

STATE OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PARISH
CHURCHES IN THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES.

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Hedgely.—The Lady Drurie's seat in the chancel to be taken away, and the reading seat out of the chancel, and instead of them a seat to be set on the N. side, uniform to the old seat standing on the S. side, which is to be set high to the partn., when the reading seat is taken away, as formerly; Sir Henry Drury and Mr. Bulstrode's seats to be taken down to the marks; the reading seat to be set where Mr. Foster's seat is; some of the windows broken in the glass, and one window dammed up on the N. side.

Hedgley Bulstrode Chapel.—Three seats too high (about 5 foot), new built; no font; there is a pulpit and a Commn. Table, and 4 seats uniform . . . there is a loft round about it above to look into it in the Lattice casements.

Ditton Chapel.—Nothing there is in it, nor paved with any manner of stone; there is the compass of windows (left!) though not perfect.

Stoke Poges.—The seat on the N. side of the chancel to be made uniform with that on the S. side; the rails to be set in half a foot nearer to the Commn. Table, and convenient kneeling benches at each side of the rail; the Lady Winwood's seat to be taken down to the mark; the Lady Hatton's seat 2 yards high besides the cover; young Mr. Windsor's seat to be taken down to the mark . . . the cover of the Lady Windsor's (Winwood's?) seat to be taken away which standeth before the partn.; some of the windows dammed up in part . . . the going into the pulpit to be made from the reading seat; the partns. in the church to be taken even with seat; the pavements in decay; no poor man's box; the steeple and bell frames in decay, and the chancel at the east end in the foundn.; the benches, some of them in decay . . . the W. end of the choir and S. aisle in decay; Mr. Lewis Hurs is Reader at the Hospital, and Chaplain to the Lady Hutton; a window stopped up at the N. side of the chancel; there was a vestry as Wm. Cooke saith, and one dwelling in it which did ring the bell at four of the clock; the N. side of the chancel in decay . . . a N. window of the N. side of the church decayed in the stone-work; there was a church-house lately plucked down.

Farnam Royal.—The two South windows in the chancel partly dammed up . . . the boards on the top of the women's seats to be taken off, and the doors to be taken away, which were there placed by Ric. Haines; (to prov.) a new Table; Mrs. Palmer's seat to be made even with the partn.; the seat next to the pulp. to be uniform and lower; the men and women to be placed as formerly; no hood; the poor man's chest to be set upon a stoop.

Boveney Chapel.—Mr. Browne's seats to be taken down to the mark ; the two seats at each side of the rail to be taken away, and the rail to be set overthwart from wall to wall, and to be set a foot nearer up on the step to the Table ; a board lying upon the ground near the Commn. Table to be taken away, and the place to be paved ; the pulpit wants a door, a cover, and a back ; no hood ; the chancel in decay in the stone-work, and the church in the foundn., and also the buttresses . . . there wants a new cover to the chalice.

Dorney.—The gallery to be taken down, *si non concessa fuit licentia ad edificandum, et si sic* ; then the stairs to be turned to go up out of the belfry . . . seats in the chancel want boarding . . . a new seat in the chancel to be taken away, and the old one placed as formerly, or else one uniform . . . the chancel windows to be repd. ; the pavet. in the chancel in decay . . . the gally. stairs stop up the N. door ; Sir James Palmer's seats 3 yards high, or thereabouts ! (there is ?) . . . the Commn. Table, though it be very little, yet the carpet is very scanty and pieced . . . there is a cart-way through the churchyard.

Burnham.—"A clock, but it doth not go ;
Organs there hath been."

The church and chancel in decay in the foundn., and also all the buttresses ; most of the windows partly stopped up in the chancel, and all to be glazed throughout excepting the E. window, which is decayed in the stone where the Ten Commts. are to be written . . . chancel wants paving ; the font wants a cover ; the 3 porches want doors . . . the partn. whereon the Commandments are written to be taken down, and the R. arms to be set up higher ; the seats on the S. side of the chancel to be made uniform with those on the west ; the windows, both of church and chancel, in decay in the glass, and one glass window especially very much broken by the last great wind, and not since repaired, which window is next the S. porch ; Mr. Edmd. Eyer's tomb being in the middle aisle, to be laid even with the ground ; the reading seat to be joined to the pulpit, so that the going into the pulpit may be out of it ; the rails in the chancel and the benches to be taken away ; many of the seats want desks ; the window next the N. door partly dammed up, therefore to be glazed ; the partn. in Burt's and English's wives' seats to be taken away ; Mr. Southern and Wm. Durrant's seats to be taken lower and to be made uniform ; a door for the reading seat ; Mr. Cage's aisle wants repg. in the tiles, and the great window there to be opened where it is dammed up, and to be glazed . . . the boards upon Mr. Cage's partn. to be taken off with the door.

Hitcham.—Buttresses of the chancel in decay ; ivy to be taken away from the church and chancel ; church walls must be plastered ; the minister saith there are no books, except the Bible and Service Book . . . the high seats at the upper end or the S. side standeth a foot into the pace, and that to be taken off . . . no flaggon ; the seats on the S. side to be of the height of the new seats on the N. side ; (to provid.) a cover for the font, and it to be lined with lead.

Taploe.—The glass windows in the chancel in decay, so that

pigeons come in and dung in it . . . (to provd.) a new Comm. Table; the Comm. rails to be set in half a foot further nearer the Comm. Table . . . the high seats in the chancel to be taken down and made uniform, as formerly, to the low seats next them; the rest of the chancel to be ceiled; two little windows in the chancel to be glazed which are now partly dammed up; the east windows in the chancel dammed up in part; the "churching seats" (and 4 others) . . . to be taken down . . . too high; there are two great seats about 5 foot high in the said erection, without desks, &c. (Mr. Thos. Hampson, qr. edificavit ex parte Boreali in concavo sub eod per licenicam), the rest benched and desks . . . (to provd.) a new surplice . . . no hood . . . (to provd.) a new chalice; Mr. Handsome's aisle is parted with a high partition from the church; there is no Prayers upon Wednesday and Friday, except Lent.

Hedsore.—The top of the walls, both of the inside and the out, to be closed up to the rafters! . . . a window on the N. side dammed up . . . the reading-seat to be set to the pulpit, and the going out of it into the pulpit to be made with stairs, and not as a ladder, as it is now; (required) a canopy for the pulpit, a cover for the font, and it to be lined with lead . . . a little window in the chancel partly dammed up! . . . Mr. Horwood, the parson there, doth not reside in the parish. Let him show his letters of orders. Quære, whether he hath a parsonage house?

Wooburn Episcoporum.—A great high seat at Mr. Goodwin's, 3 yards high or thereabouts (high!), and so long covered it stands into the middle aisle . . . reading-desk to be connected to pulpit (several seats to be taken down to the mark and made uniform . . . some built 5 or 6 years previously) . . . some (seats) standing into aisle . . . seats want repairing . . . a window on the S. side stopped up with yew . . . E. end of the chancel wants repair.

Marlow Parvo.—Mr. Scot's seat too high; to be taken down to the mark . . . Mr. Ipsley's new seat 5 foot high, and dams up the light of the chancel (!) three-quarters of a yard . . . the Lady Burlase's seat too high . . . the minister's wife's pew, the new boards of it to be taken down; the board upon part of a seat right over against it to be taken down . . . reading-seat to be set to the pulpit, that so the entrance into the pulpit may be out of it . . . Mr. Wm. Stiles, Mr. Harway's Mr. Batcheler's, Mr. Stile's and Naberie's wife's seats, all to be taken down, as formerly, and uniform; no poor man's box . . . in the winter-time the N. door to be shut up the beginning of Divine service . . . W. end of the N. aisle in decay in the foundatn. . . a window on the upper part of the church partly boarded up!

Marlow Magna.—Church and chancel wants sentencing; organs they have had, for there is the case!! . . . the rails to be set overthwart from wall to wall, and the ascent in the chancel to be made uniform to that in the S. aisle, and to be even with it . . . the tombstone in the S. aisle to be laid even with the pavement, and the benches at the end of the N. (or S.?) aisle against the chancel to be removed, and set down by the middle pillars answerable to the S. side . . . the battlements of the S. aisle in decay . . . 2 little

windows in the cross S. aisle dammed up! . . . the great window of the said S. aisle in decay in the stone-work, and an oval window over that dammed up!

Denham.—The old seat on the N. side of the chancel to be removed next the partition as formerly it hath been . . . a seat joining to the rails to be taken away; the pikes upon the rails to be taken off, and the rails to be set upon the highest ascent, 2 foot further, and a bench to be made to kneel upon, and to be joined to the rail . . . 2 boards to be taken away which stop up the light of the North window of the chancel! John Bull, of the age of 93 years (born, therefore, 1544), will verify that in his memory there was a pair of organs in the parish church of Denham about 60 years since (or *circa* 1577), and that they were placed on the north corner of the middle aisle; the Lady Harris, her seat to be made 2, and to be made even with the partn., and her "maid-servant's seat" to be taken down, and the E. benches of her seat and all others to be made desks . . . no hood for minister or curate . . . the windows broke in the glass . . . the Commandments to be placed over the Communion Table in frames . . . Mr. Parker doth teach school and dwell in the church-house.

Hitchenden.—The clerk's place stand in the middle aisle . . . the seats want repairing—bottoming and lining . . . church wants paving . . . 3 windows in the chancel dammed up!! The eastern windows have 3 lights each of them, the middlemost light of each window being about three-quarters of a yard wide, and the other lights half-a-yard, and two windows on the S. side of the chancel being of 2 lights each of them, and each window being about 1 yard wide, and 1 N. window in the chancel of the same proportion . . . a little S. window next the porch boarded up! . . . the Commdts. to be set over the Comm. Table . . . there is no Belief; the Commn.-rails to be set overthwart from one side to the other of the chancel, and in every space a "banister" with a convenient kneeling bench . . . the vicarage-house in decay . . . the Register-book not seen, and the ornaments belonging to the Communion Table and pulpit.

Medmenham.—Seats want boarding . . . the clerk's seat to be taken away; Ricd. Paget (to be proceeded against?) for placing a seat without authority in the aisle; the seats on the N. side of the (Mr. Duffhill's, the Lady Jones and her servants) are high pews . . . the partition to be taken down to the middle beam . . . Mrs. Barnard's pew to be taken away, and those (seats next) the N. door; the wainscot over the Com. Table in decay; the King's Arms to be set higher, as at Marlow Magna, and gilded; the 10 Commdts. to be placed over the Commn. Table, and the wall to be whitened . . . the foundation in great decay roundabout of church and chancel . . . 2 new seats on the N. side of the chancel too high; the walls of the chancel look black with moisture!!! . . . the pavement in the chancel to be made even! . . . (to prov.) a new chalice, and cover, and flaggon.

Fawley.—The minister's wife's seat to be uniform to her husband's; the chancel windows to be opened to the bottom and

glazed; the 10 Commts. to be set on each side of the chancel window; no Belief in the church; a N. window dammed up, and the other opened as formerly and glazed; Jewell, &c., the second volume to be bought; the church and chancel to be new whitened and painted with sentences . . . Mr. Chairie's seat to be taken down and made uniform . . . the church to be ceiled and the chancel; . . . the reading-bench to be boarded to the height of the step . . . the "maid-servants" seat to be taken lower . . . the pavements in decay . . . (to provide) a wrought collar for the surplice . . . the chancel in decay in the stone-work in the windows . . . the buttresses in decay, as also the foundation; no perambulation . . . a new Communion Table at Hichenden (to be provided?).

Hambleden.—Sir Cope Doyly's and his Lady's seats to be taken down to the mark, and the Countess's (of Sunderland's) over against it also too high—viz., two yards!!! . . . Mrs. Dumbleton's seats to be taken down to the mark; another flaggon to be bought; the Commn. Table to be cut one foot shorter, and (to have) a cloth for the Holy-days (for Altar) suitable to the pulpit-cloth; a new Service Book, with the Order of Priests and Deacons (to be provided?); the 10 Commdts. to be set over the Communion Table in a frame fitting the compass in the wall. Item, in the book of accounts of the parish in the year 1578, the organ pipes were sold (for) 6s. 8d.!!! . . . church wants sentencing; there is a new Book of (Foxe's) Martyrs given to the church! . . . the chancel on the N. side in decay, and the buttresses . . . the windows that are dammed up to be glazed, and the steeple is cracked in the stonework.

Turfield.—Chancel wants tiling, and is in decay in the stonework, and in the foundation on the N. side . . . the great seat to be taken down and to be made into 4 seats uniform . . . the seats are building uniform; there is a gallery built 1636, *absque*, &c. . . the E. and W. window in decay in the glass; the Commn. carpet not seen, of which Mr. Bernard will certify.

Fingestre.—Church and chancel in decay in the foundation . . . the rails to be set a foot nigher to the Commn. Table . . . (to provide) a new Table; the seats on the S. side of the chancel to be made like them on the N.; the chancel wants tiling and ceiling, as the church is ceiled . . . the chancel (wants) sentencing . . . the boards upon the partition to be taken off, the uppermost lath on the S. side of the church 2 foot lower, and also the seat on the N. side; the W. window in the belfry, and one window on the N. side of the chancel partly dammed up . . . a new chalice and flaggon (to be procured also); a cushion, pulpit-cloth, and (Altar) carpet, all to be suitable, of green cloth, and fringed, with tassels to the cushion; the partn. to be taken down, and the King's Arms to be set in a frame over the place where the partition is . . . 10 Commdts. to be set over the Com. Tab. . . the Service Book which is now in the church—the year of the impression it seems was 1620 . . . no hood.

Radnege.—The seats out of repair; the church to be new painted, and the 10 Commdts. to be placed over the Commn. Table . . . the rail to be benched . . . the pulpit is to be set in

the N. aisle as formerly, and the reading-seat higher, and a new cover for the pulpit.

Westwicombe.—(To provide) a new chancel door; the windows in the chancel partly dammed up; the walls out of repair within-side the chancel . . . the chancel (wants) plastering, and the chancel seats want reppg. . . the ceiling, which is wainscot over the Commn. Table, in decay; the church and chancel in decay in the tiles, and both to be ceiled . . . and the wainscot next the partition-arch in the roof in decay . . . all the boards that are set upon the old seats to be taken away . . . the 10 Commdts. to be set in a frame over the Com. Table fit for the hollow of the E. window . . . (to prov.) a larger pulpit . . . the two little seats on the S. side of the middle aisle, like chairs, to be taken away . . . the pulpit to be set to the E. corner of that pillar where it now stands, and the going into it to be out of the reading-seat, and the reading-seat to be turned a little southward . . . no perambulation . . . the upper part of the East end of the chancel in decay in the stonework, and the N. side of the chancel wants plastering; (to prov.) a new chalice, cover, and flaggon.

Weston Turville.—A linen cloth is wanting for the Communion Table.

Buckland.—There wanteth a rising part to the Communion Table, and it standeth in the middle of the church.

Ashenden.—The chancel and church wants paving, but especially the chancel, which is not paved, and also the chancel is but partly ceiled; Mr. Greenfield's seat to be taken down a foot lower; the minister and curate is not licensed to preach, and there is not monthly sermons.

Wooton Underwood.—The chancel wanteth paving before the rail, and there wanteth a kneeling-bench to be annexed to the rail; the chancel is decayed in the plastering, and the timber-work in the roof is rotten by the rain; the chancel is in decay both within and without; the pulpit is placed so that it darkeneth the church, and wanteth a back to it.

Doreton.—The clerk to have a Service Book.

Brill.—The high seat in the chancel to be cut . . . the partition between the church and chancel indecent, and therefore the whole frame where the King's Arms is to be taken away, that the archway may be free, and the King's Arms to be set on one side of the arch and the Prince's on the other; there wanteth a "monion" for the west window, but the saint's bell hangeth near to the window, and that is the reason of the want of it; the Lord Darell's seat, which is about seven or eight foot high (!), to be taken down with the rest to the mark—viz., the corner board upon the partition of the chancel . . . the N. wall to be lined with wainscot as the S. is; the Lord Darell's servants' seat too high, and stands into the aisle—to be made uniform, and the window by it partly dammed up; the carpet (*i.e.* altar-cloth) to be fringed suitable to the pulpit-cloth; 8 pewter dishes (there are, and) 3 *diaper* cloths, and 2 brass pots for "Whitsun Ales."

Oakeley.—The Communion Table too long, and the chancel to be ceiled; the 3 seats in the north side stand into the aisle one quarter (of a yard?), all are to be cut according to the mark; windows in the chancel dammed up (!); the Cross in decay; a hood is wanting.

Boarstall.—The chancel and the church windows in decay in the glass; the seats in chancel in decay; the Comm. Table too long.

Ludgershall.—The chancel wants tiling and paving; the seats in decay . . . the pulpit wants a back . . . the chancel windows some in part stopped up (!!).

Waddesdon.—The seats behind the rail (!!) to be taken away, so that the rail may be set to the wall, and the Table set close to the wall, and to be cut shorter; the partition to be more decent; the organs there wanted a fifth stop, and the bellows are not sufficient . . . the seats to be made uniform.

Hardwick.—The chancel and church wants paving in many places; the chancel wants sentencing, and by reason the chancel wall not dry and lately built, it wants a new south chancel door; the Table to be cut shorter by a foot, and to be set up long ways, with the rails close to the east; the font to be taken down and set near to the south door; the windows in decay in the glass, for they are stopped with straw (!!); another flaggon is wanting; the chalice is insufficient.

Whitchurch.—No hood; the addition to the south seat in the chancel to be taken away, and to be as formerly; Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Waters, her seat with the "banisters," at the east end of the middle alley, to be taken and cut down to the mark below the banisters . . . the high seats at the upper end of the church to be made equal to Mrs. Waters' seat according to the mark.

Pitchcot.—The windows of the south side of the church and chancel partly dammed up (!!).

Northmarston.—The wainscot over the Communion Table much in decay; the wainscot against the partition to be taken away, and the seat which is Dr. Saunders', on the south side of the chancel, to be made uniform with that on the north . . . the commn. rails are too high—therefore, to be taken to the middle of the upper "banister," and the rail to be set near to the upper ascent, so that there may be a convenient kneeling-place; Mr. Saunders' seat to be made but 4 foot high (!!), a light in the window at the east end of the south aisle dammed up (!!).

Hogstone.—The fences which are railed are insufficient, so that the hogs may come in; Green's barn door opening into the churchyard to be stopped up; the seats in the chancel want boarding; benches for the commn.-rail (required); the seat in the porch in decay; the "barrs" to be made a sufficient gate or a pair of gates, that so materials for the repairs of the church may be brought in, and for the corpse to be brought therein, and the little gate to be mended.

Swanbourne.—The chancel and church in decay in the foundation; the chancel east window partly dammed up, and the said

window cracked from the top of the stone-work down to the glass (! !); the church porch wants a door, (and) a new cover for the font (is needed) . . . the floor wants paving; the seats are out of repair . . . the monument within the rails (! !) to be laid even with the ground, and the Comn. Table to be set in the middle, close to the wall, longest ways; one side of the chancel not sentenced; the east part of the chancel again(st) the tomb to be whitened; the partition in the arch where the King's Arms doth stand to be taken down, and (they) to be set on one side of the arch and the Prince's on the other; a partition on the south side to be taken down, and that place to be made (in the?) seats uniform with the rest.

Mursley.—The chancel walls in decay, and wants "pargetting" . . . the chancel windows partly dammed up, and in decay in the stone-work; the church and chancel windows in decay (! !); the clerk (to have) a new Book; the boards that are above the old partition to be taken away; Sir John Ffoscue's seat and the other new seat to be made even with the old partition of the chancel; a new cover for our font (wanted) . . . the surplice and linen cloth (for the Altar) are too coarse; the partition in the arch between the church and the chancel to be taken down, and the King's Arms to be set on one side of the arch, and the Prince's Arms on the other side.

Drayton Bassloe (Parslow).—Half the cross down (! !) . . . the windows in the glass in decay . . . no poor man's box; a pulpit-cloth wanting, to be suitable to the cushion . . . the leads of the chancel out of repair, and the chancel it seemeth hath been built higher, as it appeareth by the west arch of the chancel, which is seen at the outside more than a yard above the roof of the chancel.

Grendon.—No school hereafter to be kept in the church (! !), and so enjoined.

Edgcott.—The Cross in decay; the church at the east end of the north side part fallen down; the new Comn. Table to be made; a seat on the Nth. side of the chancel too high; the Register Book not kept according to the canons . . . the Rgr. Book to be brought to Marsh to be seen on Sunday.

Preston.—The chancel windows are broken (! !), and the stone-work in the pavement and walls in the chancel door broken (! !) . . . Mr. Mayor's seat too high, and Sir Alexr. Denton's; a sufficient Communion Table wanting, (also) a new surplice . . . the seats broken in the partition of the church and chancel; the seats to be cut that are not uniform . . . the said double bench seat to be made more narrow, and the said reading-seat to be joined to the pulpit; (required) a better cover for the font; pavements of the church broken . . . the bottom of the windows both church and chancel to be glazed, and the boards which are there (! !) to be taken away.

Tingswicke.—The seats to be made uniform, some being too high, and the bottom of them to be repaired; the wood to be

taken out of the great window (!!) and (it) to be glazed . . . the College Farmer seats to be cut lower.

Water Stratford.—One of the chancel windows in decay, being dammed in part, and the other part being broken in the glass (!!!); new hood (required); the parsons' seats too high in the chancel; a new Comn. Table (required); the church and chancel windows dammed up (!); Mr. Ffivankistie's seats too high.

Westbury.—The chancel, in tiles, wall, and glass, (and) the south aisle of the church, in decay . . . the pavement in the chancel in decay; one little window in the chancel in decay, being boarded, part of it (!) . . . no hood.

Turweston.—Communion Table to be made new; wanting porch door, poor man's box, 3 keys, cover for the font, table of the degrees, &c.

Shallston.—Steeple-cross of lead wanting; the chancel windows in decay (!!!) . . . the leads of the church in decay . . . the porch door and church windows in decay (!!); in the S. side of the chancel a window stopped up in part (!!); the top of the pulpit in decay; (ordered) a new Com. Tab. and carpet, poor man's box, &c.; the board upon the right side, betwixt the church and chancel, (and) the boards of the Lady Glover's seats to be taken down upon the partition . . . the bottoms of the seats broken.

Stove.—A new Com. Table (ordered) . . . a key for the chest is wanting for the minister . . . the bell frames broke, 4 bells, but cannot be rung together; Sir Peter Temple's great seats very high, so that they partly darken the windows on both sides (!!!); the pulpit and seat standing in the middle of the middle aisle—St. George on horse (*sic*); bell-ropes in decay, and the frame; the back of Mr. Dorrell's seat too high; a high vacant place in the church enclosed, and of no use, which hindereth the light; the pulpit to be joined to the great south pillar next the chancel, and the seat to be placed to it, that the minister may go out of it into the pulpit.

Akeley.—A chancel window partly stopped up (!!!).

Foxcot.—Never a pulpit-cloth; Mrs. Phillip's pew too high, standing too far in the aisle—the corner seat joining to it to be taken away; the rest of the seats decayed; the windows in the chancel in decay, and one window near the belfry boarded in part (!) . . . a flaggon wanting.

Lechlampstead.—The windows both of chancel and church broken, and the north window of the chancel partly dammed up (!!); the church-house gone (!); a barn of the parsonage of 5 bays also gone; Mrs. Bickley's and Mrs. Pollard's seats too high, and stand into the aisle; the benches of the E. side of both those sides too high; the tester over the minister's wife's pew in the chancel to be taken down (!); the boards on the back-side of Mr. Pollard's seat to be taken down . . . chancel door broken in the partition; clock goeth not.

Maydsmorton.—The pulpit to be removed into the S. corner,

and the reading-desk to be annexed ; (to provide) a pulpit-cloth, a new carpet (altar-cloth), a new Service Book (the clerk to use the old) . . . a new cushion . . . a cover for the font, &c.

Lillingston.—Churchyard encroached on by Mr. Darell's wall ; church wants pargetting, (and is decayed in) chancel tiles, and walls, and glass windows ; rubbish at the chancel door ; the seats too high in the chancel ; the chancel windows not in repair ; (ordered) a hood, a large surplice, &c., a great monument standing in the middle of the chancel (!!!).

Thornton.—An elder-tree growing on the top of the steeple (!) ; the windows of both church and chancel, as also the stone-work and chancel leads, and chancel bars of the windows out of repair . . . the round windows upon the top of the church (which are 6) stopped up . . . the belfry door and the chancel on the S. side broken ; the bottom of the seats both in church and chancel broken, the leads of the chancel out of repair with the chancel . . . Register Book not seen or kept in the church . . . two tombs standing in the middle of the chancel (!!) ; a north aisle taken away in the church, as appeareth by the windows made in the arches, and the N. aisle of the chancel standing out ; the poor man's box is wanting . . . the bottom of the stone-work of the font in decay ; in general, all is in decay (!!).

Beachampton.—The Cross of the steeple wanting ; the chancel windows are stopped up in part (!!) ; the stone-work in the great window of the chancel in decay (!!) . . . the N. seat in the chancel too high, and the bench on the E. side of the said pew to be taken away, and the pew to be made uniform with the height of the parbn., as also the corner seats ; some of the seats broken in the bottom ; the seat in the N. aisle too high ; the seats beyond the font out of repair . . . all the new seats above the font too high on both sides ; Mr. Birchmore kept on his hat in the church when Mr. Commissarius Episcopi visited (!!!).

Thornborough.—The chancel wanteth pointing and painting with sentences of Scripture, and somewhat decayed in the roof ; the seats in the N. side stand into the aisle, and some too high ; the three next seats to the chancel on the N. side to be turned according to the back seat of them ; the reading-desk standing in the middle aisle not convenient ; some of the windows broken [!!!].

Padbury.—A great breach in the chancel wall on the N. side, and the chancel wants "pargetting," and decayed in the stone work ; divers of the seats broken both in the church and chancel in the bottom ; the font too low, (to be) a yard high ; a seat before the reading-seat is not used, and it stands in the middle aisle ; the minister to have a new reading-seat ; Bunts the younger and Mr. Harris their seats to be taken lower.

Ratcliffe.—The east end of the chancel near the tiling in decay . . . the glass windows both of church and chancel in decay (!!!) ; the pulpit wants a back and a door ; two little seats at the entrance of the chancel to be taken away . . . King's and Burham's seat to be taken lower . . . pavement in the chancel sunk ; the pew on the

N. side of the chancel to be taken lower by the ledge; the 2 great wainscot seats standing into the aisle to be made even with the other lower seats; the bench of the lower great seat to be set on the W. side; the east bench of the higher seat to be made a desk; the carpet (altar-cloth) to be suitable to the cushion, which wants stuffing; wood lying in the churchyard; the steps going into the church to be mended, and benches in the church-porch; the minister and churwns. do not subscribe the register-book (!!).

Barton Hartshorne.—The N. walls of the chancel leaning outwards; a window in the chancel boarded up (!!); the arms over the Communion table to be put out; Mr. Paxon, a minister, liveth here privately and preacheth aliquid—sometime was beneficed in Bedf. . . . Mr. Paxon hath built a seat without authority too high, and a bench made at the east side thereof; the minister wanteth a kneeling bench in his reading-seat, and doth not kneel (!!); the rest of the books, surplice, and things for the pulpit and Comm. Table, not seen; the pulpit doth want a seat and a door; the pavements not good; a desk to be taken down which is upon the partition of the chancel and church.

Chitwood.—There's never a door to the church but the belfry (!!); the N. side of the chancel, and the E. end, and the S. side of the chancel, are encompassed by Mr. Redclye's house and his garden and arbour, under the east end of the chancel; a board stopped up in the chancel window (!) . . . the seats and bottoms in decay; arms on the N. wall within the Communion rails (!!!); pulpit, Bible of the new translation, and Book of Common Prayer wanting; Mr. Chitwood's aisle wants plastering and paving, and his 2 seats are too high by 2 foot or more; the north aisle is in decay in the stone work; the S. side of the church butteth wholly upon Mr. Riseley's wall, his house being built upon it (!!) . . . the great window in the chancel greatly cracked in the stone work, both above and below, and that window broken in the glass (!!!); the top of the south chancel window . . . decayed . . . and also the other parts of the said chancel.

Coverfield.—No windows now at the east end of the chancel (!!!), but formerly there hath been one, as is apparent (!!); the vicar's wife's pew too high; sentences of Scripture wanting in church and chancel; pulpit, cushion, and (Altar?) cloth all wanting; the seats on the N. side of the chancel to be taken down in the first pane; the benches on the E. side of them to be taken down and turned into desks; a new pulpit to be set up on the S. corner of the church; the pavements to be mended; the vicar's wife to be placed in a new seat, and the pulpit there to be placed . . . private arms hang upon the east wall of the chancel (!!!); a window at the W. side of the S. aisle dammed up (!!); part of the window dammed up at the W. end of the N. aisle (!!).

Marsh.—The Cross to be set upright; a new surplice and doctor's hood (to be got?); the benches of the seats on the E. side of them to be turned into desks; Mr. Wallis' seat to be taken down, and made equal to the back of the same seat.

Twiford.—The pavements at the upper end of the chancel broke; a seat in the chancel too high; the seats at the upper end of the N. and S. alley out of repair; the pavements in decay; Coleman's seat to be made uniform standing in the cross aisle; poor man's box wanting; Greetmore people do not come to church . . . a hood wanting; a window stopped up in the N. side of the church with board, and some of the windows decayed in the glazing (! !); a door to the minister's pew wanting, and the desk not good.

Hilsdon.—The ceiling of the chancel and the north aisle of it wanting repairing, being to be adorned as the rest is . . . no sentences of Scripture . . . some seats broken . . . the bottom of the seat on the S. side of the chancel in decay both in boards and pavement; the long seat on the N. side of the church to be turned over cross, and to be made into short seats agreeable to the rest; the pavement on the S. side of the chancel in decay; Francis Long and Francis Armborough's seats to be set alike unto Andrew Lucas' seat.

Steeple Claydon.—North chancel window dammed (up), as also the E. window and both the S. windows (1 !), the chancel hath been boarded and seated at the east end; the 2 high pews on the N. side next the partition to be cut lower; the chancel to be repaired at the W. ends.

Middle Claydon.—The E. ends of the church are in decay; no sentences of Scripture; the porch wants tiling, so that it raineth in (! !); a new surplice, Canons, Homilies (5. Nov.) wanting.

East Claydon.—Some windows partly dammed up (! !); there are divers high seats, the owners whereof to be certified when the books and other things are certified.

Hogshaw.—The chancel floor sunk and wants paving; no rails for the Com. Table (! !); no books but an old Bible 1553, and a Service-book 1579; the seat on the S. side of the chancel and the first seat on the N. side want boarding; the walls within the chancel in the foundations decayed, and no sentences in the church or chancel; no King's arms; no reading-seat; the church in decay within and without (! !); there is a font and a bier; 1 bell and no more for these forty years (*i.e.* since *circa* 1597).

Quinton.—Some of the windows both of the church and chancel in decay; decay in the stone-work . . . the 1st step to the Communion table in the chancel broken, divers of the seats broken in the bottom; Fras. Forster's seat and Hughes' wife's and another woman sitting with her too high; the register book not subscribed (! !); the clock does not go; there was one as William Clarke then said . . . the Communion carpet too scant, and not suitable to the pulpit cloth; no new translations, and the Bible in decay; the chancel was leaded in the memory of the said Clarke, and now is tiled; the church house in great decay; two acres and three roods belonging to it; a church house at Lee quite taken down about 4 or 5 years since, standing upon the quantity of $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre; canons wanting; no perambulation this year; no ringing on the King's holidays; the cross lies broken in the S. corner much.

Bradnam.—The church and chancel in decay in the stone work

. . . chancel wants tiling and repairing on the top of the walls . . . (Required) a new chancel door; a window in the chancel stopped up; some of the seats want boarding and repairing (!!!); all the rest of the books wanting except Bible and Homilies . . . the ends of the seats next the wall to be lined.

Missenden Parva.—The church and chancel in decay in the foundation, and also the aisle on the N. side the chancel which is repaired by the Minister, and the steeple in the stone work . . . all the windows, except the E. and west windows, are partly dammed up (!!!), and in decay in the glass some of them; the chancel to be ceiled in the churches, and the wainscot to be repaired over the Communion Table; divers of the seats want repairing . . . tome of Jewell and Harding is wanting . . . church wants paving in the N. aisle . . . the Minister's chancel wants paving . . . the seats on the S. side of the rail to be taken away, and the rail to be set overthwart; (seats) built in the chancel absque, &c.; three of them too high which stand into and hinder the entrance into the chancel (!!!); Mr. Randells servants' seat stands into the aisle . . . a partition behind the S. door to be taken down that seats may be built there uniform.

Agmondesham.—The wainscot round about the Communion Table to be made lower by 4 inches, and the kneeling benches to be made lower and broader . . . here is (a volume of) Erasmus (to provide) a new chalice and 2 covers, one for that which is there and the other for the new one; to have a convenient hearse . . . there be 2 flaggons . . . N. aisle wants paving, many of the seats in decay; the boards that are set upon the backs of the old seats to be taken down; Mr. Grobey's wife's seat the boards to be taken off, and the door to be made even with the old seat; all the high seats to be taken down to the mark near the chancel, viz., 4 high seats on the S. side and Sir Thomas Sande's; the case (!!!) of the organ is in some place of the town (!!).

Pen.—The wainscot over the Communion Table to be repaired, and the chancel to be ceiled throughout; chancel wants sentencing, and the church likewise to be new sentenced and also new painted; the boards whereon the 10 Commandments are now written to be taken down, and the 10 Com. to be set over the Com. Table . . . the second Tome of Jewell wanting, the window in decay in the glass, 2 windows in the aisle in the chancel partly dammed up (!!!). Mr. Pen's (seat) to be taken down to the mark, it being covered, and 2 yards and a $\frac{1}{2}$ high ($7\frac{1}{2}$ feet!!!); Mr. Norton's and Mr. Allen's seat built absque, &c.; the chancel, and Mr. Pen's seat and Mr. Norton's seats stand into the middle chancel; it rains into the S. aisle (!!!), the bricked bench joining to the rails to be taken away quite; (To provide) another flaggon suitable to that which is there; there is a gilt chalice; a piece of wood lying out of the wall to be cut off; Mr. Norton cometh to Pen, and doth not keep his own parish church; the high seats in the chancel to be considered of concerning the turning of them as formerly, viz., Mr. Pen's, Mr. Allen's, Mr. Norton's; the wainscot which is over the separation of church and chancel to be made up decently as

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in former times; seats both of church and chancel want boarding for the most part . . . a high seat at the upper end of the S. aisle, viz., Mr. Carye's, built as high as Mr. Pen's (*i.e.* $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet) and covered likewise (!!!) Query, whether the reading-seat which is now on the S. side, and is so high that it damms up the light of the chancel (!!!); will be convenient if it be joined to the pulpit, which is on the N. side; Mr. Long and Mrs. Butterfield's stand into the middle aisle, and are to be taken down to the mark; the pavements in decay (butresses, steeple, &c., ditto).

Chalfont, St. Egidius.—3 seats in the chancel built higher than formerly the old ones were, which are to be taken down and the old ones placed as formerly being extant; the S. and N. windows in the chancel boarded in the bottoms (!!!) . . . chancel wants sentencing; Mr. Ratcliffe's seat and Mr. Fleetwood's (and others) to be taken down; Mr. Ratcliffe's servants' seats (ditto); (to prov.) a new and longer surplice; there is an Oxford hood lined with russet callico . . . (!!!); the seats some of them not boarded; (to provide) a new cover fit for the chalice. Dns. Monmit Clericum ne legat Psalmos (!!!) 5 Nov., to certify Mr. Valentine's seat on the S. side of the chancel in Fest. Annunc. prox.

Chenies.—The cushion to be stuffed well with feathers, and a pulpit cloth and carpet to be suitable and fringed with silk; (to provide) a new table (and) a new cover for the font . . . no hood; the chancel in decay in the stone-work.

Chalfont, St. Peter.—Mr. Winkfield and Mr. Baldain's (seats) to be taken away . . . to the place where the old pulpit stood to be made up handsomely and whited . . . 2 high seats in the chancel to be taken away, and the old seats to be placed there as formerly, or else new ones in that form; the Commn. Table to be shorter by 2 foot, and the board of the Table to be made thicker and handsomely; the rood-loft door behind the pulpit to be stopped up . . . no poor man's box . . . tiles in decay; there are 2 flaggons and a new chalice to be provided within a year's space.