

EXTRACTS

FROM A

TOWN BOOK OF THE PARISH OF STOCKTON,

IN NORFOLK;

CONTAINING THE CHURCHWARDENS' (AND, INCIDENTALLY, OTHER) ACCOUNTS,
FROM 1625 TO 1712 INCLUSIVE.

COMMUNICATED

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THE book commences with the Accounts of Samuel Mason and Everard Baas, separately churchwardens, from 8th May, 1625, until the 7th May, 1626, being the first year of the reign of King Charles the First.

Amongst the Receipts are the rents of the town estate, being then £15 for the year. This estate is mentioned in the Report of the Charity Commissioners to consist of a farm-house and about forty-eight acres of land in Burgh St. Peter.

In Samuel Mason's Account of Payments, inter alia, occur the following:—

	£.	s.	d.
Item, laid out to the Boweman	0	0	2
[Every lay subject had been required by law to exercise himself in archery, and we still find expenditure for the <i>butts</i> as late as 1637, post.]			
Item, laid out to the Muster maister	0	3	6
Item, for the souldiers' Dinners	0	14	0
Item, for the souldiers' wages twoe daies	(illegible)		
Item, to Mr. White for Traininge the Souldiers	0	0	11

	£.	s.	d.
Item, to John Pratt for three daies servinge in his armor	0	3	0
Item, to Richard Palmer for serveinge in the Towne Armor	0	3	0

[Previous to his calling his first Parliament, Charles had issued warrants for levying troops, exacting that the charges of training, &c. should be borne by the people. Every county was obliged to maintain a Muster Master appointed by the Crown. A general muster took place once a year, but the men appear to have gone out for training and exercise three or four times in the year, which lasted two and sometimes three days each time, when they met generally at Thurlton or Bedingham. Charges of the above nature are of frequent occurrence in every account during this reign.]

Item, laid out for the King's Diet	0	5	0
Item, for the King's Oats	0	11	3

[The charges for purveyances and provisions of the Royal household, which are of constant occurrence in these accounts, were originally rendered in kind. The Privy Council was authorized to compound with the counties for the same, and the Justices of the Peace directed the quota to be supplied by individual parishes in their districts. These, having been productive of many abuses, were abolished by 12 Car. 2, c. 24.]

Item, to twoe poore folke that we made a passe	0	0	4
Item, for whipping of them	0	0	2

[All persons found travelling without passes were treated as "rogues and vagabonds," and whipped accordingly.]

Item, for a bell-rope that did weigh 7 ^{li} & dd. [Q. dimid., $\frac{1}{2}$?]	0	2	6
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	£.	s.	d.
Item, to twoe Men that com from Ireland, that Sr Thomas Frances had taken awaie their liveinge	0	1	0
[I am unable to find any account of Sir Thomas Francis.]			
Item, for makeinge bullworks and sconses at Yarmouth	0	11	9
[I cannot ascertain to what this refers.]			

1625-6. Amongst the Accounts of Payments of Everard Baas, the other churchwarden for that year, are the following:—

	£.	s.	d.
Item, paid to Mr. Stone, the 23 rd of October, for the subsidie assessed upon the Towne Land	0	12	0
[Two subsidies were granted to the King by his first Parliament.]			
Item, paid, the 26 th of December, to twoe poore men belonginge to Hull, who susteyned losse by the Dunkirks	0	1	6
[Dunkirk in Flanders, then under the Spanish dominion, which was at war with England.]			
It. paid, the 31 st of January, for half a barrell of beere for the Ringers	0	4	6
[This was probably provided against the King's coronation, which took place on the 2nd February.]			
Item, paid, the 10 th of March, for a gratuity to Mr. White, appointed by the King's Ma ^{tie} for exersiseing of the Trained Souldiers	0	2	0
[The payments for the clerk's wages were 1s. quar- terly.]			

1626-7. Among the payments made in that year:—

	£.	s.	d.
It. for bread and beere when the butts were made	0	5	2

	£.	s.	d.
It. for fetchinge the board to make the pewes	0	2	6
,, for 7 yards of whole worke for the twoe stooles erected in the church, at ijs. the yarde	1	1	0
It. for two yards of half worke for the same, at ijs. vj ^d the yard	0	5	0
It. for halfe an hundred of inch board for the floringe	0	5	0
It. for six joyce for the same	0	1	0
,, for nailes	0	0	3
,, for haspes & gimmers for the dores	0	2	4
,, for finishinge thereof	0	3	0
It. for an Inhibition granted unto me from Mr. Chancellor against the opposit ⁿ for the newe stooles	0	5	4
It. paid the 18 th of June to the sumoner for the serveinge of the same	0	1	0
It. for my charges in rideinge foure times to Norwich by reason of the opposition	0	4	4
[The above items point out the date of the pewing of Stockton Church.]			
It. given the 9 th of July to a poore ministers widdowe, whose husband was murdered in Ireland	0	1	0
It. laid out at Blowefield the 11 th of August, when I went about the benevolence, for my dinner	0	1	0
It. at the Ferrie	0	0	1
[The King about this time issued warrants for forced loans, with promises of repayment from the Exchequer, after the example of his predecessors.]			
It. paid at Norwich, the vj th of April, for a Bible of the Newe Translation for the Towne	1	13	4
It. for my supper that night	0	0	10
It. for my breakefast the next daie	0	0	4
It. for my horsemeat	0	8	0

	£.	s.	d.
It. to Henry Farror for bringinge the Bible home	0	1	0
It. paid to Mr. Stone for Mr. Rosington for twoe loads of reed for the church.*	1	6	8
It. for bringing it to the stath by water	0	2	4
It. for stathage	0	0	4
It. to the Boweman for his Fees	0	1	0

1627-8.

It. for Reedinge the Church	0	15	0
„ for the King's Armes, and putting them in a frame	0	6	0
It. for the Degrees of Matrimonye then [Prescribed by the 99th Canon.]	0	0	6

„ paid to Edward Bowne, w^{ch} was for the setting forth of the souldiers to serve the Kinge of Denmark 0 9 0

[Christian IV., King of Denmark, and uncle to King Charles, was at this period warring for the Protestant cause in Germany.]

It. paid the Cheife Constable for Composition for the King's Diet 0 19 0

It. paid to the Constable for repaireinge the bridwell howse at Acle 0 0 8

It. for a month's paie for the billetinge of the souldiers in Norff. 0 9 0

[This billeting of soldiers, for which many payments appear in these accounts, was one of the matters complained of by the Commons against the King.]

1631-2.

Item, paid to goodman Boone, that he laid out for the pore at Windham, & for discharging the towne of carring of coules 0 13 0

[The town of Wymondham at this time was griev-

* Stockton Church was then thatched.

ously visited with the plague, and a contribution raised for the poor inhabitants.]

Item, for straw for the Church Porch & the Almes houses - - -

Item, for a booke of Articles - - viij

Item, for the Stulpes at Stockton stone 0 7 0

[*Stulp*, a low boundary post.]

Item, for the gates which stand before the butts 0 8 0

„ for posts for the butts 0 1 0

Item, at Thurlton at the showe - - viij

[In the account of another churchwarden this is entered as “for shewing the armes at Thurlton,” doubtless to the viewer or inspector appointed for that purpose.]

It. for Lime to white the church 0 1 0

It. for coullering for the fonte 0 1 0

It. for the Cover of the funte 0 13 iiij

It. for the painting of the funte 0 4 0

It. for the line of the S^{ts} bell - - ij

1633-4.

It. for mending the church book, & putting in of leaves and claspe 0 2 0

It. to the summer for the booke of tolleration 0 0 4

[This probably was the book concerning “lawful sports to be used on Sundays,” ordered by the King in this year to be promulgated in every parish.]

It. to the purvaioir, the 27 of February, for 7 bushels & two pecks of oats 0 12 6

It. for a prayer for the queene's Maiesty 0 0 3

„ for a default for the seruice booke 0 0 8

„ for cakes & beer when we were with the bushelman at Loddon - - x

[I do not know to whom this term could be applied, unless to the purveyor, or person who was appointed to receive the King's oats.]

1634-5.

£. s. d.

It. layd out, the 14th day of July, for the demission fees at the Court at Loddon, for a cushion for the Pulpit, & had liberty till Christmas for providing one - - viij

It. layd out the 23rd day of August to John Long & Thomas Long, being taken by the Turks, & all their goods taken, & their father lying there for ransome - - vj

[The Algerines captured and carried into captivity many British subjects during this reign.]

It. layd out for an houreglasse for the church - - ix

„ for a frame for the same glasse - ij ij

„ for coulouring of the same frame - - iij

It. layd out the 28th day of November for a pulpit cushion -xix ij

It. layd the first day of December, at the Court at Loddon, for certifying to them of the Cushion, for my dinner there - - xij

It. layd out the ninth day of December to a Gretian Preist, w^{ch} comming into England, was taken by the Dunkirks and robbed of all he had, and he was to passe to the Bishop of Exeter - - xij

It. reed for the church the 1st day of June, 3 fathoms - - xx

It. layd out to the thatcher for rushes and bindings and broaches, w^{ch} he used to roove the church wth all, & for his wages - xv -

It. layd out at Loddon in the moneth of November, for mine & Goodmâ Boones dinner, when y^e Justices did sit about y^e booke set forth for the tillage of land - - xv

It. layd out at Norwich for the townsmens horses, who rode to the Archbishop's visitation y^e 7th of Aprill - -xiiij

[Archbishop Laud.]

To the salt petter [salt petre] men y^e 2 of July
for a carte to carrye ashes from Harlstone to
Trowse 0 4 6

[Supposed for gunpowder.]

Payd to the purvior the 12 of June for 7 bushells
& 2 pecks of oats 0 13 9

[In this year occur the first entries relating to
Ship Money.]

Receyved of Thomas Leveredge for y^e settinge
forthe of his Ma^{tis} ship, 8s.

It. paid to Mr. highe Shreife for the settinge
forthe of his Ma^{tis} ship of ware (torn)

1635-6.

It. payd, the sixt of June, to Thomas Allen,
for nine dayes worke at xx*d.* a day, for writing
of sentences of scripture upon the church walls,
and for his colours - xv -

It. to a boy for helping him 8 dayes, at 6*d.* a
day - iiij -

[According to the 82nd Canon.]

It. payd to Mr. Stone, the 19th of November,
for the composition for the King's house j v -

It. payd more to Mr. Stone, the 10th of De-
cember, towards the charge for the King's shipp
of warre iiij - -

[In the account of the other churchwarden is a
like payment of £4. 7s.]

It. for two bookes of prayer, & ye booke of
homelies - v -

[Ordered by the 80th Canon.]

It. to Jeffery Curston for the prayer for y^e
Queen's safe deliverance - - iiij

[In the receipts of this year is "*gathered towards
the rate of the shipping, vijs.*"—a very small pro-

portion of the sum paid. Instructions accompanied the writ to the Sheriff, by which he was directed to levy certain money on the county instead of providing a ship.]

The following were the expenses incurred at a pauper funeral:—

	£.	s.	d.
It. layd out, the 3 ^d day of September, for one pottle of sacke & one doz in of cakes, at y ^e buriall of Margaret Dunne	—	iiij	—
It. layd out for bread & beere at y ^e buriall of Margaret Dunne	—	iiij	—
It. layd out to John Bird for ringing the bell & making the grave	—	—	xij
It. to foure bearers w ^{ch} carried her to church	—	ij	—
It. to a woman of Beckles for winding her	—	—	vj

1636-7.

It. for a thousand bricke for the church	—	xij	iiij
It. for fetching of a load of bricke	—	v	—
It. to the Masons for their worke about y ^e church	—	xj	ij
It. for a booke of Articles	—	—	vj
It. towards the setting forth of our King's ships	ij	—	—
It. layd out to the Artillery man, the first of June	—	—	xiiij
It. for writing of the bill that was given in to him	—	—	ij
It. payd to y ^e Cheife Constable, the xxi ^{tieth} day of June, for seaven bushels & two pecks of oats to the purviour for his Ma ^{ties} stables, at the price of viijs. vjd. the comb	—	xv	xj
It. payd to the Cheife Constable, the 28 th day of June, for the Muster M ^{rs} fee	—	iiij	vj

	£.	s.	d.
It. payd to the Cheife Constable, ye fourth of July, ye statute charge	-	iiij	x
It. payd to him for his dinner at the training at Beddinghā, the xxvij th of June	-	-	xij
It. payd to him for that he layd out when the Artillery man sate at Loddon	-	-	xij
It. layd out for my training three dayes in ye towne armour	-	ij	-
It. layd out for mending of the towne armor	-	-	iiij
It. for my training one day at Beddingham Holmes *	-	-	viiij
It. for ye King's Ma ^{ties} Purveieur for carying of coles	-	iiij	ix
It. layd out towards the rate for his Ma ^{ties} ships	vj	-	-
It. layd out to James Prat for making & setting up the railes before y ^e communion table	-	xlvi	-
It. for fetching the said railes frō Bungay	-	j	iiij
It. for bread & beere when y ^e butts were made	-	vij	-
It. for two dossen for Mr. Stannard to kneell on	-	-	xij
It. for five dayes of my worke at the church, in joyners worke	-	v	-
It. for James Prat, joyner, for two dayes worke & an half in removing the pulpit, making a new desk, & other worke in y ^e church	-	iiij	ij
It. for vj planks which were used in flooring some of the stooles	-	iiij	-
[The Rev. Wm. Stannard was Rector of Stockton in 1634.]			
It. for two books for the fasting dayes	-	ij	-
It. for a days worke to Joseph Goody in helping to raise y ^e floore in the chancell, where y ^e communion table standeth	-	j	-

* This was a large common at Bedingham.

1637-8.

£. s. d.

It. laid out to Mr Stone y^e 18th of June, to-
wards y^e carriage of a chalder of coales to Hoxen,
w^{ch} we stood charged with by his Ma^{ties} salt peter
men - vj vj

It. payd to Mr Stone for seaven bushels & two
pecks of oates for his Ma^{ties} horses, at the price
of viijs. viij^d. y^e combe - xvj iij

It. payd to Mr Stone y^e 12th day of November,
for his Ma^{ties} compositiō money - xxv v

It. payd to him the same day towards the
hundred store of military p^{ro}vision ij xj -

[On the 14th June, this year, the oats were at
10s. the coomb.

There are charges for training at Thurlton Linke,
at Hales Green, and at Bedingham.]

This year also contains the following payment for ship
money:—

£. s. d.

It. layd out to Mr Stone of Towne money,
towards the rate for the setting forth of his Ma^{ties}
ship of warre, in August, 1638 vij x -

It. layd out for a flagon for ye Communion &
ye ould changing - iij x

1638. The account of Willm Stone, what he have re-
ceyved towards the setting forthe his Ma^{ties} shipp of warr,
and other charges as followeth, for the yeare Anno Dñi, 1638.

THE RECEYETS.

£. s. d.

First, from Edward Boone - ix vij
Allso from Edward Micklbouroghe vij x -
Allso from Thomas Leverage - x -
Allso from the farmers of Melden
Marshe - xv -

	£.	s.	d.
Also from Richard Brooke, pt of Michallmas rent, ye 24 of October . . .	v	xix	-
Receyved modo from Richd. Brooke, ye xij of November	ij	-	-
The sum of my Recyuts xvij ^{li} . iijs. vij ^d .			
[This rent was for the town farm.]			

	£.	s.	d.
Imp̄mis, layd out to M ^r Langdone y ^e iij rd of May, for y ^t none of y ^e towne dyd apeer . . .	-	-	xij
It. layd out to y ^e Justicis y ^e xvj th of August, for caringe of tymber for & towards the re-paringe his Ma ^{tis} shipp Ryall	-	ix	iiij
It. for my dynor at y ^e generall trayninge at Bedingham	-	-	xij
It. layd out to y ^e Shriffe, for y ^e settinge forthe his Ma ^{ty} shipp of warre	ix	x	-
It. layd out to Nicholas Elye, y ^e xxiv th of Septembr, for y ^e coslet for y ^e towne	j	iiij	-
It. layd out to y ^e treasurs at Micholl Sessions, the statut charge	-	iiij	x ^{ob}
It. payd to M ^r Shreif for y ^e towne, for y ^e shipp	-	38	[?]
It. payd to the treasurs y ^e statut charge at xij th Sessions	-	iiij	x ^{ob}
It. payd to M ^r Justice Sucklinge, y ^e con-pownder for his Ma ^{tis} p̄vicion	j	vij	j

A note of my Receyuts & what I have layd out, since the first daye of April, 1639, untill the xvjth daye of June, 1639. [Containing, inter alia,]

It. first payd to M ^r Meeke, for conductinge ye prest souldiers to Lyne, ye ij of Aprill	-	-	-
It. payd, ye xij th daye of Aprill, to ye leiftenant for Coat and export of ye trayned Souldiers	-	-	-

	£.	s.	d.
It. for ye settinge forthe of the lyght horse . . .	-	8	6

[“Coat and conduct money” was one of the then obsolete charges revived by Charles.]

1639-40. Amongst the “layings out” of John Prat, one of the churchwardens for that year:—

	£.	s.	d.
Imprimis, layd out for his Maties ship of warre (or rather for the setting forth of the trained bands in the Northern expedition) . . .	iij	iij	-
It. layd out to Mr. Stone, the x th of Aprill, w ^{ch} he paid for coats and export mony for the trained souldiers charged for his Ma ^{ties} service in the Northerne expedition	-	xviij	-
It. laid out for my charges & expences to Linn, aiding the prest souldiers thither	-	xviij	-

[This was no doubt for the unfortunate expedition of his Majesty against the Scotch Covenanters.]

It. for the doores between the church & chancell	-	vj	viij
It. for the hingels of those doores	-	iij	-
It. layd out at Lodden Court for a default in the steeple window	-	-	viij
It. for another default, y ^t is, a defect in the decret of Matrimony that was in the church	-	-	viij
It. layd out for my discharge frō an excommunication that was given out against me for not certifying the court of the amending of a default in the church presented	-	-	viij

[John Pratt appears to have been more occupied this year in serving in the town armour and attending the trainings, than his duties as churchwarden.]

The account of John Baldry, Constable, for the year, 1640.

HIS DISBURSEMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Imprimis, laid out to the Artillery man	0	1	0
It. to three sergeants	0	0	6
It. layd out at Hales Green about a souldier I pressed	0	0	6
It. at Beddingham Holmes for charges about my souldiers	0	1	4
It. at Brooke, the 9th of May, for the charge of my souldiers	0	2	6
It. the 16th of May, for the same charge	0	2	0
It. paid to Tho. Banes for being content to be souldier for the Towne, the 23rd of May	0	10	0
It. more for a payre of shooes for him	0	1	0
It. for 5 yards of cloth to make a sute for the said souldier	0	12	6
It. for a yard of canvas & three skins for ye said sute	0	3	0
It. for two yards & a half of white Hambrough for the said souldier	0	1	8
It. for buttons, threed, claspes, & eyes for his sute	0	0	6
It. to Tho. Strowger for making the sute	0	3	8
It. more for a paire of shooes for him	0	2	6
It. for my charges	0	0	8
It. for a shirt for the said souldier	0	3	4
It. for my charges the 17th of June, when I de- livered the said souldier	0	0	8
It. given to him the same day	0	1	0
It. layd out the 24th of Julie, for the Muster M ^{rs} fee	0	3	6
It. for a knapsacke	0	1	0
It. for carrying the armer	0	0	6
It. for our charges at Beddingham Holmes, at a training there the 24th of July before said	0	3	0

[The gathering of the train-bands for the king was soon after suppressed by the Parliament, and payments of the above description cease in 1642. The future levies were for the Parliament, and the parish does not appear to have derived much benefit from the change of masters.]

1640-1.

£. s. d.

It. layd out to the said Mr. Stannard, our Minister, for his armour, that is to say, his musket fully furnished that was lost in the King's service in the Notherne expedition - xxx -

This Account was afterwards refused, and another delivered in, because Mr. Stannard was denied the 30s. for his Armes.

[It will be seen that an allowance was afterwards made.]

It. for the losse of my Armor in the Northern Expedition 1 10 0
It. for a sword & belt for the Towne Armes 0 6 2

1641-42.

It. layd out, the 15th day of July, to Simon Digby, once a Cheife Constable in Ireland, whose house was burnt by ye Rebels 0 1 0

It. the same day [19th July] to Elizabeth Howard, widow, whose husband was slaine by the Rebels in Ireland, & his house burned - - vj

It. the same day these went to Mr. Stone, & he gave them viij*d.*, w^{ch} I paid him againe - - -

It. layd out for my dinner and horsemeat at Norwich, the 5th day of August, when we delivered our certificate for the poll mony - - xvj

It. layd out, the 15th day of October, for my dinner & horsemeat at Norwich, when we were called about the review of ye poll mony - - xiiij

£. s. d.

It. payd for making our certificate the second time, upon the ordinance of Parliament, for review of the poll mony 0 0 3

[The account of the other churchwarden contains items of the same nature, and expenses "When I carried the Poll Money in."

A Poll-tax had been passed by the Parliament for defraying the expenses of their armies in 1641.]

It. given, the viijth day of Aprill, to John Steward and Thomas Steward, Irishmen, whose father & mother were murdered by the Rebels, & their goods carried away - - xij

[The great massacre of the Protestants in Ireland took place in October, 1641.]

It. layd for our dinners and horsemeat when we tooke our protestation, & other charges at Lodden 0 3 0

It. paid for our horse & ourselves at Norwich, the 6th day of May, when we went about the great Taxation for the Parliament 0 4 2

[In January, 1642, the Parliament ordered the kingdom to be put in a state of defence; and shortly after passed a bill for raising men by *impress*, as many as they should require. In the following July they issued an ordinance for raising an army, which was readily obeyed in Norfolk, where the Parliamentary cause was popular.]

1642. In the Churchwarden's account:—

It. for my dinner & horsemeat in my jorny to Norwich about the Great Rate 0 1 4

It. for drawing of a bill for the said Rate 0 0 6

It. for my expences in my jorny to Norw^{ch} about ye subsidy 0 1 2

It. againe for expences in my jorney to Norwich about ye subsidy 0 2 0

	£.	s.	d.
It. for expenses in carrying John Rivett a prest souldier to Porland Heath	0	4	0
It. for a horse to carry John Bird to Norwich & for my owne expences there	0	5	0
It. for expences when we carried John Bird & John Rivet, two prest souldiers to Windham	0	5	0

[In the account of Edward Mickleborough, as constable and overseer for the poor, for this year, are contained expenses "when I was called before the Captaine of the Trained band at Hales Green;" and several items "when I was called before the Commissioners," viz. the Commissioners for the monthly assessments levied by the Parliament.]

1643-4.

In the account of Arthur Shelton, one of the Churchwardens who was also Constable for this year :—

It. for six weekes pay for the Towne Armes charged by the Earl of Manchester & paid to Captaine Howes	1	8	0
It. for two souldiers presse mony that were pressed out of Stockton	0	2	0
It. for keeping the said souldiers & finding one to looke to them three dayes	0	6	0
It. paid to James Freeman for looking to the said souldiers and conducting them to Norwich	0	2	0
It. for my journey to Norwich & my two horses to carry the said souldiers, being there two dayes	0	6	0
It. for the releife of maimed souldiers w ^{ch} this Towne among others was charged for according to an Ordinance of Parliam ^t			(torn)
It. to Mr. Allet, a Lincolnshire Minister, im- poverished by the warres there	0	0	6

[Cromwell had defeated the Royalists in an engagement near Grantham early in 1644; but the

£. s. d.

impoverishment referred to may have been occasioned by the clergy having been turned out of their livings, which was done in 1642 and 1643.]

It. to a Minister's widow y ^t had her estate taken away by the rebels in Ireland	0	0	6
It. to John Bird for his presse mony	0	1	0
It. for cloth & finishing stufte for a sute for John Bird	0	17	0
It. for a paire of shooes for him	0	2	10
It. for a paire of stockings for him	0	2	3
It. for a new shirt for him	0	3	4
It. given to John Bird at the Christening of his childe	0	1	2
It. for making of ye said sute, & turning an old doublet	0	5	0
It. for keeping of the said Bird after he was prest, foure dayes, & and for two men to looke to him all y ^t while	0	11	0
It. to Tho: Goslen, John Bellard, & Rich: Rivet also, for looking to the said Bird to keep him in awe	0	2	6

The account of William Woodroffe, the other churchwarden for 1643, contains the following payments relating to this John Bird, who, it appears, was parish clerk:—

£. s. d.

It. laid out to John Bird when he was impressed, w ^{ch} was given him by the consent of the Towne	0	15	0
It. to the said John Bird for his pay, while he was going from Brooke to Thetford	0	2	0
It. to the conductors y ^t carried the souldiers to Thetford	0	2	6
It. when wee carried the said John Bird to Brooke	0	4	0

	£.	s.	d.
It. for my paines thither, & for my horse	0	1	6
It. for my journey to Norwich when wee went to free the Towne of a warrant Richard Rivet had obtained against them	0	1	4
It. for my journey to Norwich to discharge the Towne of John Bird	0	1	4

[There are no dates to these payments, but the clerk's wages are entered as paid to John Bird at our Lady, 1644; to Tho. Goslin at Michaelmas; and to John Bird again at our Lady, 1645. He was probably discharged on account of sickness, as in August, 1644, the overseer's account contains payments to him and his wife for relief.

Shelton's account contains entries for two soldiers more imprest, who were delivered at Porland, and paid, "w^{ch} we were enjoyned by warrant to give them, 15s. a peece."

To this is subjoined his account when he was churchwarden in 1638, containing, inter alia, payment "to Jeffery Curson, for ye proclamation against Scotland, 6d."]

Woodroffe's account contains a payment in 1643—

For carrying all the Armes of Captain Howes his band to Norwich	0	13	4
And to a poore minister whose petition was published in the Church by the consent of the Towne	0	1	6
To a minister's wife	0	1	0

[Ministers who had been ejected by the Puritans in 1642-3. In the latter year the *Church Service* was discontinued, but we still find in the Churchwarden's accounts, charges for "Bread and Wine."]

1645-6. The account of John Pratt, Churchwarden,
Overseer, & Constable :—

	£.	s.	d.
Imprimis, laid out for a weekes board for John Rivet a souldier, at Bungay, beinge with the syrgeon & my paines	0	4	6
Paid to Robert Seaman the Towne souldier for a weekes pay when he went to New Buckenham in August	0	8	0
For beere for the souldier then & bread	0	0	6
Laid out for his horse to ride on thither	0	2	6
For meat for his & my horse & my charges at New Buckm̄	0	6	10
Itm. laid out when we went w th a souldier, Willm Bettes, and our expense & charges, the 14 of 7 ^{br} , to Wymondham	0	8	4
The same time for our horses & our time & labours	0	5	0
Laid out when I did goe to Norw ^{ch} to get the towne discharged of souldiers	0	2	10
Laid out when I went to Lyngard [Lingwood?]	0	2	0
Laid out when I went to Hales Green, 13 of 8 ^{ber}	0	1	0
Paid to Mr. London, Constable, 13 Octob. for settinge forth of Foote souldiers	1	15	0
Oct. 27. Paid towards the carryinge the Ammunition to Thetford	0	11	3
Paid to Arthure Shelton to pay the Rate for the reducing Neworke, the 22 of Octob.	1	10	0
18 of Febb.			
For settinge forth of John Bird a souldier, and for our charges carryinge him to Thetford, in all	2	3	0
For boardinge, washinge, & lodginge John Rivet seaventeen weekes & for lookinge to him in sicknes	3	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
Given to John Bird souldier when he returned home maimed from Nasby fight	0	2	0
[Naseby fight was on the 14th June, 1644.]			
To the same John Birde 4li of chease & halfe	0	0	9
For my jorny to Norw ^{ch} about John Rivett, another maimed souldier, and expenses	0	2	6
Laid out to Richard Rivet for a fortnights board for the said John Rivett, who returned to Stockton the 11 day of August	0	7	0

26 of Aug.

Laid out to Mr. Jenny a Chyrurgian for coming to Stockton frō Bungay to minister to the said John	0	4	0
P ^d for the Reliefe of Deerham two times	0	16	10

[The Plague was raging in Dereham in 1646.]

The account of Arthur Shelton the other Churchwarden, 1645-6, contains two payments for the rate towards the reducing of Newarke, 27th Oct. 1645, & 31 March, 1646, to the Chief Constable.

[Newark surrendered to Parliament, 6 May, 1646.]

1646.

In this year was paid "to Mr. Stannard for his armes, w ^{ch} were lost in the Northern expedition"	1	0	0
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[The other payments for this year, as well as in 1647 and 1648, are only for relief of the poor and usual expenses relating to the churchwarden's office; and the book contains no entry from 1648 to 1654.]

In the account of Edward Mickelborough, churchwarden and overseer for the latter year, he charges,—

	£.	s.	d.
Layd out to my souldyers att Yarmouth	1	9	0
Due to me upon my Nor. Accounts for the years of 1647 and 1648	0	18	8

1658.

£. s. d.

Paid unto Southwold towards their loss by fire .	}	Not legible.
Itm. for my Journey to Norwich when I was called before the Shriffe to give a certyficatt concerning the p̄sonage		
Itm. for my Journey to Loddon when I was called before the Justices to give a certyficatte concerning the Indes and Alehouses		

[In 1660 the rent of the town land is increased to £20 a year.]

AFTER THE RESTORATION.

1660.

For the Booke of Common Prayer for ye Towne	0	12	6
Given to a Breife for a burninge at S ^t Bartholomew in London	0	2	6
Paid for the poll assesmt ^t for the Towne land, accordinge to an Act that all Towne lands paid .	0	6	0
Given to three Gentlewomen for the Redemption of their husbands, taken by the Turke cominge from Ireland, by order of his Mat ^e and Counsell .	0	2	0
[Payments for mending the bells, for serving in and mending the town armour, occur again this year.] Also,			
Paid, the 13th of Aprill, for the King's Armes .	0	7	6

1662.

For carrying a Hugh & Cry to Gillingham 0 0 4

[By the 13th Edw. I., commonly called the Statute of Winchester, it is ordered that, on the commission of any felony or robbery, proclamation or cry be solemnly made in markets, fairs, and places of resort, and suspected persons were to be followed with *hue and cry* from town to town, until arrested and delivered to the Sheriff. The charge of the above item was for conveying the person, after his capture and delivery to the constable of Stockton from the Dogberry of the adjoining parish, to the official of Gillingham, the boundary on the other side.]

1663-4.

£. s. d.

Laid out for a clorth for the Communion Table &
for the pulpit & desk, the 12 day of July . 0 9 6

Laid out for the Book of Cannons & the table of
deces 0 1 4

[The Book of Canons of 1603 was desired to be
read once every year in the Parish Churches.]

Laid out for the Tenne Commandē^s drawing 0 1 0

Laid to Ralph Douty, gent. for too subseidis for
the towne land, the 4 day of April, 1664 . . 0 8 0

1671-2.

It. laid out for a book appointed for a fast . 0 0 6

1676. Nov. 17. P^d at ye Court at Loddon for
ye presentm^ts writing & giving in 0 2 0

The hood & boocke of homelyes p^rsented there
againē 0 1 0

For setting up of the alter 0 1 0

For hinges for the alter & setting on 0 1 0

For a newe matt to lay before ye alter 0 1 0

[The Communion Table had perhaps been moved
to the middle of the church and the steps levelled,
which was a great object of the fanatical Puritans,
and these items relate to their restoration.]

1677-8.

Lade out at Easter gen'all at Loddon, for my
p'sentm^ts writing and giving in & ye hood & ye
boocke of homilyes p^rsented 0 3 4

For the Militia Rate making - - -

1679-80.

Laid out for ye Booke of Hominies [Homilies] 0 10 0

1681-2.

P^d to Mr. Teneson for ye King's declaration . 0 0 6

[I do not know what declaration is here referred to.
The Mr. Teneson was probably the Rev. Wm. Tenison,
Registrar of the Diocese.]

It. for a new bass for ye minister to kneel on . 0 0 6

	£.	s.	d.
1683-4. P ^d Will. Crome, mason, for mending ye steeple and whiting ye church	7	0	0
For fetching ye new lead from Beccles	0	3	0
It. for 12 hundred of tyle for ye ch: porch	0	19	3
[It had been thatched before.]			
It. for fetching a chalder of lime & for lime for the porch & to white the ch: with	0	9	6
It. for a hundred brick for the gabel of ye porch	0	2	4
It. p ^d Tho. Hanser, mason, for mending up of the gabel of ye ch. & mending ye butteris about ye ch. & tiling of ye ch. porch	1	5	9
It. p ^d Rob ^t Rook for mending ye bells and frames	9	0	0
It. laid out for beer for Rook and his men w ^m they mended ye bells	0	3	4
It. p ^d to Isaack Smith, plumber, for running of the old lead and for ye new and for laing of y ^m down	7	5	9
It. p ^d Edm. Coer, carpenter, for a new ruff for ye steeple & for laying ye ruff and ye planching	4	1	11
1685-6. It. laid out to ye Ringers upon Coro- nation day	0	2	0
It. paid Jo: Warren, ye Appātor for ye prevy Counsellis petition, to collect ye Breifs y ^t where in hand at ye death of King Charles	-	-	-
[James the Second was crowned 23rd April, 1685.]			
It. paid Wix for serveing in ye towne Armes one day at Hadescoe, powder & bullet	0	1	0
It. paid Wix for 12 dayes pay when ye Soul- diers whent to Yarmouth, and for powder & bullet	0	12	0
Paid Robt. Rooke for too years Sallery for Look- ing after ye Bells, and for Boreing of ye Littell Bell through, and putting a Boulth through, instead of an care to hang her by	1	0	0
Itm. laid out for ye Booke after ye Conquest of ye Rebells, for a thanksgiving day	0	0	6
[Monmouth's Rebellion.]			

1686-7. Laid out to Jo: Warren, ye Ap'itor,
for too Boocks, one for ye thirty of January, and
the other for ye sixth of February 0 1 0

[The martyrdom of King Charles and accession of
James.]

Itm. laid out to Hennery Mickleburgh for shoot-
ing of 4 dozen & a halfe of Cadowes off ye Church 0 6 0

Itm laid out to Mr. Collins of Beckcles, for a
Lease making for the Towne Land, & for expence
at the sealeing 0 6 0

[The rent was this year still £20.]

Itm. paid Mr. Harvy for 155 fadum of Reed for
ye Church 4 15 6

Itm. for feryng of ye Reed from Saint Aloes
[St. Olave's] 1 0 0

1688-9. More for a booke for a thanksgiving
day for ye Queen's being wth Chylde 0 0 4

More laid out for a Boock for ye Quen's safe
delivery 0 0 6

More laid out for ye prayers for ye prince of
Wales 0 0 6

More laid out for ye prayers to p^rvent the Inva-
tion of ye Dutch 0 0 6

[Viz. the Prince of Orange, William the Third.]

[The rent of the town estate reduced to £17.]

1689-90.

It. for my Jorny to Hadescoe about ye subsidy 0 1 0

It. for my Jorny to Loddon to ye Comisshioner
about takeing ye oathes as Assessor for ye subsidy
at 3*d*. in ye pound 0 1 0

Itm. for my Jorny to Loddon to ye Comishinor
to receive orders for a reveue of ye Poll 0 1 0

Itm. for my Jorny to Loddon to ye Comisshinour
to give in a Ceteficate wth a duplicate for a Reveue
of ye Poll, & for making them 0 1 6

1690-91. £. s. d.
 It. paid ye Apparitor for ye booke for a thanksgiving day for ye happy Returne of our gracious king from Ireland 0 0 6

1691-2.

It. laid out to ye ringers upon ye 5th of Novemb. for ringing for ye victory of Ireland . . . 0 2 6
 [The battle of the Boyne.]

1695-6.

Itm. for my jorny to Loddon to wait upon ye Comisinors aboute the tax upon widowes & bachelors 0 1 0

Itm. for ye certificates makeing upon widowes & bachelors 0 1 0

[A duty on bachelors and widows, and on mariages, births, and burials, was imposed in 1695.]

Itm. for 3 bushells of maulte for ye laborers in ye highe waies 0 6 0

Itm. p^d for ye boock for ye taken of Namur . . . 0 0 6

[Namur taken, August 1695]

1696-7.

Itm. for makeing a certificate for mariages, births, & burials 0 1 0

Itm. laid out to John Warren, ye apparitor, for a booke of prayers for the king's safetie . . . 0 0 6

[From assassination in February, 1696.]

Itm. for makeing ye assessm̄ts for ye windowe tax 0 1 0

[A duty on houses and windows first imposed in 1696.]

Itm. for a booke for a generall fast for ye preservation of his Majestie & Army 0 0 6