

## HADLEIGH DEANERY AND ITS COURT.

There were in the County of Suffolk a few parishes which lay without the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Norwich, and were consequently known as "Peculiars." These parishes were Hadleigh, Monks' Eleigh, and Moulton, which were in the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Freckenham in the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rochester. In the last volume of the Proceedings of our Institute (p. 325) it was shewn that the South Elmham parishes constituted a Deanery because they formed a part of the temporalities of the Bishop of Norwich; so, likewise, as the three parishes of Hadleigh, Monks' Eleigh and Moulton were manors belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury they possessed a Court, and the official of the Manors was the Commissary for the Deanery to which these said parishes belonged. This Deanery was known as the Deanery of Bocking, a town now considered as part of Braintree, in Essex. Six parishes in the county of Essex comprised the remaining part of the Deanery, which did not acknowledge the inhibition of either the Bishop of Norwich or the Bishop of London.

It was nearly a century previous to the Constitution of Ecclesiastical Courts by William I. that Brithnoth, the Earl who fell at the battle of Maldon, 991, gave the manors of Hadleigh and Illeigh to the Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, and the Convent of the same place to be held in free, pure, and perpetual alms. When the Ecclesiastical Court of the Deanery was established it is probable that the Rector of Bocking was appointed presiding judge. To assist him

in carrying out his duties he appointed a surrogate. The appointment of Walter, Rector of Illeigh, October, 1315, however, seems to imply that this office of Dean was not necessarily held by the Rector of Bocking. As the parishes which constituted the Deanery lay within two dioceses, viz., London and Norwich, difficulties would arise in the administrative functions of the Court, for the Rector of Bocking, sitting as Dean, could not grant probate and administration, nor issue marriage licences to persons dwelling within the see of Norwich. From this cause it is probable that Archbishop Parker, 4th November, 1572, appointed two Rectors, one in Essex and one in Suffolk, to hold the office of Dean of Bocking jointly and severally, "*conjunctim et divisim*." Henceforth the Rector of Hadleigh held the title of Dean. Thus we find in the "*Liber Actorum*" under notice that Archbishop Laud appointed his nephew, Robert Cottesford, Rector of Hadleigh, and Dean or Commissary of Bocking, holding in this instance commission to exercise jurisdiction within the *whole* Deanery (fol. 8). It is recorded that parishioners of Hadleigh had performed penance before Dean Barkham at Feering, 1616; and that to another parishioner probate had been granted by a surrogate of the Deanery residing at Kelvedon (fol. 10). The Registry of the Deanery was in Doctors' Commons.

To the Archbishop of Canterbury belonged the Prerogative Court in which he claimed the right of granting probate and administration where the testator or intestate died, leaving personal property of the value of £5 out of the diocese in which he died. This claim we see was allowed at various times when the Court of the Deanery of Bocking was sitting (1637-1641), (fols. 1a, 2, 6, 34), and when it was shewn that the personal property of the value of £5 was held outside the jurisdiction of the Court, viz., at Boxford

(fol. 6). Persons dwelling within the jurisdiction of the Court were compelled to obtain licence to marry from the Court, otherwise an offender was forced to obtain pardon by the payment of a fine (fols. 23, 32, 42).

There is in the possession of the present Rector of Hadleigh (the Ven. Dean Carter) two small paper volumes which record the Acts of this Court for the years 1637-1641, and 1668-1670. These two books are thus referred to in Pigott's History of Hadleigh (Proc. of Suff. Inst. of Archæology and Nat. History, Vol. III., p. 71). "There is a very curious book in the possession of Mr. Knox called *Liber Actorum*, or a Book of Presentments in the Dean's Court. There is a similar book among the papers of the Market Feoffment, 1668-1670." Mr. Pigott has used very little of the material which these books contain, and as the records throw a local side-light on Church Government immediately preceding the Great Rebellion, the reader will be interested in the perusal of the accompanying transcripts. The entries are for the most part written in abbreviated Latin by the Registrar, Thomas Gaell.

Three districts, Hadleigh, Ollywoodstreet (i.e., Stone Street), and Wickerstreet (i.e., Hadleigh Hamlet) were represented at the Court by twelve questmen, one for each of the two latter districts, who made presentments touching all causes which belonged to the government of souls. A questman could be fined for non-attendance. He reported absence from church, even when going-a-nutting was the excuse (fol. 8a), irregular behaviour in church, coming to service late or quitting church before the conclusion of Divine Service, the practice of illegal games, such as "Bodye" (fol. 37a) and "Knocking at the Jayle door with a pitcher" (fol. 20).

At the Court the churchwardens produced transcripts of the parish registers ; and curates, doctors, surgeons, schoolmasters and midwives presented licences for carrying out their several professions. The judgments of the Court were not severe ; fines and fees were oft remitted ; and unfortunate women were treated with leniency. The oaths of only three or four honest neighbours were deemed sufficient to declare the innocence of the accused.

The repeated entry "tempore pestis" draws attention to the plague which fell upon more than forty families within the town, and to which nearly two hundred persons are said to have fallen victims. Marriage with a deceased wife's sister was made a penal offence (fol. 35), as was the non-performance of the marriage contract after the publication of banns.

In the second book the noteworthy feature is the number of presentments for absence from the Holy Communion (fols. 3 and 4). "The seating of parishioners according to degree" would hardly be in accordance with the spirit of the present age.

Genealogists will find useful information in the small calendar of Wills which these *Libri Actorum* contain. The Registers of the Wills of the Peculiar of Hadleigh were destroyed at Lavenham in 1618 by a servant of Doctor Goad, the then Dean and Rector. Among the few remaining muniments there are some of interest, viz., Marriage Licence Bonds, Church Papers, and a 14th Century parchment roll, probably a cartulary of Kersey Priory. It contains entries of the deeds of grants of land to that Priory. Richard Prior of Kersey mentioned in this roll was Richard Waleys, who died 1331. The grants repeatedly refer to the Chastleyn family, who derived their name from their wardship of an adjacent castle, hence the entry Gilbert du Chastellum.

HADLEIGH LIBER ACTORUM INCIPIENS XVJ.  
NOVEMBRIS, ANNO DNJ., 1637, AD XVII JUNE, 1641.

- Fol. 1. In the parish church of Hadleigh, 16th Nov., 1637, in the presence of the Ven. Magister George Carter, clerk, Surrogate of the Ven. Thos. Goad, S.T.P., Dean of the Deanery of Bocking, in the presence of Thos. Gaell, Notary Public, Deputy Registrar. *HADLEIGH*. Churchwardens to exhibit transcripts (of register) and terrier.  
*John Nelson*, questman, of Wickerstreet, to exhibit bills.  
*Thomas Loe*, questman, of Ollywoodstreet, to take oath of questman and exhibit bills.  
*MONKS' ELEIGH*. Churchwardens and questmen to exhibit bills and to certify to the repair of the church and its ornaments.  
*"Wm. Parker*, churchwarden, and *Chas. Serjeant*, questman, allege that *Rich. Dogget*, their other churchwarden, to whom the Booke of Articles (concerning such things as they were to present unto) was delivered, keepeth the same from them, and will not suffer them to pursue it, and refuseth to joyne with them in the execution of their office or to appear with them to make presentment at this Court." The said *Rich. Dogget* was summoned thrice. Ordered to attend with the other questman.  
*George Death* under penalty of excommunication for non-attendance.
- Fol. 1a. *MONKS' ILLEIGH*. *Mr. John Barker*, curate, presented by churchwardens "for omitting to catechize the youth." Ordered to attend next Court (to hear the decision of the Court).  
*Thos. Gardiner*, of Monks' Eleigh, deceased. *Bridget*, his relict, administered his effects. £183 10s.  
*Wm. Ralphe*, deceased. Relict *Alice*, his executrix. *John Ralphe* appears and asserts "that said Wm. R., deceased, at time of his death had in debts and other goods to the value of £20 out of the Jurisdiction of this Court," makes oath to this effect.  
*MOWLTON*. Churchwardens and questmen to appear and take oath of office, etc.  
*HADLEIGH*. *Mr. John Bretton*, Alderman, deceased. *Mr. Lawrence Bretton*, of Hitcham, his son, executor.  
*Mr. John Alabaster*, Alderman, deceased. *Jn. Alabaster*, his son, executor.  
*Mr. Richard Glamfield*, Alderman, deceased. *Mr. Ric. Glamfield*, his son, executor. (*Tempore pestis* in margin.)
- Fol. 2. *Mr. John Whitinge*, Alderman, deceased. *Mr. Jn. Whitinge*, his son, executor, who alleges that the said deceased in the time

of his life and at his death had in debts and bonds, etc., to value of £20 outside the jurisdiction, etc.

*Mr. Wm. Doyle*, armiger deceased. *Mr. Edm. Doyle*, his brother, executor, who alleges the deceased had due to him at the time of death £324 from *Jn. Buxton*, and *Robt. Howard*, of Tibbenham, co. Norfolk, outside the jurisdiction of this court, etc.

*Mr. Wm. Hawkins*, curate, deceased. At next Court.

*Mr. Wm. Bowtell*, medicus, deceased. *Wm. Bowtell*, his son, appears and produces an inventory of the goods of deceased. (*Tempore pestis* in margin.)

*Henry Gooding*, deceased. *Edith*, his relict, appears and produces inventory of goods, value £5.

Fol. 2a. *George Reeve*, of Hadleigh, deceased. *Margaret*, his relict, renounces.

Administrator, *Anne*, wife of *Henry Huggins*, shews bill of sale. *Elizabeth Bull*, widow, deceased.

*Thos. Boughton*, deceased. *Alice*, his daughter, wife of *Philip Boreham*, jun., to whom administration is committed, shews inventory £4 1s. 5d.

*John Watson*, deceased. *Alice*, his relict, now wife of *Philip Boreham*, jun., renounces administration. *Wm. Fossett* next of kin, etc.

*Humphrey Thorne*, deceased. *Jane*, his relict, administratrix, inventory £10 8s.

*Wm. Glamfeild*, deceased. *Mr. Thos. Allabaster*, who possesses the goods, alleges, etc. . . . £10, outside the jurisdiction of this Court, etc.

Fol. 3. *Robert Lilly*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict, renounces administration, £3 14s. 8d.

*Thos. Elmes*, deceased. *Catherine*, his relict, now wife of *Philip Boreham*, sen., administratrix. Inventory £16 18s. 4d.

*John Martin*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict, administratrix. Inventory, £6 10s. Fee remitted in that administration bond was not under seal and on account of the poverty of said administratrix.

*Robert Norrice*, tailor, deceased. *Elizabeth Cox*, his daughter, administratrix. £6 5s.

*Thomas Riches*, deceased. *Mary*, his relict, administratrix. £16 15s. 10d. (*Tempore pestis*.)

*Thomas Riches*, deceased. *George Riches*, of Claydon, his brother, administrator. £15 7s.

Fol. 3a. *John Butcher*, deceased. *Robert Beamond*, of Elmsett, administrator. (*Tempore pestis*.)

*Robert Aylward*, deceased. *Wm. Aylward*, of Bentley, his brother, administrator. £2 8s. (*Tempore pestis*.)

*Benedict Aylward*, deceased. *Joan*, his relict, administratrix. £12 11s. 6d. (*Tempore pestis.*)

*Robert Seaman*, deceased. *Dorcas*, his relict, administratrix. £4 9s. 3d.

*Catherine Baldwin*, widow, deceased. At next Court.

- Fol. 4. *Wm. Bowtell*, medicus, deceased. Notification for exhibition of inventory of goods moved by *Elizabeth Snowden alias Bowtell*, daughter of said deceased, by *Wm. Bowtell*, administrator. *Robert Barrell*, *Thomas Prigg*, and *Simon Cooper* to make valuation of goods before next Court.

*Nicholas Mowlton and his wife* appear "for absence from Church on Sunday, the 12th of March, and then keeping company with *Jeffery Jannings*, of Hadleigh, an excommunicated person and so hath been a long time." Mowlton confesses truth of accusation and is mulcted with a fine of 18s. ; upon his humble petition after payment of the fine he is freed from excommunication which his offence incurred.

*Arthur Gulson* and his wife to clear themselves of a charge of preuptial incontinency by oaths of 4 neighbours.

- Fol. 4a. *John Green and wife Anne*, upon confession of preuptial incontinency, to acknowledge publicly their sin in the parish church of Hadleigh in the presence of the minister and churchwardens upon the Sunday or festival day next before Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, and to bring a certificate from the minister and churchwardens certifying the said acknowledgment at the next Court after the said Feast:

*John Cole*, questman, presented "for neglecting of his office and not going with the churchwardens to find out such as were absent from Church on Sunday, the 30th April, in the forenoone."

Cole not appearing to answer the charge stands excommunicated. *William Pitcher and his wife* presented for preuptial incontinency, to be cleared by oaths of 3 neighbours.

*Henry Mathey and his wife* same offence, and to be cleared by oaths of 4 neighbours.

*Mathew Scrivener* presented "for refusing to pay the Churchwardens' rate for moneys laid out in reparaire of the Church and ornaments to the same." Not appearing, excommunicated.

- Fol. 5. VISITATION in Parish Church of Hadleigh, Friday, 13th April, 1638, before Ven. Thos. Goad, s.t.p., Dean, etc. Thos. Gaell, Deputy Registrar.

Ven. Thos. Goad, s.t.p., Rector.

Mr. *Wm. Hawkins*, Curate.

Mr. *Wm. Avis*, Schoolmaster.

Mr. *John Gray*, Doctor.

Mr. *Wm. Bowtell*, Surgeon.

New Guardians and questmen to take oath and shew returns, etc.

Churchwardens, *Thos. Gates, Joseph Raye.*

Questmen: *Thos. Helen, John Clifford, Robt. Potter, Nathaniel Goldringe, Nevil Cheese, Wm. Mixer, John Hudson, jun., Philip Bumpsted, jun., John Kembold, John Barrell.*

WICKERSTREET. *John Nelson*, questman. *Daniel Lappage*, questman.

OLLYWOODSTREET. *Thos. Loe*, questman, "*modernus.*" *Rich. Robinson*, "*electus.*"

Fol. 5a. *MONKS' ILLEIGH.* *Ven. Robert Cottesford*, Rector.

*Mr. John Barker*, Curate, to shew his licence.

"Modern" and "newly-elected" churchwardens to produce transcripts, etc.

*John Gostling, John Ralphe*, churchwardens, "*electi.*"

*Roger Piper, John Hayward*, questmen, "*electi.*"

"*deinde dominus absolvit Doggett and Death, et eos restituit.*"

MOWLTON. *Mr. John Browne*, clerk, Vicar.

*Wm. Reeve, Wm. Clarke*, churchwardens, "*electi.*"

*John Sparrowe and Wm. Chenery*, questmen, "*electi.*"

*MONKS' ILLEIGH.* *Joseph Willace* and his wife presented for neglecting to resort to their Parish Church and not receiving the Holy Communion at Easter last. *Willace* alleges that they received the Communion at Whitsuntide, and promises for the future to more diligently frequent the church, and so after admonition is dismissed.

Fol. 6. *Margaret Gostling*, wife of *Jeromy Gostling*, presented for practising the office of a midwife without licence. Licence granted.

*John Tyler*, presented for living incontinently with a woman of Brent Ely. . . "that their [*sic*] hath been such a fame or report. And that he, whilst he dwelt at Brent Ely, was convicted for the same before Dr. Eden, Commissary at Bury, and shewed letters and testimonials," signed and sealed to that effect.

*HADLEIGH.* *Mr. John Bretton*, alderman, deceased. *Mr. Laurence Bretton*, his son, executor. *Mr. John Strutt* appears for said executor and asserts that said Jn. B., deceased, at time of death had in goods, etc., £5, outside jurisdiction of this Court, and he produces a bond of £50 from *Edward Nutton*, of Boxford, . . . and further shews will under seal of the Prerogative Court. *Mr. Richard Glamfield*, alderman, deceased. *Mr. Rich. G.*, clerk, his son, executor. . . (as above.)

Fol. 6a. *Mr. John Allabaster*, deceased, alderman. *Mr. Jn. A.*, his son, executor, etc. (P.C.C.)



*Mr. John Whiting*, deceased, alderman. *Mr. Jn. W.*, his son, executor, etc. (P.C.C.)

*Robert Barwick*, deceased. *Anne B.*, his relict, held goods, etc. (P.C.C.)

*Henry Bull*, deceased. *Hen. B.*, his eldest son, granted administration.

*Helen Cheap*, widow, deceased. *Joseph Raye*, of Hadleigh, alleges to be principal creditor of the said deceased, and that she "ought" him the sum of 50s. at her death; granted administration. Inventory, £14 11s. 6d.

*Mary Glamfield*, widow, deceased. *Thos. Blewet*, administrator of her effects, stands excommunicated for not paying the fee.

Fol. 7. *John Hubbard*, deceased. *Rich. H.*, his son, produces will, probate granted. Inventory, £258 5s. 2d.

The churchwardens of Monks' Illeigh present *Wm. Condy*, who alleges that he doth officiate the place of a Clarke in the church of Monks' Illeigh, and that the parishioners do not allow him any wages for the same, and therefore humbly desires the assistance of the Court. It was decreed that churchwardens make a rate to the sume of 50s. to be yearly paid to the said Church Clarke and his successors. Notice to certify the same.

*HADLEIGH*. *Arthur Gulson* to shew cause why he should not pay fine for neglecting "*ad purgandum se quarta manu*," etc.

*Wm. Pitcher* and his wife likewise "*tertia manu*."

*Hen. Matley* and his wife likewise "*quarta manu*."

*John Green* and his wife. *Wm. Weaver* certifies to their purging by oath.

*John Cole* and *Mathew Scrivener*, excommunicated persons, absolved.

Fol. 7a. *Margaret Duplake*, wife of *Rich. Duplake*, contra *Anne*, wife of *John Glasse*, for defamation. Decree issued.

*Thos. Cofeild*, *John Wortham*, and *Robert Lulpeck*, witnesses on the part of said Duplake to prove libel.

Fol. 8. *VISITATION* held in Church of Hadleigh, Wednesday, 31 Oct., 1638, before Ven. *Robert Cottesford*, S.T.P., Dean or Commissary of Bocking, judicially sitting in the presence of me, *Thos. Gaell*, Notary Public, deputy of *Wm. Sherman*, armiger, Registrar. Negotiation of the acceptance of the Commission of the Ven. *Robert Cottesford*, S.T.P., Dean aforesaid, to exercise Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Deanery of Bocking. Commission of *Wm. Archbp. of Cant.* to said Robt. C. to exercise jurisdiction within the whole Deanery of Bocking. Read through by *Thos. Gaell*. Witnesses, *George Carter*, S.T.B., *Gabriel Catchpole*, and *Edward Webster*.

- Fol. 8a. At the same time and place the said *Robt. C.* conferred in special case power to act upon *Mag. Geo. Carter*, clerk, S.T.B., *Mag. Philip Parsons*, clerk, A.M., *Mag. Gabriel Honnifold*, *John Hodges*, *John Allington*, and *Wm. Avis*, clerks and *Magistri Artium*, also *Ven. Robert Aylett*, LL.D. (Surrogates.)
- Fol. 9. *Ven. Robert Cottesford*, Dean, Rector of Hadleigh.  
*Mr. Jn. Allington*, curate, *Mr. Wm. Avis*, schoolmaster.  
*Mr. Wm. Bowtell*, surgeon, *Mr. Wm. Woodward*, schoolmaster.  
*Mr. Thos. Pinston*, schoolmaster, *Mr. Wm. Applethwaite*, doctor.  
*John Hovey*, doctor, *Dorothy Gooding*, midwife, [ ] *Weaver*, wife of *Wm. Weaver*, midwife.  
*WICKERSTREET. Daniel Lappage*, questman.  
*OLLYWOODSTREET. Richard Robinson*, questman.  
*MONKS' ILLEIGH. Mr. John Oliver*, rector, *Mr. John Barker*, curate, *Mr. Rich. Dogget*, doctor, faculty to practise.  
The churchwardens and questmen certify "that they have made a rate for the church clerk's wages as they are inioyned (fol. 7), and that they have placed the parishioners which did usually sit in the seate where the ministers desk now standeth in convenient seates in the Church according to their degree and fashion. And to present who is to repaire the seates in the Chancell which are presented to be much decayed.
- Fol. 9a. *MOWLTON. Mr. Jn. Browne*, vicar, is excused attendance.  
*HADLEIGH. Arthur Gulson* and his wife to acknowledge their act of incontinency before the minister after Morning Prayers on Sunday or Feast Day.  
*Henry Mathey* and his wife. (Same).  
*Thos. Bowyer*, deceased, *Elizabeth* his relict possessed his goods.  
*Mr. Webster* produces inventory, £2 19s. 5d.  
*Jn. King* presented for living incontinently with *Elizabeth*, wife of *Jn. Brownsmith*, said *Elizabeth* also presented.  
*Jn. Stevens*, sen., deceased. *Grace S.*, his relict, and administratrix of goods. £7 3s.
- Fol. 10. *Michael Gorbold and wife Mary* presented for living incontinently before marriage. The said *Mich. G.*, at Feering, 1 Sept., 1638, in presence of *Ven. John Barkham*, Dean, etc., submits to penance.  
*John Veysey* presented for living incontinently with wife of [ ] *Goldinge*. Acquitted.  
*John Sudbury*, deceased. *Elizabeth Deeks*, of Polstead, his executrix. Inventory, £2 10s.
- Fol. 10a. *Alice Offwood*, deceased, son, *Jn. Offwood* intervenes. *Jn. Gostlin*, executor of the will, alleges deceased when living was of sound mind, and produces *Mr. John Barker*, clerk, as witness.

*Richard Marchant*, deceased. *Jn. Marchant*, son and executor. £39 0s. 4d.

*Henry Harrington*, deceased. *Grace*, his relict, executrix. £7 6s. 4d.

*Charles Serjeant*, deceased. *Martha S.*, his relict, presented that said *Chas. S.* in his life time did bargain and sell his goods to *Wm. Parker*.

Fol. 11. *MOWLTON*. *John Baker*, deceased. *Edm. Baker*, his brother, executor. £23 10s. 8d.

*HADLEIGH*. *Robert Ablewhite*, deceased. *Mary*, his relict, executor. Nuncupative will. Witnesses, *Wm. Colman* and *Thos. Howes*. £219 9s. 2d.

*John Lodge*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict. No executor named in will, £99 1s. 8d.

*Edith Goodwin*, widow, deceased. *Mr. Robt. Goodwin*, Curate of *Shelley*, her son and executor.

*Wm. Phillips*, deceased. *Joseph Phillips*, his son, executor. Probate granted at *Kelvedon*, 7 Feb., 1638, before *Mr. William Hall*, clerk, surrogate.

Fol. 11a. *John Hall*, deceased. *Joan*, his relict, administratrix, 40s.

*Duplake contra Glasse*. *Glasse* called 3 times, did not appear. *Catchpole* produces witnesses—*Thos. Conell*, *Jn. Wortham*, and *Robert Lulpeck*, bound to appear at next Court.

Fol. 12. *VISITATION* held in *Hadleigh Church*, 9 May, 1639, before *Ven. Robt. Cottesford*, Dean, and in the presence of *Thos. Gaell*, deputy Registrar.

*HADLEIGH*. *Robt. Cottesford*, S.P.T., Rector, *Mr. Jn. Allington*, Curate.

*Mr. Joseph Jackson*, schoolmaster, suspended. *Mr. Wm. Woodward*, schoolmaster, *Mr. Thos. Pinston*, schoolmaster, *Mr. Wm. Bowtell*, surgeon, *Mr. Jn. Applethwaite*, doctor, *Jn. Hovey*, doctor, *Dorothy Goodwing*, midwife, [ ] *Weaver*, wife of *Wm. Weaver*, to shew licence, etc.

*Joseph Ray* and *Thomas Gates*, new churchwardens, *Robert Mixer*, *Thos. Simpson*, *Jn. Martin*, *Robt. Andrew*, *Jas. Tompson*, *Michael Godbold*, *Thos. Greene*, *Wm. Ratley*, *Isaac Lyster*, "to provide a new surplisse for the *Clarke* before *Whitsontide* next and to certify the next Court." New questmen.

*WICKERSTREET*. *Dan. Lappage*, *Henry Forbie*, questmen.

*OLLYWOODSTREET*. *Rich. Robinson*, "modern questman." *Robt. Bloom*, new.

Fol. 12a. *MONKS' ILLEGH*. *Mr. Jn. Oliver*, Rector, *Mr. John Barker*, curate.

*Mr. Richard Doggett*, doctor.

*Randolph Frost*, and *Jn. Hubbard*, new churchwardens. *Peter Marchant* and *Jn. Barnard*, questmen.

*MOWLTON*. *Mr. Jn. Browne*, Vicar.

*Wm. Reeve*, *Wm. Clarke*, new churchwardens, *Jas. Spalding*, *Hen. Barnard*, questmen.

*MONKS' ILLEGH*. *Thos. Gardiner*, deceased. *Bridget*, his relict, and administratrix, now wife of *Thos. Meadow*, of Stoke. Inventory, £183 10s. "Cite *Jn. Gosling*, of Monks' Illeggh, her surety, to shew cause why her bond ought not to be sued and put in execution upon him for default in giving in of her Accompt." *Ambrose Kerrington*, deceased. *Eleanor*, his relict, executrix. *Henry Kerrington*, his son, appears and shews goods, etc. £5 out of Court.

Fol. 13. *HADLEIGH*. *Arthur Gulson* to certify performance of penalty, etc.

*Jn. King* to purge himself. "*quarta manu vicinorum*," etc.

*Elizabeth Brownesmith*, widow. (Same.)

*Jn. Brownesmith*, deceased. *Elizabeth B.*, his relict, to shew Inventory, etc.

*Elizabeth Boyden*, cited "for having a bastard father not yet known."

*Jn. Porter* and wife for living incontinently before marriage, she being delivered of a child within 14 daies after.

*Mr. Robert Reason*, alderman, deceased.

*Mr. Edmund Doyley*, deceased. *Elizabeth Doyley*, "*eius nepta*," holds goods.

*Jn. Lodge*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict and administratrix.

Fol. 13a. *Alice Offwood*, of Monks' Illeggh, deceased. *Jn. Offwood* alleges in time of her life said *Alice* had £5 without jurisdiction of the Court.

*Robert Kerrington*, deceased. *Robert K.*, his son, possesses goods.

*Anne Sheader*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, her daughter, executrix. £73 11s. 4d.

*HADLEIGH*. *Thos. Smith*, deceased. *Mr. John Strutt*, principal creditor. 7 Mar., 1638. Administration granted.

*Wm. Andrew*, deceased. *Anne Andrew*, his relict and administratrix.

*Edith Gooding*, deceased. *Mr. Robt. Gooding*, her executor.

Fol. 14. *Jn. Downes*, deceased. *Joan*, his relict, possesses goods.

*Wm. Weaver*, deceased. *Anne*, his relict, held goods.

*Rich. Hatch*, deceased. *Anne*, his relict, and executor. £78 17s. 6d.

*Elizabeth Meriton*, deceased. *George Meriton*, her son.

*Robt. Manning*, deceased. *Nicholas Aylward* and *Rose Manning*, executors, exhibited will at *Hadleigh*, 7 Mar., 1638, before *Edw. Webster*, Notary Public.

*Rich. Heckford*, deceased, wife, administratrix. £5 4s. 6d.

Fol. 14a. *Erasmus Seabrooke*, deceased, wife, administratrix.

*Wm. Glead*, deceased. *Bridget*, his relict, administratrix. £34 7s. 10d.

*Jn. Wortham*, deceased. *Anne*, his relict, administratrix. £12 16s.

OLLYWOODSTREET. *Henry Seekes*, deceased. *Mary*, his relict, administratrix.

*Thos. Bird*, deceased. *Anthony Reynolds* and *Joseph Bird*, executors and administrators.

Fol. 15. *HADLEIGH*. [ ] *Wyles*, wife of *Robt. Wyles*, cited for abusing *Nathaniel Golding*, one of the questmen, in the executing of his office.

*Anne Garrad*, for a common crime of incontinency by her own report.

*Jn. Micklefeild* cited "for abusing the Order of the Church in causing the Banes of Matrimony to be published 3 severall Sundaies and receaving the woman with whom he was asked into his house and living with her a while in a suspicious manner. And since hath put her away."

*Wm. Billingsby* cited for being absent from Church on Sunday, 17th Feb., being at work the same time.

*Thos. Coates* and his wife cited for that they were both absent from church on Sunday, the 18th Nov., in the afternoon.

*Henry West* and *Rose*, his wife, cited for incontinency before marriage.

Fol. 15a. *Richard West* for being absent from Church on Sunday, 17th Feb., in the afternoone.

*Wm. Clifford* for same offence.

*Henry Evered* and wife *Alice*, for preuptial incontinency.

[ ] *Glasse*, wife of *Jn. Glasse*, cited upon a common report that she beastly made water in the Church in time of Divine Service. "*Ad purgandum se* (at next Court) *quarta manu vicinarum suarum*," etc.

*Henry Cock*, deceased. Wife *Alice* executrix. £28 9s. 3d.

Fol. 16a. *VISITATION* at *Hadleigh*, 31 Oct., 1639, in presence of Mr. *Jn. Allington* and Mr. *Philip Parsons*, clerks, and *Thos. Gaell*, Notary Public.

*HADLEIGH*. *Robert Cottesford*, Rector, Mr. *Jn. Allington*, Curate.

Mr. *Joseph Jackson*, schoolmaster, Mr. *Wm. Woodward*, schoolmaster, Mr. *Thos. Pinston*, schoolmaster, Mr. *Wm. Bowtle*,

doctor. Mr. *Jn. Applethwaite*, doctor, *Jn. Hovey*, doctor.  
*Anne Weaver*, wife of *Wm. W.*, midwife, "to forbear the execut-  
 ing of the office."

- Fol. 17. *Michael Godbold*, questman, had not taken oath of office.  
 "Churchwardens to remove all the lumber out of the Church  
 and Chancel, and to place such persons as sitt in the seates on  
 the north side of the Chancel elsewhere."  
*WICKERSTREET. Daniel Lappage*, questman.  
*OLLYWOODSTREET. Rich. Robinson*, questman, cited.  
*MONKS' ILLEGH. Mr. Jn. Oliver*, Rector, *Mr. Jn. Barker*,  
 curate, *Mr. Rich. Dogget*, doctor.  
*MOWLTON. Mr. Jn. Browne*, Vicar.
- Fol. 17a. *MONKS' ILLEGH. John Gostling* cited *re bond* with *Bridget  
 Gardiner*, executrix of will of *Thos. Gardiner*, said *Bridget Meadow  
 alias Gardiner*, cited, now dwelling with the said *Gostling*.  
*Robert Kerrington*, deceased. *Robt. K.*, his son, administrator.  
 £5 outside jurisdiction.  
*Arthur Gulson* submitted himself, is admonished and dismissed.  
*John King* "*Ad purgandum se quarta manu. Mortuus est King.*"  
*Elizabeth Brownesmith*. (Same.)  
*Elizabeth Boyden*, cited at Ipswich.
- Fol. 18. *John Porter and his wife* cited [        ].  
 [        ] *Wyles, wife of Robert W.*, cited.  
*Anne Garrard*, widow, cited. Without the jurisdiction.  
*Jn. Micklefeild*, cited.  
*Wm. Billingsby*, cited, dismissed by *Dr. Cottesford* without a  
 fine.  
*Thos. Coates and his wife*, cited.
- Fol. 18a. *Henry West and Rose*, his wife, cited.  
*Wm. Clifford* cited, dismissed by the Dean without a fine.  
*Henry Evered and Alice* his wife cited, not appearing, decreed  
 to be excommunicated.  
*Anne Glasse* cited, dismissed.  
*John Brownesmith*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict, to shew inven-  
 tory and to except or refuse administration.  
*Mr. Robert Reason, sen.*, deceased. *Geo. Reason*, his son, of  
 Woodbridge, executor.
- Fol. 19. *Mr. Edmund Doyley*, deceased. *Elizabeth D.*, his "nepta," holds  
 goods.  
*John Lodge*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict, administratrix.  
 £99 1s. 8d.  
*Thos. Smith*, defendant. *Mr. John Strutt*, administrator.  
 Inventory, £110 6s.  
*Edith Gooding*, deceased. *Mr. Robt. Gooding*, executor.

*John Downes*, deceased. *Joan*, his relict, possesses goods, very poor.

*Wm. Weaver*, deceased. *Anne*, his relict, administratrix, £14 6s. 8d.

Fol. 19a. *Elizh. Meriton*, deceased. *George Meriton*, her son, possesses goods.

*Thos. Coleman*, deceased. *Thos. Coleman*, his son, executor. £604 19s.

*Wm. Spooner*, deceased. *Wm. Spooner*, his son, possesses goods.

*Thos. West* cited for absence from Church, Sunday, 28 July, 1639. "*Incarceratus*."

*Jas. Abbott* cited for same offence. Confesses, fine 2s.

*John Parminter* cited for same offence. Confesses, fine 2s.

Fol. 20. *John May*. Same, fine 2s.

*Wm. Scarfe*. Same. To appear at next Court.

*John Gage* cited "for being so drunk that he could scarce goe on Whit Sunday last in the afternoone, and he alleged that he hath been already before the Civil Magistrates for his offence of drunkenness and punished, being admonished he is dismissed."

*John Baker*, barber, like offence.

*Alice Boream*, wife of *Philip B., jun.*, cited for being absent from church in time of Divine service on Sunday, 16th June, being knocking at the Jayle doore with a pitcher in her hand. Dismissed without a fine.

Fol. 20a. *Thos. Hellon* for being absent from church on Sunday, the 7th July, being then in the fields. Admonished.

*John Kembball*, for same.

*John Merrills*, tanner, for often times coming late to Church when service is almost ended, especially on Sunday, 28 July, and for behaving himself irreverently when he is there. Admonished.

*Nicholas Cheese*, for standing in the Churchyard talking in time of Divine service, with *John Clifford*, on Sunday, 28th July, 1639. Admonished.

*John Clifford*, for like offence.

Fol. 21. *Wm. Harte* for absence from church on Sunday, 7th June, 1639. Excommunicated.

*Mary Ablewhit*, widow, like offence. Fine 1s.

*Margaret Stevens*, wife of *John S.*, like offence. Dismissed.

*George Harvie*, like offence. Dismissed.

*Catherine Boream*, wife of *Philip B., sen.*, like offence. Dismissed.

[ ] *Coats, wife of Thos. C.*, like offence. Dismissed.

- Fol. 21a. *Thos. Pinston*, like offence. Dismissed.  
**MONKS' ILLEGH.** *Thos. Rysing* is cited for detayning of 18d. due to the Sexton.  
**HADLEIGH.** *Wm. Glead* and wife *Elizabeth*, for prenuptial incontinency.  
*John Goymer* and wife *Rose* for like offence.  
*Richard Martin*, deceased. *John Watson* possesses the goods.  
*Anne Ward*, widow, absolved, received 8d. for 8 acts. All to *Mr. Webster* for fees.
- Fol. 22. *Wm. Parke*, of Carsey, *contra Rich. Greene*, of Wickerstreet, *re* tithes.  
*Jane*, wife, and *Jane Kirke*, daughter of *Thos. Kirke*, of Hadleigh, *contra Judith Barrell*, wife of *Thos. Barrell*, for defamation.  
 Correction or reformation of morals, moved by *Thos. Kirke*, of Hadleigh, *contra Thos. Barrell* of the same.
- Fol. 22a. **MOWLTON.** *George Moody* cited for working on St. Luke's Day. The churchwarden appeared and alleged "the said *George M.* hath given him direction for to submit, and in his name to be ordered for the said offence, and promised that the said *George M.* shall for the future be more carefull in the celebrating of holy daies." Fine 2s.  
*Edmund Carver* for like offence. Fine 2s.  
*George Tracie* and *John Tracie* for like offence. Fine 2s.  
*Owen contra Pitcher*, libel. "That in the time and place libellate she said that the said *Owen* went like a whoore."
- Fol. 23. **HADLEIGH.** *Elizabeth Phillipps*, widow, deceased. *John Phillipps*, her son, of Polstead, appeared and said that at time of her death deceased had not goods to the value of 40s. Pauper.  
*John Wortham*, deceased. *Anne W.*, his relict, administrator, alleged "that she hath calculated the estate of the said deceased and finds (the funeral charges and other necessary charges expended in administering of the goods first deducted) that there remains in her hands towards the satisfying of the debts of the said deceased due by bond or otherwise the sum of £10, which *sum remanent* she left in the hands of *Mr. Edward Webster*, her proctor, for the satisfying of the creditors. Then appeared *Wm. Bretton*, of Hadleigh, creditor of the said deceased, and shewed a bond for sum of £5. £5 10s. paid into hands of said *Wm. Bretton* upon acquittance.
- Fol. 23a. **HADLEIGH.** The churchwardens to give "intimation" in the Church to the parishioners and others having interest in the seat or pew on the south side of the Church, belonging to the family of the *Doyleys* as also in another seat or pew adjoining thereunto to appear at the next Court to shew cause why the said seat or pew belonging to the *Doyleys* ought not to be confirmed



to him and his family by a faculty to be granted to that effect, and why the other seat now standing void and of no use in respect the family of Mr. Rolph is extinguished, ought not to be employed to the proper use of *Mr. Dr. Cottesford*, now Parson of Hadleigh, his wife and family to sit in.

**MONKS' ILLEGH.** *John Skinner* is cited for marrying out of the jurisdiction both parties living in the jurisdiction.

**HADLEIGH.** *Rich. Hatch*, deceased. [ ] relict, executor.

[ ] *Potter*, widow, *Thos. Lawrence*, of Colchester, executor.  
**COURT HELD**, Friday, 20 Dec., 1639. Robert Cottesford, S.T.P., Dean.

*Mr. Joseph Jackson*, schoolmaster, to shew licence.

Churchwardens of Hadleigh promised that the seat or pew for the "weoman" that are to be Churched in it shall be made accordingly as it is enjoined before the next Court day.

**MONKS' ILLEGH.** Churchwardens appear and are dismissed "*post prandium*."

*Bridget Meadows alias Gardiner* and *John Gostling*, of Monks' Eleigh. "*Stet*."

Fol. 24a. *Henry Evered* does not appear. Excommunicated.

*John Brownesmith*, deceased. Dismissed "*sine feod*."

*Mr. Robert Reason*, sen., deceased. *Geo. Reason*, executor, does not appear.

*Mr. Edm. Doyley*, deceased. *Elizabeth Doyley*, executrix, to appear at next Court.

*John Lodge*, deceased.

*Mr. Robert Goodwin* does not appear. Excommunicated.

Fol. 25. *Thos. Coleman*, deceased.

*Thos. West* cited to appear at next Court.

*Wm. Scarfe* cited to appear at next Court.

**MONKS' ILLEGH.** *Thos. Ryseing*, of same, to pay sum of 18d. being the amount for burial.

*John Skinner* to pay fee for licence.

*Potter*, widow, of Hadleigh, deceased. *Mr. Lawrence*, of Colchester, executor, 6s. 6d.

Fol. 25a. *Richard Martin*, of Hadley, deceased. *Jn. Watson* possesses goods.

*Wm. Glead and wife, Elizabeth*, prenuptial incontinency.

*John Goymer and wife, Rose*, same, confessing fact the Dean enjoins penance according to the schedule which shall be delivered unto him.

*Wm. Taylor and wife Anne*, same. Fine 7s.

*Jas. Goymer and Susan Betts* cited for incontinency.

- Fol. 26. *Richard Garrard* and wife *Alice*, as above. *Alice* "*mortua est.*" *Anne Glasse*, wife of *John G.*, cited for absence from Church, Sunday, 29th Sept., and likewise gave ill words to the questman. *Elizh. Glasfield*, wife of *George G.*, cited for absence from Church, being in the street, confesses and humbly craves to be discharged. Fine 2s.  
*Sarah Smith* cited, usually absent from church upon Sundays, and that 2 or 3 Sundays together, she went a nutting in that season when nuts were ripe. Craves discharge. Fine 4d.
- Fol. 26a. *Thos. Bumstead* cited, for that on Sunday, 20 Oct., he did lay his wool abroad a drying and doth usually so do upon Sundays. Fine 2s.  
*Jas. Twitchett* found abroad in the fields drunk on Sunday, 29 Sept. in time of Divine Service.  
*Thos. Greene, sen.*, and *jun.*, for coming out of Church 27 Oct. before prayers were ended in the forenoon. Admonished. No. fee.  
*Robert Clifford* absent from Church 18 Oct., Sunday.
- Fol. 27. *Jas. Turner, gardiner.* Same.  
*Thos. Barrell* and *Jane Kirk*, for that there is a "Common Fame" that they have lived incontinently together as the wife of said *Thos.* reporteth.  
"*Negotium Correccionis*" moved by *Thos. Kirk contra Thos. Barrell.*  
*Jane Kirk*, daughter of *Thos. K.*, *contra Judith Barrell*, wife of *Thos. Barrell* for defamation.
- Fol. 28. MONKS' ELEIGH. Guardians (Churchwardens) presented "for not haveing a carpet for the holy table, and a decent Common prayer booke for the same, and affirm that they have bought a Carpet and 2 Common prayer bookes."
- Fol. 28a. COURT 20, Dec., 1639, 9 a.m.—12.0 noon, in the house of the *Ven. Mr. Robt. Cottesford, S.T.P.*, in Hadley, in presence of *Edw. Webster*, *Thos. Kirk* declared on oath it to be false, "that in the years, 1636, 37, 38, 39, he hath by himself or his servants killed and sold meat upon divers holy days happening within the said years, and also hath upon divers Sundays in the morning before Divine service, happening likewise within the said years, sold meat, and also hath been absent from his Parish Church of Hadley upon divers Sundays and holy days, but not out of contempt, but sometimes through occasions and sometimes upon negligence. And likewise he doth confess he hath omitted to behave himself decently and orderly in the Church of Hadley in time of Divine service and prayers as by law he is bound. As namely in not always standing up at the reading of the Creed, the Holy Gospel, and Gloria Patri, etc., and in not always

kneeling in the time of reading the Confession, the Lord's Prayer, and other prayers, and in not bowing at the blessed name of Jesus, which he hath not omitted upon any wilful contempt, but sometimes out of ignorance, and sometimes by forgetfulness, promising, the Grace of God assisting him, hereafter to amend the said faults. He is enjoined to carry out the penance as prescribed upon a schedule, and to certify to its performance at the next Court."

Fol. 29. [Blank].

Fol. 30. "There was a Court kept at Hadley, 20th December, 1639, by *Dr. Cottesford*, in the presence of *Mr. Webster*, which acts are in a paper."

Fol. 30a. *VISITATION* in Hadleigh Church, Tuesday, 30 April, 1640. *Thos. Gaell*, Deputy Registrar.

*Mr. Jn. Allington*, Curate, *Mr. Joseph Jackson*, *Mr. Thos. Pinston*, schoolmasters; *Mr. Rich. Doggett*, *Mr. Wm. Bowtle*, *Mr. Jn. Applewate*, doctors.

Churchwardens: *Joseph Raye*, *Edw. Beaumont*. Questmen: *Jn. Bendall*, *Nich. Bragg*, *Jn. Cole*, *Robt. Habbert*, *Jn. Burcher*, *Wm. Mudd*, *Hugh Wilkinson*, *Nich. Aylward*, *Edw. Ellis*, *Jn. Nicholls*, sen.

*WICKERSTREET*. *Daniel Lappage*, questman, cited 3 times, does not appear.

*Hen. Harvie*, questman, like absence.

*OLLYWOODSTREET*. *Rich. Robinson*, questman, absent. *Mark Baker*, questman.

Fol. 31. *MONKS' ILLEIGH*. Ven. the Dean, Rector there. *Mr. Jn. Baker*, curate.

Churchwardens: the old officers are continued. *Richard Wiles*, *George Day*, questman. *John Meadows*, *Wm. Stephens* alias *Peter*.

*MOWLTON*. *Mr. Jn. Browne*, Rector. Churchwardens: *Edm. Carver*, *Robt. Hindes*.

*Carver* is sworn; power is given to *Mr. Browne* to take the oath of *Robt. Hindes* because it was not convenient for him to attend. Questmen, *Jn. Seagrave*, *Henry Brett*.

*HADLEIGH*. *Henry Everard* and wife, *Alice*, confess error, and are dismissed.

*Jn. Lodge*, deceased. Wife, *Elizabeth*, testatrix. £99 1s. 8d. *Thos. Smith*, deceased. *Jn. Strutt*, administrator. £110 6s.

Fol. 31 a. *Wm. Spooner*, deceased. *Anne Spooner*, his wife, renounces administration. *Wm. Close*, of Hadleigh, chief creditor, administrator.

*Thos. West* cited to appear at next Court.

*Wm. Scarfe* cited submits himself to correction.

**MONKS' ILLEIGH.** Thos. Rysinge refuses to pay sum of 18d. "*in usum ostiarij.*" To be excommunicated if continuing obstinate.

**HADLEIGH.** Wm. Glead and his wife confess fault, and do penance.

*Rich. Martin*, deceased. *Jn. Watson* possesses goods.

*Jn. Goymer and wife Rose* cited to appear at next Court.

*Wm. Tailor and wife Anne* cited for ante-nuptial incontinency.

Fol. 32. *Jn. Skinner* on petition pardoned for clandestine marriage, 14s.

*Jas. Goymer and Susan Betts* cited for living incontinently.

*Anne*, wife of *Jn. Glasse*, cited "for absence from Church, Sunday, 29 Sept., and giving ill-language in the Church." Pleads that she was absent from church on necessary occasions and denies that she gave ill-language in the Church.

*Thos. Barrell* reported by his wife for incontinency with *Jane Kirke*.

Fol. 32a. *Geo. Livinge*, deceased. Wife *Anne* renounces administration. *Wm. Britten* administrator.

**MONKS' ILLEIGH.** *Ralph Foakes*, deceased, wife, *Jane*, administratrix. £11 13s. 10d.

**HADLEIGH.** *Philip Long*, widow, cited for incontinency with *Margaret Fuller*.

*Philip Bumpsted*, deceased. *Rose*, his relict, possesses goods.

*Jn. Veysey* for living incontinently with *Alice Martin*, of *Layham*.

Fol. 33. *Anne Huggin*, of *Kersey*, and *Robt. Clifford*, of *Aldham*, cite *Jn. Warren*, of *Hadleigh*, for libel.

*Jn. Skinner*, of *Monks' Illeigh*, cited for swearing by God in the Church, humbly acknowledges his fault, and is pardoned.

Fol. 33a. **COURT.** 23 July, 1640, in presence of Mr. *Philip Parsons*, clerk, surrogate.

**HADLEIGH.** Churchwardens to make a rate for repair of the Chimes, and to pay the money into the hands of Dr. *Cottesford* within a fortnight, and if any shall refuse to pay into the said rate then to certify their names the next Court day, as also to collecting the £5. They are likewise to make a rate for the collecting of 40s. yearly for the maintaining of the said Chimes, to pay quarterly 10s.

*John Lodge*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict, administratrix.

*George Livinge*, deceased. *Wm. Britten*, administrator. £12 0s. 7d.

*Philip Bumpstead*, deceased. *Rose*, his relict, possesses goods.

*Thos. Kirke*, deceased. *Rose K.*, his relict, executrix. £34.

Fol. 34. *Edw. Beaumont*, deceased (jun.), 4 Nov., 1640. Mr. *Edw. Beaumont*, his father, executor, alleges that one *Gilbert Havers*, citizen and draper, of *London*, was indebted to deceased in the

sum of £150, and in that respect the probate of the will to appertain to the Prerogative Court.

*Jas. Goymer* presented by churchwardens for living incontinently with *Susan Betts*:

*John Goymer* and wife *Rose* to certify as to performance of penalty.

*Richard Garrard* cited for ante-nuptial incontinency, to bring two neighbours to swear otherwise.

*Phillipa Long*, widow, presented (fol. 32).

*Margaret Fuller* to appear publicly in a sheet in parish church of Hadleigh upon any Sunday before the sitting of next Court.

Fol. 34a. *Edward Ward* cited for being at play in the fields upon Sunday, the 22nd March, 1639.

*Thos. Bumpstead*, *Wm. Sepiens*, jun., *John Spooner*, *Wm. Spooner*, *Thos. Quinton*, *John Gleade*, cited for same offence.

*Thos. Morrice* cited for quarrelling and fighting in the Churchyard of Hadleigh upon Shrove Tuesday last, with *John Spooner* and *Wm. Spooner*, in the presence of *Dr. Cottesford*.

*Thos. Clifford* cited for like offence.

*John Gage* cited for being absent from church Sunday, 22 March, fine 1s.

*Edward Brackett*, absent from church Easter Sunday, enjoined to publicly acknowledge his fault in the church on the following Sunday.

*John Hills*, jun., cited for like offence. Fine 1s.

*Henry Wilkinson*, cited for irreverent behaviour in the church in time of Divine service on Christmas Day last past by sitting down at the Belief and prayers following, and at the reading of the Gospel, enjoined for the future to conform himself to the order of the Church, and to certify thereof under the hands of the Churchwardens.

Fol. 35. *John Veysey* excommunicated for not appearing at Court (fol. 32), absolved 12 Sept., 1640.

[ ] *Richardson* for delivering of a rundlett of beere out of her house in time of Divine Service on Sunday, 23 Oct. Fine 1s.

**MONKS' ILLEIGH.** Churchwardens and questmen to be continued in office for the year 1640 (fols. 31, 12), and to set up sentences of Scripture in the Church.

*John Snape* cited for ante-nuptial incontinency, and for not receiving the Holy Communion at Easter.

*John Willis* cited for commonly absenting himself from Church and for not receiving the Holy Communion at Easter.

*Mathew Parker* "for marrying his first wife's sister."

*Richard Wiles*, of Monks' Illeigh, affirmed that the said Parker

is at this present so sick as he is not able to stirr abroad.

*Thomas Risinge* cited for absenting himself from Church the 1st and the 22nd of March, being Sundays. "Excommunicated for refusing to swear."

Fol. 35a. *Thos. Barrell* and *Jane Kirke* cited (fol. 32), did not appear. Seats in Hadleigh Church late *Mr. Robert Rolfe's* confirmed by *Mr. John Hodges* and *Mr. John Allington*, surrogates, to the use of *Mr. Robert Cottesford*, S.T.P., Rector of Hadleigh and his family.

Fol. 36a. VISITATION, held in Hadleigh Church, 4 Dec., 1640. *Raye* admonished "to give warning unto the chief inhabitants of the town to nominate a sufficient man for Churchwarden, and to present him to the Dean within these seven days."

*John Lodge*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict, administratrix.

*Thos. Smyth*, deceased. *Mr. John Strutt*, administrator.

*Wm. Spooner*, deceased. *Wm. Close*, his administrator, to exhibit inventory.

*Geo. Stanley*, deceased. *Anne Stanley*, relict, administratrix, £1 13s. 10d., and on account of his poverty the Dean remits fee for administration. 2s., *Mr. Webster Betts*.

Fol. 37. *Jas. Goymer* and *Susan* cited to appear at next Court. (fols. 32, 34).

*John Goymer* and wife *Rose* to certify re action (fols. 21, 34).

*Philippa Long*, widow, *Margt. Fuller*, *Thos. Morrice*, *Thos. Clifford*, *Edw. Bracketts*, to produce certificates.

*John Veysey* to answer at next Court (fol. 32).

Fol. 37a. *Edward Gravener* cited for playing at Bodey in the fields in time of Divine Service on the Sunday.

*Wm. Marchant* and *Allen Quinton* for like offence. Fines 1s.

*John Spooner* for fighting in the Churchyard on Shrove Tuesday, fine 1s. *Wm. Spooner*, like offence, 1s.

*Wm. Tailor* and wife *Anne* admit offence (fol. 31). Fine 4s.

*Elizh. Boyden*, for having of a Bastard, submits. Fine 6s. 4d.

MONKS' ELLEIGH. *John Snape* and his wife. Fine 2s. 8d. (fol. 35).

*Joseph Willis*. To appear at next Court.

*Mathew Parker* and his wife. It is decreed that the said *Mathew Parker* and *Ruth*, his wife, do immediately separate themselves and not live together as man and wife, and to bring a Certificate to next Court under the Churchwardens hands and so from time to time that they the said *Mathew* and *Ruth* do live asunder and separate from each other. (fol. 35).

Fol. 38. *John Daniel* and *Mark Baker* present *Robert Nutton* for mal-administration of will.

Fol. 38a. *VISITATION* in Hadleigh Church, 17th June, 1641.

*Mr. John Baker*, Curate, *Wm. Avice*, *Thos. Pinston*, Schoolmasters ; *Richard Doggett, Jn. Applewhaite*, *Wm. Bowtle*, doctors ; *Anne Weaver*, widow, *Dorothy Barnes*, mid-wives.

*HADLEIGH*. Churchwardens : *John Glandfield*, *Martin Norrice* ; Questmen : *Thos. Bumsted*, *Walter Garrard*, *John Smyth*, jun., *Joseph Abbott*, *Peter Alderman*, *Leonard Tomson*, *Jonathan Carter*, *John Elsdon*, *Henry Osbond*, *Thos. Manning*.

*WICKERSTREET*. Questmen : *Henry Harvie*, *Henry Forbie*.

*OLLYWOODSTREET*. Questmen : *Mark Baker*, *Thos. Kenninggell*,

Fol. 39. *MONKS' ILLIGH*. *Robert Cottesford*, Dean, Rector, *Mr. John Baker*, Curate ; Churchwardens : *John Gostling*, *Abraham Greene*. Questmen : *George Green*, *John Marchant*.

*MOWLTON*. *Mr. John Browne*, Rector ; Churchwardens : *Edm. Carver*, *Robert Hindes* ; questmen : *Thos. White*, *Thos. Bullen*.

*HADLEIGH*. *John Lodge*, deceased. *Elizh.*, his relict, administratrix. Fee 8s.

*Thos. Smyth*, deceased. *Mr. John Strutt*, administrator. £110 6s.

*Wm. Spooner*, deceased. *Wm. Close*, administrator, £22 1s. 8d.

Fol. 39a. *Richard Martin*, deceased. *John Watson* possesses goods.

*George Livinge*, deceased. *Wm. Britten* and *Anne Living*, administrators. Fee unpaid.

*Thos. Kirke*, deceased. *Rose*, his relict, executrix.

*Dorcas Bough*, widow, deceased. *John Creak*, of Dedham, executioner.

*Anne Cooper*, widow, deceased. *Richard Tillisson* and *John Rand*, of Nayland, executors.

*Elizh. Raynes*, widow. *Mr. Philip Forth*, executor.

*Joan Beaumont*, widow, deceased. *Mr. Wm. Richardson*, her father, executor, will exhibited. Probate and administration granted 8 Apr., 1641. *Solomon Richardson*, son of said *Wm. Richardson*, produces inventory of goods. £318 3s. (1 Oct., 1641).

Fol. 40. *MONKS' ELEIGH*. Court, 8 Apr., 1641.

*Catherine Munninge*, widow, deceased. *John Roberts*, of Monks' Illeigh, executor. £158 8s.

*HADLEIGH*. *Wm. Coleman*, deceased. *Robert Coleman*, of Boxford, his brother, executor. £33 16s.

*Thos. Morris*, deceased. *Rose*, his relict, holds goods. £10 7s. 8d.

*Mr. Edw. Webster*, deceased. Will at Prerogative Court, Canterbury.

*Agnes Fowler*, widow, deceased. *Mr. Thos. Warner* and *Joseph Ray*, executors. £100.

*Christopher Podd*, deceased. *Margt.*, his relict, pauper. £1 8s. 4d.

*Alice Mudd*, widow, deceased. *Alice*, her daughter, has goods.

- Fol. 40a. *Wm. Ducker*, deceased. *Mary*, his relict, administratrix. £4 18s. 11d.

*Joan Hargrave alias Blewett*, widow, deceased. *Jas. Blewett*, eldest son of said deceased, administrator. £5 4s. 11d.

Certificates required from *Jas. Goymer*, *Susan Betts*, *John Goymer*, and wife *Rose*, *Phillipa Long*, *Margaret Fuller*.

- Fol. 41. *Thos. Morrice*, *Thos. Clifford*, *Edward Brackett*, *Edward Gravener*, submit, fine 1s.

*John Veysey*, of Hadley. (See fols. 32, 37).

MONKS' ILLEIGH. *John Snape* to pay 2s. 8d. fee (fols. 35, 37).

*Joseph Willis* and *Mathew Parker and wife* to appear (fols. 35, 37).

- Fol. 41a. *Thomas Risinge*, *Thos. Barrell*, *Jane Kirke* to appear.

- Fol. 42. *Edward Munnilock* and wife cited "for clandestine marriage, they both dwelling in the parish of Hadley and subject to the jurisdiction of the Dean of Bocking were both married out of the said Jurisdiction."

*John Hartley and his wife* same offence.

*Thos. Briggs and wife Susan* cited for ante-nuptial incontinency, married on St. James' Day, and she was brought to bed the 20th of Feb.

WICKERSTREET. *Wm. Banticke*, deceased. *Helena*, his relict, has goods.

*Charles Bond*, deceased. *Margery*, his relict, has goods.

Memorandum. *Mr. Wasse* owes for two licences.

- Fol. 42a. MOWLTON. *Samuel Dawling*, deceased. *Mr. John Browne* alleges that *Francis Dawling*, the relict, cannot with any "conveniency" repaire to the Court in regard of distance of place being 24 miles, and therefore on her part desires power may be committed to him for the granting of Administration of the goods of the said *Samuel* to her the said *Francis* at her dwelling house in Mowlton. £23 2s. 8d.

*Andrew Roland*, deceased. *Mary*, his relict, pauper. £3 16s. 8d. Fee remitted for administration. Payment 1s.

*Mr. William Avis*, clerk, deceased. His relict renounces administration, which is granted to *Joseph Ray*, 25 Mar., 1642. £6 8s. 4d.

- Fol. 43. HADLEIGH. *Jn. Ransome*, deceased. *Mary*, his relict, administratrix.

*Jonathan Carter*, deceased.



- Robert Potter*, deceased. *Elizabeth*, his relict, and *Wm. Close*, of Hadleigh, his executioners.  
*Richard Pratt*, deceased.  
*John Spencer*, sexton, deceased. "*Pauperrimus*."  
*John Reynolds*, deceased. *Anne*, his relict, appeared 25 Mar., 1642. Administratrix, £40 11s. 8d.  
*Edward Andrew*, deceased. *Anne Andrew*, executrix, 25 Mar., 1642. Administratrix, £17 15s.  
Fol. 43a. *Jas. Blewett*, sen., deceased. *Margaret*, his relict, administratrix. 24 Mar., 1642. £4 13s. 4d.  
*John Clifford*, butcher, deceased. *Jane Clifford*, his relict, administratrix.  
*Mathew Gildersleeve*, deceased.

## END OF COURT BOOK.

## ACTA BOOK, 1668-1670.

- Fol. 1. *Thos. Greene*, deceased. *Grace Greene*, his relict, 19 May, 1668. Administratrix, £122 18s. 8d.  
 Licence of Marriage between *Symon Moyse* and *Sarah Toller*, of Hadleigh, in church of Hadleigh, 27 May, 1668.  
 MONKS' ILLEIGH. [ ] *Chaplin*, deceased. *Susan Chaplin*, his relict, administratrix. £46 9s. 8d.  
 Fol. 1a. [Blank].  
 Fol. 2. Court held in Hadleigh Church, 25 June, 1668, before *Mr. Thos. Warren*, clerk, surrogate. *Philip Betts*, notary. *Richard Barrell*, *Thos. Basill*, *Robert Tayler*, schoolmasters. *Edmund Curtice*, doctor, suspended. *John Harwell*, doctor or surgeon. *Wm. Allabaster*, surgeon. *Alice*, wife of *Wm. Barnes*, midwife. Churchwardens, *Edward Gravener*, *John Alderman*, and *Richard Parsons*, to exhibit transcripts of Register Bills for past year. *Anne Ranson* cited for having of a base child. Excommunicated. *Hugh Hamond* and [ ] *Goymer*, widow, cited for incontinency.  
*Henry Jankins* and *Mary Fuller* cited for incontinency.  
*Wm. West* cited for playing in the fields on Sundays, and especially on Sunday, 12 April, last past.  
 Fol. 2a. *John Cole* cited for playing and walking about streets in time of Divine Service on Sundays.  
*John Elsdon* cited for tippling in an alehouse in time of Divine Service on the 30th Jan. last past, being on a fast day.  
*Henry Buckenham* cited for absenting himself from the Lord's Supper, "*Cenarium*," at Easter last.

The following were cited for similar abstention :—

*Arthur Tompson* (†), *Thos. Humphrey* (†), *Mr. Thos. Whiteing* (†), *Richard Barrell, jun. (\*)* (†), *Symon Moyse (\*)* (†), *Edward Death, Robert Cousin* (†),

Fol. 3. *Timothy Twist (\*)* (†), Wm. Gobbett (speak to him), Jonathan Carter (\*), Wm. Turner, Robert Smith (\*), John Death, *Richard Rand* (†), Wm. Tricker (\*), *Wm. White* (†), Joseph (? Josias) Bragg, Robert Webb, *Wm. Close* (†), Barnaby Moyse (†), *Richard Duplacke* (†), *Thos. Betts* (†),

Fol. 3a. Edw. Gravener, *Mrs. Blewitt*, widow (†), Mr. Wm. Coleman (mort.), Arthur Coleman, *Edward Webster* (†), Thos. Helland, *Mr. Thos. Scarlet* (†), John Fuller (\*), Mr. John Hubbert, Edmund Tonnon, Daniel Hall,

Fol. 4. Philip Bumpsted, Walter Pincheon, gent., Wm. Allen, Jas. Ives (†), *Wm. Barnes* (†), John Bockenham, John Butler, *Robert Brownsmith*.

*Edward Battle*, for detaining the Clerk's wages for four years last past, being 4d. per annum. Also Wm. Wale, Thos. Derrick, Samuel Cousen, Sarah Cocksadge, widow, and Joseph Stephens (dead).

Fol. 4a. **MONKS' ILLEIGH.** *Francis Offord* cited for behaving himself irreverently in the Church in time of Divine Service.

*Ambrose Sewell* for absenting himself from Church in time of Divine Service and of sermons on Sundays and Holy Days, and for not receiving the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Easter last.

*Samuel Baker*, churchwarden, for not receiving Sacrament. Excommunicated.

*Margaret Goslin*, midwife, to shew her licence.

**HADLEIGH.** *Robert Cousins*, deceased. *Margaret*, his relict, has goods. *Sara White*, deceased. *Mr. Wm. Beaumont*, executor.

Fol. 5. *Grace Green*, widow, deceased. *Mr. Richard Parsons*, executor.

**MOULTON.** *Edward Ringstead, Chas. Smith, Simon Pitches*, his wife *Mirablè Pitches, Edward Tilbrook*, all deceased.

**HADLEIGH.** *Henry Hodgkinson*, deceased. *Mr. Jonathan Liveringe*, principal creditor.

*Smith contra Gobbett.* *Mr. Benjamin Roberts*, attorney for Smith. Gobbett does not appear. "Contumacious." Excommunicated.

Fol. 5a. *Henry West*, deceased. *Alice*, his relict, seeks administration. **MOULTON.** *Silvester Tilbrook*, defendant. *Mary*, his relict, renounces administration. Granted to *John Sainte*, of Cheveley, co. Cambs. £42 6s. 8d.

\* Excommunicated.

† Absent from Court.

- HADLEIGH*. *George Moore*, deceased. His relict granted administration.
- Fol. 6. *Grace Greene*, deceased. Mr. Richard Parson, executor. £135 11s. 6d.  
*Michael Smaladge*, deceased.  
*Henry West*, deceased. *Jas. Groome*, principal creditor, in presence of Mr. *Benjamin Doggett*, granted administration. £5 14s. 8d.
- Fol. 6a. COURT, 15 JUNE, 1669.  
*HADLEIGH*. Mr. *Richard Cooke*, Rector. Mr. *John Alderman* and Mr. *Richard Parsons*, churchwardens. *Isaac Bunn*, *John Morris*, *Edmund Gravener*, *Wm. Condie*, *John Mixer*, *John Tayler*, old questmen. *John Smith*, *Thos. Humphrey*, *Richard Seabore*, *Wm. Felgett*, *Thos. Cooper*, *Robert Tayler*, new churchwardens.  
*WICKERSTREET* and *OLLYWOODSTREET*. *Thomas Bumpstead*, questman.  
*MONKS' ILLEIGH*. Mr. *William Baker*, Rector. *Samuel Baker*, *John Greene*, old churchwardens. *Thos. King*, *Isaac Orford*, new churchwardens.  
*John Archer*, *Peter Stephens*, old questmen. *Robert Chaplin*, *John Wells*, new questmen.
- Fol. 7. *MOULTON*. Mr. *Francis Syllyard*, Vicar. *Thomas Pricket*, *John Pricke*, churchwardens.  
*HADLEIGH*. *Anne Ranson* excommunicated for having a base child.  
*Hugh Hammond* and [ ] *Goymer*, widow, presented for incontinency.
- Fols. 7a. 8. Presented for not receiving the Communion at "Easter last past was a twelvemonth." Names in italics given on fols. 2-4.  
*HADLEIGH*. *Martin Morris*, deceased. *Samuel Martin*, executor.  
*James Ives*, deceased. *Anne Ives*, his relict, administratrix. £293 13s. 8d.
- Fol. 8a. *Wm. Hall* and *Jane Bowton* to pay fee for licence at next Court, or to say why they should not be excommunicated.  
The parties abovenamed were married by Mr. *John Maide-stone*, Vicar of Chattisham, co. Suff., 18 June, 1668.  
*Sara White*, deceased. Mr. *Wm. Beamond*, executor.  
*Peter Brett*, deceased.  
*Wm. Coleman*, deceased. *Arthur Coleman* and *John Grimwood* executors.
- Fol. 9. COURT, 21 APRIL, 1670.  
*HADLEIGH*. Mr. *Richard Cook*, Rector. Mr. *Thomas Oley*, Curate. Mr. *John Alderman*, Mr. *Richard Parsons*, church-

wardens. *Richard Parsons, Edward Woodthorpe*, new churchwardens. *John Smith, Richard Seabore, Wm. Tittet, Thos. Cooper, Henry Howes, Daniel Harvey* (excommunicated), questmen.

*WICKERSTREET* and *OLLYWOODSTREET*. *Thos. Bumpstead*, old questman.

*MONKS' ILLEIGH*, *Mr. William Baker*, Rector. *Thomas King, Isaac Offwood*, old churchwardens. *Richard Chaplin, John Wells*, old questmen. The Dean pronounces them "*contumacious*" and to be excommunicated if they do not produce transcripts within 15 days.

*Nicholas Hayward, Thos. Clarke*, new churchwardens. *Arthur Chapman* and *Edward Simpson*, new questmen.

Fol. 9a. *MOULTON*. *Mr. Francis Silliard*, Vicar. *John Prick, John Halls*, churchwardens.

*HADLEIGH*. *Richard Barrell, jun.*, cited for incontinency with *Susan Cage*, his servant.

*Benjamin Coleman, sen.*, cited for not paying Church rate.

Fol. 10. *Joseph Coleman, Wm. Alabaster, Wm. Richardson, John Death, William Westerbed, Philip Bumpstead, Thomas Gunne, William Sepliens, jun., Arthur Wilkinson*.

Fol. 10a. *Anne Golding, Robert Webb, William Tricker, Anne Ives*, widow, *Thomas Field, Edward Rainer*, cited for Church rates.

*Wm. Coleman*, deceased. *Arthur Coleman* and *William Grimwood*, executors. *Grimwood* renounces. "Nothing done."

Fol. 11. *HADLEIGH*. Court, 7 June, 1670. *Thomas Cook*, s.t.b.

*Johanne Roberts*, Notary Public.

*Joseph Symons* and *Elizabeth Chels*, cited for incontinency.

*Hugh Sweetens* and *Anne Bankes* for like offence.

*Thomas Smith* and *Margaret Cusin*, for marrying contrary to the lawes of the Church of England.

*Henry Jenkon* and *Rose Fuller*, for like offence done two years since.

*John Howard* and [ ] *Gravener*, for like offence.

*John Little* and [ ] *Harrison*, widow, for like offence.

Fol. 11a. *John Richardson, Edward Webster, John Deeth, Arthur Wilkinson, Howard Bockenham, Christopher Howe, Thomas Everett, John Fuller, Edward Battle, William Whitt*.

Fol. 12. *Robert Brownsmith* for not receiving the Communion last Easter. *Thos. Scarlett* and *Mrs. Scarlett* were at Easter last at London and could not then receive Communion, but they promised to receive it.

The following cited for not paying rates to the Churchwardens :—

*Henry Hudson* 7s., *Robert Packer*, 1s. 6d., *Thomas Turner* 5s., *Daniel Howe* 1s. 6d., *Thos. Scarlett* 17s. 4d., *Robert Smith* 4s.,

Fol. 12a. *Wm. Goobitt* 8s. 8d., *Roger Balles* 10s. 10d., *Henry Frost*, 16s. 4d., *Henry Rand*, 4s., *John Mixer*, 1s. 6d., [ ] *Fening*, widow, 9s., *Thomas Whyte*, sen., 7s., *William Whyte*, 8s. 8d.

*MONKS' ILLEIGH*. *Thomas King*, *Isaac Offwood*, churchwardens, for not performing their office. (Not cited).

*WICKERSTREET* and *OLLYWOODSTREET*. *Thomas Bumpstead*, questman.

*HADLEIGH*. *Robert Garrard*, deceased. *Margaret Garrard*, relict, administratrix. Deceased died intestate.

*Gyles Andrewes*, of *Monks' Illeigh*, deceased, gent. *Thomas Bulwer* appeared on behalf of *John Whatlake* and *Mary Whatlake*.

*Davie le Boone* and *Thomas Boone*, object.

*Lose paper*. Received of the churchwardens of *MOULTON* for the last Visitation at Michaelmas, 1s. 8d., because they were not there. And for their oaths, 1s. 4d.

Churchwardens this year, *Edmund Carver*, *Robert Hines*.

Questmen, newly chosen, *Thomas White*, *Thomas Bullen*.

Questmen, last year, *James Spaldinge*, *Henry Barnard*.

*Francis Dauling*, *Mary Rowland*, widows.