SEQUESTRATIONS IN SUFFOLK.

In Vol. XIX (1927) of Suffolk Institute of Archaeology, Proceedings, pp. 15–51 and 141–167, Mr. R. Freeman Bullen gave a list of about 162 Suffolk incumbents who were ejected from their livings and sequestered during the Commonwealth. The names were taken from Walker’s Sufferings of the Clergy (1714), with certain additions and corrections from other sources.

Recently the Oxford University Press has published Walker Revised by A. G. Matthews, a companion volume to the same author’s Calamy Revised, an invaluable work of reference.

From Walker Revised I have taken the following names and particulars of 14 ministers who are not included in Bullen’s catalogue.

With these additions, the Suffolk list now stands at 176, but may still be incomplete. Leslie Dow.

BIRD, JOHN (Baylham)
MA (Cantab). V of Hawnes, Beds, c 1643, & R of Baylham, Suffolk, 1625. CPM 29 Jul 1645 seqd him from Hawnes for misdemeanors certified by Suffolk CC, also for having another living.

BIRD, ROBERT (Westley)
MA (Cantab). V of Westley 1623. Articled against before CC, who were ordered by CPM, 26 Feb 1646-7, to examine his witnesses, it being certified they had not done this.
Interim, Elnathan Pigott, 1658.

BRIDGMAN (Mildenhall)
C at Mildenhall. Ejected by Manchester with his vicar, Richard Watts (q.v.), 1644. Charged on 8 articles: refused to read a parl. order or take Covt.: disclaimed cure of souls, would not visit sick parishioner: in sermon on the woman with issue of blood, uttered “such unbesemining words which made the Auditors ashamed to heare them”: kept company with the ill-affected: a gamester, several times drunk.

BRIDGMAN, NICHOLAS (Felsham)
MA (Cantab). R of Felsham 1640. Seqd before 21 Mar 1645-6, when CPM ordered R. Mead to be paid for officiating since the seqn.
Interim, T. Brundish, 1646, ff 1647.

BURDET, GEORGE (?) H of Commons, 30 Sep 1642, ordered he & Newman (? Thomas (q.v.)) of Bury, be sent for to answer for “dangerous expressions” used by them in sermons at Bury.
Clarke, John

Bungay

V of Bungay 1650, pres. under Gt. Seal. For bringing against him articles of scandal & malignancy on which he was seqd by CPM, c 1652, he prosecuted J. Dowsing for libel & got £30 damages. C for Indemnity, 7 Dec 1653, quashed this, ordered Clarke to pay £15 damages.

Interim, Zeph. Smith.

Clarke, Thomas

Haughley

MA (Cantab). V of Haughley 1644. CPM, 24 Jan 1645-6, refd. parishioners' petition to local justices: 9 1646, May refd. articles against him to CC: 18 Sep, fixed date for hearing case: 7 May 1647, cited J. Dod of Northants for intruding, order withdrawn on his apology, another minister to be apptd.

Interim, J. Byrrill, 1650.

Cuppinger (or Copinger), Ambrose

Lavenham


Hodges, John

Falkenham

MA (Cantab). V of Falkenham 1641. Seqd before May 1645. He or namesake R of Layham; living vac. 13 May 1662, by his death.

Interim, H. Dodwell, 1645, on death of T. Alder : W. Burton, 1657.

Imerick, Elkanah

Sandcroft St George

R of Sandcroft St. Geo. CPM, 12 June 1645, adm. him: 30 Oct, seqd. him on charges proved against him on articles, etc., from CC.

Portys, James

(? Orford)

Depositions against him, as of Orford, before C for Compg., 2 Aug 1651. Charged with being at Oxford, when a royal garrison, chaplain to Col. Tillier's Regt.: 31 Oct, CC reported they had seized his estate (tithes of 2 livings), inquiry should be made about estate near Worcester, where he came from. Among deponents were M. Brooke & Playters (qq.v.), latter, of Parham, said Portus boarded with them when he came to Orford, 1648: from discourse with him believed he was preacher in royal army. V of Tuddenham St Martin, ff 1650. Estate returned as below value for decimation, 1655, real estate worth £18, personal £70. R of Hollesley, adm. by Triers, 1658. Will, as V of Tuddenham, PCC 1659.
SKINNER, JONATHAN
MA (Cantab). R of Wolverstone 1636. Parish petitioned H of Commons, c 1640, stating he was put in by Bp. Wren, was very scandalous, negligent of studies, seldom preached, did husbandry & allowed servants to board his cart on the Lord’s day: wore a charged pistol & rapier: struck 2 women of whom one afterwards died: a swearer, called parishioners hogs & dogs: denied sacrament to 15 persons, at another time to 5. Interim, Bezaleel Carter, 1645.

STANTON, GEORGE
DD (Oxon), 1643. R of Icklingham All Saints, 1621.

WOMACK, LAURENCE
MA (Cantab). Petitioned to be Archd. of Suffolk, 1660. Testimonial that he was Royalist chaplain at Hereford for whole of late war, was plundered, seqd, imprisoned 4 times, banished from his relations & livelihood in Herefs.: also testimonial to him since his living in Suffolk.

Abbreviations:

C. Committee.
CC. County Committee.
Compg. Compounding for sequestration of property.
CPM. Committee for Plundered Ministers.
Covt. Solemn League & Covenant, 1643.
ff. Composition of first-fruits on adm. to a living.
Interim. Introduces the names of the intruders.
seqd. Sequestered.
seqn. Sequestration.