

DR. BISBIE'S MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS
FOR LONG MELFORD.

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The name of Dr. Bisbie, rector of Long Melford, is now very familiar to Suffolk antiquaries, but until the publication of Sir William Parker's *History of Long Melford*, in 1873, his claim to be enrolled among the Suffolk worthies rested on a comparatively slight foundation. Bishop Tanner's edition of Wood's *Athenae Oxon.* (ii., 1047), describes him as being, at the date of his taking the divinity degrees in 1668, "esteemed an excellent Preacher, and a zealous Person for the Church of England." Five of his sermons are named in *Wood*, and perhaps Dr. Grosart, who writes the short notice of him in the *New Dictionary of National Biography*, is justified in saying, "His publications consist nearly wholly of violent invectives against the nonconformists." For, zealous antiquary as he was, Dr. Bisbie did not *publish* his antiquarian researches, perhaps because he shrewdly perceived that from a business point of view polemical sermons would pay better. His own generation had been so vigorous in the destruction of antiquities, and his own parish had suffered so lamentably in the general spoliation and blind iconoclasm of the age, that he probably indited his materials for the *History of Long Melford* principally for his own satisfaction, and, so far as he regarded posterity, more for a future race of antiquaries than for a public, who in the days of the second James, and the third William, heeded none of those things. It was not till the first decade of the 18th century that the Society of Antiquaries, the Gentlemen's Society of Spalding, and other kindred bodies began to constitute an educated public who cared for antiquities, and it was not till many years later that the world at large ceased to suspect the sanity of any diligent student of archæology, or at least to regard him with mingled pity and contempt. It is to

be regretted, however, that a Biographer of our worthy Doctor in 1886, should have contented himself with adding a few genealogical particulars to Wood's account, and should not even have alluded to the rich manuscript treasures which Bisbie left behind him, so freely used and gratefully acknowledged by our living historian of Long Melford.

Though his book was printed for a very limited circulation, and cannot be obtained without difficulty, it is decided by the Secretary of our Archæological Society that it will not be desirable to reprint extracts from Bisbie which have already seen the light in Sir William Parker's collections. The scheme for publishing some additional matter has the entire approval of the Rector of Melford, the present custodian of the Bisbie MSS., and of Sir William himself. The present writer is indebted to the kindness of J. Lambert, Esq., of Lyston, for the loan of a manuscript, which proves to be a transcript of the earlier portion of Dr. Bisbie's volume, Melford Parsonage. By whom, for what purpose, and at what date, this transcript was made, are points upon which we have no information. It is practically a verbatim copy of the original, though, as a rule, the transcriber adopts his own orthography, which is sometimes more archaic than Dr. Bisbie's. The copy usually follows the original, page by page. Both are beautifully written. The copy is an excellent specimen of careful penmanship of the type practised by lawyers' clerks, and would seem to have been made at the close of the last, or early in the present, century. The copyist may be judged to have been a stranger to the district, as in the first page he mistakes Clopton for Closeton, an error which no resident in the neighbourhood could have made. Unfortunately the copy has never been bound, and in its present state it is but a fragment, continuing regularly to page 126 at the end of the "eighth stitching," and resuming at the beginning of the "twenty-ninth stitching" on page 447. It ends on 494.

Dr. Bisbie's own record of the Parsonage of Long

Melford is a stout folio volume, bound in old rough calf with brass clasps, a venerable, but truly pleasant and companionable book for a long winter evening, or, one may rather say, for a succession of long evenings, since it is written in a close though most legible hand on both sides of 702 pages, with very few blanks. It only remains at present to give the title, and the preface, or rather, the statement of contents, followed by a selection of extracts from the body of the work. At the top of the title page, in a later hand than the book itself, is the following heading.

In Chancery Between y^e Warden and Brethren of y^e Hospital of the Holy & blessed Trinity of y^e foundation of Sr W^m Cordall Knt. in Melford Compts

&

James Johnson Clerk Deft.

This Book was produced and Shewn to Mrs. Martha Bisbie upon her Examination to the fourteenth Inte^ry on the part of the Compts this Sixteenth day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six before us

E Poulter Jos^s. Grigby Matt Unwin.

The title itself is—

MELFORD PARSONAGE

OR

An Account touching the Rents Tithes | and profits thereof; as they were received | by Nathaniel Bisbie D.D: dureinge his | beinge Incumbent, and Rector there writ | ten out of his papers and yearly accounts | with his own hand; and reduced by him- | for the better method, and continued re | membrance of the same into this volume | Witness his hand this second day of Au | gust anno Dñi 1676

Nath: Bisbie.

Melford.

Memorandum That I Nathaniel Bisbie Ma^rl of Arts & Student of Christ Church in Oxon being Nominated & presented unto the Rectory or Parsonage of Melford alias Long Melford in the County of Suffolk by the Worthy Patron thereof The Right Worshipfull Sir Robert Cordell of Melford afores^d Barr^r: upon the resignation of the Rev^d Robert Wareyn D: D: late Parson and Incumbent of the same Was thereupon on the Twelfth day of November 1660 (Sede Episcopali Norvic tunc Vacante) Legally & duly Instituted into the said Rectory by the Most Rever^d

Father in God Dr. Witt Juxon Arch Bishop of Canterbury. (Sir Richard Chaworth being then & there Vicar General) And by Virtue of the s^d Institution (ord^r being first obtained from the Rev^d Dr. Anthony Sparrow Arch Deacon of Sudbury bearing date the same day) was regularly & Canonically inducted into the real and Actual p^ossion of the said Rectory or Parsonage of Melford aforesaid on the four & Twentyeth day of the s^d month by Mr Francis Craven Vicar of Acton. In the presence of William Clopton of Lyston Esq^r John Cronsby of Shimpling gent. Mr. Howel Davys Warden of the Hospital of Melford Henry Clifton Thomas Clifton of the Hospital of Melford Rich^d Curtis Sexton of the said Church & others.

Not long after this yet after the Death and Buryal of the s^d Dr. Wareyn which was performed on the Ninth day of July 1661 Several Writeings Tithbooks Court Rolls & other papers & evidences (belonging to the Rectory of Melford) were delivered out of the Study & Trunks of the said Rev^d Dr. into my hands by Mr. John Wareyn Executor to the Last Will and Testament of the said Dr. Wareyn or else by Mr. Robert Wareyn of Blackshall in Suff (Son & heir to the s^d John Wareyn) by the Order and appointment of the said John Wareyn or of Mr. Philip Robinson of Byham Hall in the County of Essex Kinsman to Mrs. Wareyn the Relict of the fores^d Dr. Wareyn deced A Catalogue whereof (at least of the most Material) is here Subscribed and is as followeth.

- (1) Impr^s certain Court Rolls belonging to the Mañor of the Rectory in Melford ab. Anno 1412 in Annum 1642 D^{re} Gent Mag^{ro} Aleyn afs Carver Mag^{ro} Skerue Mag^{ro} Newton Mag^{ro} Mallet Mag^{ro} Hill Mag^{ro} Humphrey D^{re} Jones Mag^{ro} Wentworth Mag^{ro} Gilbert D^{re} Wareyn (inter alios) Rectoribus ibidem.
- (2) Item certaine Rent Rolls (antient and modern) belonging to the afores^d Manor The last whereof beareth date the 27th day of Sept^r Anno Dni 1641 & was made at a Court then holden for the s^d Manor.
- (3) Item a foul Drat. of a Bill in Chancery Exhibited by Mr. William Gilbert Parson of Melford against Sr William Waldegrave Guardian to William Closeton* of Kentwell Hall Esq^r Complaining that there was a certaine house in Melford called the Parish Preist house certaine Glebe Land in the feild called Tudman Feild Certaine Copyhold Lands belonging to the Mañor of the Rectory of Melford; And certaine Tiths out of the Estates of Kentvel Lytons & Monks; And out of certaine Demesne Lands called Melford Park Ladidouns &c. All Detained by him the s^d Sr W^m Waldegrave from him the s^d William Gilbert Parson of the Parish Church of Melford Anno 1620.
- (4) Item The Answ^r of Sr W^m Waldegrave Knt. Def^t to the afores^d Bill of C^omplt Together wth the Replication of William Gilbert Clerk Complainant to the s^d Answ^r All wch were at first filed in

* Sic lege Clopton.

- Mr. Evelyns office (then one of the Six Clerks (now Sr John Marshams office & Sithence (with other Writeings of the same Nature) were removed to the White Tower at the Tower in London as will appear by their Entry in Mr Rylys book Keeper of the s^d Writeings.
- (5) Item a Copy of certaine Interrogatorys and Depositions Ex pte Wit^t Gilbert Cler. querentis vsus Will. Waldegrave Mil defendentem Attested by Otho Nicholson (one of the Examiners in Chancery The Originals whereof are now to be found in the Examiners office belonging to Sir Thomas Escourt Kn^t.
 - (6) Item Another Copy of Interrogatorys & Depositions Ex pte Wit^t Waldegrave Mil Defendentis vsus Wit^t Gilbert Cler querentem & e contra attested by [blank] Evelyn then one of the Six Clerks in the Six Clerks office Also a rude Drat. of the s^d Depositions taken before &c., Thomas Corbett & Robert Wareyn Commissioners Subscribed respectively by every Depon^t & attested by the said Com^{iss}^{rs} The originals wherof Ingressed are now (If I mistake not) to be had in Mr. Rylys office in the White Tower at the Tower London.
 - (7) Item Ten Antient Tithe books bearing date respectively Ab Anno 1564 ad Annum 1590 produced in the afores^d Suite between Mr Gilbert Plaintiff & Sir William Waldegrave Deft. and Deposited to be the Tithbooks of one Simon Cawston of Melford Tithgatherer to the parsons then in being. Subscribed and Attested by Otho Nicolson one of the Examiners in Chancery.
 - (8) Item a Counterpart of a Lease for all the Tythes at Kentwell & Lyton in Melford both of Lands Woods Orchards Gardens fishponds &c. made by Mr William Gilbert Parson of Melford to Sir William Clopton of Kentwell Knt. for Sixty years if the said Mr Gilbert so long continue Parson bearing date the 5th day of June Anno Dni 1614. Subscribed by Will: Clopton & Sealed with his Seal.
 - (9) Item Playleys Coven^t for the parish preist house whereby he hireth part of the same of Mr. William Gilbert parson of Melford for Twenty Shillings p Ann. bearing date the Thirtieth day of April 1608. Subscribed Robt. Playle.
 - (10) Item a Copy of an Antient Composition between the Abbot of Bury S^t Edmunds and the parson of Melford Together with a Copy of a patent granted by King John primo Regni for the appropriateing two parts of the Tith within Melford to the Hospital of S^t Saviours a Dependant upon the Abby of Bury afores^d
 - (11) Item a copy of the Abbott of Burys Lease unto Robert Simon & James Colman of Melford concerning the Lands and Tiths in Melford, belonging to the foresaid Hospital of S^t Saviours bearing date the 8th day of February Anno Regni Regis Hen^{ri} 8^{vi} 30^{mo}
 - (12) Item James Colman Saying (25 Jaⁿry 1583) concerning a three pound pension due from the parson of Melford and belonging to

the afores^d Hospital As also concerning the Tiths Arising out of the Demesne Lands of Melford Hall in Melford. Whereunto is also Annexed a Note of Small Tyths Antiently received by the Parson of Melford bearing no date with it And some probable amount of Stoake Colledge Tith.

- (13) Item an Antient Rent Roll of the Mañor of Monks in Melford Tempore Dni Johannis Charlys Hospitalarii ibidem Annoq Regni Regis Henrici Sexti post Conquestum 21^{mo}
- (14) Item Three Accounts relateing to Tiths as they weré Compounded for and received by Dr. Wareyn late parson of Melford which because Torne and likely to Decay are here Transcribed. The first whereof containeth a Reckoning of Mr John Carys (farmer to the Tyths belonging to the Hospital in Melford concerning certainé partible Tyths. And is as followeth.

A Reckoning between Mr. Wareyn & John Cary for Partible Tyths &c 1628.

Acres allotted to Mr. Wareyn Viz ^t	Acres allotted to John Cary Tyler
Ager in his Backside - iiij acres	Rich ^d Shepherd - i
Tho: Crysall - - - - - iiij	Shave - - - - - j
Rich ^d Evered - - - - - i & an half	Auburne - - - - - iiij
Jo: Evered - - - - - i & an half	Wido. Smith - - - - - ij & an half
Haylock - - - - - v	ffran Hall - - - - - vj
Curtyss - - - - - ij	Tho Johnson - - - - - j
Boreham - - - - - iiij	Groome - - - - - j & an half
Richardson - - - - - iiij	Jo: Hammond - - - - - j
W ^m Smith - - - - - iiij	Mayes - - - - - vj
Widow Crysall - - - - - iiij	Tho: Cadiold - - - - - iiij
ffrom Hamond - - - - - iiij	Peter Mayer - - - - - xvij
	Mrs Lorke - - - - - ij
In all xxxij Acres	Jo: Barker - - - - - ix
	Payn or Ager - - - - - ix

This Division of Acres is equal lxv Acres dimid

To be paid to Mr Wareyn from John Cary

ffor my Lords Tyth Corne - - - - -	1 15 0
ffor one Acre of Grass in Broad Meadow - - - - -	1 6 8
ffor my Lords Small Tyth - - - - -	2 0 0
ffor the partible Tyths of Street Drew Davys Malpas Innings Stevens Swanton 80 acres	2 13 4
ffor the third part of Casons Tithe - - - - -	0 16 8
ffor the third part of partible Tythe Hay - - - - -	0 12 4
Sume is	9 4 0

Which being deducted out of x^{li} that Mr Wareyn is to pay to John Cary for the Meadow in Padbroke and for the Old Composition of Tyths Then [? There] remains Then due to John Cary ———xvjs

Richard Shepherd had some Corne in East feild But it was so very Bad as he paid nothing for it.

Memorandum That this Reckoning above Written was entred down in two Sev^l papers (both of the hand writeing of John Cary Farmer to the Hospittal Tyths and Steward to the Lord Savage of Melford Hall) one whereof was subscribed by R: Wareyn in his own hand Writeing The other by J: Cary in his without any Considerable Alteration only it was Entred in that paper Subscribed J. Cary. All payd and made even.

- (2) Here followeth the second account of Tyths aforementioned as they were received by Do^r Wareyn (late parson of Melford) Anno 1637 viz^t.

R^d of Roger Aggas for his Tithe Lambs - 0 10 0
[followed by 22 other items]

4th May 1638

Bull hath had at the parsonage Nine Lambs

- (3) Here followeth the third and last Account of Tithes aforementioned bearing no date being an Acco^t of the Tyths of Wool & Lamb & Herbage &c towards the end of Do^r Wareyn's Incumbency before he was most unjustly (by the then prevailing powers) sequestered from his benefice & parsonage of Melford which happened on or before the 30th of Oct^r Anno Dni 1643 viz^t.

Mr Byat for Lamb & Wool - - - - - 0 4 7
[followed by 44 other entries. Many of these Tithes are rated on Herbage]

Memorandum That no more Writeings relating to Tithes in the time of Dr. Wareyn (late Parson of Melford) then before expressed came unto my hands And no wonder He being one of the first that (upon the Rebellion breaking out) was plundered by the Rabble Rout of the Country; Insomuch That not only the Writeings & other the Evidences of his own time but those also that did belong to Dr. Gilbert Dr Jones & other his predecessors were Supposed and confidently Sayd to be lost & destroyed thrō the rudeness & fury of the then Inraged & Misguided Multitude.

The following is the first return of tithes and other profits made by Dr. Bisbye himself. It is therefore copied *verbatim* and without omissions, though it is not so full as some of the later accounts.

1660-1.

An account of the profitts of the Rectory and Parsonage of Melford from the 24th day of Nov^r 1660 to Michās 1661.

	£	s	d
Received of With Caston Tenant to the parsonage & the Glebe usually therew th Letten for a years Rent for the same	42	12	0
Received of the Widow Drew Tenant to the Glebe by the Churchyard for a years Rent of the same from Michas 1660 to Michas 1661	30	0	0
Recēd of Zeph: Lungley for a year's Rent of the Churchyard & of the parish preist house or Colledge due at Michas 1661 In all	5	0	0
Received of him also for a year's Rent for the acre of pasture lying in Tudman ffeild known or called by the Name of the parsons acre being Glebe; due at Michas 1661	0	5	0
Recēd of the Several Freeholders & Copyholders Tenants to the Mannor of the Rectory in Melford for a years Lords Rent due from Michas 1660 to Michas 1661	6	15	110 ^b
Recēd of John Waterer for a fine upon his Admissions to a Coppyhold Tenem ^t lying in Westgate Lane	0	3	0
Recēd of Mr. Howell Davyes Warden of the Hospital of the Holy Trinity in Melford for the Sermons preached upon good ffriday according to the Statutes of the House	1	0	0
Recēd of Oliver Polly at the ffarme called Duntons for his Childs Burial	0	2	6
Recēd of Richard Curtis the Sexton for some part of the Churchings & Burials that did Arise within the Parish of Melford for this year	0	6	0
Recēd of one. of Glemsford for his Marriage dues; The other both Christnings & Buryals as well as Marryings were received by my Curate & therefore not here by me Accounted	0	2	6
Recēd of ffrancis Hamond for my Preaching at the Funeral of his eldest Son	0	10	0
Received of my Patron and his Lady out of their good will & respect for a Sermon preached by me upon the 30 th day of January (being the day of the Martyrdom of King Charles the first) there being no Law (known) at that time for the constraining and enforceing the same; In Gold worth	2	6	0

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There are three Roods of Underwood in the hands of the parson and not before accounted.

Memd^m That in the late times of Confusion there was Nothing paid for Churchings Buryals nor for Easter offerings unto the Parson Nor nothing this year unto me for Easter offerings.

	£	s	d
Of Sir Robert Cordell of Melford Hall Barrt. for his parke Woods Broad Meadow Cheswick Bucks Bottoms and the Homstall
Received of Sir Thomas Darcy Barr ^t . for All the Tyths of his parke & the grounds adjoining belonging to Kentwell hall	3	0	0
Recēd of Richard Martin Esq ^r . for this year (as by an after cōposition made the ensuing year will appear	3	0	0
He paid also the arrears of Lords Rent; due for this and the last year which said Lords Rent had not been paid from the time that the Do ^r . (my predecessor) had been sequestred.			
Recēd of Henry Martin Gent for the Tyth of an Acre of Hops	0	10	0
Recēd of Thomas Hobert Gent in full for all his Tyths about home & at Cranmere thou worth much more	4	0	0
Recēd of Mr Thomas Diresly at the ffarme called Cranfeilds for all sorts of Tithe both great & small thence ariseing	12	0	0
Recēd of Edm ^d Swanton at Hunmill for the Customary Tyths of his Mill that is to say 10 ^s at Lady Day and 10 ^s at Michas; In all	1	0	0
Recēd of Will: Smith the Butcher in full for all his Tyths both great & Small for Berds and Bulney Moores	4	4	0
Recēd of George Cock at the ffarme called Burtons in full for all his Tyths both great & small thence ariseing	6	0	0
Recēd of the Widow Boston in full for all the Tyths of her FFarme lying near Glemsford Bridge	3	0	0
Recēd of Will: Caston for the Tyth of certaine Lands in Cranmere End	0	7	0
Recēd of Robert Abbot of Cranmere in full for all his Tyths both great & small	2	16	0
Recēd of Widow Raynor of Cranmere for all her gret Tyths ariseing out of the Towne Lands belonging to the ffarme called Thumbs	1	0	0
Recēd of Will: Hayward in full for all the Tyths of his ffarme called Bixbys in Cranmere	1	4	0
Recēd of Thomas Smith of Cranmere for the Tithe of the ffarme belonging to Mr. Keeble	2	16	0
Received of him for the Tithe of the Grounds lying near unto Kentwell hall park and belonging to Kentwell The sūme forgot
Recēd of Thomas Seely of Cranmere for the Tythe of his Corne growing:—The Sūme forgot yet not less than	1	10	0

	£	s	d
Recēd of the Widow Deeks at Stanstead Mill for her Tithes in full arising out of the Lands in Crammere and called patches and Wideshawke - - - - -	1	10	0
Recēd of Peter Wisson at the Kilne ffarme in full for all his Tyths both Great & small - - - - -	10	0	0
Recēd of Giles Jarmin for his Great Tythes arising out of the ffarme where he liveth - - - - -	0	10	0
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Recēd of him the said Thomas Darcy for the Tythe Wood out of the Kilne Grove this year's fell - -	2	10	0
Recēd of Johu Coppinge of Shimplinge in full for all his Tythe both Corne and Herbage - - - - -	0	8	0
Recēd of George Hamond of Rowhedge for all his Tythes arising out of the Grounds belonging unto Kentwell hall	2	0	0
Recēd of John Win of Alpheton for the Small Tythe of the ffarme where he lives called Hoolpots - - - - -	0	8	0
Recēd of Richard Michel of Coldhill (lately in the Occu- pation of Thomas Barton) for his Small Tyth paid two yeares after - - - - -	0	1	10
Recēd of Robert Sparke at the ffarme called Melford Park for all his Tythe both Great & Small - - - - -	6	0	0
Recēd of Oliver Polly at the ffarme called Duntons for the Small Tyths thereof - - - - -	0	10	0
Received of Thomas Clark of Lavenhams in Lavenham the Tythe Corne of Bareshill's in Kind which I sold (the Charges for gathering being defrayed) for - - - - -	2	2	0

Memorandum that the foresaid Bareshills (ats Laidouns)
are partible in their Tythe with the Lord of the Mannor
of Moretis [? Monks] the parson takeing but the third of
the Tythe thereof.

Recēd Robert Spark at fford Hall for all his Tythe - -	1	8	0
Recēd of Thomas Eagle at the ffarme late ffortescue's in Bridge Street for his Great Tythes } Z. Longley	2	0	0
And for his Small Tythes - - - - -	0	4	0
Recēd of Robert Goldinge in Bridge Street for all his Tythes both Great & Small - - - - -	1	12	0

Mem^{dm} That the Parson Tythes only the Ground
lying on the Westside of the Road in his ffarme.

Recēd of Will: Sheppard for his Small Tyths but not paid till three yeares after - - - - -	0	6	0
Recēd of Goodman Olly in High Street for the Tythe of his Corne growing on his Backside - - - - -	0	2	6

	£	s	d
Recēd of Widow Whittle in full for all her Tithe for this year	0	13	0
Recēd of Goodman payne in Hight Street for his Tithe Corne	0	3	0
Recēd of Zeph: Lungly in full for his Tiths Ariseing out of Kentwell doune and Hungary Hall both Great & Small	4	0	0
Recēd of Thomas Haxal at the Church gate for the Tithe of his Corne growing upon his Backside	0	16	0
Recēd of Tobias Groom for Tithe of the Corne growing on the Land called the Harp in Westgate Lane belonging to partridge	0	19	0
Recēd of the Widow Drew for Mr. Everards Upper peice lying along the Narrow lane leading from Cranmere down unto the White Hart in Melford street	0	10	0
Recēd of Gregory Boreham in Melford Green for the Tithe of his hops growing on his Backside	0	2	0
Recēd of Jeremiah Westly at the Hall Mill for the Tithe of the said Mill paid at Michas	0	6	8
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Recēd of John Drew for the Tythe Corne of Dyhouse feild and for all his Small Tiths	1	16	0
Recēd of Oliver Haylock for the Tithe of his Backside lying on the West of Hall Street	1	0	0
Recēd of Francis Foster for the Tithe of the Gardening Grounds in his Occupation	0	10	0
Recēd of Mr John Hills for the Tithe of his backside belonging to Do ^r Wareyns House on the West of Hall Street	0	2	6
Received of Thomas Windle Husband to the Relict of Will: Smith the younger for the Tithe of Rough Marsh not paid till some yeares after it was due	0	6	0
Recēd of James Munnings for the Tithe Cornē growing upon his backside West of Hall Street	0	18	0
Received of John Hayward at Withindale Mill for the Tithe of his Mill	0	16	0

He ought to have paid 20^s: p Anⁿ (i.e.): 10^s at Lady Day & 10^s at Michas but for this year & the last he paid only 16^s: p Anⁿ

Recēd of John Sheppard of Rodbridge Street for his Small Tithe	0	2	0
Recēd of Edm ^d Newman at the Great ffarme in Rod- bridge belonging to Sir Rob ^t . Cordell for all his Small Tithe	1	0	0
Recēd of John Skipper of Talage Tye for all his Small Tithe	0	3	8

	£	s	d
Recēd of Bartholew Canham for the Small Tithe Ariseing out of his ffarme (Sir Rob ^t . Cordell being Landlord)	0	15	0
Recēd of Mr. Yates in ffortisforth Street for his Small Tithe	0	2	6
Recēd of Robert Barker at the Bull at the Eastside of Hall Strēet for the Meadows called the Bull Meadows	0	8	0
Recēd of Edward Basset Gent. for the Tithe Corne grow- ing on his Backside. East of the Street called the Hall Street	0	4	0
Recēd of Peter Disney for his gardening Grounds	0	3	0
Recēd of Richard King for the Tithe of his Barley grow- ing East of the Street called Hall Street	0	9	0
Recēd of Thomas Halstead for his Corne & Hops	0	17	0
Recēd of Joseph Tyler on the East side of the Hall street for the Tithe of his Corne growing on his Backside	0	8	0
Recēd of John Knopp for the Tithe Corne of his Backside East of Hall Street	0	2	0
Recēd of Richard Holborough at the ffarme called prouds for all his Small Tithe in full	0	6	4
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Many other of the Inhabitants of Melford ought to have paid Tithe to me as well as the aforementioned But being accustomed in the late times of Confusion to pay none or but Little And taking Advantage of myne unacquaintance with them and their Estates They wo^d not discover to me what my dues were nor where they were to be taken nor how; so that for this year also I was Imposed upon by some and Defrauded by others; The Clown resolving (if possible) to be too hard for the Schollar.

The Sūme Total of this yeares Revenue That is to say from the feast of St. Michael Anno 1660 unto the said feast Anno 1661 (as by the preceeding pages will Appear) Amounts to—

By page the Twelfth	-	-	-	89	2	11	0
By page the Thirteenth	-	-	-	58	7	0	
By page the fourteenth	-	-	-	24	12	0	
By page the fifteenth	-	-	-	10	19	0	

In all	£183	0	11	0
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Here endeth the Account for this year Transcribed out of my ffool papers and entred into this Booke at or before this Eighteenth day of August 1676 by me

Nath: Bisbye

Melford Cofl Suff.

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