothburye, in the said Countye is a Psonage, the late Bpp. of Carlisle Patron thereof, Mr. Ambrose Jones, a Preaching Minister, the Incumbent, and the value of the Glebe and Tythes of the said Parish worth p Anñ. two hundred pounds.

Elsden. That the Parish of Elsden is a Psonage, the Earle of Suffolke Patron thereof, Mr. Thomas Pye, a preaching Mynister, the psent Incumbent, and the Value of the Gleabe and tythes worth One hundred pounds. That some part of the said Parish being twelve myles distant from the s^d Church, it is fitt a Church or Chappell be erected at Rotchester. And the Jurye further psent that their are certeyne Small Tythes, of the value of five pounds p Annū. wthholden from the said Incumbent by Sir Edward Wyddrington, Baronet, George Thirlewall, and Mrs. Selbye, wyddowe, Popish Recusants.

Allenton and Halliston. That the Parish of Allenton and Halliston is a Rectorye, Sr Edward Wyddrington Baronett, George

* Kidland.

Thirlewall, Gent., and Mrs. Selby, Patrons thereof, Mr. Starbacke Incumbent pro tempore, and the value of the said Rectorie worth p anñ. two hundred and seaventye pounds. That two partes of the said Rectory is under Sequestracon for the said Sr Edward Widdrington and George Thirlewall's delinquency, and the other parte in Mr. Selbyes owne hands. That Member Kirke and Kendland* may fittly be united to the said Parish. And that there was formerly paid to the Curate of the said Pish, vizt. fflower pounds thirteene shillings fourepence to Allenton, by the Crowne, and ffoure pounds by the Crowne to Halliston.

That the Parish of Alneham was formerly a Vicaridge, the Earle of Northumberland Patron thereof, Mr. Thompson, Viccar, and the value of the said Viccaridge worth twenty pounds p annū.

That the Parish of Ingram is a Parsonage, Mr. Ingram. Henry Ogle and Mr. Collingwood Patrons thereof, James Gregg Incumbent p tempore, and the value of the said Psonage worth nynetye pounds p anñ. That the said Pish of Alnham being but a small Parish, may fittly be annexed and united to the said parish of Ingram.

That the Parish of Whittingham is a Viccaridge, Whittingham the late Deane and Chapter of Carlisle Patron thereof, Mr. Henry Tallentyre the Viccar, and the value of the said Viccaridge fifty pounds p annū, beside a Lease from the said Deane & Chapter of Carlisle to the said Mr. Tallentyre, of thirtye pounds p anñ.

That the Pish of Felton is a Viccaridge, the late Felton. King Patron, John Dury serves the Cure there p tempore & the value thereof twenty pounds per anñ.

That the Chappel of Framlington doth belong to Framlington. the said Parish, and that it is fitt that the said Chappellrye, and all such places as belong to Brenckeburne Parish, on the North of Cocquett, and Brenckeburne itselfe, and also that Bromshaug,† Newton on the Moore, Hayson, and Guyson, being a parte of Shillbottle may be united and added to the said Parish of Felton.

That the Parish of Edlingham is a , Edlingham. the Chappellrye of Bolton belonging to it, the late Deane and Chapter of Durham Patron thereof,

† Brainshaugh.

Mr. George Belkansoe the present Mynister, and the Value ffortye pounds p añ.

Eglingham. That the Parish of Eglingham is a Viccaridge, the late Bpp. of Durham Patron thereof, Mr. Elwood Minister, and the value thereof Threescore pounds per añ. That there is fowre Chappels, vizt. Bewicke, Branton, Brandon, & Lilburne. And that it is fitt that Branton and Brandon be united to Ingram Church, and East and West Lilburne and Wooperton to the Church of Ilderton.

Ilderton. That the Parish of Ilderton is a Viccaridge, the Earle of Northumberland Patron thereof, James Browne Incumbent p tempore, and the value thereof sixteene pounds p annū.

Alnewicke. That the Parish of Alnewick is a Viccaridge, and the late King Patron; Mr. John Smith, a preaching Mynister serueth the Place, and that there was paid by the said late King to the Minister twelve pounds p annū.

Shillbottle. That the Parish of Shillbottle is a Viccaridge, the late King Patron thereof, Mr John Falder Viccar, and the value of the same is thirty pounds p annū. That the said Church and maye fittly be united and joynd to these seuerall Parishes vizt. Shillbottle Towne, Whittall and Woodhouse to Lesbury Parish, Upp Burton* to Warkeworth Parish and the rest of the Parish to the Church of Kelton.†

Longhoughton. That the Parish of Long Houghton is a Viccaridge, the Earle of Northumberland Patron thereof; Mr. Charles Chambers serves the Cure p tempore, and the said Viccaridge is of the yearly value of twenty and fowre pounds.

Howicke. That the Parish of Howicke is a Psonage, the late Deacon of Durham Patron thereof, Mr. Mathew Wyng serueth the Cure, and the said Parsonage of the yearly value of fortye pounds; that there is certeyne Gleabe Lands due to the said Parsonage wch is wthholden from it of the yearly value of : and that the said Parish maye fittly be united & annexed unto the said Parish of Longhoughton.

Lesbury. That the Parish of Lesburye is a Viccaridge, the late Bishop of Durham Patron thereof; Mr. Patrick Macklenyen serveth the Cure there, And the said Viccaridge is of the yearly value of thirtey and fve pounds; that the Chappell of Aemouth belongeth to the said Pish, And that it is fitt that Shillbottle Towne, Whittall, and Woodhouse be united and added to the said Church of Lesbury.

Embleton. That the Parish of Embleton is a Viccaridge, the donacōn in Merton Colledge in Oxford, Mr. William Cox the Viccar, and the value of the said Viccaridge (wth two Chappellryes, vizt., Rocke and Kennington,‡ belonging to it) is of the yearly value of fflowrescore pounds. That the said two Chappellryes and the Village of Broxfield being remote from the

* So in MS. † Felton. ‡ Rennington.

said Parish Church are fitt to be taken from the same and united to the Parish of Alnewicke.

That the Parish of Ellingham, in the said Countye, Ellingham. is a Viccaridge, the late Deane and Chapter of Durham Patron thereof, Mr. Gilbert Ducye Viccar, and the value of the said Viccaridge is thirtey seven pounds p añ. That there is certeyne Tythes called Smoke Rents, payed or payable to the Patron forthe of this Parish, of the yearly value of eleaven pounds six shillings and eight pence.

That Tughall Chappellrie being of the yearly value of six pounds, and Beadenell Chappellrie of the yearly value of seauen pounds, wth the steads and Beadenell. places thereto belonging, and hereafter named, may fittly be divided and made parte of these Pishes, as followeth, vizt., Newham, Newshead,|| Tughall, Croockclerk, and Swinehead,§ to Ellingham Parish and Ffletham, and Beadnell to the Parish of Balmebrough.

That the Parish of Balmbrough is a Viccaridge, Balmebrough. Forster, Esq^{re} Patron thereof, Mr. John Horsbrough Viccar p tempore, and is of the yearly value of seaventeene pounds. That the said Viccar hath tenn pounds p añ. payd him by the said Patron, and that the Chappellrye of Lucker is parte of the said Pish, and was formerly paid by the late King seauen pounds p annū wch makes upp the said seaventeene pounds. Lucker.

That the Parish Church of Belford is scittuate in Belford. the High Road, and the Stage Towne betweene Alnewicke and Barwicke, and was formerly allowed by the Comittee of plundered Ministeres one hundred and ffitye pounds p annū. And that it is very fitt to be continued a Pish Church, and the Villages of Warden, Mattfen, Crookelaw, and Newlongs added and adioyned to the said Pish.

That the Parish of Corram is a Rectorie, Mr. Corram Forster, of Ederston, Patron thereof, and Mr. Marke Murrowe, the p̄sent Incumbent, who hath for his salarye, yearly paid him by the Patron, twentye pounds, the Rectorye itselfe being of the yearly value of two hundred and fortye pounds. That the Chappel of Learmouth is parte of the said Parish, and being scittuate in the middle of the said Parish is fitt to be made the Parocheiall Chur

That the Parish of Ford is a parsonage, Thomas Ford. Carr, Esq., Patron, that Mr. John Pringle serveth the Cure there, and hath payed him yearly by the said Patron threescore pounds, the Parsonage being of the value of two hundred and ffitye pounds, and that it is fitt that the Pish of Brampton,¶ being of the yearly value of sixteene pounds, & payed by Sr. William Selbye, Kt., be added and united to the said Parish of Ford.

That the Parish of Kirke Newton is a Viccaridge, Kirk Newton. William Strother, Esquire, is the Patron, Mr. Amos

|| Newstead. § Swinhoe. ¶ Branxton.

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Oxley the present Minister, and is of the yearly value of threescore pounds. That the said Jurors are informed that there are certeyne Tythes deteyned wch is to the said Church of the yearly value of twentye and one pounds, vizt. by the Lord Graye of Warke, sixteene pounds p Ann., and by William Burrell, of Howlett, Gent., ffive pounds p annu.

Lowicke. That the Parish of Lowicke is a Vicaridge, the Earle of Suffolke Patron, and Mr. William Selbye Minister, and hath payed him by the Patron for his Sallary tenn pounds p annu. That there is payed out of the Vicaridge to the Deane and Chapter of Durham, in Quitt Rents, thirteene Pounds three shillings ffowre pence yearly, and Glebe Lands in Lowicke and Bowesden belonging to the said Parish of sixteene shillings ffowre pence.

Wooler. That the Parish of Wooler is a Vicaridge, the Patron thereof the Jurors knowe not, but doe find that the former Incumbent was Mr. Colle, and presented by the late Bishop of Durham, and the now Incumbent Mr. Rochester, psented by the Lord Gray, of Warke. That the said Vicaridge is of the yearly value of one hundred pounds. That the

Chappellrye of Fenton belongeth to the said Parish wch is in decaye, the Salarye thereof being eight pounds thirteene shillings & fowre pence, to be payed by the said Lord Graye. That it is fitt the Villages of Humbleton, Earle, and Middle Halt be added and united to the said Parish of Wooler, and that the said Chappellrye of Fenton be made vacant and a Parochiall Church be erected att Dodington, and the saide Towne of Fenton, wth Weetewood, Horton, and Nesbyte, added and annexed to it.

That the Parish of Chatton is a Vicaridge, the Chatton. Earle of Northumberland Patron, Mr. James Henderson Minister, and the yearly value is three score Pounds.

That the Parish of Chillingham is a Vicaridge, Chillingham. the Lord Gray of Warke, Patron, Mr. Douglas Curate p tempore, and the said Vicaridge of the yearlye value of fortye pounds.

IN TESTIMONIE whereof, as well the said Comissioners as the Jurors aforesaid, have to these psents sett their seales the daye and yeare first above written.

Northumb^d

An Inquisicon taken att Morpeth, in the Countye of Northumberland, the first day of June, in the yeare of oure Lord God one thousand six hundred and ffiftye, before William Fenwicke, Ralph Delaval, William Shaftoe, Henry Ogle, John Hall, Luke Killingworth, Esquiers, and Henry Horsley, gent., by vertue of a Comission under the great seale of England to them and others directed, bearing date att Westminster, the sixth daye of Aprill, in the aforesaid yeare of God one thousand six hundred and ffiftye, upon the Oathes of Robert Midford, Esquire, Withm Fenwicke, Richard Hearon, Nicholas Hearon, Robert Wydrington, Withm Ainsley, George Marshall, Edward Carnabye, Ephraim Cresswell, Robert Dalton, Cuthbert Wilson, Thomas Meggison, George Moore, Will^m. Lawson, Robert Peirson, Robert Meggison, George Hearon, George Blenkinsop, and Will^m. Charleton, gent., good and lawfull men of the said Countye, impannelled and sworne to enquire of the severall Articles in the said Comission, wth in the three northerne *Wards of the said Countye, who saye upon their oathes as followeth, vizt. :—

Kirkhaugh That the Parish of Kirkhaugh, in the said Countye, is a Parsonage of the yearly value of thirtie pounds. That Hilton, Esq., hath the Donacon thereof, and Francis Hall, Clerke, the Incumbt.

That the Pish of Knarsdale, in the said Countye, is Knarsdale. a Parsonage of the yearly value of thirtie pounds. That the late King had, and now the State hath, the Donacon, and the proffits thereof are received for the use of the State, there being noe preaching Minister to officiate.

That the Parish of Lamlye, in the said Countye, Lamley. is a Parsonadge, and the proprietye thereof, in Albony Fetherston, of Fetherstonhaugh, Esq^{re}. That Richard Simpson, Clerke, a Reading Minister, is the Curate there, and hath for his salarye ffowre pounds per annu, and his dyett. That the said three Parishes of Kirkhaugh, Knarsdale, and Lamley, being small Pishes, maye fittly be united to the Parish of Knarsdale, the Church being scittuate about the middle of these Parishes, and noe parte of them above three miles distant from the said Parish Church of Knarsdale.

That the Parish of Haltwistle is a Vicaridge, of Haltwistle. the yearly value of fiftye pounds. That the Donacon thereof was formerly in the late Bishop of Durham, and is now in the State; the last Incumbent was Mr. Humfrye Dacres, lately discharged from the said Cure by the Comissiofs for the Ministrye in the said Countye. And ffurther, the Jurye doe finde that the Rectorye of the said Parish of Haltwistle is of the yearly value of one hundred thirtie and nyne pounds and the proffits thereof received by Edward Fenwicke, of Stanton, Esq^{re}, for the use of the State and Francis Nevill, of Cheate. That their is belonging to the said Parish of Haltwistle, the Chap-

*So in MS.

pell of Bellingham, scittuate about ffowre myles from the said Church, wch is now allmost quite ruinate, att wch Chappell those who formerly had the Rectorye of Haltwistle did maynteyne a reading Minister.

Whittfeilde. That the Parish of Whittfeilde, in the said Countye, is a Parsonage of the yearely value of thirtie pounds. That Sr Mathew Whittfeild, of Whittfeild, Knight, hath the donaçon, and the profitts thereof received for the use of the State, there being noe preaching Minister to officiate the said Cure.

Warden That the Parish of Warden, in the said Countye, is a Viccaridge of the yearly value of ffortye one pounds and ffowre pence; and the Donaçon in Sr John Fenwicke, Knt. and Baronett; the present Incumbt Mr. John Shaftoe, a preaching Minister.

Newbrough and Heydon. That there is belonging to the said Parish two Chappellryes, viz. Newbrough and Heydon, in wch. there was formerly two Curates mainteyned att the charge of the Viccaridge of Warden Parish, but now the said Chappellryes are supplied by the said Mr. Shaftoe. That the said Chappell or Church of Haydon is about three myles distant from the Parish of Warden aforesaid, and it is fitt to be made a Parish of it selfe, it being very large. That the Chappell of Newbrough being butt aboute one myle distant from Warden Church, it is fitt to be annexed to that Parish, and the Chappellrye to be extinct.

Symonburne That the Parish of Symonburne is a Parsonage of the yearly value of one hundred and eight pounds. That the Donaçon is in the Earle of Suffolke, the present Incumbent Mr. William Kimber, a preaching Minister, who receives the profitts of the said Parish to his owne use.

Bellingham. That their is belonging to the said Chappellrye* the Parish of Bellingham, whereof Mr. James Fogoe, a preaching Minister, is the present Curate, and is to be payed for his salarye in serving the said Cure twentye pounds p anñ. by the saide Viccar. That the said Chappell of Bellingham being six miles distant from the Parish Church of Symonburne, And the farthest parte of the said Chappellrie about twelve myles distant from the said Chappell, It is fitt that the said Chappell be made a Parish of itselfe, and the Chappellrye thereto belonging to be annexed unto it, wth that parte of Symonburne Parish wch lyeth on the northside of Warkes Burne below Ramshaw Mill, and all that lyeth on the north side of Shittlington Burne below the Lynagers, wth Hesele hirst, and Browne Leases, Except that parte of the Chappellrye the wch lyeth on the west side of Tarsett Water, and the west side of Chirdon Burne, wch is alsoe fit to be made a Parish of themselves. And the Chappell of Halleston† to be rebuilded and made the Parish Church thereof, being scittuate about six myles distante from Bellingham Church. And, fur-

*“Parish,” in Lambeth copy.

ther, the said Jury saye that thirtie eight pounds p anñ., parte of the saide One hundred and eight pounds, is due to the Chappellrye of Bellingham, and the other seautyenty pounds due to the parish of Symonburne.

That the Parish of Stamfordham is a Viccaridge Stamfordham. of the yearely value of fowrescore pounds. The Donaçon in the late Bishopp of Durham, And the present Incumbent Mr. Owen, a Preaching Mynister, who receiveth the Profitts of the said Viccaridge for his salarye. That there is one Chappell in the said Parish att Ryell, and the Parish Church soe scittuate that noe parte of the said Parish is above three miles distant from the said Parish Church. That the Corne Tythes of the said Parish were holden of the late Bishopp of Durham, and are farmed by Henry Wyddrington, Esq., att the yearely Rent of twenty six pounds thirteene shillings and ffowre pence, and are of the yearly value of fowrescore pounds.

That the Parish of Chollerton is a Viccaridge Chollerton. worth fortye pounds p anñ, and the present Incumbent Mr. John Wigham, a preaching Mynister. That the Corne Tythes of the said Parish are Parcel of the late Monasterie of Hexham, belonging to Sr John Fenwicke, Knight and Baronett, And that there are ffowre Chappells belonging unto the said Parish, vizt., Chippchase, Gunnerton, Collwell, and Birtley Chappellryes, all wthin lesse than three myles distant from the said Parish Church, saving Birtley, wch is ffowre myles distant, soe it is fitt and convenient that Gunnerton and Chippchase Chappellryes, wth Wortshaugh, Carrycoates, Whitehouse, Collimadge, and Toven be taken from their severall Parrishes and annexed to Birtley, wch may fittly be made a Parish of itselfe for the ease of the said Places.

That the Parish of Whelpington is an Impropriaçon Whelpington. belonging to Sr Edward Radcliff, Barronett, a Papist and Delinquent, and being now under sequestraçon, is let wth the Viccaridge at threescore and tenn pounds, the present Incumbent Mr. Wakefeild, a Preaching Minister.

That the Parish of Corsenside, in the said County, Corsenside. is an Impropriaçon belonging unto John Thirlewall, and being now under sequestraçon is lett at tenn pounds p anñ., the place being vacant and none to supplye the Cure there.

That the Parish of Thockerington is a Rectorye Thockerington. holden of the late Deane and Chapiter of Yorke, and farmed by Willm Shaftoe, Esq. att the Rent of five pounds six shillings and eight pence p anñ., and the place vacant, and noe Minister to supplye the Cure.

That the Parish of Kirkharle is a Viccaridge of Kirkharle. the yearly value of twentye pounds. That the Donaçon is in , and the present Incumbent, Mr. William Dawson, a Preaching Minister. And further that the said Jury doe find that the said Pa-
† So in MS., but read “ffalleston.”

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- ishes of Whelpington, Thockerington, and Kirkharle* Heaton Chappelrye, may fittly be united and annexed to the said Parish of Kirkharle.
- Hexham. That the Parish of Hexham is a Viccaridge, whereof is Patron. That the stypend belonging to the said Church is twentye markes p anñ and fowrescore pounds in Tythes, formerly allowed by the Mercers of London for a Lecture, butt is now vacant.
- Allendale. That the Parish of Allendale is a , the Donaçon in and hath a Stipend of eight pounds p anñ belonging to it.
- St. Johnley. That the Parish of St. Johnley, in the said County, is a , of the yearly value of ffowreteene pounds thirteene shillings foure pence St. John Fenwicke the Patron, the place vacant.
- Midford. That the Parish of Midford, in the said Countye, is an Impropriaçon, the one halfe of the Tythes of the said Parish belonging unto St. William Fenwicke, Papist and Delinquent, and the Proffitts thereof received for the use of the Cõmon Wealthe, the other half of the said Tythes belonging to Mr. Gibson, Mr. Rawling, and others, and are in all worth one hundred pounds p annñ. That the said Church is now vacant, and hath belonging to it for the supplye of the Cure, six pounds thirteene shillings and fowre pence paid forth of the said Impropriaçons.
- Meldon. That the Towne of Meldon being an intire Parsonage of itselfe, worth thirteene pounds six shillings and eight pence p annñ, and a Little Hamlett called River Green may fittlye be united to the said Parish of Midford for Augmentaçon of the Allowance.
- Bolam. That the Parish of Bolam is an Impropriaçon in the hands of Sr. John Delavall and Thomas Middleton, of Belsey, Esq., and it is worth p anñ thirtye pounds. The Cure now supplied by Mr. Robert Lowert, a Preaching Minister, and hath belonging to it thirtye pounds p annñ.
- Hartbure. That the Parish of Hartbure‡ is a Viccaridge of the yearly value of one hundred pounds, and is in parte impropriated, for soe much thereof as belongeth to Sr. William Fenwicke, Papist and a Delinquent, and now under sequestraçon, and the present Incumbent Mr. Ridsley, a Preaching Minister.
- Nether Witton. That there is one Chappelrye belonging to the said Parish, vizt. Nether Witton Chappelrye, the Cure whereof was lately served by George Forster, whoe had for his Sallary tenn pounds p anñ, until he was discharged by the Commissioners for the Ministrye. That the said Chappelrye, by reason of its convenient scituaçon and farre distance from the said Parish Church, may fittly be made a distincte Pish of it selfe, and the seuerall Townes and Hamletts of Staunton, Langshawes, Witton Sheeles, Trewhet Sheeles, and Lymkiln Feild, belonging to the Parish of Horsley, added to the said Church.
- That the Parish of Long Horsley is a Viccaridge Long Horsley. and the Impropriaçon thereof in the hands of James Ogle, of Causey Parke, Esq., and is worth p anñ fortye pounds. That the Cure of the said Parish is serued by Mr. Marke Wallas, a Preaching Minister, and hath for his sallarye sixteene pounds six shillings and eight pence, and the Earle of Northumberland Patron. That it is fitt in regard of the distance of those places before mençoned from the said Church, that they may be taken from it, and these Towns and Hamletts being neare adioyning may be added to the said Parish, vizt. Causey Parke, Longleeses, Thistle Haugh, Easter and Wester Haugh, Bridgeham, Helmehill, Brenkheugh, and Thornehaugh, formerly belonging to Hebborne and Felton Parishes.
- That the Chappelrye of Hebborne is belonging to Hebborne. the Parish Church of Bothell, and worth p anñ fifty and five pounds, and the Cure thereof served by Mr. John Thompson, a Preaching Minister. That it is fitt that the severall Hamletts of Espley, High Highley, and Low Highley, being neere adioyning to the said Chappelrie, and formerly parte of Midford Parish, butt farre distant from it, may be taken from it, the said Parish, and joyned to the said Chappelrye of Hebborne.
- That the Parish of Morpeth, in the said County, Morpeth. is a Parsonage, the Cure whereof is supplied by Mr. John Pye, an honest, able, and paynefull Minister, and hath for his paynes the proffitts of the said Parsonage worth p anñ. one hundred pounds; the Patron thereof Charles Howard, of Naworth, Esq.
- That the Parish of Whalton is a Parsonage, of Whalton. the yearely value of ffowrescore pounds; Ralph Bates, of Halliwell, Patron, and the Cure of the said Parish supplied by Mr. Amor Oxley. That the Towne and Hamletts of Twesill and Stillington,|| formerly parte of Morpeth Parish, butt farre distant from it, may fittly be added to the said Parish.
- That the Parish of Stannington, in the said County, Stannington. tye, is for the most parte impropriated in the hands of William Lord Graye, of Warke, and is worth p anñ. fowrescore pounds. That the late Bishop of Durham formerly was Patron of the said Church, and the Cure now supplied by Mr. Woolfall the Younger, a godlye and constant Preacher, whoe hath for his allowance ffiftie pounds p anñ.
- That the Chappelrie of Horton is belonging to Horton Chap. the Parish of Woodhorne, and the Cure thereof supplied by Mr. Mephram, and is worth p anñ eighteen pounds at p̄sent, but hath bene formerly worth thirtye pounds. That by reason of the comodious scituaçon of the said Chappell it maye fittly

* So in MS. † "Lever" in Rolls' Chapel copy. ‡ Hartburn. || Shilvington.

be made a Parish Church of itselfe, and the Chappellry of Cramlington, the towne of Newesham, and Blythe Nooke, formerly belonging unto but farr distant from the Parish Church of Earsden added unto it.

Pont Island That the Parish of Pont Island is an Impropriacon belonging unto Merton Colledge, of Oxford, of the yearly value of one hundred and fifty pounds. That the Cure of the said Parish is supplied by Mr Humphrye Bell, a godly, able, and paynefull Minister wch hath for his allowance threescore pounds per annu. That it is fitt that South and North Dissington, and West Dissington, formerly parte of Newburne Parish, but farre distant, may be added to the said Parish of Pont Iland.

Newburne. That the Parish of Newburne is an Impropriacon now in the hands of the State, and worth pounds p anu. That the Cure of the said Parish is supplied by Mr. Thomas Dockery, an able, painefull, and godlye Minister, who hath for his allowance twenty and five pounds p anu.

Heddon on the Wall. That the Parish of Heddon on the Wall is an Impropriacon, now in the States hands, and the Cure thereof supplied by the said Mr. Dockerye, who hath for his allowance twentye and five pounds p anu.

Bothell. That the Parish of Bothell is an Impropriacon, formerly belonging to the Earle of Newcastle, who payed to the Parson for the serveing the Cure there and att Hebborne Chappell, one hundred pounds p annu. That the Cure is now supplied by Mr. John Thomson, a diligent preacher, and hath the proffitts of the Tythes of the said Parish worth fifty and five pounds p anu., besides the Tythes of Hebborne Chappellrye, and the Glebe of Shipwash, worth thirteene pounds p anu. That the said Church is conveniently seated, and the Earle of Newcastle formerly Patron thereof.

Warkworth. That the Parish of Warkworth is a Viccaridge, the late Bishop of Carlisle Patron; Mr. Moore, a Preaching Minister, serueth the Cure there and the Viccaridge of the yearly value of sixte pounds.* That there is an impropriacon in the hands of Mr. Peter Wentworth and Mr. John Fountayne, of London, wch payed yearly to the Bishop of Durham tenn pounds, and to the Bishop of Carlisle Thirtye pounds and Tenn shillings, out of wch twentye Pounds p Anu is fitt to be taken and added to the said Church; that the Chappellrye of Warke-worth† is depending of the said Church of Warke-worth, being worth Twelve pounds p Anu., and pettye Tythes, and somewhat distant from the said Parish Church.

Woodhorne. That the Parish of Woodhorne is a Viccaridge unsupplied wth a Mynister, and worth p anu Three score and eight pounds; that the Impropriacon thereof is in the hands of the Mercers of London,

* The remainder in the Lambeth copy only.

† No mention is made of this Parish in the preceding Inquisitions, whence, it seems, as if some parts had been lost.

and worth p Anu. one hundred pounds. That the donacon is in the Bishop of Durham.

That there are two Chappellries belonging to the said Parish (viz.) Wydrington Chappellrye, wch hath fifty shills p Anu. in compositiō mōnye of the Lands of Wydrington, and Horton Chappellrye wch depends allsoe upon the said Fish. Wydrington Chap.

That the Parish of Newbiggen is neer adioyning unto Woodhorne Parish, and may fittlye be annexed thereunto, and is worth twelve pounds p Anu in ffish. Newbiggen.

That the Chappellrye of Ougham is depending upon the Parish Church of Morpeth, and worth p Anu., in Tythe and Glebe, ffortye five pounds, that the Cure is supplied by Mr. Addamson, and hath payd him by Mr. John Prye‡, Mynister of Morpeth, Thirtye Pounds p Anu., for his Sallerye. That the said Chappell is fittlye seated for a Parish Church, and That the Chappellrye of Wyddrington, saving Druridge, maye fittly be united to the same. Ougham.

That the Parish of Tynmouth is of the yearly value of twentye ffive pounds six shillings and eight pence, wch is payed by the Receivōrs of the late King's ffee ffarme rents forth of the saide rents, and that the Earle of Northumberland and Ralph Delavall, Esqre hath the presentacon in course. That the said Parish Church is quite ruined, and Mr. Dersley, a godly Mynister, serues the Cure there; that the Towne of Northsheelds being a Populous place of itselfe it is fitt that a Parish Church be built there, and the Towne of Tynmouth, Preston, East and Middle Chirtons, Whitley, and Merton annexed to it. Tynmouth.

That the Chappellrie of Earsden is depending upon the said Parish of Tynmouth, the stypend thereof ffowre pounds thirteene shillings ffowre pence payed out of the ffee ffarme Rents as aforesaid, butt noe psent Incumb there. That the said Chappellrye is fitt to be made a Parish Church, and the said Towne of Earsden, Monkseaton, Backworth, Hollywell, Seaton Delavall, and Hartley annexed unto that Parish. Earsden.

That the Parish of Long Benton is a Viccaridge of the yearly value of Twentye ffive Pounds, the advowson in Balyoll Colledge, in Oxford, there is noe Preaching Minister belonginge to the said Parish, And that it is fitt that the said Towne of Long Benton, Killingworth, Little Benton, Burraden, Sig-hill, Weeteslatts, and high and lowe Heatons, be annexed to the said Parish. Long Benton.

That the two Chappellryes of North and South Gosfords are depending upon the said Parish of St Nicholas, in Newcastle, a Countye in itselfe, and hath a stipend of Tenn Pounds p anu payd to the Minister by Docto Jennison, Viccar of the said Fish, Butt noe Preaching Minister is nowe in eyther North & South Gosford.

‡ So in MS., but is not Chevington meant? † Pyc.

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of the said Chappells. That South Gosford is fitt to be made the Parish Church, and North Gosford, Fawden, Bruntons, Kenton, and Jesmond, annexed to it.

In testimony whereof, as well the said Comissioners and the Jurors aforesaid have to these p̄sents sett their seales, the daye and yeare above written.

This Coppie agreeth with the Record, and is examined by

THO. PURY.

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