

GATESHEAD PRESENTMENTS TO THE QUARTER SESSIONS.

[Temp. Eliz., ante 1574.] A NOT OF THE PRESENTMENTES FOR THE CONSTABLES OF GAITSHEAD.—For profaining the sabothe, Mistresse Ane Ridell [formerly Lawson, wife of Mr. William Ridell]. For bruing without lycence: Jane Readshawe, Isabell Watson, Mongo Simpson. For barratters or disordered persons: Lionell Swinborne. For roges and vacabonds, whiped: Georg Roockbye and Ellenor Ree. For the malsters and baggers: Thomas Arrowsmythe and Annas Bowes, Rychard Bell, John Harrison, and Willm. Cacheside. Forestailling the markt: Willm. Renneck, Allie Collson, Willm. Hudson, Gregori Doyte, Raph Parkyne, and Raph Bankes, Robert Smyth. For bloudes and frayes: Barthram Spence, a bloud and fray; Lionell Swinborne, three bloudes upon the constables.

20 Aug. [1609.]—THE PRESENTMENT OF THE CHURCHWARDENS OF THE PARISH OF GAITSHEAD.—1. We knowe no recusantes who are confined in our parish. 2. We have onelie one gentlewoman, Mrs. Ryddle [formerly Conyers], the wyfe of Mr. Thomas Ryddle, Esquire, who refuseth to come to church and to communicate with us; but we must neades testifie this, that hir husband, together with his children and servantes, doo dewlie, and verie orderlie and religiouslie, resort everie Sabaoth day to the church, ther to heare the word of God read and preached. 3. We have no recusantes who refuse to have ther children baptized accordinge to the statute. 4. 5. We have no recusantes who have reformed them selves, or who keep anie popish scolmasters, popish servantes, or anie scolmasters not lycensed in ther houses to our knowledge.—P^r ME JOHANNE' HUTTON, rectore' de Gaitsheade. THOMS WILLIAM POTES. JOHN C CHAMBER, his marke. GEORGES N NEICKELLSONNE. [This document confirms the assertion of Sir Wm. Fleetwood about the state of religion at Gateshead. See vol. ii. 224.]