

## SUFFOLK COUNTY RECORDS.

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The principal justice of the peace in each county is the *custos rotulorum* or keeper of the records; the other justices were, formerly, *custodes* or *conservatores pacis*, who claimed their power by prescription, or were bound to exercise it by the tenure of their lands, or were chosen by the freeholders in full County Court before the sheriff. After the deposition of Edward II. the election of the conservators of the peace was taken from the people and given to the King. The statute 34 Edw. III. c.1 gave the conservators of the peace power of trying felonies, when they acquired the appellation of justices. After 1590 they were appointed to keep the peace in the particular county named, and to enquire of, and to determine offences in such county committed.

It was ordained by Statute 18 Edw. III., st. 2, c. 2, that two or three of the best reputation in each county shall be assigned to be keepers of the peace. By Statute 34 Edw. III. their number was increased to four, and in the reign of Richard II. their number in each county was eight, which number was further enlarged with the growth of the number of statute laws committed from time to time to the charge of the justices of the peace.

Any two or more justices of the peace are empowered by commission to hear and determine offences

which is the ground of their criminal jurisdiction at Quarter Sessions. "Besides the jurisdiction which the justices of each county at large exercise, in these and other matters at Quarter Sessions, authority is moreover given by various statutes to the justices acting for the several divisions into which counties are for that purpose distributed, to transact different descriptions of business at special sessions."

The Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace is a Court that must be held in each county once in every quarter of a year. The records or rolls of the sessions are committed to the custody of a special officer, denominated, as before stated, the *custos rotulorum*; and to him the nomination of the clerk of the peace, of the county belongs—an officer who (among other duties) acts as clerk to the Court of Quarter Sessions and records all their proceedings.

The antiquity, therefore, of the appointment of justices of the peace, and the progressive power of their jurisdiction over county affairs, may rouse in the mind of the student of local history the fact that the records of their proceedings contain valuable information concerning county and parochial government. Doubtless such would have been the case to a large extent if the records had been carefully preserved. The accompanying list of Suffolk county records, remaining in the possession of the Clerk of the Peace at Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds, shews that no careful preservation of the documents has been made, and that the earliest collection dates from the year 1639.

That earlier documents and books did exist is to be seen from the articles on the historic documents which were in the possession of the Right Honourable E. R. Wodehouse, published in Part IV. of the 13th

Report of the Historical MSS. Commissioners. Among the documents are two volumes of manuscripts relating to the conduct of public affairs in the county of Suffolk during the 17th Century. Lord Francis Hervey, who had access to the two volumes, has published extracts from these books under the title of "Suffolk Magistrates' Letter Book." The compiler of these extracts states that these volumes appear to have originally belonged to members of the Bacon family; that the earlier and larger Bacon Letter Book relates to the period from 1608 to 1640, while the smaller Bacon Letter Book covers the period 1664-1676. The excerpts in the latter book were evidently taken from the Sessions Order Book for the years named, and it therefore seems probable that other Bacon Letter Books were formerly in existence, for it would be strange for the compiler of the two volumes to have omitted making extracts from the Sessions Order Books for the years 1639-1651, and 1651-1664, which are still preserved. The Right Honourable E. R. Wodehouse was the representative of Edmund Bacon, of Redgrave, 1658, a well known justice of Suffolk.

The larger Bacon Letter Book is of great value, seeing that it contains excerpts from a Sessions Order Book no longer accessible to the student. The accompanying collection of extracts is from the earliest Sessions Order Book, 1639-1651. From these entries we may gather the character of parochial and county government during one of the most exciting periods of English History. From them we get a full insight into the welfare of the poor, and the protection they enjoyed.

The poor, at times destitute of home and shelter, found refuge for themselves and families under the church roof. Thus we find an order from the justices

of the peace was necessary to evict John Brown, "who layeth with his wife in the church porch of Coddendam, and maketh that his habitation, refusing to accept of a convenient house provided by the town," 1640. Again in 1651, a similar order was issued to eject one, Robert Peck, a very poor man, his wife, and family, who had taken up their residence in Walsham le Willows Church, in that year. Little respect was paid to the sanctity of God's House, even after the Restoration. John Battellie, of Dunwich, refused to repair the chancel, and turned the church porch into a stable for his horses.

The parish churches were allowed to fall into decay, but frequent contributions were levied by the justices of the peace when the buildings suffered any great damage from storm or fire. When Mildenhall Church steeple fell in 1688 a sum of £40 was granted towards its restoration.

A grant was made towards the re-building of the Church of St. Mary's, Bungay, "destroyed by a dreadful fire in 1700"; towards the repair of Bramfield steeple in the same year, and in the following year towards the repair of Melford steeple, which had fallen down. It was estimated that a sum of £1,800 would be required to complete its restoration. In 1697 a grant was made to Mr. George Borough, rector of Somerton, because "a great and violent tempest of thunder and lightning happened, whereby the parsonage house was set on fire, and damaged to the value of £80.

Grants were made to persons in distress. Lady Soame, widow of Sir William Soame, sometime High Sheriff of Suffolk, was granted £3 yearly by the justices at Beccles, 7 Oct., 1700. Many petitioners who had

served King and country and had thereby fallen into distress received yearly pensions. Thus, Thomas Partridge, of Needham Market, who "formerly lived in good sort . . . in the late Civil War, for his loyalty to King Charles, was plundered by Cromwell's army of the greatest part of his stock . . . and was reduced to a very low condition," was granted a pension of £5 yearly. The pension of James Brand, of Walton, was increased from twenty shillings to £4 yearly "in consideration of his infirmity and his service to Charles I. and Charles II. as a soldier by land and sea."

Payments made by the justices frequently point out the laxity of gaol supervision. £5 was awarded "to the people who apprehended one, Pulham, a highwayman, who broke out of gaol, 1699; twenty shillings was paid to one, Symms, of Newmarket, for care and paines in apprehending some prisoners who had escaped out of Bury Gaol; and the same amount was granted to Robert King for some people of Thurlow who assist in the capture of the runaways, 1695." It is not surprising to find that George Patten, keeper of the gaol, was discharged from office for negligence in allowing diverse escapes. Recommendation was made of James Hunt, "thief-catcher," of Hadleigh, to other justices of the peace for his diligence in apprehending prisoners escaped from Bury Gaol.

A gaoler's office was not a profitable profession, as we see by the following order of the justices, 9 Aug., 1645.

"Whereas very many persons of several parishes have been committed to his Majesty's Gaol at Ipswich for witchcraft, which hath caused a great and extraordinary charge to the gaoler by bringing the said prisoners several times to this gaol delivery, and for the providing for and maintaining of the said persons, very poor and impotent, many of whom are acquitted by proclamation and many by verdict, it is ordered that the rate fall upon the parishes whose inhabitants procured the attachment of the prisoners."

This order produced "differences between the inhabitants of Copdock and James Riggis, keeper of Ipswich Gaol, for payment for charges for witches," and when they, who called for the tune, had to pay the piper, the piping or persecution for witches tended to cease. The people then turned their attention towards other amusements, for we find that in 1701, "diverse people within the division of Woodbridge and Ipswich kept public houses and encouraged football matches for unlawful lucre and gain; and also races, wrestling, dancing, cock-fighting, drawing matches, and several other such unlawful and disorderly pastimes, and did thereby occasion great numbers of people as well servants as others to meet together to their great expense and loss of time, and disturbance of His Majesty's Peace."

At Bury, 14 Oct., 1695, an order was made for raising of the *posse comitatus* to suppress rioters "who in sundry parts of this county have assembled themselves together in a tumultuous and riotous manner, burnt carts and waggons, carried away goods and chattels, and put divers persons in danger of their lives."

In the following year, 1696, an order was issued in the month of April at Beccles, Woodbridge, Ipswich, and Bury "that in respect of the danger under which the nation lies from an intended assassination of his present Majesty, and an invasion from France carried on by the late King James, printed copies of the Association lately entered into by both Houses of Parliament, be tendered to the housekeepers, lodgers, and others of every parish; and the constables to return the names of the people who refuse to subscribe to the Association." The full returns thus made of all the male inhabitants above 16 years of age then

residing in the county, is preserved among the documents in the Public Record Office (see *Petty Bag, Association Oath Rolls*, 1696).

The Woodbridge "Kalendar of Gaol," 15 July, 1685, mentions the names of several persons, principally Quakers, who refused to take the oath of allegiance. The following names appear in the list of members of the Society of Friends who repeatedly made their appearance at Sessions to be recommitted to gaol till they found sureties to be of good behaviour; if discharged, they were to pay fees and fines due:—William Bedford, Susan Partridge, Deborah Shooter, Susan Bennett, Elizabeth Piggott, Elizabeth Burton, John Birch, Charles Weston, John Dowseing, William Bennett. The latter died in gaol; his death is recorded in the register of the Society as follows:—"Died prisoner in the gaol for the testimony of Jesus."

Throughout the records many sidelights are thrown upon the relationships existing between master and apprentice, mistress and maidservant, farmer and labourer, and upon the conditions of service both in the army and navy. The following is one instance of admission to the navy:—

"John Trussell was indicted for felony and petty larceny, and having confessed his corporal punishment was respited, and he was sent to Captain Patty to go to sea in His Majesty's Service, 1695."

The principal records under the care of the Clerk of the Peace for Suffolk are as follows:—

Sessions Order Books, 1639-1872 (36 vols.).

Sessions Record Books, 1748-1857 (13 vols.).

Sessions Rough Minute Books, 1650-1871.

Militia Minute Book, 1757-1762.

Militia Papers: General Bundle for West Suffolk, to Oct., 1859.

- Militia Gazettes. Probates of Wills, 1600-1700.  
Accounts of 12 Companies of Militia, 1759.  
Accounts of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of Militia, 1759.  
Treasurers' Books, 1762-1784, 1830-1860.  
Old Rate Books, 1741-1870.  
Books of Recognizances, 1693-4, 1738-1748, 1826-1831.  
Land Tax Assessment Books, 1799 (2 vols.).  
Registers of Voters, 1843-1872 (29 books for each division).  
Papers relating to Clare and Ashen Bridges.  
County Files of Recognizances, etc., 1800-1847.  
(After 1820 the Recognizances are by themselves, forming a separate section in the general bundle of each year).  
Land Tax Assessments, 1785-1832.  
Bury Gaol Papers, 1804-1807, 1850-1867.  
Railway Plans.  
3 Dissenters' Declarations (John Jacques Steel, Thomas Hoddy, Henry Thomas Pawson).  
Printing Presses Licences (Oliver, 1847; Fuller, 1852; Bigmore, 1852; Lucia, 1856).  
Beccles Loan Society and Pettistree Club Rules.  
Commissions of the Peace, 1763-1844.  
Gaolers' Reports, etc. (Beccles and Woodbridge, 1823-27).  
Miscellaneous Maps and Plans.  
Old Memorials from Parishes *re* Rural Police.  
Suffolk Disturbances, 1830.  
Miscellaneous Old Deeds.  
Suffolk Rioters, 1816-1824.  
County Rate Papers, 1765.  
Jury Panels, 1800-1870.  
Jury Lists, 1808-1871.  
Voters' Lists, 1833-1872.  
Books of East Suffolk Enclosure Awards, 1788-1904.  
Freeholders, 1786 (1 vol.).



## EXTRACTS FROM THE SESSIONS ORDER BOOK, 1639-1651.

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*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 2 Oct., 15 Chas. Justices: John Barker, Bart., Richard Brook, knt., Edward Duke, Nicholas Rivett, and John Forth, arm.

Licence for John Rackham, of Brandeston, to convert backhouse for habitation of Henry Iffe, a poor man and family.

Edward Knights, of Eyke. Efforts of some persons to eject said Knights (poor and family great). His house hired over his head. Churchwardens and overseers to provide house, Knights to pay reasonable rent.

Thomas Page, of Carleton, late of New Buckenham, Norf. 9 years since, to be sent back.

Order. Thomas Francis, impotent, of Woodbridge, Hasketon, destitute and no habitation. Overseers to provide him a house there.

Deteyner of Cottage at Sibton by D. Barker, esq. *versus* Caliby Brett, and Mary his wife, and T. Smyth, jun. Brett and Smyth to appear before Sir John Rouse and Sir Robert Brooke, J.P., to state why order of Court was not obeyed.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 4 Oct., 15 Chas.

Order that Susan Gardner, a poor child, born in House of Correction, Ipswich, be maintained at charge of county. Overseers of Horham to take charge. Bound to a master for £9 6s. 6d. Treasurers of Woodbridge and Beccles and Ipswich, £6 4s. 4d., of Bury, £3 2s. 2d.

Order that George Markyn be sent to Little Claysen to his step-father, Symon Mudd.

Christopher Story, keeper of Ipswich Gaol, expended on Elizabeth Rudley, felon, for child-bed expenses and burial of child, 17s. 5d. Treasurer for maymed soldiers to pay Story the said sum.

Refusal by Henry Rowringe, gent., and William Parker, gent., of Sproughton, to pay rates. Order to pay or appear.

John Jermy, of Sutton, esq., to be rated at £80 *per annum*.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 7 Oct., 15 Chas.

Chas. Turner, of Bardwell, a disorderly person, committed by inhabitants of Bardwell to House of Correction at Bottesdale, suffers great misery for want of maintenance. Churchwardens and overseers of Bardwell to pay 2s. weekly to gaoler.

John Cressall, of Bilderstone, pressed into service of Jas. I. beyond the seas, received many wounds. Treasurer to pay him 30s.

Robert Ratsey, of Carsey, lamentable fire, 18 Sept. last. Treasurer of King's Bench and Marshalsea to pay him 40s.

Ditto to J. Berrington, of Carsey; fire, 18 Feb.

To Mayor of Sudbury, 50s. from Treasurer of King's Bench, for keep of Stephen Rayke in gaol.

Margaret Brewster, who left Little Waldingfield to settle in Lavenham, ordered to return.

Robert Dawson's relict, Anne Dawson, sister of John Levett, of Stambourne, Essex, taylor, settled in Great Bradley with William Fincham, cook. Churchwardens and overseers of Great Bradley to keep youngest child. William Fineham to pay half expenses. Anne Dawson and eldest child to go to brother.

Elizabeth Stafford, of Gedding, widow, permitted to occupy parlour of George Edward in said town.

*Sessions, Beccles.* 13 Jan. 15 Chas.

William Crispe, son of John Crispe, late of Bramfield, maintained at Halesworth. Order on inhabitants of Bramfield to pay Simon Crispe, of Halesworth, 24s. for nursing the said child.

Complaint of William Woolsey, William Dove, William Turridge, and John Elsely, prisoners in gaol at Bliburgh, committed by Francis Taylor, coröner, and detained 7 weeks. Order for Francis Taylor and gaoler to appear before Justices of Peace named to see if prisoners are baileable.

Order for Treasurer of King's Bench and Marshalsea to pay Philip Stedman, of Beccles, keeper of the Hospital, 50s.

Mary Meeke to be sent from Wissett to All Saints, South Elmham, to be maintained.

Petition of inhabitants of Worlingham for relief from Wangford Hundred to help maintain their poor.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 15 Jan. 15 Chas.

Licence to churchwardens and overseers of Cretingham to convert a backhouse near adjoining cottage into a cottage for habitation of some poor people.

Peter Rogers, of Petistree, petitioned for the continuance of a cottage in the same town. Licence granted.

Petition of inhabitants of Woodbridge *re* settlement of Thomas Spurdance and Grace, his wife, sole daughter of T. Denny, of Hasketon. Denny ordered to pay 2s. weekly towards maintenance of his grandchild.

Order for inhabitants of Winesham and Swilland to repair highway.

Order for Robert Butts, gent., 26s. 8d.; George Starlinge, gent., 13s. 4d.; Thomas Pett, 10s.; T. Harris, 3s. 4d.; H. Cutberd, 3s.; Mathew Sherman, 12d.; R. Lowes, 12d.; Walter Drury, 12d.; T. Brooke, 12d. All of Levington, rated 23 Aug. last, for a boy killed; whereupon the cattle of J. Man and R. Lane were taken and £4 14s. paid before cattle could be delivered.

Walton, [ ] widow of Walton, married one, Beckett, of Woodbridge, a maimed soldier, and pensioner £4 *per annum*; two children of widow sent to Woodbridge on that pretence, eldest to be sent to Walton and younger to remain at Woodbridge. Said pension of £4 to be equally divided between the two parishes.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 7 Jan. 15 Chas.

Complaint that ancient rates of Capel and other towns in the Hundred of Sampford are lately altered.

T. Linge, formerly constable of Debenham, discharged for inefficiency. James Freind, elected constable and refused to collect by rate 24s. 2d. due to T. Linge.

Abraham Bassell and Christopher Lewes certify to repair of Cattaway Bridge; 10s. to be paid by Treasurer of King's Bench and Marshalsea.

J. Langley, of Baylham, "bedred ould man," 16d. a week far too little, had son, J. Langley, of Bramford, "a man of good ability," to pay 12d. weekly towards maintenance.

Elizabeth Fulcher, of Metford, sum of 1s. weekly raised to 18d.

Thomas Brooke and Lionell Cooke have disbursed £5. Treasurer of King's Bench and Marshalsea ordered to pay, "but being naught in his hands the Treasurer to forbear further payment of money to the Hospital at Ipswich, to the Hospital at Eye, and the pension due to Jeremy Pearance, of Debenham."

Robert Stanton, apprentice of E. Wilson, of Dynnyngton, "departed his services, committed felonies, byn in gaole and bridewell, and burnt on hand, still continued in that lewd and evil course of life." Wilson to be discharged of the apprentice, and to receive some other poor child.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 20 Jan. 15 Chas.

Rent of 3s. due, for yearly rent of Stone House, "standing in close, called the High Vyne, wherein magazine of the county hath byn and still is laid up, to W. Tirrell, esq."

Thomas Miller, of Lawshall, set fire to his house, by casualty of fire and lost goods. Treasurer to pay £10, and churchwardens and overseers to find habitation.

T. Woolman, tenant of the glebe lands and tithes of Mr. Craddock, of Barrowe, clerke, is rated by constables. Order no rate for same lands to be levied.

Thomas Mills *alias* Aylesworth, changed name to avoid apprehension for felony at Nayland, trunk seized as felon's goods. Mills "hath sithence sent for the saide truncke." Constables ordered to retain trunk in spite of threats.

Order to pay Lionell Cooke, gent., 40s. and 3s. for money disbursed.

Joseph Alexander, of Bury St. Edmunds, baker, appointed to deliver "weekly bread and strawe unto the poore prisoners remayninge in his Majesty's gaole for the Liberty of Bury for sheare bread and lodgeinge, thirty pounds." Constables to raise rates so that £10 a year more be paid. "Prisoners in saide gaole dayly encrease."

*Sessions, Beccles. 13 Ap. 15 Chas.*

Robert Slath, pretended to be servant to W. Dynnington, of Beccles, sent by warrant to Beccles; suggestions untrue. Slath to be settled at Herringfleet, where he had been resident for 6 years.

E. Gooch, of Covehithe, took apprentice, Thomas Morison, "an orfant," about 8 years, receiving £4 and apparel, but being not bound by law E. Gooch refuses to receive him. Gooch to pay overseers of Barnby sum of £4 10s. before 27 May next.

Randall Meeres, a maimed soldier, pension 40s. *per annum*. On petition £4 paid down, being discharge of further payment of pension.

Thomas Welton, apprentice of John Sadler, gent., of St. Andrew's Ilketshall, lame, "not by his master's service," questionable whether he shall be discharged. 30s. to be paid to churchwardens till question is settled.

Margaret Kell, servant to Dionisius Blanchflower, of Mutford, on expiration of service settled in Beccles, ordered to be sent to Mutford.

*Sessions, Woodbridge. 15 Ap. 16 Chas.*

James Clark, of Walton, alehouse keeper, on oath of Walter Armiger, constable, kept great disorder in his house, and "hath sold less than a full alequarte of his best beer for a penny," to be suppressed and disabled for keeping an alehouse for 3 years, and pay 20s. unto the poor of the parish for breaking the assize of beer.

"This courte is pleased to give 3 weeks unto the saide Clarke to drawe out the beere which he now hath in his house, but not to brewe or take any more beere to sell and utter againe."

William Blackman, of Felixstowe, to take Ann Toakely, a poor child, apprentice.

Thomas Denny, of Hasketon, neglected order to maintain his grandchildren, children of his daughter, Grace Spurdance.

Charles Grovell to be settled at Boyton until judge's opinion obtained on dispute between Boyton and Orford.

Henry Warner settled at Martlesham on petition of inhabitants of Little Bealings.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 16 Ap. 16 Chas.

George White to be sent back from Roydon to Hadleigh to his master, Stephen Cole, term of apprenticeship not complete.

Phillippa Heworth, widow, sold goods, and deserted babe of 11 weeks, at Earl Soham. Churchwardens to maintain child till mother be found.

Death of Elizabeth Fulcher, an impotent woman, of Metfield, kept by John Stiles, 8 March last, sum 10s. 6d. due for her keep.

Francis Rose, son of Thomas Rose, late of Westerfield, kept by Robert Rose, of Holbrook, brother of Thomas, who took out letters of administration of goods of said Thomas Rose, to be released of charge of maintenance on delivery of letters of administration, etc., to churchwardens of Westerfield.

John Browne, "who riwe lyeth with his wife in the church porch of Coddendam, and maketh that his habitation, refusing to accept of a convenient house provided for him by the town . . . to remove himself from the said church porch, etc."

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 1 June, 16 Chas.

Treasurer of King's Bench to pay Edward Parris, gent., 15s. towards certain payments, etc.

Correction House at Blithburgh in great decay; the Treasurer of King's Bench to pay Hastings Wilkinson, one of the chief constables of the Hundred of Blithinge, £15 towards charge of repairs.

William Tirrold, of Walberswicke, miller, appointed to be keeper of the House of Correction at Blithburgh. . . . "presently to enter the same with the appurtenances and to have and enjoy all the howshold stuff, utensiles, implements, irons, mannacles, giuves, and engines belongeinge to the saide howse." Humphry Herne to deliver up the same, "but to reape the croppe already sowne uppon parte of the premises and to have a convenient time for cuttinge and carrying away the said corne and howshold stuff."

Petition of Elizabeth Branson, of Melton, widow, 22 years in parish, and impotent, seeking relief in same. Churchwardens and overseers to provide habitation.

*Sessions.* 3 June. Wednesday. 16 Chas. I.

William Allen, keeper of House of Correction, Melton, "£5 to be by him employed in purchaseinge of a stock in the saide howse to settle the poore people in the saide house on worke."

*Sessions, Ipswich.* Friday, 5 June. 16 Chas. I.

Thomas Belcham. Shewn by copy of Court Roll from William Cardinall, esq., Lord of Manor of Oldhall, East Bergholt, licence was given to Belcham, a poor man, to erect cottage upon waste of manor, 5 roods by 2 rods, next ground of Thomas Branson, on northe parte, and lands of manor of Overhill on the south, being in Stratforde in the County Suff. Thomas Belcham petitioned for licence to erect said cottage.

*Sessions, Beccles.* Mon., 5 Oct. 16 Chas.

Affidavit of William Gunnangham, servant to Mr. James Keeble, R. Rise, and others, touching certain opprobrious speeches spoken; and other misdemeanours committed by Francis Tayler, gent., one of the Coroners of this County in his office. . . . body of Francis Tailer to be attached—to appear. . . . Given at Quarter Sessions 1st Oct., 16 Chas., at Beccles. To Constables of Halesworth.

Payment by Treasurer for King's Bench and Marshalsea to William Turrild, keeper of House of Correction, Blithburgh, of £5 15s. 1d., due for shearebread and other charges disbursed concerning prisoners and wages.

Licence to shoot given "unto a servant unto Francis Everard, esq., to shoote in a handgunne or demyhauke at Choffringe, dows, crows, rookes, pies, and all other such like fowell not prohibited by statute for haukemeate onely," . . . . for 1 year.

Similar licence to Walter Toakeley, servant unto Sir R. Brooke, knt.

Payment to Philip Stedman, keeper of the Hospital at Beccles, 50s. due to him for  $\frac{1}{2}$  year's wages for keeping the said House, etc.

Licence to Ralph Barrell, of Peasenhall, to receive into his house Richard Clarke, a poor and ancient inhabitant.

Payment of £5 to William Turrild, keeper of House of Correction, Blithburgh, to buy stock, etc.

Appointment of Esay Harlinge, as constable of Huntingfield, in the stead of and place of William Newson . . . . to repair before some court or a Justice of Peace to take office. Given at Quarter Sessions, 1 Oct., 16 Chas. I.

*Sessions. Woodbridge. Wednesday, 7 Oct. 16 Chas.*

Petition of Elizabeth Branson, widow, of Melton. Churchwardens and overseers to find habitation.

Payment to William Allen, keeper of House of Correction, Melton, £5 to purchase stock, etc.

Thomas Denny, of Hasketon, to pay sum of £6 a year, quarterly 30s., to Thomas Spurdance and Grace, his wife, daughter of Thomas Denny.

Payment to John Beddingfield, esq., "for Mr. Parker, Clarke of the Assizes, . . . . which he hath disbursed towards the general pardon of elevnth prisoners pleaded at the last Assizes."

To William Allen, keeper of His Majesty's gaole at Melton, "for sherebread . . . . in the said gaole, £5."

Licence for Richard Baldrye, of Framingham (*sic.*) to continue Stephen Adams as an inmate in his house.

To William Allen, keeper of the House of Correction, Melton, 40s. as quarter's wages.

Order that Elizabeth Jennings, a poore inhabitant, remain in her cottage at Martlesham till churchwardens and overseers provide other habitation, the latter to pay rent till Michaelmas to Thomas Cooke, of Foxalle, landlord of the cottage.

Order that Henry Starlinge, gent., pay unto Margaret Borrett, widow, toward the relief and maintenance of the children of Anthony Sterlinge, gent., now living with the said Margaret Borrett, being the grandchildren of said Starlinge and Borrett, the sum of 10s. a month, during such time as Margaret Borrett shall keep the said children.

Order that Francise Downinge and Margaret, his wife . . . . be sent to their town of Hacheston.

Order for the attachment of Samuel Crosse, of Woodbridge, for threatening George Pattrige, constable of Woodbridge, in court. . . . given 7 Oct., 1640.

Order that Robert Dyer, Edward Rose, Robert Nitingall, and Elizabeth Cuttinge (upon oath of Richard Pattrich, constable,) sellers of ale and beer without licence appear before Justices of Peace, given 25 Aug., 1640.

Order for Samuel Crosse and John Knappe, of Woodbridge, to appear to answer complaints against them by Richard Pattrich, for abusing him and the watchmen. Given 20 Aug., 1640.

Petition of Mr. Wingfeild that the case of Richard Turnebull under warrant of Lord Chief Justices of King's Bench be heard at next general quarter sessions at Woodbridge. Turnebull in the meantime to remain in gaol.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 9 Oct., 1640. Roger North, knt., Philip Parker, knt., Henry North, senior, John Lany, Henry North of Mildenhall, Arthur Jenny, John Wingefeild, Francis Bacon, and Thomas Cutler, Justices of Peace.

Discharge granted to Richard Moore, of Offton, of his apprentice, John Playntin.

Dispute between Holbrook and East Bergholt *re* Thomas Wilkinson, who hired a chamber of Stephen Renollds, of East Bergholt, at 5d. a week; and had lodging and washing there for above a year, and his wife stayed at Holbrook, and became chargeable to the town, she ought by law to be sent to her husband.

Philip Hasen, elected one of the constables of Woodbridge, Hasketon.

Attachment order for misdemeanour of Martha Coates and Mary Jacob, of Needham, or Barking, upon oath of Francis Theobald, esq.

Paternity. R. Steggall to pay weekly 1s. to churchwardens and overseers of [ ] for child of Elizabeth Felgate.

Order that Urias Brewerton, of Barking, blacksmith, give up part of the tenement wherein he now dwelleth to Francis Teabald, esq., the owner, and to stay in the other part until 25 March without paying rent, and "churchwardens and overseers to provide him a convenient shop to place a forge to worke in uppon his trade of a blacksmith at a reasonable and indifferent rent."

Order for survey of Samford Hundred.

Petition by James Turner, of Nether Rickinghall, for continuance of cottage in occupation of John Crouch, a poor man, as a poor house.

*Sessions.* 22 Sep., 1640.

Order on Edmund Pretty, tailor, of Eye, or Heya, to pay 9d. weekly to churchwardens and overseers for 14 years for child of Anne Waller, of same; and Anne Waller to be conveyed to House of Correction to remain for the space of 1 year according to the Statute. And churchwardens and overseers to pay the 9d. to said Anne Waller so long as she shall keep her said child.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 12 Oct., 1640.

Foriner warrant for Nathaniel Bigg, gent., to take oath of constable of Gasely.

Payment of 30s. to William Turrild, esq., for 1 year's rent due for the stone house standing in the High Vine, in Bury, wherein the Magazine of this County is laid.



Inhabitants of Chellesworth overburdened by the maintenance of Nicholas Osborne, a poor man, petition that the son, John Osborne, a man of ability, shall contribute towards his father's necessity.

Licence to Bryan Smith, of Cavendish, clerke, to continue the cottage wherein Nathaniel Evered dwelleth, as poor house.

John Pesey to maintain child of Alice Martyn, of Hadleigh.

*Sessions, Beccles.* Mon., 11 Jan., 1640.

Order that Alice Jessoppe be sent from Mutford to Rushmere, where her sister resided.

Thomas Wright, brother-in-law of said Alice Jessoppe, to support her in his house, as he did give entertainment to the said Alice without the consent of any of the parishioners of Rushmere.

Mr. Trott, late Treasurer for King's Bench, to pay Robert Chapman, £4 11s. 10d. for the repair of Wolsey Bridge.

Also 24s. 2d. more, which Robert Chapman is to hand over for the repair of Creting Bridge.

Order that Dorothy Harvye be removed from Hensted to Mutford.

*Sessions.* 13 Jan., 1640.

Order that Richard Lufkyn, of Ufford, clerke, retain Robert Newson, lately turned out of his service, and to bring his witnesses before the next Sessions.

Leonard Hudson, discharged from service by consent of his master, John Coleman.

Order that the two-year-old child left at Clopton be removed to his father, Thomas Whiteman, at Walton.

Elizabeth Ewen to return to her master, George Tompson, of Westleton, gent., who discharged her, being with child.

Payment to W. Allen, keeper of Melton Gaol, £3 19s. for sheere-bread.

Order to churchwardens and overseers of Little Bealings for allowance of 6d. weekly to Mary Styles, widow, with children.

*Sessions.* 15 Jan., 1640.

Order for churchwardens and overseers of Monk Soham to pay arrears of weekly allowance to Isabel Brooke, Peter Carde, and Avice Smith (1s. 6d.) weekly.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 18 Jan., 1640.

Order for removal of Alice, wife of Thomas Ford, to Stansfield.

John Vesey, at Pesey, commutes bastardy order by payment of £12.

Order for removal of R. Peirson from Gaseley to Kennett.

Henry Plampyn, of Nayland, discharged of his apprentice, Robert Gos[ ]].

Order for committal of John Church, apprentice of John Spall-dinge, of Horniereshearth (*sic.*), gent., to House of Correction for divers misdemeanours.

Robert Muriell discharged of his apprenticeship with Walter Craducke, of Wickhambrook.

*Sessions.* 3 May, 1641.

Committal of Mathew Redshawe, jun., of Worlingham, charged with assault on his master, Edward Clarke, gent., for 1 year.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* Wed., 5 May, 1641.

Order to churchwardens of Parham to find house for Timothy Hayward and his wife, Elizabeth, till one month after birth of her child.

Augmentation of pension of £4 to £5 to Ellis Wood, a maimed soldier, now blind and lame.

Order *re* settlement of child of Thomas Whiteman at Walton.

Order to Charles Gilder, of Orford, to receive into his service again Anne Fosdicke, late of Boyton, until she be 21 years of age.

Order to Edward Newton, of Barhoulth, brewer, to receive Elizabeth Rackham, his hired servant, now at Brisiard, until end of term of her agreement.

R. Newson hired yearly servant of Richard Lufkin, clerk (Ufford), wages 40s. yearly, to be retained in service, and payment to churchwardens and overseers of Ufford for sums disbursed in curing legs and feet of said Newson, of remaining wages, viz., 33s.

House of Correction in Woodbridge sold for £75 to parishioners (in trust). £45 to Henry Ewyn, of Marlesford, gent. £5 to Jeames Goodwyn, of Rendham, gent. £5 to William Allen, of Melton, for charges in repairing House of Correction in Melton. Remainder to be paid by Michaelmas next to Nicholas Rivett, esq., J.P., one of the feoffees in trust of the messuage.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* Friday, 7 May 1641.

Order for suppression of unlicensed alehouse kept by Timothy Smith, accounted titheable to Burgate, but civil dues paid to Wortham. Warrant to be issued to Wortham.

Complaint of William Stone, clerk, of Chelmondiston, against assessment. Order that his assessment be under £50.

Order that Stephen Burrowes remain at Mendlesham till Michaelmas, his abode not to constitute settlement.

Order to Mr. Cooke, bailiff of the Liberty of the Hundreds of Bosmere, Claydon, and Sampford, to repay to Ralph Gilmer, of East Bergholt, or to John Branson, his tenant, 40s. unjustly levied for a second time for non-attendance on Grand Jury.

Barking, Needham, and Darmsden to be assessed jointly for poor rates.

Order for Richard Bird, of Hintlesham, and John Bennett, of Bredfield, to appear to give evidence *re* sum of £3 6s. 8d., paid into the hands of Thomas Bacon and Richard Bird, churchwardens of Chattisham, for parish stock, by Richard Smarte, late of Ipswich.

Receipt of post fine of £3 15s. from Dame Mary Brookes, by Edward Paris, of Ipswich.

Bastardy by Edward Barker, of Houlton, on Sarah Webb, of East Bergholt.

Mills rated at £100 *per annum* in Samford Hundred to be hereafter rated at £50.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* Mon., 10 May, 1640.

Grant of 10s. to William Hawkes, of Bury St. Edmunds, for the maintenance of an Egyptian child and so forth to the sum of £2 yearly.

Order that Edmund Laurence and his wife be sent back to Thurston.

And William Coe and his wife to Great Saxham.

Grant of £4 to be paid to Robert Warren, D.D., and Isaacke Appleton, to distribute among William Wray, Edmund Warren, and Tobias Shawe, of Acton, late sufferers by fire.

Complaint of inhabitants of Woolpit that Richard Cross and John Smith, late constables, will not render up their accounts.

Robert Hurne to be sent to Thetford from Downham.

Payment of £3 5s. 10d. to Daniel Smith for work and repair of Cretingham Bridge.

*Sessions, Beccles.* Mon., 21 June, 17 Chas.

Order that Mr. Vesey pay £4 10s. to Peter De Bonnett.

Order that Hundred of Wangford pay £13 6s. 8d. to John Dade, of Beccles, towards money due for arrerages of composition due to the household of the King. Other Hundreds to make similar payments.

William Turrill, keeper of Blything Gaol, to release [ ] Parker and his wife for confinement in Ipswich Gaol.

Leave granted by John Kemp, esq., Lord of Manor of Weston, to John Elliot, a poor inhabitant, to build a cottage. Confirmed.

William Glover, Treasurer (late) for maimed soldiers, to pay John Harper, Richard Prickett, Thomas Thurmoode, Owen Farrer, Richard Cooke, Mathew White, and Francis Browne, maimed soldiers in Beccles division, the sum of money then in his hands.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 23 July. 17 Chas.

Order to outgoing overseers of Framlingham to pay over money to new overseers.

Composition due unto the King's Household, £197 1s. 1d., one-sixth part to be levied in Liberty of St. Etheldreda, to be paid to Thomas Payne.

Rates at Framlingham, owner of land of £20 yearly value 6d. a month, and every farmer of the same land 4d. a month. Confirmed.

Mary Battill to be settled either at Woodbridge or at Little Bealings.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 25 June. 17 Chas.

Two children of Thomas Frost, of St. Mary Elms, Ipswich, to be sent from Botesdale to their father.

Charles Sterne, of Roydon, to pay sum of 50s. due to his servant, John Browne.

Order that William Ffiske, of Dinnington. who had married [ ] Ffiske, widow, holding land by her former husband value £24 *per annum*. Robert Dowsing of same holds lands and writings. William Ffiske, from loss of lands, almost famished, and noe waies able to live he the saide William Ffiske *being a very silly fellowe*. . . . Robert Dowsing to bring writings into court and to pay inhabitants for keep of said William Ffiske, his wife, and children.

Order that Robert Blogget, a poor child borne at Hawley, be sent from Wetherden to Hawley.

Order that Mary Graynes return to her master, James Palmer, of Wetheringset, gent.

Further orders on Hundreds of Samford, Claydon, Hartismere, Stow, Bosmer for collection of arrearages due on Composition of King's Household.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 28 June. 17 Chas.

Similar order on Blackbourne Hundred and other Hundreds.

Order for pension of 20s. to be paid to Margaret Rowland, widow of Lionel Rowland, a poor maimed soldier.

Order that Thomas Godsale be discharged from his apprenticeship to John Bray, of Weston Market.

Order that Isaac Jolley and Mary, his wife, be removed from Stansted to Alpheton.

*Sessions.* 4 Oct. 17 Chas. Butts Bacon, bart., John Rous, knt., John Wentworth, knt., Henry Cocke, John Scrivener, Robert Bruester, and Theophilus Vaughan, *armigeri*, Justices of Peace.

Sum of £6 paid to John Morland, a maimed soldier, living far out of this county, in lieu of £4 yearly pension.

William Chapman discharged of his apprentice, Henry Wake.

Payment of £10 to Arthur Dade, of Lopham, executor to Bartholomew Nobbs, money due to said Nobbs.

Payment of 40s. to Robert Barnes, of Ordingham-cum-Thorpe, now in great poverty.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 6 Oct. 17 Chas.

The tithes of Cuthbert Dale, parson of Kettleburgh, to be rated according to a previous order of Court.

John Cole to be settled at Bucklesham.

Money to be paid to William Allen, keeper of Melton Gaol, for sherebread.

Thomas Goodinge and Thomas Clarke, late overseers of Framlingham, to give an account to Mr. Goulty, minister of the said town, within 6 days.

Elizabeth Chapman to be discharged from her service of Mr. Robert Ose, of Stratford, on account of "diverse abuses due unto her by her said master."

Renewal of orders for rating assessment at Framlingham, every farmer of land to pay 4d. to owner's sixpence.

Thomas Goodinge and Thomas Clarke, late overseers of Framlingham, to deliver up moneys in their hands.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 8 Oct. 17 Chas.

Order for payment of 2s. weekly by overseers of Battisford to Marian Eversunn and Amy Eversunn.

Mathew Pedder, of Upper Rickinghall, suppressed for keeping a common alehouse and also of being a kanaker (gannoker).

Order for attachment of William Barnes, of East Bergholt, to be re-committed to the custody of John Smye, keeper of the House of Correction, Needham, whence he had escaped.

Discharge of Elizabeth Courtall from service of her master, William Leaman, who is to pay her 13s. 4d.

Order that Needham, Barking, and Darmsden "be rated severally as usually they have been."

Order that the child of Marie Graynes, *alias* Ranger, be kept by overseers till one month expire, her master to pay ten shillings, the said Marie Graynes to be subsequently committed to the House of Correction, Witnesham.

Sum of money in hands of Sir Roger North to be paid over into hands of John Lany, esq. House of Correction built near the gaol, Ipswich.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 11 Oct. 17 Chas.

Order that Anne, wife of Stephen Spurlinge, of Ixworth Thorpe, an idle person, be committed to the House of Correction, Redgrave.

Order that Mr. Farrant, late undersheriff, pay sum of £10 levied on John Claxton, esq., to said John Claxton, at the house of Bevis Biggs, at Bury St. Edmunds.

Order that William Enfield, of Nayland, "in that he called maister Ludgatur, minister of the said parish, Anabaptist and Brownist . . . shall publicly in the parish church aforesaid ask the said Mr. Ludgatur forgiveness for the said words within seven days or appear," etc.

Petition by inhabitants of Hessett for relief on account of "the contagiousness of the small pox there, and their great poverty."

Order that inhabitants of Rickinghall inferior and superior be rated as formerly.

John Church and Anne, his wife, to be settled at Lavenham.

William Ward, of Stoke Nayland, broadweaver, to be relieved on account of loss by fire to extent of £40, to the sum of £3.

Sum of 30s. to be paid to William Tirrild, esq., for rent of Stone House, standing in the High Vine, in Bury, wherein the Magazine of this County is laid.

*Sessions, Beccles.* 10 Jan. 17 Chas.

Rates at Kessingland to be settled.

Bastardy order on Edward Hayward, of Carlton Colville, labourer, on Frances Cotten, spinster.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 12 Jan. 17 Chas.

John Reynolds, of Campsea Ash, discharged of a rate paid to Tunstal.

John Whayman, apprentice of William Sallowes, of Haisted, to be committed to House of Correction, Melton, for running away from master.

Persons who compound with Cutbert Dale, of Kettleburgh, as to their tithes, not to be assessed on composition.

Arthur Peirce to be settled at Boyton, where he received much hurt in the service of his master, George Burle.

Bastardy order on Richard Davye, of Saxted, and on Joan Markyn, of Hatcheston, widow.

Order that Nicholas Rivett, esq., pay over sum of £20 received from sale of House of Correction, Woodbridge, to William Allen, keeper of House of Correction, Melton, for repair of same.

Pension of 40s. increased to £3 for Robert Hide, of Wetheringset, who was pressed for a soldier to serve in the Netherlands, where he received a hurt in the leg and foot in the late Queen Majesty's reign. Pleaded age and poverty.

Petition of Thomas Watlinge, who served at Ostend in reign of Elizabeth under Captain Morgan, for pension. Grant £3.

Constables for last four years of Stradbrook to give an account of the moneys levied by them.

Order that Frances Buller, residing with her mother at Cleydon, return to her master, Robert Browne, of Bramford.

Refusal of Robert Jennor, Thomas Boblett, and Daniel Wyles, of Brantham, to pay certain rates. Dispute to be heard before Arthur Jenny and John Lany.

Two rates made at East Bergholt, one in Church without any hands, and the other made in private with many of the inhabitants' hands unto the same . . . last "very partiall and illegal." The former to stand until dispute is settled.

Katherine Writlocke, widow, of Stradbrook, alehouse keeper, guilty of "many fowle misdemeanours," etc.

Relief to John Pullen, of Shotley, a mariner, who lost his goods by fire which consumed a ship called the Elizabeth and Ursley.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 17 Jan. 17 Chas.

Complaint that Margaret Warren and Jané Jemina, two poor widows placed by parishioners of Thorpe Morieux in a small room, have received unto them one, John Warren, and his wife, having in the said room only one bed.

W. Greene, now at Walsome in le Willowes, to be sent to his master, John Stafford of Sudbury, to whom he is bound apprentice.

Isaac Jolly and Mary, his wife, to be settled at Stansted from Alpheton.

Pension to Christopher Horsley, now of London, impressed at Bury St. Edmunds in service of our nowe Kinge to the voyages for the Ile of Ree, under the conduct of James Ffage, in which service he received many wounds and corporal hurtes. . . . unable to procure maintenance. Pension of 40s. granted yearly.

Thomas Bowyer, of Stradishall, disorderly alehouse keeper.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.*

Elizabeth Page, a child of 8 years, born at Bliburgh, left by father, Christopher Page, at Stratford Langhorne, Essex, removed to Bliburgh on false information.

Edward Burford, senior, elected under-constable in the room of Robert Miller, of Walberswick, an incapable man.

Sarah Tompson, of Worlingham, wife of John Tompson, prisoner in Norwich gaol.

Robert Tovie, a poor man of Worlingham, placed under care of Mathew Redshawe, in a cottage on common.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 20 Ap. 18 Chas.

£20 in hands of Nicholas Rivett, Esq., part of purchase money of the late House of Correction, Woodbridge, to be paid to William Allen, keeper of Melton Gaol, for repair, etc., of House of Correction, Melton.

*Sessions.* 22 Apr. 18 Chas.

William Johnson, of Wetheringsett, keeping bastard child of Anne Johnson, to receive 20s. for past twenty weeks, and to maintain the child thereafter.

John Martyn, tailor, of Holbroke, reputed father of child of Mary Brett, to pay 12d. weekly.

"*Guildable* and Liberty of St. Etheldreda." £20 to Richard Collins, clerk of the Peace, for repair of Cattaway and Cretingham bridges.

John Layman, of East Bergholt, to maintain Katherine Pope, widow, in his cottage.

Leave for John Layman to continue his newly-erected dwelling as a cottage.

Removal of Hanna Murrell from Okeley to Billingsford.

Dispute *re* settlement of Mary Murrell at Okeley or Sileham.

Refusal of Robert Jennor, of Brantham, to pay rates.

Stephen Burrows to reside at Mendlesham till Michaelmas only.

John Vice reputed father. [                      ]

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 25 Apr. 18 Chas.

John Lumly, senior, of Lavenham, having two ploughlands, did not work in highways with both his teams. Default by one of them by the whole six days. To bring extra wain.

Petition of John Sheldrake, William Lilly, Thomas Coleman, Anne Roote, widow, Johan Profit, widow, and Susan Stranger, dwelling houses at Great Cornard destroyed by fire 15 Nov., 17 Chas.

Small pox raging at Hessett. £5 allowed relief.

Cattaway and Cretingham Bridges repair.

Daniel Shulver elected by the Leet of [                      ] as Constable refused to act, to be apprehended.

Edith Wood, of Rattlesden, hired servant of Robert Brooke, of Boxstead, to return to her master.



*Sessions, Beccles.* 6 June. 18 Chas.

Robert Tubbey, with wife and children, placed under care of Mathew Redshawe, of Worlingham.

£8 in the hands of Abraham Frost, of Whepstead.

Francis Knights, of Lowestoft, elected constable in place of Robert Allen, gent., by reason of age etc., not fit to serve.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 8 June. 18 Chas.

Margaret Gildersleeve having "received the law in the House of Correction, Melton," to be returned to her master, Thomas Jury, cordwayner, Woodbridge.

John Smith and family unlawfully settle at Walton with connivance of Henry Cuthbert.

William Barefoote, of Snape, and Thomas Smith, of same, elected constables in the stead of Robert Pitman, to take oath.

Edward Pratt, of Friston, gent., elected constable at Snape Leet, is very ancient and unfit. John Osborne elected in his stead.

Twenty marks paid yearly to Jeremy Pavans, a distracted man, of Debenham, withheld for  $1\frac{1}{4}$  years, to be continued.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 10 June. 18 Chas.

£4 yearly pension to James Leech, of London, compounded, £11. Withdrawal of permission for Thomas Belcham to build a cottage at Stratford.

John Turner and wife, Mary, to be settled at Copdock.

Mary Murrell to be settled at Syleham.

Hanna Murrell to be sent to Billingford.

Treasurer to pay to overseers of Debenham 22s. 2½d. and £4 8s. 10d. yearly on behalf of Jeremy Pevans.

John Vice, of Thwaite *re* bastardy order.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 13 June. 18 Chas.

Pension of 20s. to be paid to James Ffarre, a maymed soldier.

Abraham Ffroste withholds £8, late of Whepsted, due to Dorothy now wife of Thomas Maulte, paid by Richard Wells, for maintenance of bastard child of said Dorothy, begotten by him, Wells.

An able watch and ward to be set in Newmarket on account of the danger arising from the continual travelling of passengers from Cambridge.

Paul Adams to be settled at Great Saxham from Risby.

Thomas Woods to be sent back to his master, Richard Gilbert, of Badwell Ash.

*Sessions, Beccles.* 3 Oct. 18 Chas.

William Dunstone, of Bramfield, senior, to be Chief Constable of Blithinge Hundred in place of Hustings Wilkenson, gent.

Lands held by Robert Collyer, Thomas Barber, Lionell Seaman, gent., and Mr. Sallowes, in Weston, to be assessed as of Weston on oath of John Barber.

William Chapman, of Flixton, discharged of fine for non-appearance at the Great Inquest.

Also Edward Packard, of Kessingland, and Richard Pope, of Belton.

Richard Coggeshall, infant, at Sandcrofte, to be sent to his father, John Coggeshall, at Tabram, in co. Norfolk.

Ralph Clarke, of Somerleytown, received one, Stone, into his house contrary to law.

Mary Coggeshall to be sent to above John Coggeshall.

Humphrey Herne appointed housekeeper of the House of Correction, Blithburgh, in room of William Terrold.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 5 Oct. 18 Chas.

Anne Kindred to be detained at Wickham till settlement ordered.

Anne Kindred, servant of Chief Constable, Roger Field, of Wickham, agreed with master to part before year of hiring expired. Opinion of Judges desired whether such parting is legal without Justice of Peace' sanction.

Edmund Jolly indebted to his servant, John Marshall, 26s.

20s. to be paid out of the County Stock to Thomas Wither.

Liberty to Henry Naunton, gent., to continue a cottage now in possession of Lawrence Blake.

William Blackman, of Walton, Chief Constable of Colneis Hundred, in room of Robert Lane.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 7 Oct. 18 Chas.

Overseers of West Creting to provide habitation for Anne Witham.

Susan Hill to be sent to Kettlebaston; late settlement of her husband, William Hill.

Licence for George Hunt, of Stratford, to continue a cottage at East Bergholt.

Thomas Weste and his wife to be sent to Thomas Tillett, senior, to whom the said Weste is apprenticed, and to keep same Weste and his wife.

William Wilson, of Sterson, [sic] reputed father of child of Katherine Woods, of Palgrave.

Edward Parris, gent., 30s. for charge of the writs for removing Miles Rice, a prisoner in Colchester Gaol, to Ipswich.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 10 Oct. 18 Chas.

Sara Garwood ordered to go out to service or to be carried to House of Correction of Honyngton.

John Stephens, of Lavenham, third time convicted of drawing beer without a licence, confined in House of Correction five weeks.

Richard Smith and Edward Bradley to be constables of Ixworth, in room of William Cotten and Ralph Gippeon.

Stephen Hempton, now at Rougham, to be sent to Barton.

[ ] Scott at Ashfield to be sent to Thetford.

New rate order on petition of William Soame, of Hundon, gent.

Elizabeth, [? Mary] Countess Rivers, Dowager, lately dispoyled of her goods to a very great valewe from her houses at St. Osyth, and Melford, in Suffolk. Order to high constables to assist William Massey, Robert Atherton, and John Whatlocke, servants of said Countess, to recover her goods.

Pension of 20s. to James Ffarre, a maimed soldier.

*Sessions, Beccles.* 9 Jan. 18 Chas.

Frances Harvy, servant to John Mills, jun., of Walpole, departed her service; to be sent to Huntingfield.

Dispute between Ellough and Weston as to rates to be settled.

Licence to inhabitants of Walpole to erect a cottage for poor, the old one having become ruinous.

Robert Stedman, keeper of the Hospital at Beccles.

Samuel Pratte, of Darsham, reputed father of child of Margaret Boatewrighte.

Apprenticeship of William Nuttall to Anthony Baker, of Wrentham, discharged.

The inhabitants of Flixton to maintain Widows Carre and Kinge placed by them in cottage in St. Peter's, South Elmham, so as same may not be a charge to inhabitants of St. Peter's.

Elizabeth Browne to remain with her mother at Covethithe.

William Turrill, late keepr of gaol and House of Correction Blythburgh, to deliver up houses to Humphrey Herne (and all prisoners in same), except those for debt, for which said Turrill is to have a room or chamber in the gaol for their safe keeping for one month.

George Ballard, constable, of Bliburgh, disbursements.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 11 Jan. 18 Chas.

George Parker, esq., Clerk of the Assizes, disbursements.

Christopher Hayward, of Monewden, appears for inhabitants on suit of John Gardiner, for the butts of said parish being out of order.

Elizabeth Foke, at Framlingham, to be sent to her master, John Smith, of Monewden.

Pension of Ellis Wood, a maimed soldier, now blind, augmented from £5 to £6.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 13 Jan. 18 Chas.

William Erman, at Burstall, to be sent to Whepstead.

Thomas Paine, of Holton, on suit of William Rowe *re* butts. Rate ordered.

Elizabeth Breme, servant of [ ] Hovell, *alias* Smith, of Ashfield, now at Stowmarket, great with child, to remain with master until one month after delivery, or till time of service has expired.

Mary Stevens, at Shottisham, disputed settlement with Walton.

£12 rent to William Hammond, mariner, of Ipswich, for house wherein part of the magazine for this county lyeth.

John Wyard, father of child of Christian Duncon, to pay overseers of Dennington 12d. weekly towards maintenance till child is 8 years, then £3 towards apprenticing child.

William Smy, a poore distressed oulde man, newly come from Ireland, 40s.

Vagrant's child, born at Cleydon, deserted by its mother at Baylham, to be maintained by inhabitants of Cleydon.

William Willson to maintain child of Katherine Woods, of Palgrave.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 16 Jan. 18 Chas.

Baylies of Court to be assisted when arresting persons by warrant.

Child of Thomazine Butcher, under 7 years, to be sent from Talloe Ratton to Branston.

Nicholas Sparrowe, of Lidgate, to be Chief Constable of Risbridge, in room of Phillippe Sparrowe.

Lambert Prewer to be removed from Lidgate to Kirtlinge.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 19 Apr. 20 Chas.

Reliefe of Jeremy Pavens, of Debenham.

Expenses of Francis Greene, one of the constables, for horses and horsemeate, with soldiers, to be paid by a rate, £2 4s. Objectors to be imprisoned.

William Ffenn, clerke, confined in Blithborough Gaol, to be discharged, with sureties to appear at the next general quarter sessions, "to be of good behaviour."

Arrears of petty constables in Blything Hundred to be paid.

John Wilkenson and John Jexs appointed constables of Corton. Thomas Mason not to prefer information against Edward Pells, Edward Ewen, Richard Turner, Isaacke Todd, Abraham Todd, Robert Clarke, and others.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 2 May. 20 Chas. (1644).

Order on Cuthbert Dale, jun., to maintain Cuthbert, the bastard child of Susan Thrower, of Kettleburgh, 1s. 6d. a week, the mother to be confined in House of Correction, Melton, for one year.

Edmund Talmach, of Otley, to remain in gaol until he perform the order in case of bastardy, and give sufficient sureties to the inhabitants of Dallinghoe to perform the same order.

Complaint of Thomas Canham, of Ufford, as to assessment of lands in Melton.

Nicholas Sheene, gent., of Framlingham, swore that Edward Alpe, of same, gent., said openly in the church upon the shewing of the order of the Court, 6 Oct., 17 Chas., and 5 Sept., 1643, made by the deputy lieutenants of the county . . . that he, Edward Alpe, cared not for the said Sessions or deputy lieutenants.

John Waldegrave, of Baddingham, gent., disobeyed order of Court.

Order of Court, 6 Oct., 17th Chas. *re* assessments and rates at Framlingham.

Order for Edward Alpe, gent., to put into a recognizance for appearance at next sessions.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 2 June. 1644.

High Constables to pay in arrears to Treasurer.

Payment to William Allen, keeper of Melton Gaol.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 6 May. 20 Chas. (1644).

Warrants issued 28 Aug., 1643, by John Woods, Henry North, esq., against George Cooper, John Carman, Robert Coby, Robert Dover, Thomas Berry, and wife, Grace, to find sureties, etc., directed to Robert Chittocke and John Boatwright, constables of Stoke Ash, being negligently executed, attachments issued to arrest said constables.

Edmund Newton and Thomas Branson, lately overseers of East Bergholt, repayment for disbursement by Newton and Branson, £3.

Ralph Whale indebted to John Podd for 27s. wages. To pay or to be arrested.

Hamblin Church and William Dawes elected constables of Hemingstone, in place of William Coleman and Mathew Farmer.

Robert Rowse, of Worlingworth, constable in place of William Godbould.

Inhabitants of Battisford *versus* Richard Syer, senior, for maintenance of Richard, William, Elizabeth, Peter, Ann, children of Henry Syer, deceased son of said Richard Syer, senior.

Treasurer to pay James Betts, keeper of House of Correction of Botesdale, £5 0s. 3d.

Order for safe journey of William Ivans, *alias* Ivens, butcher, of Ardley, to give evidence at sessions against William Parker.

Writ of restitution against George Cooper for forcible entry of messuage and 12 acres of land at Stoke, property of John Woods and wife, Eleanor.

Reuben Hall chosen constable of Horham instead of Thomas Legate, refused to take oath before Nicholas Bacon, Esq.

Discharge of rate levied upon Anne Firman, widow, late wife of Robert Firman, late of Shotley, clerk.

Thomas Bullyn, of Hoxne, to appear before Justice of Peace as reputed father of bastard child of Millisen Barker.

Robert Lewis indicted for not working with his team six days on high road at East Bergholt.

Order of payment of £3 0s. 7d. due to John Sorrell, of Ipswich, for sherebread.

And £1 18s. to John Pettaugh, gaoler.

Mills in Samford Hundred, of yearly value of £100, to be assessed at £50 on account of great charge of repairing and maintaining mills.

Order of payment of £8 to W. Hammond, of Ipswich, mariner, for hire of house used as magazine, and of £2 6s. to Henry Chaplyn, gent., for looking after said house.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds.* 9 May. 20 Chas.

Payment of £10 on petition of inhabitants of Ketton towards building a new bridge.

Warrant for arrest of Joseph Taylor, who had escaped from Bury Gaol, for stealing hop roots, the property of Sir Thomas Barnardiston, forwarded to J. Jackson and T. Bruett, constables, of Hundon.

Arrears of taxes to be collected.

[ ] James, of Lavenham, formerly of Ireland, came to brother-in-law at Lavenham as guest, stayed 8 months. The wife of said James forced to come from Ireland, both aged. 50s. to inhabitants to support same.

John Agas, senior, and Francis Hammond, senior to pay £14 Town Stock to present churchwardens.

Robert Scarpe, constable of Bildeston, for non-execution of warrant issued by Edward Wineve, esq., for punishment of John Sims, alehouse keeper without a licence, to be arrested. Thomas

Stevens and Benjamin Halle, constables of Bildeston.

Settlement of vagrant child of Mary Turnage, left at Cornard, to be sent to mother or remain at Great Cornard.

Roger Kerrington chosen High Constable instead of Andrew Bratt, for Babergh Hundred.

William Jolly elected by the Leet of Whepstead as constable to be sworn. John Coppin other constable.

John Dike and Stephen Hempsted, constables of Hundon, to re-arrest Joseph Tayler, who was committed by Thomas Coles, esq., for stealing hop roots and allowed to escape.

Conviction of Francis Browne, of Little Wheltham, for keeping an alehouse without a licence, sentenced to be openly whipped.

Joseph Isaack, of Rattlesden, gent., chosen Chief Constable of Hundred of Thedwastre, in room of George Groome, of Rattlesden, gent., to be sworn.

*Sessions, Beccles.* 17 June. 20 Chas.

Re-grant of pension to maimed soldier, Richard Cooke, of Beccles, who had lost former grant.

Payment of £29 10s. 5d. to Humphrey Herne, keeper of House of Correction of Blithburgh, for repairs and sherebread, wages, etc.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 20 July. 20 Chas.

Payment to William Allen, keeper of Melton Gaol, of £4 4s. 4d. for same.

William Bloyse, esq., and Nathaniel Bacon, of Freston, esq., to charge parishes adjacent to Woodbridge, to assist in the support of the poor of that town.

Assessment rate on inhabitants of Framlingham. Every farmer as occupier and owner of lands valued at £20 and under (4d. farmers, owners, 6d.).

*Sessions, Bury.* 27 June. 20 Chas. Justices: Thomas Barnardiston, knt.; Thomas Gee, knt., William Springe, bart., Brampton Gurden, senior, Isaac Appleton, Richard Pepis, Thomas Coles, Henry North, Edward Wineve, Brampton Gurden, junior.

Petitions against informers for not repairing Butts. Non-appearance and unable to give satisfaction according to the Statute of Artillery. Order to informers and all parties concerned to appear at the Butts informed against.

Francis Hamond, of Melford, to pay into Court £8 of the £16 wherein he stood bound to Thomas Sheppard and Peter Cressall, churchwardens, of Melford.

John Aggas, of Melford, to pay into Court £6.

Mr. Newman, clerk of Canham, Edward and William Wotton, of Tuddenham, and Henry Garwood, gent., of Canham, appointed to arbitrate between Elizabeth Symons, spinster, and Mary Fletcher, spinster, of Tuddenham.

The Treasurer to pay to inhabitants of Kersey £6 towards maintenance of an Irish woman and her 3 children.

Order that William Pegryme, who 5 years since left Hitcham, deserting his child, Mary, then 2 years, and who now resides in Messing, co. Essex, should have the child sent thither to him.

Order that William Ashe, keeper of the Gaol at Bury St. Edmunds, should support base child of one, Jane Wiseman, begotten in the Gaol, born at Hitcham, after she was suffered to escape.

Base child of Thomasin Butcher to be settled on Great Wratting.

*Sessions at Beccles.* Mon., 30 Sept. 20 Chas.

Thomas Levick, of Shipmeadow, permitted to retain cottage without 4ac. as a habitation for a poor man, which cottage had been granted by Sir Edward Bacon, knt. and bart., to Elizabeth Gardner, widow, and her son, Thomas Gardner, who sold it to said Levick.

Bail taken for good behaviour of Thomazine Stott, who refused to go to church, confessing she was an Anabaptist, and had lately been rebaptised, and had been ordered to gaol until she conform herself or abjure the realm according to the Statute of 35 Elizabeth.

*Sessions at Woodbridge.* Wed., 2 Oct., 20 Chas.

Barnaby Durrant, of Debenham, a poor impotent man, to be allowed a stocke to work upon.

Rectory and Glebe lands of Buxloe, for a long time rated unto Knattishall, to be continued so rated without prejudice to the town of Friston concerning the bounds of the perambulation.

Discharge of James Armon, son of Anne Armon, from apprenticeship to William Disborough, of Woodbridge, cordwainer, on receipt by Disborough of 40s.

Payment to William Allen, keeper of Melton Gaol, of £6 6s. 3d., wages, etc.

*Sessions at Ipswich.* Friday, 4 Oct. 20 Chas.

Alice Gleeson lately sent by Mr. Pepys and Mr. Wineve to Buxall, to be sent to her master, William Makyn, of Brettenham.

Base child of Susan Hoddy, late retayned servant of William Cooper, of Fressingfield, to be provided for by churchwardens and overseers of Fressingfield.

Payment to John Sorrell, baker, for sherebred supplied to prisoners in Ipswich Gaol before 4 Oct., 1644.



*Sessions at Woodbridge.* 15 Jan. 20 Chas.

£3 10s. to be paid to William Masterson, of Wickham, a poor maimed soldier, to bind him apprentice to Thomas Hayward, of same, cordwainer.

Robert Reinolds, late High Constable of Wilford, to be brought before next sessions, etc., to answer for certain moneys in his hands.

*Sessions at Ipswich.* 20 Jan. 20 Chas.

Edward Newton to pay Thomas Branson, late overseer of East Bergholt, £3.

Thomas Baker, constable of Debenham, ordered to serve as constable of Aspole; to which office he had been chosen.

Thomas Hart to restitute to owner, Robert Lanthill, gent., of Stowmarket, house he holds after churchwardens and overseers have provided Hart with another to satisfaction of Richard Collins, J.P.

Ann Kerridge to be sent from Beddingfield to be settled on Charsfield.

Susan Hoddy and child to remain at Fressingfield.

Payment of £1 15s. 4d. to William Sorrell, of Ipswich, for sherebread.

Payment of £15 to Anthony Milles, Ann Frost, widow, Thomas Frost; and Gabriel Frost, of Cockfield; on account of their utter undoing by reason of a lamentable fire which casually burnt and consumed their houses and goods.

John Search and his wife to be settled on Kersey.

Sum of £4 usually paid to the master of the Hospital of Colnes in Sudbury, hereafter to be paid to the Mayor of that town.

Re payment of £10 by Mr. Ferrand to John Claxton, esq.

Samuel Stegold, of Thurlow parva, glover, bound to maintain base child of Joan Raymond, of Thurlow magna.

*Sessions, Beccles.* 14 Ap. 21 Chas.

All constables ordered to pay in arrears.

Robert Skeete and wife, Mary, late servants unto John Bowler, of St. Margaret, to be settled there.

Mary Coggeswell dwelling at Sandcroft, to be sent to her husband, John Coggeswell, residing at Tabram.

Liberty to John Wright to set up a house on a parcel of land, freehold, containing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ac., and occupy the same in Huntingfield.

Roger Woodes, of Halesworth, to pay taxes to Halesworth for land lately rated at Holton.

Churchwardens and overseers of Willingham to maintain base child of Mary Norman, which was born at her master's house (William Roberts') in Willingham.

Towns of Laiston and Sizewell to be henceforth rated and joined together.

Oliver Wyett, of Beccles, reputed father of base child of Anne Everson, to pay £4 to bind said child apprentice when 8 years.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 6 Jan. 21 Chas.

Margaret Chandler retained servant of John Goodinge, of Cransford, to return to her master, or be carried to the House of Correction, Melton.

John Capon, constable, of Framlingham, to return goods, which Mary Pyne was reputed to have stolen, to rightful owners.

Re settlement of Anne Kerridge at Monk Soham, Beddingfield, or Charsfield.

Bridget, wife of William Bugsbie, deceased, to be removed from Hintlesham, to Roydon.

Lawrence Habergen, of Framlingham, to pay £15 received from William Mase towards maintenance of base child of Mary Charke, child now dead, to churchwardens and overseers of Framlingham.

Payment to William Allen, of Melton, for sherebread, £4 10s.

Confirmation of order for rating of lands of Mr. Walgrave and Mr. Sheene, in Framlingham, Robert Moore, John Butcher, Edward Alpe, Francis Ireland, Jasper Goodwyn, George Fische, and John Capon, senior; lands to be viewed by Mr. Sandcroft, of Fressingfield, Mr. Greene, of Brundish, Mr. Cleydon, of Bedfield, and Mr. Warren, of Hollesley.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 16 Jan. 21 Chas.

Anne Kerridge to be settled at Charsefield.

Indictment of inhabitants of Creeting St. Mary, and tenants, etc., of the College of Eaton for decay of footbridges

Sum of £4 due to Mr. William Hammond, for rent of house in Ipswich, used as magazine for the county, to remain in hands of Mr. Chaplin until he is satisfied as to repair of said house.

Money in hands of executors of Fisher and Culham, late Chief Constables of Hundred of Hartismere, in hands of Christopher Smeare, present Chief Constable, to be paid into court, Apr., 1645.

Chief Constables within division to pay up all arrears.

Elizabeth Crispe, servant to Charles Muskett, of Redgrave, lately fallen lunatic and lame, to be discharged from the service of her master and to be maintained by the overseers.

Thomas Baker, constable of Aspole, to take oath for leete of Aspole. Upon hearing of parties it is stated that it doth not appear that any within the precincts of Aspole leete were chosen constables of Debenham, but the letes of Aspole hath used time out of mind from time to time to elect within the precincts of the aforesaid lete, etc. Baker to be sworn constable of Aspole.

*Sessions, Bury St. Edmunds. 21 Jan. 21 Chas.*

William Maken, of Brettenham, yeoman, found guilty of slandering, etc., Edward Wenyeve, J.P., in the legal and just execution of his place. Maken, upon three days' notice from said Wenyeve, publicly in said place where he scandalized Wenyeve, viz., in Bildes-ton, or in parish church of Brettenham, at the election of the said Wenyeve, on what Lord's Day the said Wenyeve shall appoint, between the hours of 3 and 6 in the afternoon, make his submission and acknowledgment in these terms. "Mr. Wenyeve, I do acknowledge I did you publicly a great wrong without any cause, that I did conceive you made an hard order in Case of Bastardy against me."

... Maken to stand committed until he shall find two sufficient sureties, subsidising men, to perform this order.

£9 due to William Hughes, of Bury St. Edmunds, innholder, for diet of His Majesty's Justices of Peace, at sessions holden in year when Sir William Casilton was High Sheriff. Order made for Nathaniel Keable, gent., then under sheriff, who undertook payment on behalf of High Sheriff, to pay said sum to Hughes, which was the usual portion paid by the undersheriffs from time to time.

Stephen Chaplyn, of Nedging, to pay arrears of rates due to Robert Rose, constable of Nedging.

Robert Tappyn, of Bury St. Edmunds, to be paid £5 yearly for support of maimed and wounded soldiers in service of King and Parliament, whom he had received.

Martin Folke, of Mildenhall, gent., elected Chief Constable of the Hundred of Lackford, in place of Robert Petchey, to go before Sir Thomas Gee, knt., and Henry North, esq., to take his oath as constable.

Order made, 17 Apr., 1645, by Isaac Apleton and Edward Wenyeve, esq., for the relief of the parish of Brettenham for the keeping of the bastard child, born of the body of Alice Deekes, and begotten on her by William Maken, the elder, of Brettenham. Alice Deekes to keep said child for 7 years, and said Alice Deekes six weeks after her delivery be sent to the House of Correction, and set on work during term of one whole year. William Maken to pay 1s. a week for 4 years, and £8 in hands of overseers to apprentice child when she shall be of years and abilitie sufficient.

*Sessions at Beccles.* Monday, 2 June. 21 Chas.

Relief of Anne Blowers, of Freston, widow, to be raised from 1s. 6d. to 2s. weekly.

Henry Blomefield and Robert Sheppard, late churchwardens of Debenham, to give up keys, books, etc., belonging to said office to William Denant and John Bardwell, elected according to the ancient custom of the towne, "they first taking the vow and covenant between this and Sunday come a seven night."

Katherine Steeles to be sent to Wyssett from Great Glemham.

*Sessions at Ipswich.* Friday, 6 June. 21 Chas. Justices: Arthur Jenny, Francis Theobald, and others.

Whereas inhabitants of Great and Little Wenham, Bentley, and Capell hathe heretofore kept their watches at Copthorne, in Capell by one watchman sent out of Great and Little Wenham, one out of Bentley, and one out of Capell every night, whereby the watch hath been much neglected. Ordered that Great and Little Wenham shall by course through the same townes watch by three watchmen every night at Copthorne, until they shall have gone through those towns, and so the like for Bentley and the like for Capel; notice to be given of termination of course to next on rota.

Frances Thorpe, spinster, an idle person, to be sent from Redlingfield to Newborne, there to be provided for and set to work by the churchwardens and overseers.

Anne Spencer, servant of Henry Borrett, of Brundish, to be sent back to her master from Saxsted to complete term of service at request of George Poynter and John Ward.

Assessment to be levied on inhabitants of "Aye" (Eye) to pay expenses of Robert Hardyng and Robert Hodgson, arrested to appear at sessions for inhabitants of Aye on indictment for non-repair of highway.

Richard Welch, maimed soldier, upon payment to him of 40s. to give up his *toleracion*, and so his pension of 40s. *per annum* to be discharged.

Upon petition of inhabitants of Washbroke, John Gardiner ordered to close his house as an alehouse, and to pull down his sign immediately.

Bridget Bigesby to remain at Hintlesham, and not to be sent to Roydon.

Judgment order stayed *re* closing of footpath by John Leech at Tunstall.

*Sessions at Bury St. Edmunds.* Monday, 9 June. 21 Chas.

Order made for John Howe to pay sum of £3 6s. to John Talborne, for wages due to said John Talborne.

Edmund Fysshier, of Farsfield, gent., discharged of his apprentice one Edmund Atkyns, a poore child.

John Howe to pay money to John Talborne upon Feast Day of St. Peter's next ensuing, at Boxford Church porch.

Churchwardens and overseers of Lavenham to pay one, James, and his wife, yearly sum of 40s., by quarterly payments.

*Sessions at Beccles.* Monday, 6 Oct. 21 Chas.

Whereas Dennys Browne hath preferred an Information against Allen Deverson, of Dunwich, for Ingrossing of Corn, and forasmuch as the offence is laid to be in Dunwich, which is a Corporation, and it being alleged that by their Charter no Justice of the Peace is to meddle for any offence committed in the said town by any inhabitants there, this Court doth order that the said informer forbear any further persecution [sic] against the said Allen Deverson upon the said information.

William Syredd accuses Robert Read, constable of Peasenhall, for drinking on a Sabbath Day so excessively that he could not keep the path. Said Syredd bound to appear to support accusation.

Writ of Restitution granted for George Miller, of St. Andrew's, to give up to John Sadler, certain freehold lands or sum of £335.

Robert Boote elected constable of Beccles in place of John Denney, said Boote to be attached and brought before justices to take the oath of constable.

*Sessions at Woodbridge.* Wedn., 8 Oct. 21 Chas.

Emma, wife of Thomas Upson, to be reinstated in house at Otley, whence she had been evicted by Gregory Felgate, and at next Lady Day the churchwardens and overseers of Otley to provide a dwelling house for said Emma Upson.

*Sessions at Ipswich.* Friday, 10 Oct. 21 Chas.

William Bloyse and Nathaniel Bacon, of Freston, to charge neighbouring parishes to assist inhabitants of Woodbridge towards maintenance of poor.

*Sessions at Bury St. Edmunds.* Monday, 13 Oct. 21 Chas.

Margaret Lockey, an infant not above 5 years of age, placed by her father with David Mulberry, of St. Mary's, Colchester, and there remained eight months, but now at Nayland. The child to be forth-

with sent to parish of St. Mary's, Colchester, notwithstanding any warrant of the Mayor of Colchester, in regard the said child cannot by law be made a vagrant, being under 7 years of age, the parish of Nayland being only the place of birth of said child is not liable by law to provide or keep the child.

James Lockey, father of said Margaret Lockey, to be attached for deserting daughter Margaret.

£20 to be paid to constables of Stoke by Clare for repair of Bathorne Bridges between Suffolk and Essex.

£5 10s. to be paid to Joseph Alexander, sum due to him as Collector for Bury Gaol for bread for persons of the Franchise of Bury committed for witchcraft to Bury Gaol.

*Gaol Delivery held at Bury. 9 Aug. 21 Chas.*

John Grymsby, constable of Snape, indicted for escape of one, Richard Parker, committed for felony. Robert Dennington and William Barefoot were charged to keep said Parker, to pay £3 6s. 8d. to Grymsby as part of his fine, £5.

Ellen Allen, of Backton, to be attached.

James Moore, of Metfield, indicted for witchcraft, and committed to James Rigges, keeper of Ipswich Gaol, making his escape 2 Oct., 1645, is to be attached.

Whereas very many persons of several parishes have been Committed to His Majesty's Gaol at Ipswich for witchcraft, which hath caused a great and extraordinary charge to the gaoler by bringing the said prisoners several times to this gaol delivery and for the providing for and maintaining of the said prisoners. . . very poor and impotent . . . many acquitted by proclamation, and many by verdict . . . rate to fall upon parishes whose inhabitants procured the attachment of prisoners.

John Smalledge, of Hoxne, to close alehouse.

The sum of £6 due to Joseph Alexander, Collector for Bury Gaol, for sherebread.

Rent for Shirehouse, Bury St. Edmunds, 40s. *per annum*.

*Sessions, Beccles. 12 Jan. 21 Chas.*

William Payne, of Bungay, labourer, accused of witchcraft.

John Mapes, of Wangford, to receive his apprentice, Elizabeth Peele, or pay 40s.

William Pulham, convicted of stealing a cow of John Grosse, gent.

*Sessions, Woodbridge.* 14 Jan. 21 Chas.

Payment to Henry Beaumont, of Cretingham, of £6 13s. 4d. for loss by fire.

*Sessions, Ipswich.* 16 Jan. 21 Chas.

Churchwardens of Stowmarket to provide house for Thos. Harte.

Margaret Kew to be sent to Botesdale.

James Rigges, keeper of Ipswich Gaol, voluntarily let one, Samuel Steggold, escape.

Differences between the inhabitants of Copdocke and James Rigges, keeper of Ipswich Gaol, for payment for charges for witches, to be enquired into by Arthur Jerney and Henry Parker.