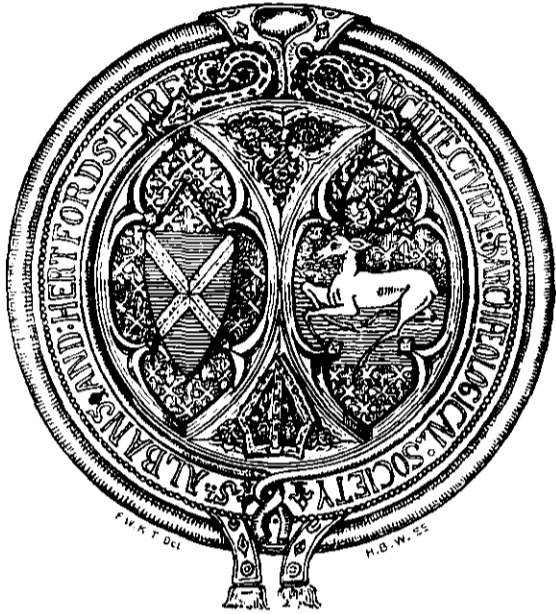


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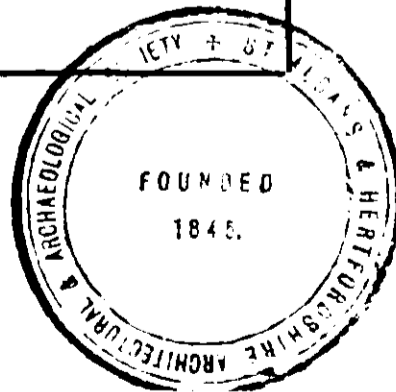
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PREFATORY NOTE.

The Committee of the St. Alban's and Hertfordshire Architectural and Archæological Society has found it impossible, for several weighty reasons, to issue Part II. of Volume II. of the Transactions of the Society [1905-6] at present. Although much interesting and valuable material has been communicated to the Society, the number of Papers dealing directly with the History and Antiquities of the County during those two years was not sufficient to form a number of the usual size. For some years past the Society has had in hand—at the request and with the hearty co-operation of the President—the Records of the Old Archdeaconry of St. Alban's, and the Committee, after very careful consideration of the matter, decided to issue a Calendar of Miscellaneous Papers, ranging from 1572 to 1637, in lieu of Transactions. Much valuable and suggestive original matter is contained in these Documents, which the Committee believe will be found of considerable interest and value to the student and antiquary. Larger financial resources would enable the Committee to proceed further in this important branch of the Society's work.

H. R. WILTON HALL,

Hon. Editor and Librarian.

May, 1908.

ERRATA.

Page 41.—Doc. 44 (13), for Richard Twell, read William Twell.

Page 76.—Doc. 105, for 1580 read 1590; and also in lines 3 and 5 read 1590.

Page 86.—Doc. 117, No. 16. For Hugo Beadle read Hugo Bradle.

Page 140.—Doc. 214. Between Redborne and Idelstry read:
Powles Walden. Mr. Henry Halstead vicar was
rated at byll but I take it his vicarage is equal
with some of the rest, and therefore may be rated
at a calyver.

Records of the Old Archdeaconry of St. Alban's.

Amongst the Documents forming the Records of the Old Archdeaconry of St. Alban's, there are some 400 loose papers, consisting of Orders, Letters, Presentments, Drafts of Returns and Memoranda ranging from the year 1572 to the year 1637. Most of these documents have at one time been filed, but the thongs securing them have long since been cut or broken, and in the course of years they had been very considerably and perplexingly mixed. These have been sorted, each document examined, and the whole series arranged as nearly as possible in chronological order. This series forms but a small portion of the Records, which embrace Informations, Proceedings, Certificates of Penances, Marriage Bonds, Probate of Wills, Register Transcripts, Terriers, and Mandates for Inductions, all of them being valuable sources of information. Mr. William Brigg and Mr. A. E. Gibbs, in the *Herts Genealogist*, have printed much most valuable matter relating to the Marriage Licenses granted in the Archdeaconry from 1583 to 1715, Transcripts of Parish Registers of St. Stephen's, St. Michael's, Northaw, and Chipping Barnet, and some of the Church Terriers, with a list of the Arms and Armour furnished by the Clergy of the Archdeaconry for the year 1590. (*Herts Genealogist*, Vol. I., p. 113).

The Archdeaconry consisted in Elizabethan days of the Parishes originally subject to the Abbot of St. Alban's, and at the period covered by this Calendar consisted of Bushey, Codicot, East Barnet, Chipping Barnet, Elstree, Hexton, Langley Abbots, Northaw, Norton, Redborne, Rickmansworth, Ridge, St. Alban's, St. Michael's, St. Paul's Walden, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, Sandridge, Sarratt, Shephall, and Watford, with Aston Abbots, Granborough, Little Horwood and Winslow in the County of Buckingham.

Although only a small Archdeaconry, it covered a wide stretch of country—from Hexton to Elstree—and the Apparator, who is usually described as being old and poor, had many miles of hard journeying up and down the Archdeaconry to exhibit to the Clergy and Churchwardens missives from the Privy Council, the Archbishop of the Province, the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Archdeacon's official, to cite the Clergy to Visitations, which seem to have been held, or were supposed to be held, four times a year; to say nothing of special journeys which had to be taken in connection with the varied matters which came before the Archdeaconry Court. Usually, the Visitations were held in the Parish Church of St. Alban's; but Chipping Barnet was sometimes used for the purpose, and the Buckinghamshire parishes were frequently visited at one or other of the Bucks Churches. The difficulties of cross-country travelling in the spacious times of Queen Elizabeth were many and formidable; yet, from the memoranda

made at such of the Visitations as have come down to us, only a very small minority of the Clergy were absent on such occasions.

The documents can be classified under the following headings :—I. Letters, Orders, and Presentments specially relating to the Clergy ; II. Copies of Letters and Orders from the Privy Council, the Archbishop of the Province, Letters from the Bishop of the Diocese to the Archdeacon, Mandates to the Apparator to cite the Clergy to Visitations, and so forth ; III. Papers relating to the elections of Proctors for the Clergy in Convocation ; IV. Presentments and Answers to Articles by the Churchwardens ; V. Letters and Answers concerning the Re-building of St. Paul's Cathedral in 1584 ; VI. Letters and Returns relating to the provision of Arms and Armour by the Clergy for the defence of the country.

I.—LETTERS, ORDERS, AND PRESENTMENTS RELATING TO THE CLERGY. This is an interesting group, the documents in it bearing date 1582, 1585, 1586, 1588, 1592, 1595, 1603, 1621, and 1622. The earliest document dealing with the learning of the Clergy is dated 30th April, 1582. Every minister "being no Preacher or Mr. of Artes," is to give monthly, under his own hand, an exposition of one Chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, beginning with Chapter one. This exercise is to be shown by the Minister to the nearest brother Minister who is a Licensed Preacher ; and each quarter these exercises are to be delivered to the Judge of the Archdeaconry Court that it may be seen how they have profited in their studies. The Ministers qualified to look over the exercises of their less learned brethren must be Bachelors of Divinity, Masters of Arts, or properly Licensed Preachers. Three years later, under date 30th April, 1585, a more stringent Order was issued by the Archbishop, concerning the Unlearned Clergy. Public Daily Prayer is enjoined that "they (*i.e.* the Unlearned Clerks) maie be better acquainted with the phrase and histories of the Scriptures." The Ordinary is to appoint one chapter at least to be diligently studied each week. The Minister is to make notes of the principal contents in Latin. Once a quarter a Common Place in Divinity is to be set, and an exercise thereon written in Latin. Those ignorant of Latin were allowed to do their exercises in English, and once a quarter the Ordinary was to call them to account. On 5th August, 1586, some sixteen months later, the Archdeacon was directed to examine the "inferior sort of Ministers" on the 4th October following.

Out of the Incumbents then in the whole of the Archdeaconry, no fewer than eleven must be classed as "inferior sort of Ministers," for a list is given of those who are to be examined on the date just mentioned, viz. : John Grawnte, curate of Bushey ; Henry Atkyns, vicar of Little Horwood ; Edward Warren, vicar of Hexton ; Thomas Longley, vicar of Norton ; William Mote, vicar of Newenham ; Thomas Wetherhead, vicar of St. Michael's ; Richard Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephen's ; John Butler, vicar of Sarratt ; Robert Dawncey, vicar of Winslow ; William Haylocke, vicar of St. Paul's Walden ; and Henry Edmonds, vicar of Watford. On the 4th October, 1586, several of these "inferior Ministers" appeared at St. Alban's, and were duly examined. Edward Spendlowe, M.A., vicar of Redbourn, gives a certificate that he has examined Henry Edmonds, Vicar of Watford, in the principal

points of religion and concerning Justification, wherein he showed himself to be well grounded." William White, minister of Northaw, certified that he had examined Richard Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephen's, John Butler, vicar of Sarratt, and Edward Warren, vicar of Hexton. He finds Mr. Lightfoote sufficiently furnished; John Butler able in some measure to teach sound doctrine; but the Vicar of Hexton was not able to answer anything in Latin, and he has only some mean knowledge in the principal points of religion, not sufficient for him to discharge the office of a Minister. John Grawnte, of Bushey, Henry Atkyns, of Horwood, and William Mote, of Newenham, are returned as not competent, and Thomas Wetherhead, the Vicar of St. Michael's, is entered as "decesset continuanter."

About the same date more stringent Orders were issued to secure the increase of learning amongst these inferior Ministers. Every Minister holding a cure and being under the degree of M.A. and Bachelor of Law, or being not licensed to preach, is to provide himself with a Bible, Bullinger's Decades in Latin or English, and a Prayer Book. Every day he is to read a chapter of Scripture, and enter the heads in his note-book; and once a week a sermon from the Decades, noting the chief points in his book. Once a quarter he is to show his exercises to a Licensed Preacher near his abode. Learned Preachers were to be appointed by the Ordinary to privately examine the notes, and no inferior Minister was to be obliged to travel more than seven miles to have his exercises examined by a Preacher. The Preachers were to report regularly to the Archdeacon upon the exercises. The Archdeacon under these Orders is to see that all serving cures instruct the youth of their parishes in the Catechism so soon as they shall be found of reasonable ability, and they may be permitted to expound "standing in the stalls only," until they are licensed to preach. The M.A.s and Bachelors of Laws who have no Licenses to preach must obtain them within six months from the Archbishop, the Bishop, or their several Universities, or they too must be "tyed to the exercise." Every Licensed Preacher was bound to preach twelve sermons annually in every diocese in which he held a benefice. Further, six or more Preachers are to be appointed Public Preachers, who are bound to preach every Sunday in convenient places, so that the Parishes served by Incumbents who are unlicensed may have a sermon once a quarter. The Parish where the sermon is preached is to provide the Preacher with a dinner and horsemeat, and to supply someone to take his duty in his own Parish Church on that day.

On 10th November, 1588, the same Orders respecting the Exercises for the Unlearned Clergy are repeated, and the Archdeacon is directed to report to the Bishop how the Orders have been carried out during the previous two years. He reports that all the unlearned had done the specified exercises regularly, except two, who had been suspended for their default. The Preachers who had been appointed to examine the exercises of their unlearned brethren were Roger Williams, B.D., the Parson of St. Alban's; Mr. Sterne, B.D., whilst he was Vicar of Rickmansworth, and after his departure, Mr. Watson, M.A., Vicar of Watford; and Mr. Wood, Vicar of Shephall. The Clergy who had failed to perform their exercises

were Tobye Chalfounte, Vicar of Rickmansworth; and John Pratt, Vicar of Norton. The Report goes on to say that some have profited to a certain extent, "although not yet fit to preach." Others had received Licenses from the Bishop on the report of the Preachers who examined them, and were now preaching "painfully and diligently in their own Parishes." These were Mr. Lightfoote, of St. Stephen's; Mr. Jhones, Vicar of Idelshaye; Mr. Butler, of Sarratt; Mr. Atkyns, of Little Horwood; and Mr. Smith whilst he was Vicar of Ridge.

There is a Return made from the several Parishes, most of them dated 28th February, 1579, giving the names of the persons who preach in the Parish Churches, and by whom they were licensed to preach. This is, of course, a very important Return, as it accounts for eighteen out of the twenty-six Parishes. There is a draft list of the Clergy of the Archdeaconry, dated 26th September, 1584. A Return made 20th December, 1588, gives details concerning the Clergy of twenty-six Parishes.

This is a most interesting document. The Parson of the Abbey Parish was preaching weekly; the Vicar of St. Peter's, William Mores, "intendeth shortly to practize preachinge as he saith." The Vicar of St. Michael's, Thomas Wetherhead, was eighty years of age, and Mr. Dyke, a deacon, preached there. Mr. Edward Warren, of Hexton, is returned as "an olde sickly man and no preacher." Redbourn and Ridge were vacant at that date.

On 19th January, 1592, the Clergy were cited to appear on the 31st of the month in the Abbey Church, St. Alban's, and to bring with them their Licences and Letters of Orders, and the Return made on that day is one of the most important documents in the whole series. It gives particulars of twenty-three of the clergy, the dates when they were ordained Deacon, Priest, and where and by whom ordained, and the dates of their Licences to Preach, the date of induction to their present cures, and many interesting particulars are recorded. Of John Prat, Vicar of Norton, it is reported that "his learning is not greate but yet indifferent." John Butler, Vicar of Sarratt, is reported to be a "very simple scholler." William More, Vicar of St. Peter's, is reported as being no preacher, "neither hath he used any great diligence in preaching"; he had been detected of evil life, and had lawfully purged himself thereof. "He had also been detected for his slackness in catechizing, and for his slackness in performing" the exercises; and, for his neglect at the time the report was made, he was under suspension. John Amery, Vicar of Codicote, was a link between the old and the new order. He was priested at Aylesbury 6th March, 1537, and instituted to Codicote 27th August, 1546, "and hath served the cure in his own person ever since," no preacher, "his learning is but simple, but he is nere lxxxij yeares of age and his living is very small," of honest life and conversation. Thomas Wetherhead, of St. Michael's, and Thomas Blanchard, of Aston Abbots, are also links connecting the old order with the new.

Under date 17th May, 1603, there is another full list of the Clergy of the Archdeaconry, giving particulars of twenty-five of the beneficed Clergy. Matters had improved, for in eighteen of the Parishes the Parish Priest is reported to preach diligently. The Vicar of Hexton, John Noke, "hath been detected by the

parishioners for absence and non-residence, for both which he hath been lately ordered by the Court." He seems to have been frequently trotting off to Sarratt, for John Butler, the Vicar there, says: "He hath had preached in his Parish xxij sermons since Christmas by Mr. Noke, his son-in-law," Vicar of Hexton. Of clerical disorder, a few cases are recorded. Under date, 30th September, 1586, the Archdeacon reports to the Bishop that "there was brought into Sandridge . . . by Richard Woodwarde, the Vicar there, one William Peagrym, a Minister, to serve the cure there, who beinge Inhibited by myne Official to serve there unless he would procure himselfe a licence thereunto departed from thence immediately." But for some reason or other, Richard Woodwarde and William Peagrym fell out, for they were presented to the Archdeacon for "usinge chidinge brawlinge, and quarrellinge in the Church of Sandridge"; and again at Michaelmas, 1584, for brawling in the churchyard, and William Peagrym publicly acknowledged his fault. Thomas Wetherhead, Vicar of St. Michael's, was presented for railing in church at the time of Divine Service, 6th October, 1584, but the case against him was dismissed. John Butler, Vicar of Sarratt, being present in the Archdeacon's Court on 16th December, 1584, got into trouble for misdemeanour and contempt of the Archdeacon's jurisdiction; but later on he was discharged. Under date 2nd September, 1595, the Bishop complains to the Archdeacon that sundry of the Clergy have come to Visitations "attyred very undecently as in coloured clokes and other unseemly fashions unfit for men of their calling," and the Archdeacon is directed to enjoin them to come to Visitation either in "gowns or in comely black clokes." The oldest Document in this section, curiously enough, does not properly belong to this Archdeaconry at all. It is a licence issued by the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon to John Norryes, dated 7th October, 1572, permitting him to say the Divine Office, to read Homilies, bury the dead, church women, and teach the Catechism in the Parish of Aldenham. Under date 9th February, 1580, Dr. Giles Laurence, the Archdeacon, grants a licence to Gilbert Hale, the Parish Clerk of Bushey, to say the Common Prayer and Litany, to read Homilies, to church women, to teach the Catechism, and to bury the dead in the Parish of Bushey, the parson, Mr. Stringer, "being a very olde man, and fayleth in strength of body, sight, speech, and utterance."

II.—COPIES OF LETTERS FROM THE PRIVY COUNCIL AND ARCHBISHOP OF THE PROVINCE; LETTERS FROM THE BISHOP TO THE ARCHDEACON; DRAFTS OF LETTERS FROM THE ARCHDEACON OR HIS OFFICIAL TO THE BISHOP; MANDATES TO THE APPARATOR TO CITE THE CLERGY TO VISITATIONS, &c. This forms a very large group, containing Documents relating to thirty years:—1572, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1596, 1597, 1600, 1601, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1607, 1608, 1611, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1630, and 1637. It is obvious that the copies of the Letters from the Privy Council and of the Archbishop of the Province should be found in the Records of Archdeaconries in other Dioceses. The Letters of the Bishop of London to the Archdeacon were sent in a similar form to the other Archdeacons of the Diocese. But, they must be taken into account and their contents duly noted, if we are to follow the history of the

Archdeaconry as unfolded by its Records. Under date 31st March, 1581, the Bishop complains to the Archdeacon that there are divers Ministers in the Diocese who endeavour to alienate her Majesty's subjects "to the likinge and followinge of sondrie Phantasticall Inventions of their Owne"; and "there hath not byne anie three parishes together that have observed the order of the Book of Common Praier and the apparrell appointed." On 7th November, 1580, the Bishop directs the Archdeacon to exact from the Pastor, Minister and Churchwardens of every Parish a list of those who refuse to conform in matters of religion; and on 28th May, 1581, complaint is made that certain persons evade the order to attend their Parish Church by repairing to the city of London and the Liberties adjoining—apparently thereby hoping to be lost in the crowd. So the Parish Officers are enjoined to make diligent search for such persons. In another letter of the same date, the Bishop is required by the Privy Council to find out Recusants, and by conference with some learned and godly disposed persons, admonish them, and by instruction and persuasion induce them to conform. Issued with this Letter were certain Orders respecting lists of Recusants. Every Parson with two or three witnesses every month was to call upon all known Recusants in the Parish and require them to attend their Parish Church, and once a quarter to send certificates of his having done so to the Archdeacon. There is a curious letter, dated 9th September, 1593, urging a Collection on behalf of the support of Priests who have come from over the seas to pervert, but who have themselves been converted, so that provision may be made for their subsequent support. The Archdeaconry, however, was not deeply stirred, and a note says that 12s. was the sum collected for this object.

An important list gives Particulars of all persons who had been detected in the Archdeaconry Court for Bigamy, etc., between June, 1598, and July, 1600, and there is another similar list dated 10th February, 1600. It is impossible here to do more than indicate other matters treated of in this section of the papers:—We have, amongst others, Briefs for the relief of the Protestants in Geneva; a Brief for the Grammar School of Kingston-on-Thames in 1585; and the Insufficiency of the Bibles in the Parish Churches calls forth a Letter in the same year. Then there are various calls to Prayer and Fasting in 1586-1588, and for Thanksgiving in 1586, 1588, 1593, and 1605. Daily Public Prayer in Parish Churches is enjoined in 1588-1589. A certain book sprinkled with Poperie is suppressed in 1594, and there are Inquiries concerning the procedure of the Ecclesiastical Courts covering several years in 1594-1601.

An Order is made in 1603 for a return of the number of Communicants in each Parish and for the use of the Prayer Book of 1603. There are also papers relating to the supply of Bishop Jewell's works, and copies of Fox's Book of Martyrs to the several Parishes. There are Presentments and Informations relating to an act of Prophanation of Holy Baptism at Watford Church in 1615-16, and a Taxation of the Clergy for the Planting of Virginia in 1616.

III.—ELECTION OF PROCTORS FOR THE CLERGY IN CONVOCATION. There are three returns giving the names of the Clergy of the Archdeaconry and the Clerks for whom they gave votes. The years are 1603, 1620, and 1625.

IV.—THE ORIGINAL PRESENTMENTS from the several Parishes for the years 1579, 1580, 1582, 1583, and 1603, are amongst these papers. One cannot but regret that the list is such a short one. In the *Home Counties' Magazine* for several years past interesting details from a similar set of Archdeaconry Records have been given relating to Parishes in East Kent, but the series extends over a larger number of years, and the answers are more fully set out than any in such Documents existing here. The Presentments for 1579 in the St. Alban's Archdeaconry number seventeen, and are made in response to an order to each Parish to return the names of those who preached in their several Parishes, whether they used the Book of Common Prayer, and so forth. Whether from ignorance or by design, the Churchwardens returned very meagre information. Old Mr. Amery, of Codicote, used the Common Prayer. At Northaw none preached but those who were lawfully licensed by the High Commissioners or the Bishop of London; there were no Private Conventicles in the Parish; Holy Communion was administered according to the Book of Common Prayer; and there was no Schoolmaster in the Parish but the Minister. At St. Paul's Walden, none preached but Mr. Mullins of St. Paul's, Dr. Walker, Mr. Horne, and Mr. Watts, and the Minister "doth according to the Book of Prayer." The Redbourn Churchwardens say that according to the appointment of the Archbishop, Mr. Baxter is to depart, and Mr. Spendlove is to be in possession of the Vicarage, and he is to pay to Mr. Baxter a certain sum of money.

The Sarratt Churchwardens say that no Preachers or Readers preach in private houses. The Watford Churchwardens say that no stipends are given to any Preachers in their Parish, but that divers honest Preachers belonging to Charles Moryson, esquire, and others, who, when they come to preach help to minister the Sacrament if they are present when there is Communion. The Hexton Churchwardens say that they know none such "disorderable Ministers." "Mr. Bates, the Parson of Pottesgrove, doth preach owre own quarter Sarmondes, and hath done these eight or nine yeares who is an ancient father and a discreet man." All the remaining Parishes made return that their Minister is their only Preacher; but they do not in all cases make it clear whether he used the Book of Common Prayer or not. Although the questions asked in 1580 were of a more searching character, there is only one Presentment existing, viz., one from Ridge, from which we learn that the Preachers there were Mr. Kelie, of Trinity Church, in London, Mr. Pechane, of North Mymms, and Mr. Anwinne, of Edmonton; and that they came out of good will to the Minister, "for we have no quarter sermons." The Official makes return that each of twenty-five Parishes exhibited a bill, but he gives no details. The Articles of 1582 were more searching, but the Churchwardens slide over them in a very easy manner. The Churchwardens of Chipping Barnet say that Mr. Murfete, "our Scollmaster," "doth Expound the cathe cisone upon the Saboth dayes at the morninge prayer." "And allso that one Harreye Sannsam our clarke," "dothe saye the dayly serves for the daye but not admenester the sacramentes," at such times as "our parson Edward Undren is absent from home." The Hexton Churchwardens say that the Vicar uses the ordered vestment usually, and they have all things

needed. At Idelstree, the Churchwardens say that the Minister conforms to the orders and wears the surplice, he administers the Communion himself, and reads the Homilies when there is no "preachment"; there are no Conventicles; there are no Preachers; the Minister churches the women; he uses the cross at Baptism; in private services the Minister Catechises; he followeth the Book of Common Prayer in the Desk; he useth the Ring in Matrimony; we have a convenient Surplice." The Northaw Wardens say that their Minister "doth stay the Letany for because he preacheth in the fornoon and in the afternune the which Doth Edifi the peopell very much. He doth not use the surplice. They present Elizabeth Lason (?) for not coming to church." The Norton Wardens say their Minister buries the dead orderly; that he wears the surplice. The Paul's Walden return says that the Minister does all things orderly so far as the Churchwardens know; he wears the surplice usually; and that he does his duty very well. The Queen's Langley Minister "doth not cross the child at baptism." The Redbourn Wardens present that their Bible is not sufficient, "but we have taken order shortly to provide a better." At Rickmansworth the surplice was worn usually, and they have all things in order. The Churchwardens of Ridge say their Vicar does not wear the surplice, though often enjoined to do the same; that he omits the cross in Baptism, and that he dothe not at any time use the Book of Common Prayer. The Sandridge Wardens give very exact answers. None of the service is abridged nor left out; they bury the dead; they do not preach against the State; the surplice is worn; they have no disorderly Preachers; women are churched; the cross is used in Baptism; there is no bason, nor is the font removed; all come to church; the Catechism is taught; the Book of Common Prayer is used; the ring is used, and the name of JESUS is revered; there is a surplice convenient, a Bible, Homilies, and a Book of Common Prayer. At Shephall, they say that all is done orderly, and besides their Vicar they have one George Aelmer, a Minister who serves in the Minister's absence. The Vicar of Little Horwood sometimes wore the surplice and sometimes not; and he catechised the youth of his Parish. Most of the Churchwardens content themselves with writing down the number of the Articles and putting against each, "we know of none," or declaring that "all is well." For the year 1583 there are twenty-three Presentments made in reply to Articles propounded to the Churchwardens, and they are more fully and carefully set out than in the previous years. These will be found to be of even greater interest than those already indicated.

The next group of Presentments is twenty years later, namely, 1603, and the queries were issued 29th July, 1603. These require information, amongst other matters, concerning the number of Communicants, the number of Recusants, both men and women, and the number of those who do not communicate; whether the Parson hold more than one benefice. Unfortunately, the Presentments relating to these matters have not been preserved. There are seventeen Certificates bearing various dates in the month of June, 1603, from the Churchwardens, etc., concerning the way in which the Parsons discharge their duties only.

V.—LETTERS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TOWARDS THE RE-BUILDING OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, DATED 1584. The Official's Report to the Bishop gives the details of what had been done in fourteen of the parishes, and there are also twenty-six original returns relating to the same matter from the Parsons and Churchwardens. They form a very interesting and unusually full series of Documents.

VI.—LETTERS AND RETURNS RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ARMS AND ARMOUR MADE BY THE CLERGY OF THE ARCHDEACONRY FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY. These relate to thirteen years, viz., 1588, 1589, 1590, 1595, 1608, 1612, 1615, 1618, 1620, 1621, 1623, 1624, and 1626. Amongst them there are a good many original letters from the Parsons concerned, some making excuses for doing less than they would like to do, and giving reasons, disclosing incidentally their troubles and difficulties, and showing in some small degree how secluded parishes were affected by the rumours which reached them of the "great happenings" in Elizabethan and early Stuart days.

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CALENDAR.

1. 7, OCTOBER, 1572.—LICENCE to John Norrys to "saie the divine service, to real the homilies, also to burre the dead and churche women and to teache the children the Catachisme w^{thin} the p^{ishe} of Aldenham within the Archdeaconry of Hunts . . . and not elsewhere." He is not to minister the Sacraments, or celebrate matrimony, and the licence is to remain in force for such time as his superiors think fit. Granted by Richard Fluyde, B.L.L., Official for the said Archdeaconry.
2. ANSWERS OF CLERGY AND CHURCHWARDENS to certain Articles touching the names and qualifications of the Preachers in their several parishes, and whether they administer the Sacraments as well as preach. [19 Documents] :—
 - 28, FEBRUARY, 1579.
 - (a) *Bushey*.—No person hath preached in our parish, save Mr. Willoughby parson of Standmore whom our parson Mr. John Singer hath hired to preach the Quarter Sermons, "there was one Richard Costellett a p^{cher} licenced as he said by the Bishopp of Salisbury w^{ch} p^{ched} wth us the sonday sennight before chri[']mas Day last past (but of any stay (?) of living that he hath we cannot say) but was by the p^{son} and some of the ablest of the p^{ish} rewarded for his labour." William Anderson, curate; John Shepard, Henry Jourden, churchwardens.
 - (b) *Codicote*.—They "do know of no man that doth preach in our p^{ishe} but our vicar doth according to the boke of Co^mon prayers." George Feild, Edward Hake (?), churchwardens.
 - (c) *East Barnet*.—None that preach in our church but our parson "whoe mynister the co^munion hymselfe" at certain times, and at other times our curate doth serve us. Thomas Rolfe.
 - (d) *Elstree* [Idelstrey].—We "do know none that preache in our p^{ishe} but such as do as well mynister the Sacraments as preache." Symon Udall, Thomas Rhodes, churchwardens.
 - (e) *Langley Abbots*.—We "do know no man that preacheth in our p^{yshe} but such as do mynister the Sacraments." Alexander Ewer, Thomas Ewer, churchwardens.
 - (f) *Northaw*.—"There is no preachers p^{mytted} to preache in oure churche but suche as are Lawfully Licensed . . . and the same preachers of sound Doctryne . . . their is neither lectors nor privie conventicles used or frequented in our p^{yshe} . . . o^r Minister dothe use his service and mynister the Sacraments in every respecte accordinge to the Tennor of the Queens Highnes ininuchons and the booke of common prayer . . . we have no skolemaster . . . besides our mynister." Thomas Nucume, Thomas Fynches, churchwardens. [Sealed.]

- (g) *Norton*.—I “do know no man that preacheth . . . but such as do as well minister the Sacraments as preach.”
John Hodge, churchwarden.
- (h) *St. Paul's Walden* [Powles Walden].—We “do know no man that do preach . . . but Mr. Mullens of Pawles Doctor Walker Mr. Horne and Mr. Watts and our mynister doth according to the booke of prayers.”
William Haylocke, vicar; John Chakley, Richard Nele, churchwardens.
- (i) 27, MARCH, 1579.—*Redborne*.—“As touching the bill for preachers of the gospel that make a distinction betweene the admynistration of the sacraments and preachinge there are none such resorte unto oʳ pish so fare as we knowe . . . that we have two wthin our pish as yet tide (?) easter be paste for then it is appoynted by my lorde of canterberyes grace that Mr. Baxter shall departe and Mr. Spendlove to be in full possession of [the] vicarage in consideratiō whereof he must paye unto Mr. Baxter a certen sume of monye.” William Cocke, Miles Whytley, churchwardens; Robert Howard, Thomas Carpenter, Thomas Edwards, and Thomas Fynche, sidesmen.
- (j) 4, MARCH, 1579.—*Rickmansworth* [Rickm^{er}sworthe].—“Upon our Diligent Inquisition we do p̄sent that within oure p̄ishe is no minister p̄cher oʳ Reader but oure vicaʳ and his curate and minister the Sac^{er}mentes in his owne p̄son.” Mr. Downes, vicar (?); Edward Fysher, curate; Thomas Hull, Richard Braicher, Nicolas Gibbe, Harrie Belche.

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- (k) *St. Peter's*.—“We have no oth^r preacher save oʳ owne vicar who administreth the Sacramentes . . . to oʳ knowledge.” Thomas Holden; Francis Babbe.
- (l) *St. Stephen's*.—We “do know no man that doth preach . . . but Richard Lightfoot who preacheth and doth eveything according to the comon boke of prayers.”
Thomas Kentishe, Robert Marshall, churchwardens.
- (m) *Sandridge*.—We “do know no man that doth preach . . . but our curate that doth according to the booke of Cōmon prayer.” Barnabie Kinge, Hugh Bigg, churchwardens.
- (n) *Granborough* [Granborowe].—“That we have no preachers' resorte to our church but such as are allowed and do minister y^e sacramēts also.” John Walker, James Emerton, churchwardens.
- (o) 17, MARCH, 1579.—*St. Albans*.—“We knowe noe Reader preacher that Dothe frequent oure parysse in pryvate hōwse or hōwsses . . . we knowe none that in contempte Dothe Refusse to come [to] the church or Refuse y^e comūye.” Christopher Wyngfilde, churchwarden; Wm. Lovette, sidesman.

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- (p) *Watford*.—“Our Vycar Henry Edmonds Doth observe and kepe the queenes ma^{ties} lawes in Readyng and saying Devyne Sarvice of God and also Doth mynyster the Sacraments accordyngly wythin our Church . . . there is not any stypents geven to any preacher in our pyshe but the preacher belongyng to the Ryght worshipful Charles Moryson Esquer and others who when they Do com to preache Doth and wyl helpe to mynyste the comyon yf they be there psent then they^r [is] a comunyon and that non Dooth refuse to Do the same.” Henry Edmond, vicar; William Halsy, William Kentyshe, churchwardens.
- (q) *Little Horwood* [Lyttell Horwodde].—“We have no preachers resorte to our church but such as are allowed and do minister y^c Sacramentes also.” Rychard Percson, Harrie Baylie, churchwardens.
- (r) *Winslowe*.—“We have no preachers resorte to our parish but such as are allowed and do minister the Sacramentes also.” Robarte Bampton, William Tomlyne, Robbart Tomkynes (?).
- (s) Undated.—*Hexton*.—“We know none Suche disorderable minysters as yow in quirid of that doth denie to minyster any of the Sacramentes in the church according to the order Set downe in the quenes booke Mr Bates the pson of pottesgrave dowth preach owre quarter Sarmondes and hath done these 8 or 9 yeares who is an ancient father and a discrete man.” Edward Warrin, vicar; Thomas Hale, Thomas Fylde, churchwardens.
3. 7, SEPTEMBER, 1580.—LETTER from John, Bishop of London, requiring certain of the clergy “to execute the office of ordinarie for me at all such assizes and Sessions holden at St. Albans, as occasion shall require, and as you shall be called or warned by my servaunt Rockett in my name; w^{ch} office I would not it should be neglected or unprovided, I doe therefore write to divers of you y^t their maie alwaies one be found to supplie the absence of the rest.” Endorsed to Mr. Edward Edgeworth, parson of St. Albans; Mr. Thomas Wetherhead, vicar of St. Michael's; George Bourman, vicar of St. Peter's; Richard Lightfoot, vicar of St. Stephen's; Henry Edmonds, vicar of Watford.
4. 7, NOVEMBER, 1580.—LETTER. Bishop of London to Dr. Lawrance, Archdeacon of St. Alban's. It recites (1) Letter from the Privy Council to the Bishop, 24, October, 1580, acknowledging that “heretofore wee have received from you certificates of the names of such psons as . . . refused to conforme them selves in matters of Religion and to come to their parishe Churches . . . we finde them (*i.e.* the certificates) very unperfete as divers of the said parsons not being distinctlye set downe by their Christian and proper names and in others the names of their dwellinges and mansion houses or parrishes beinge not mentioned nor in what Shire of yo^r Diocese

the same be." Some certified as not coming to Church have made proof here to the contrary "that albeit they do not at all tymes repair to their parishe Churches because of their lawfull absence, yett doe they most comonlye and are well known to be well affected that waye." Order is given that a more perfect certificate be made and for the "better assistance in the Shier . . . such p̄sons as are conteyned in the Schedule annexed"; the Bishop or the persons named in the schedule acting for him, are to make inquiry of such recusants as are named in the former certificate, and of any other suspected recusants, "calling the said parties before them to knowe whether they doe conforme themselves or no: And also to inform them selves of the like circumstances of the tyme of their slidinge backe, place of abode, lyvelyhoods, housholde, and imprisonment or comittinge," and to return a true certificate. W. Burghley, E. Lyncolne, T. Sussex, A. Warwicke, R. Leicester, H. Hunsdon, F. Knowllys, James Croft, Fra. Walsingham, Tho. Wilson. *The Schedule*—Sir John Brockett, Sir Henry Cocke, knights; Philipp Butler, George Horsey, John Purvey, esquires. The Archdeacon is enjoined to send the Apparator to each parish with a copy of the Articles to be enquired into, and to return a true certificate at the Palace in London on 30, November, 1580.

Endorsement by Thomas Rokett that he received the letters from Mr. Nicholas Clayton, Rector of Berkhamsted, 23, November, 1580. (3 pages).

5. 7, NOVEMBER, 1580.—LETTER, Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites a letter from the Privy Council, dated Nonesuch, 28, June, 1580, setting forth the decay and impoverishment of the town of Portesmouth "growen as well by accident of fire in the yeare 1576 . . . by which was consumed in goods and merchandizes . . . to the value of 2200^{li}. As also by reason of other greate losses of late yeares by them susteyned at the Seas," and complaining that the Brief granted for the relief of the same had "not taken that good effect" in the time specified. The said Brief is renewed for another year, and the Bishop is desired to command the Curate and Churchwardens of every Parish Church to gather the devotion of the parishioners, and the same is to be received by the Bishop, or such person as he shall appoint, and delivered at the dwelling house of Thomas Pullyston, an Alderman of London, to Richard Gerveys and Thomas Poyner, receiving for portorage thereof 1d. in the pound. Enquiry is to be made as to the sums already gathered, which moneys are to be delivered forthwith. Signed by the same Privy Councillors as in No. 4.

The Bishop directs the Archdeacon to put in force the said Letter, and to see that the money collected and the arrears of the money not yet accounted for, is delivered to the "Register," William Blackwell, at Ivie Lane, London, before the 13, February, with an exact account in writing. From the Palace at London. End. to Mr. Doctor Lawraunce. Endt. by Tho. Rokett, of the receipt of the same, 23, November, 1580. (3 pages).

6. 28, NOVEMBER, 1580.—LIST OF THE PARISHES in the Archdeaconry exhibiting "Bills" at the congregation of the Clergy and

Churchwardens at the Parish Church, St. Alban's, certified by Nicholas Clayton, B.D., deputy for the Archdeacon.

Parishes :—St. Alban's, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, St. Stephen's, Rickmansworth, Bushey, Langley Abbots, Chipping Barnet, East Barnet, Northaw, Elstree, Saratt, Codicote, Watford, Redborne, Ridge, Sandridge, Shephall, St. Paul's Walden, Hexton, Newenham, Norton (blank), Granborough, Aston Abbots, Winslow, Horwood Parva. (4 pages).

7. 9, FEBRUARY, 1580.—DRAFT OF A LICENCE from Gyles Lawrance, Doctor of Laws, to Gilbert Hall, Parish Clerk of Bushey, "to saye the common prayer and Letany and to reade the homelyes and the thanksgeving for women after their deylivervye in the parish church of Busshey . . . upon the Sondayes and other dayes of publike assemblye. Also to burye the dead and to teache the youthe there the catechisme," but he is not to minister either of the Sacraments nor solemnize any matrimony. This Licence is granted with the consent of Mr. Singer, the parson, who is a very old man, "and fayleth in strength of body, sighte, speache and utterance," and is only to be in force for such time as shall be thought good.
8. 17, MARCH, 1580.—PRESENTMENT from the Parson and Churchwardens of Ridge. "We have none that doth preche with us but those that doth communicate in their churches . . . those that did preache with us ware Mr. Kelie of trinitie church in London and Mr. Perchane of Northmymes of Mr. Anwinn Vicare of Edelmontun and they did come for good will that they did have to our curate for wee have no quarter sarmons." William Brooke, curate; Raphe Sharpe, William Buckett, churchwardens.
9. 31, MARCH, 1581.—LETTER, Bishop to Archdeacon. He complains that in many parishes there are divers ministers who have forgotten or neglected their obedience to the Queen and the Laws, and have endeavoured to alienate the Queen's subjects to "the likinge and followinge of sondrie phantasticall Inventions of their owne . . . that there hath not bynne allmoste anie three parrishes together that have observed thorder of the Booke of Common praier and the Apparrell appointed therebye." The Archdeacon is enjoined to cause diligent search to be made in every parish for the persons who have so offended, and on 5th April next he is to appear at the Palace in London, between 9 and 11 in the forenoon, and present certificates under his hand and seal, giving particulars of all such offenders. From the Manor of Fulham. Endorsement by Thos. Rokett, of receipt of the same. 14, March. (2 pages).
10. 28, MAY, 1581.—COPY OF LETTER, Privy Council to the Bishop, and the Lord Mayor of London.
Sundry persons have repaired to the City of London, and the Liberties adjoining, from divers parts of the Realm who refuse to come to Church "and conforme themselves of Religion," in the country where they dwell, conceiving that "there cannot be so carefull an eye hadd to their demeanors, to escape without beinge delte with." The Bishop is to cause the Parsons and Curates in every Parish in the City and Liberties to enquire

what strangers and sojourners absent themselves from the churches of the places where they dwell; and the Lord Mayor is to cause the Aldermen in every Ward to make a like search; and to certify the names of such persons. The Bishop is to require the Justices of the Peace to do the like. From these the Bishop is to make "some perfect and true booke" of all such persons, and to take order that such persons are indicted according to the Statute. This is to be done every month at the least. The Bishop is further to see that the Keepers of the Prisons "in the presence of some honest persons once every monthe or oftener to request such as shall be committed for those matters to goe to the Church and to conforme themselves . . . offeringe them libertie so to doe with a sufficient keaper." The keepers are to certify the names of those who refuse, and the manner of their refusal, that they may be prosecuted at the next Sessions. Signed E. Bromley, T. Suffolk, F. Knowllys, W. Burleigh, F. Bedford, Jamys Croft, E. Lincoln, R. Leicester, Fr. Walsingham. From Whitehall. (2 pages).

11. 28, MAY, 1581.—LETTER. Privy Council to Bishop. Diligent search is to be made throughout the Diocese for "what persons there be . . . which do at this presente refuse to come to Church and conforme themselves. . . And findinge anie suche you shall do well by Conference withe some learned and other godlye Disposed persons admonishe them and by Instructions to perswade them to come to the Church and to behave themselves. . . . And in case they shall refuse so to doo then to take or cause to be taken witnesses in Writinge bothe of the Warninge so given unto them & their refusall under the hands of the parsons and Curates and some other honeste persons . . . to preferr unto the *Custos Rotulorum* and to the Justices of peace at their nexte Sessions so as the saide persons maie be indicted and ordered. . . And generallie we praie you to have a good regard to the execution of the reste of the Braunches of the saide Acte towching reconcyllers, Sayers and hearers of masse Schole Mrs. and otherlike matters appertaininge to your pastorall dutie. . ." From Westminster. T. Bromley, chancellor; T. Sussex, F. Knollys, W. Burghley, F. Bedford, Fra. Walsingham, E. Lincoln, R. Leicester. (2 pages).
12. Undated. "Articles to be enquired of by the minister and churchwardens and sworne men of everie parrishe . . . accordinge to the especiall direction of wrten tres sent to my L. the Bisshopp of London from the Righte honorable LL. of her maiesties pryvye Counsell by her maiesties owne especiall appointment.
1. Imprimus whether there be anie of your parrishe either parrishioners soiveners or such as be late come owte of other contries into your parrishe which doe refuse to come to dyvyne Service to their parrishe church or ells where And what be their names and surnames And how longe they have refused soe to doo.
 2. . . . how manie of their wyves, children above the aige of syxteene yeeres; servants, and other soioners in their howses doo lykewise refuse so to doo, And what be their names or surnames And how longe have they refused so to do,

3. . . . whether be there anie in your parishe which be suspected to have beene reconciled to the popishe Relligion or to have bynne absolved or anie that procured or counselled anie thereunto and what be their names and surnames.

4. . . . whether be there anie . . . which be suspected to be massinge Preistes Reconcilers Jesuits Seminaries or other Parsons which have received anie orders or auctoritie from the Romishe church to use the lyke. And what be their names and Surnames.

5. . . . whether be there anie schoolemaisters . . . which doo not bringe upp their youth in Relligion now professed, or be not them selves diligent in repairinge to dyvine servyce, or bringinge their schollers to yt."

In every parish where there are any such recusants, the minister and churchwardens are commanded once each month to go to each such person, with two or three witnesses, and require him to repair to church. The said minister, etc., are to make certificate of having done so to the Archdeacon on the tenth day before each of the four quarter days, testifying the manner of the admonishment, and the answers made to the same, as to whether the said suspected persons went to church every month, and whether they have wilfully withdrawn themselves from the admonition. (2 pages).

13. 31, MAY, 1581.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Reference made to the Letter from the Privy Council, and the Articles (Nos. 11, 12). He is required to cite the Ministers and Churchwardens of each parish to personally appear before him, and to deliver to them a copy of the said orders, charging them to return answers to the same in writing. The Archdeacon, his Official, or Registrar is to bring an abstract of the said returns, duly sealed, to the Bishop or his Chancellor, Dr. Stanhope, at the Palace, London, on 16th June, between the hours of one and four o'clock in the afternoon. Abstracts of all future returns of Recusants are to be sent in a similar manner to the Bishop on the third day before each quarter day. From Fulham. Endorsed to Dr. Lawrence, or in his absence to Mr. Rockett, his Register. Receipt of the same by Thos. Rokett, 4, June, 1581.
14. 8, AUGUST, 1581.—COPY OF LETTER. Privy Council to all the Bishops in the Province of Canterbury. Reference to former letters sent touching a Collection to be made for Thomas Browne, of Shrewsbury. Complaint is made that the collection has been but small, and that the money collected in sundry parishes remains in the hands of the parishioners. Order is made that the Collectors are forthwith to pay the sums collected to the said Thomas Browne, or his deputy, and the defaulters are to be cited before the Bishop to show cause for their default. "And likewise for your owne Benevolence which to this tyme have not given the saide poore man anie relief that now uppon sighte hereof you do releive him or ellse to give him your Determined answeare that he maie no longer live in hope thereof." From Greenwich. W. Burghley, R. Leicester, F. Knollys, Chr. Hatton.
15. 17, AUGUST, 1581.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Reference made to Letter from the Privy Council *re* Collection for Thomas

Browne (No. 14). The Archdeacon is directed to put the same in force, and to compel all collectors to give an account of the same, and to require the name of every parish wherein "no Collection hath byn yet made, or at the least no Retourne of their Collection," and to call before him the men who were Churchwardens for the year when the said collection should have been made. From Fulham.

16. 15, JANUARY, 1581.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. A Brief having been granted by the Queen for the relief of Richard Kirfford, of Chard, "the said pore man beinge undone together with his wiffe and children by meanes of Soddaine mischaunce of fire," and the said Richard, by reason of the "gowte," being unable personally to "travaile," the Archdeacon is desired to charge the Minister and Churchwardens of each parish to gather the devotions of the people "and write upon the backside" of the Brief the amount of money collected, and that they deliver the same to the Registrar before Whitsuntide. From Fulham. Endorsed, "To my loving friend, Mr. Hutchinson, archdeacon of St. Albanes."
17. 2, APRIL, 1582.—ANSWERS TO ARTICLES, AND PRESENTMENTS, exhibited 2, April, 1582. [Note: There is no copy of the Articles.] 26 Documents.
- (a) *Borough of St. Albans*.—To Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, "we knowe none suche within our parish." To 7, 8, 9 and 10, "we answer likewise."
To 13, 14, 15 and 16, "we knowe none within our parish to the uttermost of our knowledge." Richard Comes, Rychard Tompson, churchwardens; John Smethe (mark), Thomas Whitfeld (mark), John Dauye (or Danye), Gorge Hardinge (mark), William Anterbus, Thomas Roades.
- (b) *Busshey*.—To Articles 1, 2 and 3, "we knowe none." 4. The Surplice is worn usually. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, "we knowe none such." 12. "He taketh pains therein." 13, 14, 15, "We knowe none." 16. "We have all thinges orderly." Thomas Nycolles, Edward Rodes, churchwardens; Richard Kinson (mark), Thomas Dier, sidesmen.
- (c) *Chipping Barnet*.—"All things In our parish Church are observed accordinge to the booke of Common prayer." John Marshe, churchwarden; Richard Sylverlake, Robert Camoway, Clement Browne (marks), sidesmen.
"These are to certefeye . . . of suche as dothe use to Rede or saye seruis in our church at suche times as our parson Edward Undren is absente and from home . . . one Mr. murfett our scollmaster the whiche dothe Expound the cathe cisme upon the sabothe dayes at the morninge prayer. And allso one harrye Saunsam our clarke . . . dothe saye the daily serues for the daye but not admenester the sacermentes." John Warren.
- (d) *Codicote* [Cuddycutt].—Every point, clause and article in our parish is truly and duly executed and observed. Edward Yonges (mark), Thomas Hawkyns (mark),

- churchwardens; Rychard Mytchell (mark), Rychard Smyth (mark), sidesmen.
- (e) *East Barnet* [Est Barnett.]—All things in our parish church are observed according to the Book of Common Prayer, and all things else are well to our knowledge. John Roffe (mark), William Colman (mark), churchwardens.
- (f) *Hexton*.—To Articles 1, 2 and 3, "We knowe none." 4. He weareth the same usually. 5 to 11. We know none such. 12. Our minister is diligent therein. 13, 14 and 15. We know none such. 16. All things orderly. William Mores (mark), Thomas Filde (mark), churchwardens; John Sam (mark), sidesman.
- (g) *Elstree* [Ydellstree.]—1. It is not observed. 2. He buries the dead. 3. Our parson is conformable to the ecclesiastical statutes. 4. He doth wear the "surplesse." 5. He ministers the communion himself to his parishioners. 6. Many times he doth read the homilies when there is no preaching. 7. We have no such conventicles as the article doth speak of. 8. We have no preachers without cure in our parish. 9. Our parson doth use to church the women. 10. Our parson doth use to cross the child in baptism. 11. We know none that have any private service in their houses. 12. Our parson doth teach the children and servants the catechism. 13. He followeth the book of Common prayer. 14. We know no such. 15. He useth the ring in the solemnization of matrimony. 16. We have a convenient surplesse and our parson doth follow the book of common prayer in all respects. Robert Stawte (?), Thomas Oxtan, churchwardens; Hugh Warren, Henry Hamond, sidesmen.
- (h) *Neuwenham*.—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. There be none such that we know. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. None within our parish to our knowledge. 13, 14, 15 and 16. We answer to every of them as before. Thomas Payne (mark), John Perkens, churchwardens; John Underwood, sworneman.
- (i) *Northaw* [Northall.]—We have not all the service according to the Injunctions for he doth stay the "Latteny" for because he preacheth in the forenoon and in the afternoon, the which dothe edify the people very much. The fourth he doth not. 15th. We present Elizabeth Lason (?) for not coming to church. David Finch (mark), Richard Foster (mark), John Pate (mark), Thomas Usfall.
- (j) *Norton*.—1. We know of none. 2. He doth bury the dead orderly. 3. We know none such. 4. He weareth the surplice usually. 5 to 11. We know none such. 12. He doth his duty therein. 13, 14, 15. We know none such. 16. We have all things accordingly. William Nowne (mark), churchwarden; John Chapman (mark), sidesman.
- (k) *St. Paul's Walden* [Pawles Walden.]—1. Our minister doth according to order. 2. He buryeth the dead. 3.

We know not but that he doth it orderly. 4. He weareth the surplice usually. 5 to 11. We know none such. 12. Our minister doth his duty therein very well. 13, 14, 15. We know none such. 16. We have all things accordingly. Edward Camfield (mark), John Gaseley (mark), churchwardens; Edward Camfield (mark), William Chawlkley (mark), sidesmen.

- (l) *Abbot's Langley* [Queenes Langley].—1, 2, 3. We know none such. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. We know none. 10. Our minister doth not cross the child at baptism. 12. He doth it accordingly. 13, 14, 15 and 16. All is well. Henry Childe, Rychard Kentishe (mark), churchwardens; Rychard Ewer, John Lewes (mark), sidesmen.
- (m) *Redbourn* [Redborne].—1 to 5. We find nothing against the said book. 6 to 10. We find nothing contrary to these Articles. 11 to 14. We find nothing contrary. 15. We say as we have done before. 16. Our Bible is not sufficient but we have taken order shortly to provide a better. Robart Laseby (mark), Nicholas Fynch, of the White Hart (mark), Michael Fynch, John Finch (mark), John Heward (mark).
- (n) *Rickmansworth* [Rickmersworth].—1 to 3. We know of none. 4. He weareth the surplice usually. 5 to 11. We know none such. 12. Our minister doth his duty therein. 13 to 15. We know none such. 16. We have all things in good order. Edmund Durant (mark), Tristram Warden (mark), John Rushley, churchwardens; George Spencer, John Lane (mark), sidesmen.
- (o) *Ridge* [Rydge].—We find and present that Edmond Perchaune our vicar of Rydge doth not wear the surplice according to the Queen's Injunctions, though often enjoined to do the same. The said vicar doth omit the cross in baptism. The said vicar doth not at any times use the Book of Common Prayer according to the Injunctions. John Brokle, John Browne, churchwardens; John Pryce, John Beamonde, sidesmen.
- (p) *Sandridge*.—1. There is none abridged nor left out. 2. They bury the dead. 3. They do not preach against the state. 4. The surplice is worn. 5. We have no such preachers or readers. 6. There are none that speaketh against them. 7. There are none such. 8. There are none. 9. Women are churched. 10. The cross is used in Baptism and no bason, neither is the Font removed. 11. There is no such service used but all cometh to the church. 12. The catechism is taught. 13. Service is said as it is set down in the Book of Common Prayer. 14. There are no such works done. 15. The ring is used and the Name of JESUS is revered. 16. There is a surplice convenient, a Bible, Homilies, and a Book of Common Prayer. Robart Sandar, Jhon Thralle, churchwardens; Thomas Mychell, Nicholas Capar, sworn men.
- (q) *Sarratt*.—1 to 16. There is none such. John Cogdell (mark), Wylliam Lovett (mark), Thomas Hobbes (mark), churchwardens and sidesman.

- (r) *Shephall*.—Our service is done orderly according to the Book of Common Prayer. We have Mr. Robert Wood our vicar, and one George Aelmer minister without serving any cure except the vicar be absent. All the rest of these articles are observed. John Marsdell (mark), churchwarden; John Hatton (mark), sidesman.
- (s) *St. Michael's*.—1 to 16. There is none such. Vryan Scaldin (mark), Richard Fansam (mark), William Megsone (mark), Robert Ganstom (mark).
- (t) *St. Peter's* [St. Petters].—1 to 9. They say they know none such. 10, 11. There are none such to their knowledge. 12 to 16. They know of none such. Andrew Coltman, Thomas Camfelde, Rychard Wynter, William Symthe (mark), Sydroke Seabrooke, James Glover (mark).
- (u) *St. Stephen's* [St. Stevens].—1 to 8. We know none such. 9 to 16. All is well. John Pryor (mark), churchwarden; Robert Taylor (mark), Richard East (mark), sidesmen.
- (v) *Watford*.—1 to 9. We know none such. 10. We find that our Font is removed but by whose means we know not. 11 to 16. We know none. Richard Byrde (mark), John Gladman (mark), Richard Porter (?) (mark), William Marten, churchwardens; Robert Bateman (mark), Robert Tutchett (mark), Thomas Lyon, sidesmen.
- (w) *Abbot's Aston*.—As concerning the articles to us propounded to our knowledge [we] know nothing otherwise, but that according to the Injunctions every point clause and article is truly and duly executed and observed within our said parish. Robert Bysshopp (mark), Rychard Coles (mark), churchwardens; Salomon Powell.
- (x) *Grandborowe*.—Pleaseth it your worship, Mr. Archdeacon, to understand that as touching these 16 Articles that were sent down unto us we know not anything that is amiss touching these Articles, but that all are well and in good order. John Stevens (mark), Thomas Capenhurst (mark), Benit Hollond (mark).
- (y) *Horwood Parva*.—To 1, 2 and 3 we knowe none. 4. Our vicar sometimes in divine service weareth the surplice and sometimes not. 5 to 10. We know of none. 11. We know of none such. 12. Our minister is diligent in Catechising the youth. 13 and 14. We know of none. 15. We know none that so doeth. 16. We have all things according to order appointed. Giles Adames, churchwarden; George Carter (mark), sidesman.
- (z) *Wynslow*.—"There is nothing amiss in our church but all things are in order according to the Queen's Injunctions. Thomas Miller (mark), John Hogson (mark), Robert Lowndes (mark), Thomas Lewis (mark), Henrye Wallis (?).

18. 4, APRIL, 1582.—LETTER. Thomas Rokett to Bishop. I have received your late letters together with a copy of certain articles. . . . I have caused the churchwardens of every parish . . . to appear before mine Official in the Parish Church of St. Albans upon Monday, 2, April, unto whom were ministered generally and particularly and severally delivered a true copy of the said articles. . . . In the answers unto the which articles then exhibited I find presented in five parishes—Ridge, Horwood Parva, Queens Langley, Northall. [Note: The presentments are set out in each case as above in No. 17.] The minister's name of Northall is William White, who holdeth the Cure without any Institution or Induction, but only by donation from the Earl of Warwick as it is said. More I do not find presented concerning the articles aforesaid in any of the parishes within mine Archdeaconry. Thomas Rokett, official.
19. 30, APRIL, 1582.—LETTER. Thomas Rokitt to Robert Anderson, Apparitor. Order to show to every Minister in the Archdeaconry an Order made at the Visitation held at Barnet on 23, April last.
- “That every minister of this Jurisdiction being no preacher or mr. of Artes shall monethly geve unde his owne hand an exposition of one Chapter of St. Pawle to the Romans begenninge at the first Chapter and so goeing forwarde monethly, unto the next preacher adioyeninge unto him of this Jurisdiction, and so to be delivered quarterly unto the Judge by the said preacher to that end that it may appeare how they have profyted in their studyes. . . . And because they shoulde not pretende ignorance who be the preachers the said Judge did decre that they should repayre in maner aforesaid eyther unto those which are Bachelers of Divinitye, masters of Artes or preachers licensed.”
20. 26, JUNE, 1582.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Reference made to certain Orders made at the last Session of Parliament, 23, Elizabeth, under which the Bishops of the Province promised that “from thenceforth no Commutation of pennaunce upon anye Cryme ecclesiasticall should passe or be made by anye Chauncellor Commyssarye Archdeacon Offitial or other officer without the speciall consent of the Bishoppe of the dioces. And that there shoulde not anye money be bestowed of the said Commutations but by the espetiall direction of the said Bisshopp.” The Bishop has received commandment from the Privy Council to inquire how the same has been executed, and to give strait charge for the carrying out of the same. The Archdeacon is charged as speedily as may be to “cause to be made á diligent and perfecte searche of all your Actes And registries for all Commutations of pennaunce which have binn made by yow or yowre aucthoritic of anye Cryme ecclesiasticall sithence the xxvi.th daye of Marche Anno dni.” A certificate in writing is to be signed by the Archdeacon and the Registrar and duly sealed, setting forthe names, surnames, abodes and the crime for which the penance was commuted, by whom the money has been received, and to what uses the same has been applied. Charge is strictly given that from henceforth no commutation is to be granted without the express permission of the Bishop granted before his principal Registrar and

duly recorded in the Bishop's Records and Registers. Every year, in future, during Trinity Term a like certificate is to be forwarded to the Bishop. From Fulham. Endorsed to Mr. Hutchinson or his Official. (3 pages).

21. 17, JANUARY, 1582.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Privy Council, dated Windsor—January, 1589, signed by T. Bromlye, chancellor; W. Burghley, E. Lyncolne, R. Leicester, J. Hunsdonn, James Crofte, Chr. Hatton, Franc. Walsingham. It sets forth that through the manifold and dangerous practices intended by the Pope and other Princes, his confederates, during the last year the young Duke of Savoy has besieged the town of Geneva, and the town is brought into great extremity, the revenues being wasted in maintaining soldiers for its defence. "And the magistrates thereof being forewarned sondrie waies that the fier is not altogether quenched, but that the next springe it is ment that some newe attempte shal be made by forces against them," have sent letters to the Queen to acquaint her with the hard state they stand in, requesting a loan "of somme competent Sommes of money for there aide. Forasmuch as the occasions her matie hath of imploiment of great somes of monie are manie and weighlie, besides the charagable warr of Ireland moved alsoe by the Pope . . . hath not at this present time opportunity to relieve them," the Bishop is desired to move the wealthier sort of people "to contibute some part of that blessinge that god hath bestowed upon them towards the releife of that poore afflicted towne."

The Bishop continues that on the 7th of January he received Letters from the Archbishop of the Province setting forth that his grace will give 100 marks; the Bishop himself and the Bishop of Salisbury will each give 50 marks, and the Dean of St. Paul's, and Dean of Windsor will each give 20 marks. He requires the Archdeacon before the last day of January to certify to him what contribution he will give. Further he is to call before him all the beneficed ministers in the Archdeaconry whose benefices are valued at 40 marks or upwards, and those "whome for their wealth yow shall thinke hable to contribute," and confer with them according to the tenor of the letters, and require them each to set down what they will be willing to contribute, and when it shall be paid to the officers appointed by the Bishop. The Bishop is to be informed upon these matters by the Archdeacon on the 14, February. From the Palace at London. Endorsed to Mr. Hutchinson. Receipt by Thomas Rokitt, 8, January. (2 pages).

22. 27, JANUARY, 1582.—LETTER. Thomas Blanchard to Mr. Rokett. "I have receaved your loving letters. . . Since I came to abbotts aston I have bene at great charges and yet indebted, but nevertheles although I fare full sadd I will contribute to helpe these godli people trobled for the gospel of Jesus Christ, ye shall receive of this bearer Robert Anderson aparitor x^s. and ij^s. for mr. archedeacon cotton and you, for wine. Thus with my verei harti commendatons to mr. archedeacon cotten and you and all other frends there I committ you to the (?) of the almighti." From Aston.

23. 4, FEBRUARY, 1582.—“The note of the Somes of money which the ministers underwritten within the Archdeaconry . . . are very willing to contribute towards the reliefe of the Citye of Geneva.” They request that in respect of their poor estate at this time of the year, the payment of the sums they have promised to contribute may be deferred until the Tuesday after the Feast of St. Mark. William White, minister of Northall, 20s.; Edward Spendlove, of Redborne, 5s.; John Lewes, of Abbot's Langley, 3s. 4d.; Robert Wood, of Shepall, 3s. 4d.; Henry Edmonds, of Watford, 3s. 4d.; William Haylocke, of Paul's Walden, 3s. 4d.; Richard Lightfoote, of St. Stephen's, 3s. 4d.; Richard Woodward, of Sandridge, 6s. 8d.; Hugh Jones, of Elstree, 5s.; Edward Underne, of Barnet, 10s.; Thomas Wethered, of St. Michael's, 3s. 4d. [Note: All these are original entries and signatures.] (2 pages).
24. 10, FEBRUARY, 1582.—LETTER. John Synger to Mr. Rokett. “I should have appeared at St. Albans uppon munday laste, I partly understandinge the matter befor, was in hope that you wolde aunsweare my cause, which I thanke you have partly done. Suerely, I ame so chardged with matters at this instaunte with some of my Children, and the weare of our parish cotidianly (*sic*) that I ame unhable to use so liberall a contribution as I woulde, notwithstandinge. Willingly I will give towards the Assistinge ande ayde of our godly Bretherne 5s. prayinge you to be a meane that this may be takinge in goode parte, and whereas touchinge my matters, hanging in controursy betweene Mr. Jenks and me, I ame enformed, that Mr. Jenks told Mr. Lawe that he hathe agreeede withe me and payde me allredy. I pray you tell Mr. Lawe that he hathe neither spoken with me of a longe tyme nor payde any penny wherfor I pray you preseente my cause thoroughly, and at our nexte meetinge I will see you rewarded therfor accordingly.” From Bushey.
25. 10, FEBRUARY [1582].—LETTER. Edward Perchane to Mr. Rokett. “These are to request youe yt youe would plesure me so much as to certifie Mr. Archdecon because (I am certified Mr. Archdecon will not be there) his deputie yt I am under constrainte to appeare elsewhere as this daie, contrarie to my expectation. And as concerning the ratement which is to be made on the ministers behalfe requeste that youe make knowen to them in my name, if ye will plesure me so much, yt I will youe to sett downe for me ij^s. youe partlie knowe the state of my living what it is: at the uttermost it doth not amount to the yearlie valew of x^{li}. I doubt not but Mr. Anderson will geve youe enstructions from Mr. Archdecon yt youe with Danger maie put me out of your booke. As he said he would. . .” From Ridge.
26. 7, APRIL, 1583.—*Barnet*.—LETTER. Edward Underne to Mr. Rockett. I have sent you by this bearer 20s. which is the poor benevolence of a poor parson and his honest neighbours the Inhabitants of Barnet towards the relief of Geneva. Though the smallness of the sum may be misliked, yet the goodwill wherewith it is offered will cause it to be received. As occasion shall offer I pray you commend the forwardness of my

neighbours, that hereafter when need shall require both you and I may find them willing. Commend me to your good wife . . . my wife is sore troubled with the gout. Signed. I have sent 7s. 2d. for procurations.

27. 8, APRIL, 1583.—LIST OF SUMS RECEIVED FROM THE CLERGY FOR THE RELIEF OF GENEVA:—St. Michael's, 3s. 4d.; Barnet, 10s.; and from the Parishioners, 10s.; Ridge, 2s.; St. Stephen's, 3s. 4d.; Redborne, 5s.; Busshey, 5s.; Idelstreye, 5s.; Watford, 3s. 4d.; Abbots Aston, 10s.; Powles Walden, 3s. 4d.; Langley, 3s. 4d.; Northall, 20s. *Signed*, W. Coton. The money to be paid towards the purpose above written by the vicar of Shephall, 3s. 4d., and by the vicar of Sandridge, 6s. 8d., is yet unpaid, for that they came not to the Court on the day aforesaid.
28. 24, APRIL, 1583.—*London*.—LETTER. Bishop to Justices of the Peace, Magistrates, Bailiffs, and Constables. Order to apprehend certain persons detected for incontinent living and other crimes and disorders, who have not performed the penances enjoined, and to bind them over to appear at the next Court. *Signed*. *Seal*. The names of Jo. Walker and Jo. Hammond appended. [There is no Schedule of names of persons to be apprehended.]
29. 26, APRIL, 1583.—LETTER. William Blakwell to the Worshipful Mr. Coton. Touching a Commission issued to Mr. Rokett, "with a great blank three times long to put in whom you shall think good." The Bishop's pleasure is that at your next meeting with the clergy of the Archdeaconry you give strait charge to some of them to "see unto that matter, and to see my lord discharged and unburthened for if there be not an ordinary present at every Sessions when he shall be called for, my lord is fined to pay 100li." *Signed*.
30. No Date.—Excommunicated Persons within the Jurisdiction of the Archdeacon of St. Albans.
 John Comporte, of St. Albans, 19, March, 1581.
 Matthew Davie, Charles Grigson, George Asheley, and George Russell, of St. Albans, 24, July, 1582. [The first three names have been crossed out.]
 Alice, wife of John Hawkins, of St. Alban's, 21, May, 1582.
 Margaret Howes, of St. Alban's, 19, January, 1581.
 Katherine Woodcock, of Norton, 7, May, 1582.
 Thomas Barton, of Little Horwood, 12, June, 1582. [Crossed out.]
 Thomas Gibb and Mary Hitchen, of Rickmansworth, 5, June, 1582.
 Agnes, wife of Francis Jeanes, of Watford, 24, July, 1582. [Crossed out.]
 Elizabeth Waade, and Thomas [blank], Mr. Moryson's footman, of Weatford, 24, July, 1582.
 John Astiam and Dorothee Younge, of Redborne, 12, July, 1582.
 Alice Chaundeler, of Redborne, 2, April, 1582.
 Henry Sheppie, of Redborne, 24, July, 1582. [Crossed out.]
 John Geffe, of Wynslo, 21, May.
 Jone Stuttesbery, of Wynslo, 5, March, 1582.

Augustyne Somer and Mary Waade, of Wynslo, 3, October, 1581.

John Pricharde, 20, November, 1581.

Katheryne Stonocke, of Wynslo, 9, July, 1582.

Nicholas Twytchett and Katheryne Rogers, of Abbots Langley, 21, May, 1582.

Alice White and John Gipsie, and Edward Griffyn, *alias* Griffith, of Abbots Langley. [No date.]

Alice Porter, of Bushey, 21, May, 1582.

Joane Lawe, of Idelstrye, 2, April, 1582.

Henry Taylor, Susan Turnepenny and Dorothe Taverner, of St. Stevens, 3, October, 1581.

Margaret Becke, of Cheping Barnet, "that she was lawfully married to Nicholas Becke," 22, October, 1582.

Mary Jackson, of St. Albans, 27, October, 1582.

Thomas Wallis, Jone Flowde, William Adkinson and Agnes Grover, of St. Albans, 25, November, 1582.

Christian Baker, Julian Bromley, George Russell [crossed out], and Dorothy [blank], of St. Albans, 19, November.

Mary Cole, George Goolde, Ambrose Vicars, of Watford, 3, December, 1582.

Clement "famulus Meadman," Elizabeth, wife of John Goodriche, William Norrys, William Megar, John Robyns, John Leeke, [Elizabeth Leeke in the margin], 17, December.

Christian Tuet, of Ridge, 24, January, 1582.

[blank], wife of Simon Taylor, *alias* Fuller, John Waste, *alias* Otter. [No date.]

Peter Cartwright, David Loyd, of St. Peters, 21, January, 1582.

William Kingslye, of St. Albans, 8, April, 1583. [Crossed out.]

Elizabeth Lacy, of St. Michaels, 18, February, 1582.

William Ponter, of St. Michaels, 4, March, 1582.

Signed, Tomas Rokitt.

Dorothy Proby, *alias* Tomson, of Northall, 5, Nov., 1582.

George Kempe, of Northall, 5, November, 1582.

Richard Swyfte, of the same, 19, November, 1582.

Katheryne Bentley, of Shitlington, formerly of St. Michaels, 29, April, 1582.

Margaret Gyles, of Est Barnet, 29, April, 1583.

Jane, wife of Thomas Elborne, of Wynslo, 29, April, 1583.

Thomas Byrte and Joan Ilett, *alias* Andrewes, of Redborne, 27, May, 1583.

John Baughe.

Augustyne Semer and Mary Warde, of Wynslo, 25, June, 1583.

William Johnson and Edith, his wife, of Northall, 25, June, 1583.

Katheryne Stoneck, of Wynslo, 3, June, 1583.

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31. No Date.—QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE MINISTERS :—

1. Enquired of the ministers what other living they have or ecclesiastical promotion.
2. How they be qualified?

3. What degree in schools they have had?
4. By whom they were ordered, and whether since the 13th of the queen's majesty's reign?
5. Whether they be allowed Preachers?
6. Of what value their livings be?
7. What public or private schoolmasters there be in their cures?
8. What Recusants or others within their Parishes have their children bringing up beyond the seas?
9. Who is the Patron?

The Ministers are monished to bring in their Letters of Orders, their Licences to Preach, their Qualifications, their Institutions; the Schoolmasters are monished to bring in their Licences to Teach, at the next Visitation.

32. ANSWERS TO THE ARTICLES "late set forth by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury." 25 Documents.

(a) *Sandridge*.—2, MARCH, 1583.—1. Our Vicar doth exhort us to obedience. 2. We have none such. 3. We have none to warn. 4. He doth use the same. 5. We have none. 6. There is none such. 7. "He have had business and a sufficient man doth supply his charge and that we think he will be conformable." 8. Mr. Pegram: he is full Minister." 9. We know not that he hath any other benefice and our vicar is conformable to the laws. 10. The Bible was authorised by Henry the Eighth, 1541.

1. Mr. Pegram our Schoolmaster is a minister and hath his licence thereunto. 2. We know none. 3. We have none. 4. The vicarage is 8 pounds in the Queen's Book and in Mr. Gynning gift which is now warde. 5. He was made Minister five (?) years ago by the Bishop of London. 6. We think well of our vicar. 7. To our knowledge he hath none but Saundridge.

John Myles (mark), John Thralle (mark), churchwardens; Richard Clarke (mark), sidesman. By me, Thomas Beale.

(b) *Sarret*.—8, MARCH, 1583.—1, He hath done so. 2. It is observed. 3. They have done so. 4. He doth observe. 5 and 6. 'There is none such. 7. Our Vicar doth so. 8. He is a Minister according to the laws of the Realm. 9. His name is John Butler, hath no benefices but one and doth show his conformity to the orders established. 10. It is of the largest volume.

To the Articles put forth by the Privy Council:—

1. There is none. 2. None such. 3. Our vicar is a preacher and is resident. 4. It is fit for a preacher; Mr. Ibgrave is the patron. 5. He is qualified and made Minister before the xiiijth year of her Majesty's reign. 6. He is a sufficient and an honest man. 7. He hath but one benefice, and is resident.

Richarde Beninge, Thomas Hobbes, churchwardens; Christopher Wynkefelde, sidesman.

(c) *Pawles Walden*.—Same date.—1. We say he doth. 2. They do. 3. They do so likewise. 4. He doth observe

the same. 5. We have no such. 6. We have none. 7. He doth wear such apparel as is prescribed. 8. Our Vicar is no preacher. 9. His name is William Haylocke he hath but a poor vicarage he is a bachelor of arts and doth show his conformities to the laws established by her Majesty. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume and only of that translation which is now authorised.

Answers to the Articles put forth by the Privy Council:—

1 and 2. We have none such. 3. We have none resident. 4. Our vicarage is a poor living 10^{li} in the Queen's Book, and the gift is in the Dean and Chapter of Pawles in London, and it is well furnished. 5. Our Vicar was made minister these 23 years past. 6. Our vicar is an honest man. 7. Our vicar hath no more but his vicarage. Thomas Younge, George Skermant, Edmont Haknes (?), John Nutting (?), (mark).

(d) *Redborne*.—13, MARCH, 1583.—1. He doth so. 2. They do so. 3. That they do present them according as in this article is prescribed. 4. That our Minister doth so without leaving out any parts thereof. 5. That we know not of any such exercises. 6. That we have no other preacher or readers in our parish besides our own pastor or vicar. 7. Our Minister doth use to wear the "surples" in the church, and otherwise he saith he is willing to reform his attire according to the Queen's Majesty's Injunctions so soon as he shall be able to provide the same. 8. He is a deacon and minister admitted thereunto according to the Laws of this Realm. 9. His name is Edward Spendlove: he hath no benefice nor dignity more than our vicarage of Redborne, he hath the degrees of bachelor and master of arts in the University of Oxford he showeth himself conformable to the Queen's laws. 10. We take it to be such a one.

Answers to the Articles put forth by the Privy Council:—

1. We know not any such. 2. We know not any such Recusants. 3. Our Minister is allowed a preacher, and resident upon his vicarage. 4. The vicarage is not sufficient for a preacher to maintain himself and his family, and our vicar or preacher saith if his stipend and living be not augmented, that he shall be constrained to seek further: the patronage belongeth to the Lady Anne Bacon. 5. He was made minister in the year 1578. 6. He is not. 7. He hath not. Robert Hawarde (mark), William Finche (mark), churchwardens; George Symones, Thomas Hawgood, Thomas Carpenter (mark), Thomas Pecocke (mark), sidesmen.

(e) *Newenham*.—Same date.—The Articles which was ministered unto us last time are observed and there-

fore we have nothing to say but all is well. Rychard Hyde, Edmond Whisson (mark), churchwardens.

- (f) *Busshey*.—14, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2 and 3. It is done. 4. Our Minister doth always use and frequent the order prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer, not omitting any part thereof. 5. There is no such private preachings, catechising or prohibited exercises used in our parish. 6. None do but in all points according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. Our minister doth wear such apparel as is prescribed. 8. Our Minister is a priest, thereunto admitted according to the laws of this Realm. 9. Our parson hath but one benefice but serveth our curate under our parson who both do show their conformities to the Queen's Majesty's Laws. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. We have no such schoolmasters. 2. We have no recusants, neither do we know of any beyond the seas. 3. We have a parson and a minister lawfully appointed who are both resident in our parish. 4. Henry Hickman is patron of our benefice, and same is furnished according to our "contentacyens." 5. Our parson was made priest long ago, but our curate was made a priest the second year of the Queen's reign. 6. He is sufficient and of good life and conversation. 7. Our parson hath but one benefice. Richard Fels (mark), John Arnolde (mark), Thomas Haddell (?) (mark), John Harte (mark), swornmen.

- (g) *Chipping Barnet*.—13, MARCH, 1583.—1 to 6. Well. 7. We have no schoolmaster but our parson, who hath decently (?) but we have not seen [illegible] for he saith it is hurtful unto his eyes, which indeed are very dim. 8. Well. 9. Our parson's name is Edward Underne, he hath not any other living, he is a bachelor of arts, and conformable to all good orders. 10. Our Bible is of the fairest print and of the largest volume.

Answers to Privy Council's Articles :—

1 and 2. Well. 3. Our parson is lawfully licensed and is resident. 4. Our parsonage is fit for a preacher, in the Queen's gift, and furnished with an honest man. 5. He was made minister in the second year of the Queen's reign. 6 and 7. Well. James Kenet (?) (mark), Christopher Bottomley, churchwardens.

- (h) *East Barnett*.—14, MARCH, 1583.—1. He doth it. 2. They do it. 3. Orderly and we have the five Articles. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such Exercises used. 6. None doth so read preach or catechise but such as use the Book of Common Prayer. 7. He doth not but is ready and willing to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice and is conformable in religion. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to Privy Council's Articles :—

1. No such schoolmasters. 2. No recusants; we know none beyond the seas. 3. We have a minister, who is our vicar, who is resident. 4. We know not. 5. We think not. 6. He is sufficient and of good life and conversation. 7. He hath but one. John Crabtree (mark), William Edwardes.

- (i) *Ridge*.—14, MARCH, 1583.—1. It is fulfilled. 2 and 3. It is observed. 4. Our Minister doth keep this article to our knowledge. 5. None. 6. None but our minister. 7. He doth. 8. Our Vicar is a minister. 9 and 10. It is observed.

Answers to Privy Council's Articles : —

1, 2 and 3. None. 4. It is not fit. 5. He is. 6. He is not. 7. He hath not. Edward Stannat (?) (mark), John Browne (mark), churchwardens; William Tylar (mark), John Browne (?), junior (mark), sidesmen.

- (j) *Northawe*.—14, MARCH, 1583.—1. Our Minister doth give waringe (*sic.*) 2. They will observe this article as nigh as they can. 3. We have one man in our parish that came not in our church this quarter of this year William Jonson Let your worship think of him as you will or else we have no Recusants and his wife hath been excommunicated this ten weeks at the least. 4. Our Minister doth it accordingly. 5. None such in our parish. 6. Our minister doth all such things. 7. Our minister doth wear his apparel. 8. He is a preacher. 9. His name is Mr. White, he has no benefices, he is under my Lord of Warwick. 10. We have none as yet, but we will have one as soon as may be.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. No schoolmaster. 2. No recusants nor none that has their children beyond the seas. 3. None but our Minister. 4. In my Lord of Warwick's gift. 5. He hath been made minister since that time and hath observed all his orders as we think. 6. Our minister is. 7. He has no benefices. William Lowen (mark), John Cumber (mark), William Mon (mark), Bonyventur Hill (no signature).

- (k) *Watford*.—15, MARCH, 1583.—1 and 2. It is observed. 3. Done also in order as it should be done. 4. Our minister useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. No private exercises used. 6. Our Preacher and Minister doth use to receive the communion monthly for the most time and not to fail in that matter. 7. He hath not yet all such apparel as is prescribed to him but he saith he is willing and ready to obey the article and to wear the things prescribed as shortly as he can provide them. 8. He is admitted lawfully to serve the church. 9. Our Preacher's name is John Chapman, and our Minister's name is Henry Edmunds, our preacher is master of arts, but our minister is not any degree, he is not graduate, he hath but one benefice, and doth show conformity to the laws. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to Privy Council's Articles:—

1. No schoolmasters. 2. No recusants, nor we know of none beyond the seas. 3. We have a Preacher whose name is John Chapman, he is resident. 4. We know not how it is able to keep a preacher otherwise than it is now furnished: the Earl of Bedford is the patron. 5. Our Minister was not made before the 13th year of her Majesty's reign. 6. He is sufficient, and of good conversation, and very painful in his calling. 7. He hath but one benefice. John Nelham (mark), Thomas Deacon (mark), Rafe Gontrope (mark), Hary Read, Robert Feybridge (mark), Rafe Hill (mark), John Chambers (mark).

- (l) *Codicote*.—17, MARCH, 1583.—1 to 4. They are observed and kept in good order for as much as we know. 5. No common readings but certain times sermons. 6. We have no such readers to our knowledge. 7. Our Minister will wear such apparel as by her Grace's injunctions shall be appointed for his calling. 8. Our Minister is no preacher admitted. 9. Our vicar's name is John Amery and hath no other benefice, but what degrees in schools he hath taken we know not. 10. Our Bible is used for service at common prayer, and is of the largest volume that we do know.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles:—

1. No schoolmasters that do teach within our parish. 2. Such parents as are of ability to put their children to learning in other places, and others that be poor be taught by the minister and clerk upon the Sabbath days, and none that have any beyond the seas but such as be merchants of London or prentices. 3. No common preacher dwelling within our parish, but our quarter sermons made by others. 4. Our vicarage is a poor benefice and of the Queen's Majesty's gift and a minister there residend and endowed. 5. Our Minister is an old priest and hath been resident upon that benefice almost xi. years. 6. Our minister liveth orderly and is an honest man so far as we know. 7. Our vicar hath no other benefice but this only upon the which he is always resident. John Gaseley, John Roofe, John Evans, Thomas Hawkins (marks).

- (m) *Rickmersworth*.—17, MARCH, 1583.—1. Our Minister hath not since the time he hath served our cure the the first Sunday of every month given warning openly in our church for the people to repair to their church according as is contained in the first article. 2. The Churchwardens do observe what they are that come not to the church accordingly but forbear the space of one month. 3. We have none that do so forbear to come to the church, and therefore no need of any such presentment with witnesses, but the Minister and we the Churchwardens and Sworn-men do quarterly make a bill of presentment and deliver the same to Mr. Archdeacon or his official. 4. That our Minister hath

not always used the form prescribed in the book of Common Prayer, but sometimes hath on Sundays omitted to read the epistle and the gospel, and some Sundays doth use to read them. 5 and 6. We can say nothing. 7. Our Minister which now serveth the cure doth not wear and use such kind of apparel. 8. Our Minister is a priest admitted thereunto according to the laws of this realm. 9. Our Minister's name is Andrew Arnold, but what benefices or promotions he hath, or what degrees he hath taken in the schools, we know not, and since the time he hath served our cure, hath not showed his [conformity] to the laws and orders established, for during the time of his abode with us he hath not worn nor used the surplice in saying of divine service and administration of the sacraments. 10. Our Bible used in public service in our church is not of the largest volume and of that translation which is now authorised by the consent of the bishops. Thomas Fotherly, Roger Baldwin (mark), Lawrance More, churchwardens; Richard Branche, John Ewar (?), junior (mark), Thomas Griffin (mark), swornmen.

(n) *Rickmersworth*.—17, MARCH, 1583.—1. No schoolmasters that teach within our parish that are unsound, and to be removed according to the statute. 2. There be not any children of any recusants within our parish, nor any that have children beyond the seas to our knowledge. 3. We have a Preacher lawfully licensed as we suppose, who now serveth our cure. 4. Our vicarage is fit for a preacher, the gift whereof belongeth to the Bishop of London, and is now furnished with a vicar who is Archdeacon of St. Albans. 5. We can say nothing. 6. Our Minister which now serveth the cure is a sufficient man and of good conversation for aught we know or have heard. 7. Our vicar being a preacher hath as we have heard say more benefices than one, but where his other benefice lieth, or whether he be resident there or no we know not, but we think he is not resident there. Thomas Fetherly, Roger Baldwin (mark), Lawrance More (mark), churchwardens; Richard Branche, John Ewars (mark), Thomas Griffin (mark).

(o) *Hexton*.—18, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. We say it is done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. No such exercises used. 6. None doth but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. He doeth not, but he saith he is willing and ready to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice and showeth conformity to the laws. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :

1. We have no such Schoolmasters. 2. We have no Recusants, nor we know of none that have any beyond the seas. 3. We have a Minister, who is our

vicar, who is resident. 4. We know not. 5. We think not. 6. He is sufficient, and of good life and conversation. 7. He hath but one. William Mores (mark), Richard Pruddy (mark), churchwardens; Henry Felde (mark), sidesman.

- (p) *Abbots Aston*.—20, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. We say they be done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None doth but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. Our Minister doth wear the same. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath two benefices, one at Quanton within four (?) miles of Abbots Aston, and his name is Thomas Blanchard. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles:—

1. No such schoolmasters. 2. No Recusants, nor none beyond the seas. 3. We have a Vicar who is resident. 4. Our vicarage is not fit for a preacher. 5. We think not. 6. Our Minister is sufficient, and of good life. 7. He hath two benefices. William Vinchar (mark), Thomas Stevenes (mark).

- (q) *Granborow*.—20, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. We say it is done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None doth but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. He doth not, but he saith he is willing and ready to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice, and showeth conformity to the laws. 10. The Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles:—

1. We have no such Schoolmasters. 2. We have no Recusants, nor know we of any beyond the seas. 3. We have a Minister, who is our vicar, who is resident. 4. We know not. 5. We think not. 6. He is sufficient, and of good life and conversation. 7. He hath but one. Richard Capenhurst (mark), William Stevens (mark), Benet Pecken (mark).

- (r) *Horwood Parva*.—20, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. We say these be done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None doth but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. Our Minister is conformable. 8. He is admitted. 9. Our Vicar is a Master of Arts, and showeth conformity to the law. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles:—

1. No such Schoolmasters. 2. We have no Recusants, and we know of none that have any beyond the seas. 3. He hath been resident, but not of late. 4. Our vicarage is not fit for a preacher. 5. He hath been made within this thirteen years. 6. Our Minister is sufficient, and of good life and conversation. 7. We know that he hath but one. John Cooper (mark), churchwarden; George Carter (mark), sidesman.

- (s) *Nezwenham*.—20, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. They be done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. No such exercises used. 6. None doth but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. Our Minister doth wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice, and showeth conformity to the law. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. No such Schoolmasters. 2. No Recusants, nor know we of none that have any beyond the seas. 3. We have a Vicar, who is resident. 4. Our vicarage is not fit for a preacher. 5. He hath not been made within this thirteen years. 6. Our Minister is sufficient, and of good life and conversation. 7. He hath but one. Edmond Whisson (mark), Rychard Hyde, Henry Ball (mark).

- (t) *Norton*.—20, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. It is done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None do but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. He doth not, but saith he is willing and ready to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice, and showeth conformity to the laws. 10. We have a Bible of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. We have no such Schoolmasters. 2. No Recusants, nor we know of none beyond the seas. 3. We have a Minister, who is our vicar, who is resident. 4. We know not. 5. We think not. 6. He is sufficient, and of good life and conversation. 7. He hath but one. Thomas Longley, vicar; Nycholas Raynold (mark), John Pollard (mark), William Ronnald (mark).

- (u) *Winsloe*.—20, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. We say it is done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None doth but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. They do not, but say they are willing and ready to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice, and showeth conformity to the laws. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. We have no such Schoolmaster. 2. No Recusants to our knowledge, none beyond the seas. 3. We have a Minister, which is our Vicar, which is resident. 4. We know not. 5. It is not mete for a preacher. 6. He is sufficient, and of good life and good conversation. 7. He hath but one benefice. Anthony Jacson (mark), Thomas Lewes (mark), churchwardens; John Shelton (mark), Henry Walls, Thomas Cooper, sidesmen.

- (v) *St. Peters*.—22, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. It is done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None do but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. He doth not, but

saith he is willing and ready to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice and showeth conformity to the laws. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. We have no such Schoolmasters. 2. We have no Recusants, we know of none beyond the seas. 3. We have a Minister, who is our Vicar and a Preacher who is resident. 4. Our Vicar, who is well furnished. 5. We think not. 6. He is sufficient, and of good life and conversation. 7. He hath but one. Umfre Heward (mark), Thomas Ayleward, John Marston (mark), churchwardens; William Pharowe, John Long, Thomas Poode (mark), sidesmen.

(w) *Abbottes Langley*.—23, MARCH, 1583.—1. Our minister hath given warning. 2. Nobody doth offend in this article so coming to church. 3. For this article we do quarterly present. 4. Our Minister useth the book without alteration. 5. We have no such exercises within our parish. 6. We have no offenders. 7. Our Minister weareth his apparel according to orders prescribed to our knowledge. 8. We have none that exercise any ministry but our vicar. 9. Our Minister is a scholar of Cambridge, and useth conformity to her Majesty's laws, and is a public preacher. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume, and of the best approved translation according to the Hebrew and Greek.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. No Schoolmasters in our parish at all. 2. We have no Recusants we thank God. 3. Our Vicar is a Preacher, and we have none other. 4. Our vicarage is a poor living, under twenty pounds, and we would it might be amended. 5. Our Minister was made minister before the xiiijth year of her Majesty's reign. 6. Our Minister is learned and honest. 7. Our minister hath no more benefice but one vicarage, and is resident. Richard Dallinge, John Lewes, churchwardens; William Woodward, Simon Megre, sidesmen.

(x) *St. Michaels*.—23, MARCH, 1583.—1, 2, 3. It is done. 4. He useth the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None do but according to the Book of Common Prayer. 7. He doth not wear them but saith he is willing and ready to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice, and showeth conformity to the laws. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles :—

1. We have no such Schoolmasters. 2. No Recusants, nor we know of none beyond the seas. 3. We have a Minister, who is our Vicar, who is resident. 4. We say it is not fit for a preacher, but it is well furnished. 5. We think not. 6. He is sufficient, and of good life and conversation. 7. He hath but one. Henry Wynsor (mark), Robert Roice (mark), church-

wardens; Philip Baldwyn (mark), Henry Smythe (mark), sidesmen.

- (y) *St. Stevens.*—23, MARCH, 1583.—1. He warneth them. 2. They do it. 3. It is done. 4. He useth the service prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer. 5. We have no such exercises used. 6. None do so. 7. He doth not, but he saith he is willing and ready to wear them. 8. He is admitted. 9. He hath but one benefice, and showeth his conformity to the laws. 10. Our Bible is of the largest volume.

Answers to the Privy Council's Articles:—

1. We have no such Schoolmasters. 2. We know of none beyond the seas. 3. We have a Preacher, which is our Vicar, who is resident. 4. Our vicarage is furnished with a preacher.* 6. He is sufficient. 7. He hath but one benefice, and there he is resident. Thomas Griffyn (mark), churchwarden; George Winsor (mark), Thomas Grubb (mark).

* No. 5 is omitted.

33. Undated and unsigned [March, 1583].—DRAFT OF LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop. He acknowledges receipt of Letter from the Bishop dated 31, October, 1583, containing a copy of a Letter from the Archbishop, dated 19, October, 1583, with certain Articles; also another Letter from the Bishop, dated 31, December, 1583, containing a Copy of a Letter from the Archbishop dated 12, December, 1583, with certain Articles from the Privy Council. He reports that he has diligently made the enquiries required, and has sent to the Bishop a catalogue of the names of all ecclesiastical persons in the Archdeaconry, signifying their several benefices and degrees, and their replies to the Articles, with the replies of the Churchwardens and Swornmen of each parish; and he has "caused a view to be taken of such as be neither graduates nor preachers for their sufficiency." He has further given commandment that the other articles shall be put in execution.

34. Undated [1583].—DRAFT LIST OF THE CLERGY of the Archdeaconry, with their qualifications, dates of ordination and value of their benefices.

[ST. ALBAN'S.]

1. Mr. Williams, bachelor of divinity: value 10*li*.

[SANDRIDGE.]

2. Mr. Woodward, no degree; of Oxford, no other living: made minister by Bishop of London; ordered about four years since: understands Latin, and able to explain the faith in Latin: value 8*li*.

[ST. PETER'S.]

3. Mr. Boureman: no degree: of Oxford: ordered by the Bishop of Gloucester, thirteen or fourteen years ago: value 9*li*. 9*s*. 9½*d*.: understands Latin.

[ST. STEPHEN'S.]

4. Mr. Lightfoot: Mr. Coningsby, patron: value 15*li*. (?): ordered nine years since by the Bishop of Worcester

(?): no graduate : licensed to preach : of Oxford : understands Latin, and can give an account of the faith in Latin.

[CHIPPING AND EAST BARNET.]

5. Mr. Underne, B.A. of Cambridge : ordered in the second year of the Queen's reign : no other benefice : value, 22*li.* 2*s.* 2*d.* : understands Latin, and is able to give an account of the faith in Latin.

[NORTON.]

6. Mr. Longley : no other benefice : no graduate : unlearned : ordered by the Bishop of Worcester about forty years since : Mr. Boteler, patron : value 5*li.* : unlearned in the Latin tongue.

[NEWENHAM.]

• 7. Mr. Mote : absent : not examined.

[NORTHAW.]

8. Mr. White, M.A. Cambridge : no benefice [*qu.* no other benefice] : ordered by the Bishop of Norwich about four years since : Earl of Warwick, patron.

[ST. PAUL'S WALDEN.]

9. Mr. Haylocke : no other benefice : no degree in Cambridge : ordered by the Bishop of London about twenty-four years since : value 10*li.* : patron, Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's : understands the Latin tongue, etc.

[SHEPHALL.]

10. Mr. Wood : no other benefice : no degree of Cambridge : ordered by the Bishop of Norwich six years since : before a schoolmaster in Norfolk : patron, the Queen : value, 9*li.* 5*s.* : sufficiently learned in the Latin tongue.

[ELSTREE.]

11. Mr. Jhones : no other benefice : B.A. of Cambridge : ordered by the Bishop of Ely seven years since : patron, the same : value, 8*li.* : understands the Latin tongue, and is able to render an account of the faith in Latin.

[SARRATT.]

12. Mr. Butler : no other benefice : patron, the Queen, during the minority of Igrave : value, 8*li.* : no graduate : ordered about twenty-six years by "Mr. Jewell, of Salisbury" : understands the Latin tongue, etc.

[ABBOT'S LANGLEY.]

13. Mr. Lewys : no other benefice : patron, Mr. Smythwicke : value 15*li.* : of Cambridge : no graduate : ordered about sixteen years by "Grindall, Bishop of London" : admitted by the Bishop of London that now is : understands the Latin tongue, etc.

[WATFORD.]

14. Mr. Edmondson : no other benefice : no graduate : ordered by the late Bishop of Ely sixteen years since : patron, my Lord of Bedford : value, 21*li.* 12*s.*, whereof 8*li.* goeth out for a pension : before a "chorister of

Powles": one Crowe teacheth in Mr. Heydon's house the high sheriff: not learned in the Latin tongue.

[REDBORNE.]

15. Mr. Spendlove: M.A. Oxford: admitted by the Bishop of London that now is: no other benefice: value 14*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*: patron, my Lady Bacon: understands the Latin tongue, etc.

[RIDGE.]

16. Mr. Peacham: no other benefice: patron (?): no graduate: of Cambridge: ordered four years since by the Bishop of London, and admitted by the same: value, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*: learned in the Latin tongue, etc.

[WINSLOW.]

17. Mr. Daunce: no other benefice: no graduate: of no university: patron, the Queen: value, 11*li.* and more: ordered the first year of King Edward, by the Bishop of Man that then was: not learned in the Latin tongue.

[GRANBOROUGH.]

18. Mr. Twall: no other benefice: no graduate: ordered fifty years since: patron, the Queen: value, 4*li.*: not learned in the Latin tongue: "ordered by he know not whom."

[ST. MICHAEL'S.]

19. Mr. Wetherhead: absent: not examined.

20. Mr. Lawson, curate of Bushey: no benefice: ordered twenty-four years since "by the Bishop of Canterbury, Parker": not learned in the Latin tongue.

[HEXTON.]

21. Mr. Warrin: no other benefice: ordered by Dr. Bullinger about fifteen years since: patron, Mr. Barbor of Kensworth: value (?)*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*: not learned in the Latin tongue.

22. Mr. W. Peagrym: a minister, a schoolmaster: ordered in October by Bishop of Gloucester, Dr. Bullinger.

23. Mr. Howhe: a curate: no graduate: of Oxford: not learned in the Latin tongue.

Mr. Weatherhead: no other benefice: no graduate: 10*li.* 13½*d.*: patron, my Lady Bacon: ordered about forty-nine years ago by the Bishop of Dover, suffragan to the "Bishop of Canterbury": able to render an account of the faith in the Latin tongue.

- 35 (on dorso of No. 34). LETTER.—27, JANUARY, 1583.—William Bingham, official to Mr. Rockett, praying him to remember that all sorts of Schoolmasters are to appear at the Archdeacon's Synod on the 18 of February following—both public and private Schoolmasters, "not one to be omitted."

- 36 (on dorso of 34). FORM OF OATH to be administered to the Schoolmasters.

37. Undated [1583].—Mr. Mote, no other benefice: no degree: no preacher: his vicarage worth 5*li.*: James Dowman, patron: made minister by Bishop Younge "Bishop of York" about seventeen or eighteen years since: not able to render an account

of the faith in the Latin tongue : no recusants : no schoolmasters : resident : he is enjoined to con the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans without book, and to give the especial notes thereof at the next visitation at Michaelmas : the like is appointed to all the ministers being no graduates nor preachers.

On *dorso* a list of Churchwardens and Sidesmen—no parish named—John Clarke, junior, John Wells, John Tomson, the elder, churchwardens ; John Davis, John Halfered, John Goode, Richard Collett, Barnabee Laurence, sidesmen.

1584.

38. 10, JUNE, 1584.—BRIEF from the Privy Council to the Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, etc. Henry Wilcock, M.A., Minister is fallen into poverty and decay, so that he is indebted to divers persons in the County of Norfolk to the sum of 300*li*. He has no way to relieve his wife and children but by the exercise of his function in the ministry, from which he is like to be secluded by the greediness of his creditors. We recommend him to your Christian devotions, praying that contributions may be made for his relief. From Richmond. Signed by E. Lincoln, A. Warwick, C. Howard, J. Croft, C. Hatton, F. Walsingham.
39. 24, NOVEMBER, 1584.—PRINTED COPY OF THE ARTICLES promulgated by the Archbishop, Bishops and the rest of the Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, held in London, 24, November, 1584. (8 pages).
40. Fragment of a MANDATE from the Bishop of London relating to the said Articles. (Membrane).
41. 21, AUGUST, 1584.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites a letter from the Privy Council to the Bishop, dated 31, July, 1584. The Queen has authorised certain Commissioners to search and trie out the ruins and decays of the Church, Chancel and steeple of Powles, and how the same may with speed be reedified and repaired. They are to understand by all ways and means what money hath, since the burning of the church been given, collected and levied by taxation or collection towards the same, by the clergy or others ; the persons who have received the same ; how the money has been employed ; how much money remains unspent, and in whose hands it is. A taxation and contribution was made in the Diocese for 400*li*. Diligent search is to be made upon what person or persons the charge was laid, and whether the persons have paid the taxation. If any part remains unpaid discovery is to be made of the persons owing the same. Also how much of the contribution hath been collected ; who were the collectors ; what sums the collectors have paid, and to whom ; what remains unpaid, and in whose hands it remains. The Bishop is to certify the above particulars " at the house commonly called the Doctors Commons in Knight-riding Street " by the 8, October. Christopher Hatton, Valen. Dale, Bar. Cleeke, Tho. Fanshaw, Peter Osborne. The Archdeacon is enjoined to make strict inquisition concerning the same, and to certify to the Bishop by 5,

October. Thos. Rokett, the registrar, endorses the receipt of the letter from Dr. Bingham, 2, Sept., 1584. (2 pages).

42. 18, SEPTEMBER, 1584.—COPY OF THE NOTE WHICH WAS SENT TO EVERY PARISH IN THE ARCHDEACONRY, signed by Tho. Rokett, registrar. Inquiry is to be made of parishioners or others dwelling elsewhere who do know,
1. Who were the dealers in the collection for the repair of Powles at any time within the last 23 years.
 2. Upon whom the contribution was charged.
 3. Whether those charged paid the taxation.
 4. Whether any part of the taxation was unpaid.
 - 5, 6. By whom and how much.
 7. How much of the contribution was paid.
 8. Who were the Collectors.
 9. What hath been paid by the Collectors.
 10. To whom.
 - 11, 12. What remaineth unpaid, and in whose hands the same remaineth.

The same is to be certified in St. Alban's Church, 18, September, 1584.

43. 26, SEPTEMBER, 1584.—COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE MADE TO THE BISHOP OF LONDON CONCERNING THE SUMS COLLECTED IN THE ARCHDEACONRY TOWARDS THE RE-BUILDING OF ST. PAUL'S. "Sent by John Grenfield, 24, September."

The official reports that he has caused the several Ministers and Churchwardens of each Parish to be examined and to give their answers in writing. Divers neither do know anything, nor remember anything concerning the matter; some others have certified so much as they know, or can remember, and what they have learned.

St. Peter's.—Certain timber was taken by commission to the use aforesaid from one of our parish: others of our parishioners were charged with carriage of timber from Wyelde Warren unto Powles. Any more we know not.

St. Michael's.—I, Thomas Weatherhead, vicar paid 10s. to Mr. David Kempe, Archdeacon.

Rickmersworth.—There was certain timber carried by some of the parishioners, but how many loads we know not.

Busshey.—Mistress Singer, the wife of Mr. John Singer, late parson of Bushey now deceased, says that Mr. Singer did pay the said taxation amounting to the twentieth part of his benefice, but to whom he paid it then she cannot yet tell, because as yet she hath not found her acquittance. Roger Haywarde, late servant to Mr. Singer, saith he hath heard his master say that he paid 6s. 8d. towards the repairing of Powles.

East Barnet.—The parishioners charged with the carriage of a load of timber which was two days' carriage.

Walden.—Certain timber was carried: otherwise we know not. Mr. Haylocke saith that he gave 10s. as he thinketh towards the repairing of it, and paid it into the hands of Mr. Archdeacon Kempe.

Shephall.—By the report of Mr. Haylocke, vicar of Walden, Mr. Lowen, vicar of Shephall at that time, did pay as he thinketh, 10s. to Mr. Kempe, then Archdeacon, and he received the same.

Saret.—There was carried to Powles a cart load of timber.

Codycote.—We know not anything, but that John Amery, vicar there, saith that he did pay 10s. to Mr. Archdeacon Kempe for the building of the said church, or some part thereof.

Watford.—This we say that all our able carts were charged by commission for to carry timber to Powles out of Hendon wood. (This entry is cancelled).

Wynslo.—Mr. Kempe was collector to Mr. Grindall bishop of our diocese, and had the collection of such sums from the clergy as was due; we know not what. To the ninth we know not, but one Mr. Edmonds, minister at that time there, said that he paid 22s. as he thinketh.

Aston Abbots.—They cannot remember how much was collected, but as they think 2s. 6d.

Horwood parva.—As we have learned by our neighbours there was a collection made for the re-edifying of Powles, and divers of our parish did pay towards it, but by whom it was collected we know not, neither how much was collected; but this we learn that Mr. Leonard Pigot, a gentleman of our parish, was taxed at 20d., and again we learn that the money collected was paid to Mr. Kempe, then archdeacon, and more we cannot learn.

Granboro.—There hath been certain moneys both by the vicar and the inhabitants, but to whom it was paid we know not. (2 pages).

44 CERTIFICATES FROM THE VARIOUS PARISHES RESPECTING THE MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE RE-BUILDING OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL [1584]. 28 Documents.

1. *St. Peter's.*—George Boureman, vicar; Humphrey Heywarde (mark), Thomas Tyleward, churchwardens; John Marston (mark).
2. *St. Michaells.*—John Baldwyn (mark), Thomas Abram (mark), churchwardens; Richard Knolton (mark), John Halet (?) (mark), inquisitors.
3. *Rickmersworth.*—John (?), Richard Eve, John Fearne, Robert Learct (?), churchwardens; George Griner (?), John Dussant, George Wynckfeyld, sidesmen.
4. *Busshey.*—Richard Scotte, rector; Peter Blakwel (mark), George Wedon (mark), Robert Harrys (mark), Thomas Smythe (mark).
5. *Est Barnet.*—7, September, 1584.--John Crabtree (mark), William Edwardes (mark).
6. *Pooles Walden.*—William Haylocke, vicar; George Sterman, Thomas Walby (mark), churchwardens; John Prentice (mark), William Read (mark), questmen.
7. *Shephall.*—Robert Flood, curate; Richard Kempton (mark), churchwarden; John Andrue (mark).

8. *Saret*.—John Butler, vicar; Thomas Hobbes, Richard Benninge (mark), churchwardens; Christopher Winckfeild (mark), inquisitor.
9. *Codycote*.—Thomas Lamben (mark), James Spare (?).
10. *Northall*.—Richard Factlowe (mark), John Parsifall (mark), Richard Rying (mark).
11. *Aston Abbots*.—John Stevens (mark), Robert Bisshopp (mark), churchwardens.
12. *Horwood parva*.—17, September, 1584.—Henry Atkys minister, John Cowper, Thomas Carter, churchwardens.
13. *Grandborow*.—Richard Twell, vicar. Note added, "Mr. Roket I have sende you 2 shillings by the bearer hereof and for procurations 6d."
14. *Chepinge Barnett*.—17, Sept., 1584.—John Warren, Augustine Pratt (mark), churchwardens; John Cowper, Thomas Leper, sidesmen.
15. *Hexton*.—Edward Warrin, Richard Prudden (mark), Thomas Crowch (mark), churchwardens.
16. *Idelstrye*.—Hugh Johnes, Thomas Cogdell, Nycolas Marshe, churchwardens.
17. *Norton*.—Thomas Longley, vicar; Thomas Phipp, John Collope (mark), churchwardens; Richard Gamon (mark).
18. *Abbottes Langley*.—John Lewes, vicar; Thomas (?) (mark), Richard Day (mark), churchwardens.
19. *Newnham*.—18, September, 1584.—William Mote, vicar; Thomas Rock (mark), Thomas Upwood (mark), churchwardens; James Head.
20. *Redborne*.—Edward Spendlove (vicar), Thomas Fynche (mark), William Cocke (mark).
21. *Ridge*.—Edward Peacham (vicar), Henrie Bowman (mark), Robert Maihew (mark), churchwardens; William Tiler (mark), John Bowman (mark).
22. *St. Albans*.—Roger Williams, parson; John Clark (mark), John Davys.
23. *St. Stephens*.—18, September, 1584.—Richard Lightfoote, vicar; John Cowly (mark), Robert Bayley (mark), churchwardens.
24. *Sandridge*.—18, September, 1584.—Richard Woodward (vicar), Edmund Sharwood, Thomas Chalkle (mark), churchwardens; Thomas Beale, Richard Clark (mark), sidesmen.
25. *St. Michaells*.—Thomas Wethered, vicar.
26. *Watford*.—17, September, 1584.—We do not remember that any collection of money was made by us, but all our able carts were charged by commission to carry timber out of Hendon Wood. Henry Edmonds, vicar; William Edlin (mark). William Baldwin, Nicholas Cowlburne, Roger Heyward (mark).
27. *Granborow*.—18, September, 1584.—William Stevens (mark), Richard Grace (mark).
28. *H'inslo*.—Robert Daunce, vicar; Thomas Lewys (mark), Christopher Shelton (mark), churchwardens.

45. Undated (apparently 24, March, 1584).—LIST OF THE CLERGY, 1584.
1. John Amery, inducted to the vicarage of codicote by Mr. Est, Archdeacon of St. Albans, 28, August, 1546, 38 Henry VIII. Letters of Orders from John, Bishop of Lincoln in the prebendal church of Aylesbury 16 March 1537. Instituted by Mr. Est, 27 August, 1546. Patron, the Queen.
 2. Mr. Mote, vicar of Newenham. Letters of Orders from Thomas, Archbishop of York, in the Cathedral, 15 April, 1565. Instituted to Newenham, by John, Bishop of London, 19 July, 1582. Inducted by Mr. Hutchinson, Archdeacon of St. Alban's, 24, July, 1582. Patron, James Dowman.
 3. Henry Edmonds, vicar of Watford. Letters of Orders from Edmund, Bishop of Peterborough, 20, October, 1570. Letters dimissory from Matthew, Archbishop of Canterbury, 18, September, 1570. Instituted to Watford by Edwin, Bishop of London, from his Manor of Fulham, 27, April, 1573. Patron, Earl of Bedford.
 4. Robert Wood, vicar of Shephall. Letters of Deacon's Orders from Edmund, Bishop of Norwich, 1, September, 1577. Letters of Priest's Orders, by the same, 15, December, 1577. Instituted to Shephall by John, Bishop of London, at Fulham, 11, May, 1581. Patron, Queen Elizabeth.
 5. Mr. Haylocke, B.A., vicar of Walden. Letters of Deacon's Orders from Richard, Bishop of Ely, 7, July, 1560, in Ely Cathedral. Letters of Priest's Orders from Edmund, Bishop of London, 25, April, 1572, in the chapel of his palace in London. Instituted to Paules Walden by Edmund, Bishop of London, at Fulham, 6, September, 1560. Presented by John Mullens, clerk, canon-residentiary of St. Paul's Cathedral. Inducted by David Kempe, Archdeacon of St. Alban's, 6, September, 1560.
 6. Mr. White, M.A., minister of Northawe. Letters or Deacon's Orders, by Edmund, Bishop of Norwich, in the chapel or oratory within his Manor of Ludham, 11, September, 1580. Letters of Priest's Orders by the same Bishop and in the same place, 18, September, 1580.
 7. Mr. Lawson, curate of Busshey. Letters of Priest's Orders by Matthew, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the Parish Church of Lambeth, Winchester Diocese, 10, March, 1559. Licensed to serve the cure of Busshey by John, Bishop of London, 6, July, 1583.
 8. Edmund Peacham, vicar of Ridge. Letters of Deacon's Orders by John, Bishop of London, in the chapel of his palace in London, on the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 21, December, 1580. Letters of Priest's Orders by John, Bishop of London, in the chapel of his Manor at Fulham, on the Feast of St. Thomas the

- Apostle, 21, December, 1581. Licensed to Ridge by John, Bishop of London, 15, January, 1582.
9. Hugh Jhones, M.A., rector of Idelstry. Letters of Preest's Orders by Richard, Bishop of Ely, on the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 21, December, 1576, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ely.
 10. John Lewes, vicar of Langley Abbis. Letters of Priest's Orders by Edmund, Bishop of London, in the great chapel within his palace in London, 24, February, 1566.
 11. William Pegrym, B.A., curate at Sandridge. Letters of Deacon's and Priest's Orders by John, Bishop of Gloucester in his palace within the precinct of the College of Gloucester, 7, October, 1583.
 12. Edward Spendlove, M.A., vicar of Redborne. Letters of commendation from William Cole, Professor of Sacred Theology in the University of Oxford, Vice Chancellor, 29, July, 1577, 19^o Elizabeth. Licensed by John, Bishop of London, for the whole diocese of London at his palace in London, 16, November, 1579. Letters of Priest's Orders by John, Bishop of London in the great chapel of his manor at Fulham, on the Feast of the Annunciation of Blessed Mary the Virgin, 25, March, 1578. Letters of Deacon's Orders, by John, Bishop of London, in the same place, 24, March, 1577. Inducted by David Kempe, Archdeacon of St. Albans, 19, October, 1579.
 13. Thomas Wetherhead, vicar of St. Michael's. Dispensation from Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, to depart from the Friars Preachers of Langley and to hold ecclesiastical benefice, given at Lambeth 18, October, 1538. Confirmation of the same by K. Henry VIII. under the great seal 20, December 1538. Instituted to the vicarage of St. Michael's by William Est, Bachelor of Sacred Theology, Archdeacon of St. Albans, 23, August, 1549, 3^o Edward VI. Patron, Ralph Rowlet, 10*li.* 13½*d.*
 14. Thomas Blanchard, vicar of Aston Abbis. Bachelor in Theology. Dispensation from Edmund Archbishop of Canterbury to hold two benefices 30, October, 1581. Confirmation under the great seal by Q. Elizabeth at Westminster 4 November 1581. Letters of Deacon's Orders, per Walter Wright, LL.D., by Robert, Bishop of Oxford, vicar general, 10, March, 1543. Letters of Priest's Orders by the same, 31, March, 1544. Instituted by John, Bishop of London, at Fulham, 2, November, 1581. Letters testimonial of subscription to the Articles, 2, November, 1581. Licence to preach by Thomas, Bishop of Lincoln, at his manor at Bugden, 10, October, 1571.
 15. Robert Daunce, vicar of Wynslo. Letters of Priest's Orders by John, Bishop of Sodor and Man, at his Manor at Ballicure, 17, March, 1582. Instituted by

Edmund, Bishop of London, at his palace in London, 17, May, 1565. Inducted by Dr. Kempe, Archdeacon of St. Albans, 24, May, 1565.

16. William Twells, vicar of Granborow. Letters of ordination to the sub-Diaconate, by John, Bishop of Lincoln, 19, September, 1534. Letters of Priest's Orders by the same Bishop, 20, February, 1534, by Letters dimissory from the Prioress of the Benedictine Priory of Blessed Mary the Virgin of Langley, 4, March, 1533. Instituted to the vicarage, by William Est, Archdeacon of St. Alban's, 20, October, 1554, and inducted by the same, 21, October, 1554.
17. Richard Woodward, vicar of Sandridge. Chaplain to Henry, Lord Cheyney, at his private chapel at Tuddington, 22, July, 1580. Letters of Deacon's Orders by John, Bishop of London, at Fulham, 29, September, 1579. Letters of Priest's Orders by the same Bishop given in his chapel in his palace in London, 21, December, 1579. Presented to Sandridge by the Queen (Elizabeth) by lapse. Instituted by the same Bishop in his chapel in London, 9, February, 1580, and inducted by Giles Lawrence, Archdeacon of St. Alban's, 10, February, 1580.
18. Richard Lightfoot, vicar of St. Stephen's. Letters of Deacon's Orders by William, Bishop of Chester, 18, June, 1574, in the church of Astbery, diocese, Chester. Letters of Priest's Orders by the same bishop at the same time and place. Instituted vicar of St. Stephen's on the death of George Wetherall, on the presentation of Humphrey Coningsbye, patron, by Edmund, Bishop of London, at his manor at Fulham, 23, March, 1574. He subscribed the Book of Articles on the same date, and was inducted by David Kempe, Archdeacon of St. Alban's, 18, April, 1575.

46 [Note.—The latter part of the above document is written upon the *dorso* of a Return of the Baptisms and Burials at Grandborough for the year 1583.] 27, April, 1584.

John Pytkyn, son of Thomas Pytkyn, was chrystened the xvi. Day of October, 1583.

Elsabeth Byllyng, daughter of Omferye, 16, October, 1583.

Thomas, son of John Motte, 10, November, 1583.

Robert, son of Richard Grace, 22, November, 1583.

Benet, son of Benet Pytkyn, 19, January, 1584.

Mary, daughter of William Osburn, 20, February, 1584.

Ales, daughter of Philip Mason, 7, March, 1584.

Robert, son of Robert Hammon, 17, March, 1584.

Esabell Sommer (?), daughter of Robert, 1, April, 1584.

No Weddings.

Burials :—

John, the son of Richard Gyles, 11, November.

Richard Blooke, 11, December.

Jone, the daughter of John Arden, 1, February.

Ales, wife of Hary Fourth, 19, March, 1584.

1585.

47. 18, APRIL, 1585.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 9, April, 1585, enclosing copy of Letter from the Privy Council, dated Greenwich, 28, January, 1584, setting forth that above four or five years since there was "a practise in Germanie by the meanes of certen sedicious and troublesome persons" to induce the princes and states there to subscribe to a form of "Doctrine and Concorde" in religion, whereby those which profess the religion reformed "Accordinge to the churche of Englande and Fraunce" should have been condemned and held for "hereticks as the papistes," tending to set division and schism amongst those who profess the Gospel, the Queen had thought good to send Daniell Rogers Esquier into those parts "to her greate chardges with instructions for that purpose who in his way thither beinge in a verie (?) troblesome time passinge through the lowe countries was taken upon the river of Rheine and detayned longe time in prison at the Lengthe agreement was made to Deliver him for a rannsme," which Her Majesty condescended to pay. But through his long imprisonment "for his ordinarie chardges," he is in debt to the sum of six hundred pounds, which prevents his enlargement." As he was sent thither in the cause of religion, the Council desire the Clergy of "habilitie" to gather a sum of money for his delivery with all convenient speed. Tho. Broomley chancellor; W. Burghley, Ro. Leicester, Amb. Warwicke, Charles Howarde, Fr. Knollis, Jamyes Croste, H. Sydney, Chr. Hatton, Fr. Walsingham.

The Archdeacon is directed to call together the Clergy and publish to them these Letters, and "drawe them to make a Lardge contribution amongst them towards the enlardgment" of the said Daniell Rogers. The sum collected is to be paid to William Blackwell the Register by 23 June next. From Fulham. John London. 2 pp.

Endorsed to Mr. Hutchinson, Archdeacon of St. Alban's. Received by Thos. Rokett from Mr. Blackwell 23 April 1585.

48. 30, APRIL, 1585.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated 16, April, 1585, setting forth that he has transmitted to the Bishop a printed copy of a "Condition of a bande to be entered by all such as shall have licenses for Marriages without Banes" which is to be carried out in the Diocese: a printed copy of Ordinances and Canons which are to be published and executed; and a form of Exercise for such Ministers as are not Preachers. The Bishop is urged to see that the Injunctions concerning the Catechizing of youth in the principles of Religion are carried out. The Archdeacon is ordered further to see that the said contents of the Archbishop's Letter are enforced and that Answers to the Articles are returned within fourteen days of each Quarterly feast day, with a list of all such as shall be notoriously negligent or wilfully disobedient to the Orders concerning the Exercise. From Fulham. John London. Endt. to Mr. Hutchinson. Received by Tho. Rokett, 7, May, 1585. 3 pp.

49. 4, AUGUST, 1585.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 16, July, 1585. The Archbishop is informed that divers churches and chapels are not sufficiently furnished with Bibles, some having none at all and such as are torn or defaced and not of the translation authorised. The Bishop is required to see that all churches and chapels are provided with one or more Bibles of the translation allowed, and one Book of Common Prayer. The Queen's printers have imprinted two volumes of the said Bible, one bigger and one smaller, "the largest for such parishes as are of habilitie and the lesser for chapels and very small parishes."
- As the Visitations "be past" the Archdeacon is ordered to cite the Ministers, Churchwardens and Sidesmen of every parish, and cause them to set down what Bible they have and whether it is impaired, and "likewise for the Communion Book," between this and the "last of August." "And those which you find not sufficient . . . that you give them a daie both for the Bible and Service Book," but all are to be supplied before the beginning of term. Those who neglect to do so are to be immediately notified to the Bishop. If the Archdeacon can take a more speedy way to carry out the Archbishop's orders which will be less trouble to the Ministers, Churchwardens and Sidesmen he is authorised to do so. From Hadham. John London. End. to Mr. Hutchinson. 1 p.
50. 12 (?), AUGUST, 1585.—LETTER. William Bingham, Archdeacon's Official, to Thomas Rokitt. Having received letters from the Bishop concerning defective Bibles and Books of Common Prayer in the Churches and Chapels of Ease, Rokitt is directed to cause the Apparitor to confer with the Ministers, and make a view in all parishe churches and chapels in the Archdeaconry whether they be without sufficient Bibles and Books of Common Prayer, before Michaelmas next. He has also received commandment from the Bishop to gather such fees as have heretofore been gathered of the Clergy for the Clerks of the Convocation, which is *ijd.* in every pound, and they are to be warned to pay this at the Archdeacon's Synod to be held the 23rd day of September.
51. 26, AUGUST, 1585.—LETTER. William Bingham to Mr. Rockett. He is compelled to alter the day for the Synod, and begs him to appoint Monday, October 4th, for the Archdeacon's Synod at St. Alban's.
52. 8, NOVEMBER, 1585.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites a Letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Right Honorable Charles Lord Howard, Lord High Admiral of England, dated Nonesuch, 4, August, 1585, touching a contribution to be made towards the erection of a Free Grammar School in the town of Kingston-upon-Thames. The Queen having founded a Free Grammar School with stipend of twenty pounds yearly for the Schoolmaster is given to understand "of a godlie and charitable intent of sonderie of good habilitie thereaboutes well disposed to bestowe lardge sommes of money of their private purses towardes the purchasinge of certein lands neere

adiominge to the said Towne of the yearlie value of two hundred poundes about all charges and towards the buildinge of certein other fair and convenient roomes meete for the said schoole wherebie might be mainteined for ever a schoolmaister two ushers with convenient salaries and twentie poore schollers with meate drinke lodging and their gowne yearlie together with a warden beinge a preacher for the goverment and overseinge of all the rest, which sommes nevertheless consideringe the proportion of the houses to be built and landes to be purchased will not by a greate Deale arise to that which is necessarilie to be expended thereon, And for that it were greatlie to be lamented that so bountifull liberallitie alreadie offered shold fall to the ground and so good a worke be impeached in defecte of a competent supplie yett wantinge," the Archbishop and the Lord High Admiral are commissioned by the Queen to collect supplies, and they desire the Bishop to deal effectually "with those of your Cathedrall church and such other of the clergie and laity of the City of London as you shall thinke good for a voluntarie and free contribution . . . as also in Her Majesties name to recommend the same to the like carefull endeavour of three or iiij preachers or other discreete ministers in everie Deanerie of your Diocese to thend they maye move and exhorte all the rest of the clergie within their Deanerie by them beinge assembled not onlie to give and contribute to so necessarie a worke but also earnestlie to persuade all thinhabitantes in their particular parishes as occasion and opportunitie shalbe to them offered to give and contribute to the purposed worke." The money so collected is to be delivered within six months to Stephen Chattfield chaplain to the Lord Admiral and Governor of the said School, and to Nicholas Zouche, gentleman at the house of Mr. Wally Stacioner at the greate North Dore of Powles.

The Archdeacon is directed to see that the Letters are executed in all the Parishes in the Archdeaconry, and the money collected thereon is to be paid to William Blackwell the registrar before the beginning of Hilary term. From London. John London. 2 pp.

53. 11, FEBRUARY, 1585.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. He complains that little or nothing has been contributed towards the "enlargement of Mr. Daniell Rogers," and directs the Archdeacon to cite before him all the Clergy who have not contributed, and require each of them to pay 1d. in the pound according to the valuation of their benefices, the tenths and subsidies being deducted. The names of those who refuse are to be returned to the Bishop for the Privy Council to deal with. The money that shall be collected is to be sent to William Blackwell, the Bishop's Officer, before the Feast of the Annunciation. London. John London.

1586.

54. 14, MAY, 1586.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon giving the copy of an Order from the Archbishop for the publication of a Form of Prayer to be used on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Order

refers first to the "manifolde benefitts of the true preachinge of his worde of peace of plentye and suche like his riche blessinges upon us beyonds all example either of former ages or of this present tyme in other countries nere unto us"; . . . and "because we have not bine as thankfull as we oughte nor answered with true repentance humiliation and true obedience, but rather by to lavishe excessive and riotous spendinge have diversely abused his good Creatures. . . . It is greatly to be feared leaste as God hath begun to shake his fatherly Rod already at us by some scarsitye and dearthe of Victualls Therefore for appeasinge his wrathe" . . . it is thought "convenient that we fall to earneste repentance praiers fastinge and other deeds of Charitye." Order is given to the Preachers, and "especially to suche as occupie the Crosse," that in all their sermons and exhortations they move the people to hearty repentance, prayer, fasting, amendment of life, and liberality to the poor. The Bishops are enjoined to do the like, and where there be no Preachers, the Parson, Vicar or Curate is to read such Homilies "as are sett forthe in booke which herewith I sende," with the Psalms, Prayers and Lessons for that purpose therein noted. The Churchwardens are required to provide the said book.

The Archdeacon is required to cause the order to be put in execution. Fulham. John London. 2 pp.

- 55 .16, JUNE, 1586.—PRINTED BRIEF for the relief of Gregory Pormott, Citizen and Merchant of Kingestone upon Hull, for the "losse of nine Shippes with his goods therein and writinge to many Thousande poundes, the last whereof being a goodly new shippe, was suddainely consumed by fire, in Hull Harboure, to the great astonishing of the whole towne, and utter overthrowe of the saide Gregory his wife and children." Westminster. By brief of Privy Seal. Steward.
- 56 16, JUNE, 1586.—PRINTED BRIEF for the relief of Gregory Pormott (as above), with printed commendation from the Archbishop, dated Lambeth, 27, June, 1586, and Printed Order from the Bishop, dated 30, June, 1586, to the Clergy to read the same to their parishioners on the Sabbath or other holy day immediately after the Second Lesson; a return of the same to be made to the Archdeacon at his next Court. From my Manor at Fulham.
- 57 28, JUNE, 1586.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Order for the Apparitors to deliver copies of the Brief for the relief of George Pormett to the several parishes in the Archdeaconry, and to require an account of the sums collected to be delivered at the next Court. The Apparitors are to have 12 pence in every pound collected. The amount raised by the brief is to be paid over to George Pormorte at the sign of the "redde lyon in Powles Churchyard" between 1, October and 30, November, deducting "for yourselfe and your Register" 4d. in every pound. Fulham. John London. Endorsed from Mr. Hutchinson to Mr. Williams.
58. 5, AUGUST, 1586.—LETTER. Doctors' Commons to Archdeacon. Whereas you were required in my Lord Bishop of London's

Visitation to examine the inferior sort of Ministers, not being allowed Preachers, and under the degree of Master of Arts, a day for the first trial being assigned, the 4, October next, I have you for your better understanding who they be that you are to deal withal, sent you herewith the names of all those that be to attend you: desiring that as well now as at such other times as you shall appoint for the continuance of those Exercises, the names of such as shall absent themselves may as well be certified, as of those who shall either be found unprofitable, or slack and negligent, or contemptuous in performing any of those exercises which shall be appointed them. And for that experience hath already taught some of you that amongst the "unsufficienter" sort of them, some will procure such exercises as shall be appointed them to be made by others, while themselves be wholly bent upon idleness. I hope that you will see that every one shall be laboured withal to see whether those fruits he shall bring be of his own gathering or no. The day of return of certificate under your hand is the 10, October next. I hope so good a work, for the increase of knowledge in God's Church, being in this age so needful to be taken in hand shall with your own travail being assisted with the Archdeacons in their several jurisdictions be as willingly by you, or so many of you as Mr. Archdeacon shall require, continued as it is with your great zeal to the increase of learning begun. . . . I trust Mr. Archdeacon will foresee that as any Curate is removed (as it often falleth out) that those who come new within their jurisdiction shall be compelled to attend the Exercises. As for the order sent forth by my Lord's Grace of Canterbury for the "unlearneder" sort of the ministry, the Archdeacon's Register can make a copy thereof forth of that which was sent from my Lord of London to the Archdeacon.

59. 20, AUGUST, 1586.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Privy Council to the Archbishop, dated 11, June, 1586, signed by W. Burley, H. Derby, H. Hunsdon, T. Cobham, T. Buckhurster (*sic.*), F. Knowllys, C. Hatton, Fra. Walsingham, and Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 30, June, 1586, directing that a collection be made amongst the Bishops and Clergy of the Province for "this poore wydowe late wyffe unto the Bysshop of Osserrye that was as your L. knoweth in most cruell sorte murdered or rather martired by those whose good and reformation he soughte with that true Xtian zeale that appertyned to one of his place and callinge."

Order for the Archdeacon to cause the contents of the Letters to be known to all the Clergy in the Archdeaconry and the contributions to be collected "in the best wise that you can"; the said contributions to be sent to the "Register," William Blackwell by the beginning of the next term. "From my Manor at Hadham." John London.

60. Undated [apparently sent with No. 58]. CERTAIN ORDERS FOR THE INCREASE OF LEARNING IN "THE UNLEARNEDER SORTE OF MINISTERS."

The order appointed in the Preface of the Common Book concerning the daily reading of public prayer shall duly be

observed, to the end that they may be the better acquainted with the phrase and histories of the Scriptures.

The Ordinary shall assign unto such as are not Masters of Art or Preachers, one chapter at the least of the Old or New Testament every week to be diligently studied upon by them, in such sort as they be able to make accounts of the principal contents thereof in Latin, and bring notes in Latin collected out of the same.

The Ordinary shall likewise appoint unto them every quarter of the year a commonplace of Divinity, to be written upon in Latin by them, and to be travailed in, so as they be able to answer to the principal points thereof in Latin.

Such as are not able to do these exercises in Latin, shall for the time perform them in English, yet so as in convenient time to be assigned unto them by the discretion of the Ordinary, having regard to their age and capacities they do not perform them in Latin, or at the least show good testimonies of their diligence in study, they shall be proceeded against by Ecclesiastical censures for their notorious negligence.

The Ordinary shall examine himself, or by some learned preachers call them to account for their Exercises every quarter, and shall examine them also at their Synods and Visitations how they have profited; and, such as shall be notoriously negligent or wilfully disobedient, shall be punished by the Ordinary of the place as the quality of his offence shall require.

61. Undated [apparently sent with No. 58]. A NOTE OF THE NAMES of all such of the "unlearneder" sort of the ministry as were appointed to give their attendance for their Exercises in Holy Scriptures at "St. Albons" the 4, October next, before Mr. Archdeacon Hutchinson, Mr. Williams.

Busshey.—John Grawnte, curate.

Horwood parva.—Henry Atkyns, vicar.

Hexton.—Edward Warren, vicar.

Norton.—Thomas Longley, vicar.

Newenham.—William Mote, vicar.

St. Michael's in the Town of St. Albanes.—Thomas Wetherhead, vicar.

St. Stevens in St. Albanes.—Richard Lightfoote, vicar.

Sarett.—John Butler, vicar.

Winslowe.—Roberte Dawncey, vicar.

Walden St. Paule.—William Haylocke, vicar.

Wattforde.—Henry Edmonds, vicar.

If any of the Commissioners aforesaid have other business after the first time of examination, the Archdeacon of the place, or in his absence the rest of the Commissioners are to require some or other of the Preachers to assist that exercise.

62. 27, AUGUST, 1586.—LETTER. Chancellor to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, or his Chancellor, Dr. Stanhope, dated Croydon, 24, August, 1586. I have caused to be set forth in print a book containing an Order of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the preservation of Her Majesty and the Realme from "the trayterous and bloudie practizes of the Poope and his Adherentes," to be used at times appointed in the Pre-

face. These are to pray and require your Lordship that with all convenient speed you not only publish and cause to be put in execution the said book of Prayer through your own Diocese, but also that you will send several copies and transcripts thereof, together with these my Letters to all the rest of my brethren the Bishops of my Province, requiring them to do the like in their several Dioceses. Order to the Archdeacon to put the same in execution throughout the Archdeaconry. John Stanhope.

63. 16, SEPTEMBER, 1586.—LETTER. Chancellor Stanhope to Archdeacon. The Archdeacon is required to call the Register and make a return of all that has been done since the publication of the Canons in the matter of the points set forth below, before the beginning of the next term:—

1. What Curates have been placed by yourselves or your predecessors since the last Convocation, of what degree of school or how they be otherwise qualified, both for testimony of their good life and for their learning.
2. What Ministers, either Parsons, Vicars or Curates, have been presented, or otherwise detected unto you either for insufficiency in learning, disordered life, or other offence whatsoever since the last Convocation.
3. How, in what sort and how far you have proceeded with any of the said Ministers, or any others within your jurisdiction, either for their deprivation, removing from their cures, or other punishment for any offence whatsoever since the said Convocation.
4. A note of the fees of your Court according to the said Canons.

64. 30, SEPTEMBER, 1586.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop, in answer to No. 63. Since the last Convocation there have been no Curates at all placed by me or mine Official in mine Archdeaconry. And that there was brought unto Sandridge . . . by Richard Woodwarde the vicar there, one William Peagrym a minister to serve the cure there who being inhibited by mine Official to serve there unless he would procure himself a licence thereunto, departed from thence immediately. Secondly there have been detected unto my Court the same Richard Woodwarde and William Peagrym for using chiding brawling and quarrelling, one in the Church of Sandridge, and the other in the Churchyard, about Michaelmas, 1584, to the discredit of them whom they so did quarrel withal and to the evil example of others. Which Richard Woodward and William Peagrym were called before Mr. Dr. Bingham, mine Official at that time; and, as appeareth by the acts of my Court the said William Peagrym acknowledged his fault publicly, showing himself sorry for the same, and the said mine Official in his discretion did dismiss them, exhorting them from thenceforth to beware of committing the like fault in word or example. Also Thomas Wetherhead the vicar of St. Michael's was presented for railing on the Churchwardens in time of Divine Service the 11, October, 1584, who was also called by the same mine Official

unto my Court, and him the same Thomas Wetherhead upon examination of the detection, in his discretion did also dismiss with the like exhortation. Also John Butler, vicar of Saret, being personally in my Court held at St. Albans by the same mine Official the 16, November, 1584, for his misdemeanour there in contempt of my jurisdiction, and for railing there was pronounced (indistinct). But afterwards the said mine Official, in his own discretion did discharge him. Other there have not been detected.

[Note.—On the *dorso* of this document a schedule is drawn up, dated 24, November, 1584, for answering the Articles, and at the foot are some rough notes relating to the delinquents Woodward, Peagrym, and Watherhead. Against the last name is written: "Not certifying recusants and negligent in his exercise appointed him 4, Octo. 85." "Longley suspensus," apparently for the insufficiency of his exercise. "Woodward not resident, 17, May, 85; exhibited letters of qualifications, 7, June, 85." "Edmonds for marrying."]

65. 3, OCTOBER, 1586.—LETTER. William Blackwell to Mr. Rockett. I have sent you a commission by the bearer of your letter, but by reason he could not stay for the same I was fain to seal it with Mr. Chancellor's seal for my Lord is at Hadham, which Commission will serve as well as if it were my Lord's seal, for the like case my Lord lodging so far off it hath been done for other places, whereas there hath been a greater commission and gaole of delivery of prisoners this year and therefore you need not make any mention of the seal. . . I have made more commissions for your Archdeaconry than all the Diocese besides and the Judges never ask for the Commission at London so that there be a clerk with a book ready: which I pray you see there be one provided and let have this Commission about him lest it be demanded of him so that my Lord may be saved harmless, which I trust you will do.
66. 4, OCTOBER, 1586.—CERTIFICATES FROM THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF THE UNLEARNED MINISTERS.
1. The day and year above written I Edward Spendlove Mr. of Artes, preacher of the word of God and vicar of Redborne at the appointment of the worshipful Mr. William Huchenson Archdeacon of St. Albans did examine one Henry Edmonds vicar of Watford in the principal points of Religion and concerning Justification, wherein he showed himself to be well grounded and able to render a reason for his faith according to knowledge. Per me Edwardus Spendlove.
 2. The day above written I William White minister of the word at Northaw having in examination Mr. Richard Lightfoot vicar of St. Stevens, Mr. John Butler vicar of Saret, and Mr. Edward Warren vicar of Hexton, do find the first very sufficiently furnished to execute his function; and for the Second able in some measure to teach sound doctrine, but for the last not able to answer anything in Latin, yet having some mean knowledge of the principal points of religion, but not

sufficient to discharge the office of a minister. William White.

3. John Graunte, curate of Bushey.
 Henry Atkyns, vicar of Horwood. } *non. comp.*
 William Mote, vicar of Newenham. }
 Thomas Wetherhead vicar of St. Michaels decesset continuanter.

Tho. Rokett Registrar.

4. That this fourth day of October now present Thomas Longley vicar of Norton, Humphry Pryce curate of East Barnet, and George Brooke curate of Sandridge being severally and jointly examined by me Thomas Holden vicar of St. Peters thereunto appointed by the worshipful Mr. William Huchenson Archdeacon of St. Albons are found to be "ignoratur" in the Latin tongue and not able to decline a noun substantive or to discern the parts of speech, and further to be unable to answer unto easy questions in the grounds of faith or religion, or to allege aptly any Scripture for proofs of any Article of Religion. By me Thomas Holden.
5. Mr. William Haylocke vicar of Powles Walden, and Mr. Robert Daunce vicar of Wynslo being examined touching their ability of learning and knowledge of the discharge of their office and calling in the ministry the 4th day of October, A^o 1586 by Roger Williams parson of the parish of St. Albons are found by the said examiner to be unable to answer in the Latin tongue to questions moved to them in the Latin tongue of the principles of Religion, and are able very meanly to satisfy questions of religion in the English tongue, but there is some hope of their profit by their study continued. By me Roger Williams parson of the parish of St. Albons.

67. Undated.—ORDERS FOR THE BETTER INCREASE OF LEARNING IN THE INFERIOR MINISTERS and for more diligent Preaching and Catechizing.

1. Every Minister having cure and being under the degrees of Masters of Art and Bachelors of Law and not licensed to be a public Preacher shall before the second day of February next provide a Bible, Bullinger's Decades in Latin or English, and a paper book, and shall every day read over a chapter of the Holy Scriptures and note the principal contents thereof briefly in his paper book; and shall every week read over one sermon in the said Decades and note likewise the chief matters therein contained in the paper book, and shall once in every quarter, viz. within a fortnight before or after the end of the quarter show his said notes to some Preacher near adjoining, to be assigned for that purpose.
2. The Bishop, Archdeacon or other Ordinary being a public Preacher shall appoint certain grave and learned Preachers who shall privately examine the diligence

and view the notes of the said Ministers, assigning six or seven Ministers, as occasion shall require, to every such Preacher that shall be next adjoining to him so as the Ministers be not driven to travel for the exhibition of their notes above six or seven miles, if it may be, and the said Preachers shall by letters or otherwise truly certify to the Archdeacon or other Ordinary of the place themselves being public Preachers and resident within or near to their Jurisdictions, and by want thereof to the Bishop himself, who do perform the said exercises or neglect to perform the same. The Archdeacons and others receiving the said Certificates shall signify the same once in the year, and that about Michaelmas.

3. Such as shall refuse to perform the Exercises or shall be negligent therein, and shall not after admonition by the Bishop, Archdeacon or other Ordinary aforesaid reform himself, if he be beneficed shall be compelled thereto by Ecclesiastical censures; if he be a Curate shall be inhibited to serve within the Jurisdiction.
4. The Bishop, Archdeacon, *etc.* shall carefully look that the Ministers serving cures do according to her Majesty's Injunctions instruct the youth in the Catechism with additions set forth by public authority, and such of the Ministers as by examination and trial shall be found of reasonable ability, may by the Archdeacons and Ordinaries being public Preachers as aforesaid, be permitted to expound, standing in the stalls only, the points of the Catechism only with additions, to their parishioners until they shall be found mete to be by the Bishop allowed or "auttentically" licensed to preach.
5. Such Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Laws as have any cure and are not licensed to preach if within six months after admonition to them by the Bishop, Archdeacon, or other the said Ordinaries, whose consciences are herein to be burthened, they shall not be lawful licensed to preach by the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese or by one of the Universities, shall be tied to the said Exercises until they be found mete, and licensed to be Preachers.
6. Every licensed Preacher shall yearly in his proper person preach twelve sermons at the least, within every shire where their benefices do lie, and shall yearly make particular and true certificate thereof to the Bishop of every such Diocese between Easter and Midsummer, upon pain to have their licences revoked, or otherwise to be proceeded against for their negligences.
7. The Bishop, or the Archdeacon, or other Ordinary with the advice or consent of the Bishop, shall appoint six or more public Preachers to preach by course every Sunday in the parishes within a convenient limit near adjoining to their habitation where there is no licensed Preacher, so that there may be in every such Parish

one Sermon at the least every quarter. And the parties charged with the cure of the said parish shall bear the charge of the dinner and horse meat of the said Preacher, and procure some Minister near adjoining to his benefice to serve the cure that day in his absence, unless he have a Curate of his own there.

8. It is intended that the exercises above written and no other shall be hereafter publicly or privately used in any part of this Province. 3 pp.

68. 8, JANUARY, 1586.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. A Copy of a Letter from the Privy Council to the Archbishop, dated, Greenwich, 5, January, 1586, and signed by Will. Burley, H. Darbye, R. Leycester, C. Howarde, W. Cobham, Tho. Buckhurst, F. Knollis, James Croft, W. Davison, J. Wolley. The Queen's Majesty having a great and princely care that some provision might be made in this time of scarcity and dearth for the better maintenance and sustentation of the poor people of the Realm hath caused us to consider and advise of these matters. The Archbishop is desired to direct the Bishop of the Province to instruct the Curates of the several parishes, and especially the Preachers to exhort in their sermons, and at times of common prayer all persons of ability to extend their benevolence in meat and drink and in setting of the poor on work, or else in alms; and also to move the rich to moderate their unnecessary spending of victuals in this time of dearth, laying aside all feasting, banqueting and excess of fare, and to convert all superfluous expenses to the relief of the poor. Likewise that the poor may be instructed to bear patiently this dearth, and they may be given to understand if the scarcity has proceeded from the covetousness of corn masters and ingrossers or of any evil disposed persons that her Majesty hath taken care to see that the same is redressed by her proclamation to the Justices to see the markets furnished and to the help of the poor; and therefore to advise them if any of them find that the Orders are not observed to repair to the Justices to inform them and to open their griefs unto them, and so seek redress, warning them that they commit no disorders or tumults. The Archbishop, in a Letter to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 6, January, 1586, desires the Bishop to put the same in execution in his Diocese, and to take care that in every place, even where there are no Preachers, that the Order, heretofore taken for Wednesdays and Fridays is duly observed, and the Homilies read on Sundays and Holydays, and at other times when there is no Sermon. He is to require all such of the Clergy as are not resident upon their cures to be resident during this hard time and, "as well as yourself to give good example herein, and to move the Clergy, especially the wealthier sort" to the same, seeing that "there is no disordered conventicles or innovations under pretence hereof such as were of late years in some places." The Bishop is to require a certificate monthly from every parish of the due execution of these letters, and of the state and behaviour of the poor, and how they be relieved. The Clergy are to be no way burdened with any extraordinary fees as they have been in times past in some places; notice is to be given to the Clergy with

as little trouble as may be, and in no case are the Churchwardens to be assembled. Although no mention is made of any Cathedral, the Bishop may give orders to all members thereof upon all occasions of their preaching there, to do their utmost to satisfy the said letters, and to set a good example in keeping hospitality and relieving the poor.

The Archdeacon is ordered to see these Letters executed, and his attention is called to the Orders received from the Archbishop concerning the increase of learning among the Inferior sort of Ministers, which he is with all speed to put into execution. From my Palace at London. John London. 3 pp.

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69. 30, NOVEMBER, 1587.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Upon the making of the Statute for indicting such as were found to be Recusants, the Lords of the Privy Council ordered that quarterly certificates be made of all Recusants in every Diocese. Whereupon I wrote unto you 30, May, 1581, for the receiving of a quarterly certificate from you to be sent to the Justices of the Peace in the County where your Archdeaconry is, for the proceeding against such Recusants as were to be indicted for absenting themselves from church. I am lately credibly informed by some Justices of the Peace in the Diocese, and by the testimony of the Churchwardens of the places, that where they and the swornmen of some parishes have made presentments of some Recusants so that they should have been indicted, that notwithstanding some of those presentments have been so concealed, that because I have not received certificates thereof from the Archdeacon, I could not certify them to the Justices at the Quarter Sessions, as ought to have been done. The matter is like to come in question before many days whereby such of your officers as have offended therein may receive their deserved punishment. For avoiding such inconveniences hereafter, you are required at all times to have due regard to send me your certificate of such Recusants at the time prescribed, without delay; but neither you nor your official may certify the same until you, or at least your official shall have seen and perused the Bills of Presentment, whether anything be certified in them or no, from every parish in the Archdeaconry. In every certificate you shall set down the name of the parish and of the Churchwardens and Sworn men as shall refuse to make the Quarterly presentment, and also such parishes as shall not find any cause of presentment; the names of the parishes are to be set down severally and particularly. At Fulham. John London.
70. 3, DECEMBER, 1587.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 30, November, 1587, setting forth that in respect of the dangerousness of the times, and the extreme malice the adversary beareth to the true profession of the Gospel, he thinks it convenient to resort to the usual weapons of good Christians, prayer, fasting and other godly exercises. The Bishop is required to take care that there may be Daily Prayers in all the parishes accord-

ing to the order of the Book; and that the Ministers being licensed thereto, take extraordinary pains in instructing the people and exhorting them to repentance and the fruits thereof. The Archdeacon is ordered to see that the same is put into execution in every parish in the Archdeaconry. Fulham. John London.

71. 18, DECEMBER, 1587.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop dated Lambeth, 9, December, 1587, complaining that a certain Letter sent to the Bishop dated 30, June, 1586 [or 7, the figure has been altered] requiring the Bishops and Clergy of the Province to make a contribution on behalf of a poor gentlewoman, praying him to do the like in his Diocese, no certificates of the contributions made have been sent from the Dioceses except Canterbury, Chichester, Hereford, Lichfield, and Coventry, and Bangor, the Bishop is required to write unto all the rest of them and direct them to send to the Archbishop a certificate of the sums collected upon that Letter by the last day of January. The Archdeacon is directed to order the Registrar and other Officials to bring in all such money as has been collected, and to deliver the same to the Bishop or his Chancellor by the date named. From my House in London. John London.

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72. 29, MAY, 1588.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Your Lordship cannot be ignorant of the endeavours in divers parts of the Realm of the Lieutenants since the time of these late dangers of foreign invasion by the government of the Pope and his adherents to have had all ecclesiastical men assessed according to the rate of their livings to the finding of horse and other warlike furniture and to show with others at common musters, although it hath hitherto been stayed for some considerations, yet, being members of the same common weal and "imbargued" in the same common danger, we are bound to go before others in word and good example, and we are therefore advisedly to weigh with ourselves what dutiful forwardness is expected at our hands for the defence of our gracious Sovereign, ourselves our families and our country. And besides the good example in stirring up those who are slow to further such services, our willing readiness will be a good means also to stop the mouths of such as do think those temporal blessings bestowed upon us to be too much, and therefore spare not in grudging manner to say that themselves are forced at their great charges to fight for us, whiles we rest quietly at home, without providing any furniture or munition in these public perils. I have received Letters from the Privy Council requiring me in very earnest sort to move all the Bishops in the Province effectually to deal with those of their Cathedral Churches and other beneficed men in their Dioceses, especially such as be of better ability to furnish themselves with "Lawnces, light horses, petronylls on horseback, musketts, Culyvers, pikes, halberdes, bylls or bowe and arrowes," as in regard to their several abilities shall be thought most con-

venient. The Bishop is enjoined to move such ecclesiastical persons to a ready and voluntary provision of men, horse and furniture, as he shall allot to every one, the same to be showed on some convenient day. The names of all such persons and the furniture they are to provide are to be certified to the Archbishop. He trusts that every one will be ready to follow the free and voluntary example showed by the clergy in some Dioceses before any motion was made unto them; for the more frank and voluntary it shall be the more acceptable it will be. From Croydon. Jo. Cantuar. Received 4, July, 1588, Tho. Rokett. 2 pp.

73. 26, JUNE, 1588.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. He encloses the Letter (No. 72) from the Archbishop. Having viewed the estate of the Clergy in the Diocese he has rated them particularly for the provision of Arms and Furniture, according to the estimate of their Benefices. The Archdeacon is ordered to make the Archbishop's Letter and the rate made known to every beneficed Minister with all speed, and that straightway charge every one of them to provide men, horses, armour and furniture according to the rate assigned to them, and to return a certificate to the Bishop before 20, July. On account of the lesser valuation of some benefices he has thought it good to "join sometye two several men for provision of one furniture." From Hadham. John London. Received 4, July, 1588. Tho. Rokett.
74. [26, JUNE, 1588.]—In the Archdeaconry of St. Albans.
 Mr. Hutchenson, Archdeacon of St. Albans, Parson of St. Buttolphs without Bushopsgate, and Vicar of Hutton, 1 corslet furnished, 1 callyver furnished.
 Mr. Williams, parson of St. Albans, 1 corslet furnished.
 Mr. Underne, parson of Barnett, 1 petronell furnished.
 Mr. Scott, parson of Bushye, 1 petronell furnished.
 Mr. Lewes, vicar of Langley Abbatis, 1 muskett furnished.
 Mr. Wytherhed, vicar of St. Michaelles, 1 corslett furnished.
 Mr. Spendlowe, vicar of Redborne, 1 corslett furnished.
 Mr. Chaffonte, vicar of Rickmansworth, one petronell or corslett at my Lord's appointment, furnished.
 Mr. Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephens, 1 callyver furnished.
 Mr. Watsam, vicar of Watford, 1 petronell furnished.
 Mr. Amerye, vicar of Codicote, 1 calyver furnished.
 Mr. Bowton, vicar of Granborowe, 1 black byll furnished.
 Mr. Atkyns, vicar of Horwood pva., 1 black byll furnished.
 Mr. Warren, vicar of Hexton, 1 black byll furnished.
 Mr. Jones, vicar of Ilstrye, 1 callyver furnished.
 Vicar of Norton, 1 black byll furnished.
 Vicar of Newnham, 1 black byll furnished.
 Mr. White, vicar of Northall, 1 muskett furnished.
 Vicar of St. Peters, 1 callyver furnished.
 Vicar of Ridge, 1 callyver furnished.
 Vicar of Shephall, 1 callyver furnished.
 Mr. Butler, vicar of Sarett, 1 muskett furnished.
 Vicar of Sandbridge, 1 callyver furnished.
 Vicar of Wyndslowe, 1 muskett furnished.
 Mr. Haylocke, vicar of Pawles Walden, 1 corslett furnished.

John London. Received these Letters 4, July, 1588. Tho. Rokett.

75. [26, JUNE, 1588.]—NOTE TO EVERY ARCHDEACON WHAT IS TO BE PROVIDED FOR EVERY FURNITURE.

To a Light Horse.—A good trotting gelding with a Moroco buff saddle. A Jack with sleeves skull and "skettishe" cap else a "Curett with a murrion." A light horseman's staff and a case of pistols. An arming sword, dagger and girdle.

To a Petronell on horseback.—A good trotting nag with a saddle and bridle. A Jacke or curett as aforesaid. A petronell. An arming sword, dagger and girdle.

To a Corslett.—The corslett complete, with "Bambraces tases and burgonett." A Pyke armed. An arming sword, dagger and girdle.

To a Muskett.—A musket with flask "touchboxe and murrion and reste." An arming sword dagger and girdle and flask leather.

To a Calyver.—In all things as the muskett, except the muskett rest.

To a Blacke Byll.—A Jacke or Plate Coat with sleeves and a skull and "Skottishe Capp." An arming sword dagger and girdle.

Directions to the Archdeacon for the better execution of my Lord grace his Letters and Commandment touching the provision of Armour and Furniture.

1. Every Incumbent residing on his benefice to be straitly charged to provide the Armour and Furniture imposed upon him, and the Archdeacon is to see that it is executed.
2. Where the Incumbent does not reside on his benefice, his "fermar," tythegather or factor shall receive and perform the charge imposed on the Incumbent.
3. Where the benefice shall be void the sequestrators shall receive and perform the charge, and the furniture they shall provide shall be to the use of the next Incumbent.
4. If any have more than one benefice they shall be charged with the furniture of the place where they reside.
5. When two benefices are charged with one furniture, the bigger benefice in valuation is to be charged with the horse and man, and the latter with the furniture.
6. If any benefice is left out of this certificate the Archdeacon is to make a "cess."

John London. Received these Letters 4, July, 1588. Tho. Rokett. 2 pp.

76. 14 to 18, JULY, 1588.—ORIGINAL MEMORANDA FROM THE INCUMBENTS, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF ARMOUR AND FURNITURE. 16 Documents.

(a) Mr. Williams I have been with my Lord of London at Hadham upon Saterdag being the 13 day of July after evening prayer and promised my good Lord to provide such furniture for a "bilman" with as much speed as I can to the utmost of my power. These words I did write with mine own hand in Mr. Rocatts office

- the 14 of July by me John Bowton vicar of Grenborow.
- (b) I Edward Warren vicar of Hexton being charged to provide a black bill furnished . . . and also to certify of my possession thereof do hereby certify that my poverty is such that I am not able to provide the same : submitting myself unto the pity and favour of my good Lord the Bishop of London this 15 of July 1588. By me Edward Warren.
- (c) Mr. Williams I have been at London and have provided a sufficient calliver with the furniture, and I promise you it could not have come to me in a worse time for I was bare of money yet the Queen's Majesty must and shall be served. I may this much I was willed by the "perriter" to certify you this I owe (?) 5s. commend to yr wise (?) from London this present Wednesday 17 of July 1588. Your poor brother and friend to use Robert Wood vicar of Shepall. End. To my loving friend Mr. Williams preacher at St. Albans.
- (d) I Richard Lightfoote vicar of St. Stephens have provided as I was charged a Caliver with all furniture belonging thereunto. July 18, 1588. By me Richard Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephens.
- [On the same document is a list of names of Clergy in Mr. Rockett's handwriting. They are : Lightfoote, Butler, Chalfount, Watson, Gonell, Jhones, Gosson, Spendlowe, Pratt, Wood, Lewes, Mote, Daunce, Atkyns, Amery, Bowton, Warren, Wetherhead, Haylocke, Underne, Scot, White, Smyth.]
- (e) I John Butler, vicar of Sarrat being charged with providing of a musket furnished have accordingly provided the same. In witness whereof I have put my hand July 18, 1588. By me John Butler, vicar of Sarrat.
- (f) I Tobbye Chalfount "vicker" of Rickmersworth being appointed to provide one petronell or corslett at my Lord's appointment, and not being of ability, have notwithstanding to show my good will according to my power provided a calyver furnished which I beseech his honor to accept. July 18, 1588. By me Tobbye Chalfount vicar of Rickmersworth.
- (g) Mr. Watson vicar of Watford hath provided a Calyver furnished and sent his man to St. Albans with the same to show it. My Lord of London so dispensed it him at the request of the Countess of Bedford.
- (h) I Thomas Gonnell vicar of Newnham have been with my Lord Bishop of London and showed him my case who thereupon was content that I should out of hand be provided of a black bill and "scull" which I have and that I should provide the rest with as much speed as God should make me able. In witness whereof I have set my hand per me Thomas Gonnell.
- (i) This 18 July, 1588, I Robert Daunce vicar of Wynslow in the County of Bucks being greatly indebted both to

her Majesty and to others and not able by any means to provide such armour as I was first appointed or charged with, do most humbly crave his Lordship's favour unto whom I have appealed and unto whose wisdom I have committed myself to be ordered and contented to find a black bill with so much furniture appertaining thereunto and as far as my powers will extend. By me Robert Daunce.

- (j) I would to God I were as rich in ability as in good will, for then I would rather find and provide Armour for two men then for one. But being miserably indebted, as doth appear by a supplication delivered to my Lord the 16th day of July I am most humbly to crave his Lordship's favour who hath commanded me to be ready to the utmost of my power. Per me He. Atkyns, vicar of Harwood pva.
- (k) July 18, 1588. Hughe Johnes presbeter of Idelstree am furnished of a Caliver with all things thereunto belonging. Per me Hugonem Johnes.
- (l) I Stephen Gosson vicar of Sandridge am furnished with a caliver with all furniture to it belonging in witness whereof I set to my hand. By me Stephen Gosson vicar of Sandridge.
- (m) Whereas by reason of a certain crime objected against me, I was convented before the Justices at the last Sessions, and by them adjudged either to sustain open punishment or else to resign my benefice by the latter end of this month of July, I chose rather to forego my benefice, for my profession's sake, than to incur that open infamy, whereupon I humbly crave that I may not be charged with the said furniture for this short time of mine abode. This 18th of July 1588. By me Edward Spendlowe vicar of Redborne.
- (n) Right Worshipful I certity you that according to my Lord of London's commandment I have prepared a bill with furniture thereunto belonging in readiness to my great hindrance. Nevertheless my willingness hath stretched forth itself further then my ability serveth wherefore I beseech you to accept both my willingness and readiness herein desiring you to make a note hereof that when it shall be enquired of, it may be certified readily. Thus ceasing to trouble I commit you to God desiring the Almighty to satisfy you throughout, though Jesus Christ our Lord. This 16th of July 1588. Yours to command Jhon Pratt.
- (o) My humble duty remembered unto Mr. Archdeacon. Whereas I was rated by my Lord of London to provide for Her Majesty's service one musket with the furniture, these may be to satisfy you that I have provided the same accordingly. Dated the 13 of July 1588. John Lewes, vicar of Langley.
- (p) I William Moore "vicare" of St. Peters in the town of St. Albanes being charged with a Calever furnished, have accordingly provided the same. By me Willime Moore.

77. 19, JULY, 1588.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop giving the names of the Clergy and Armour, etc., they have provided.
- Mr. Williams parson of St. Albans being appointed to provide a corslet furnished answereth that he will be provided with arms with speed as far as his ability will extend. At this present by reason of the scarcity it is now excessively dear, but the coming in of more arms is daily expected. [Note : This has been crossed out.]
- Mr. Underne hath not yet certified.
- Mr. Scott of Busshey saith that he hath provided his petronell furnished.
- Mr. Lewes of Langley hath provided a musket furnished.
- Mr. Wetherhead of St. Michaels hath certified that he is provided of a corslet.
- Mr. Spendlowe of Redborne appointed to provide a corslet furnished answereth That he being adjudged by the Justices to receive severe punishment for a crime that he was charged with hath chosen for the avoiding of the same punishment rather to resign his benefice at the end of this month, whereupon he humbly craveth that he may not be charged with the said furniture for the short time of his abode there.
- Mr. Chalfounte, vicar of Rickmersworth being appointed to provide a petronell or corslet at your Lordship's assignement, certifieth that he hath provided a calyver furnished for lack of better ability, trusting that your Lordship will accept his good will.
- Mr. Lightfoote of St. Stevens certifieth that he hath provided a calyver furnished.
- Mr. Watson of Watford certifieth that he hath provided a calyver furnished, as it pleased your Lordship afterwards to appoint him (as he saith).
- Mr. Amery vicar of Codycote, being appointed to provide a calyver furnished for his extreme poverty and age appealeth unto your Lordship's pity and favour.
- Mr. Bowton, parson of Granborow saith that he will with as much speed as may be make provision to the utmost of his power, according to the favour which your Lordship so lately granted him (as he saith).
- Mr. Atkyns of Horwood saith that he will be ready to the uttermost of his power as your Lordship did lately charge him at his being with you (as he saith).
- Mr. Warren, of Hexton, being charged with a black bill furnished certifieth that his poverty is such that he is not able to provide the same submitting himself unto the pity and favour of your Lordship.
- Mr. Jhones parson of Idelstrye hath certified that he is provided of a Calyver furnished as he was charged.
- Mr. Prat of Norton hath certified that he hath provided a black bill furnished.
- Mr. Gonnell of Newenham saith that he hath provided a black bill and "sculle," the rest your Lordship hath appointed him to provide with as much speed as God shall make him able (as he saith).

Mr. White of Northawe being charged to provide a musket furnished answereth by the report of the Apparator that he liveth upon a stipend and therefore, no more than Mr. Dyke of St. Albans, is not to be charged as other beneficed ministers, and therefore craveth that he may be also exempted.

Mr. More vicar of St. Peter's certifieth that he hath provided a caliver furnished as he was appointed.

Mr. Smyth of Ridge hath not yet certified.

Mr. Wood of Shephall that he is provided of a calyver furnished as he was appointed.

Mr. Butler vicar of Sarat certifieth that he had provided the musket furnished as he was appointed.

Mr. Gosson vicar of Sandridge certifieth that he hath provided a calyver furnished as he was appointed.

Mr. Daunce vicar of Wynslo being first appointed to provide a musket furnished, answereth that sithence he hath been with your Lordship unto whom (as he saith) he opened his poor estate, and committed himself to be ordered, and is content to find a black bill with furniture thereunto as far as his power will extend.

Mr. Haylocke of Powles Walden being appointed to provide a corslet furnished said that he hath been at London to provide himself thereof, but because it was excessively dear, he hath yet made stay, referring himself either to your Lordship's favourable mitigation of his charge, or else to give him some longer time that he may provide himself at the best hand for the ease of his charge.

Mr. Blanchard of Abbots Aston was not rated with the rest.

78. 20, JULY, 1588.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites a Letter from the Archbishop, dated Lambeth, 10, July, 1588, directing Public Prayers to be held in all Parishes, and prescribing "a booke upon the lyke occasions penned to be newlye printed with some additions." The Archdeacon is directed to have a special care with the Churchwardens that they cause their parishioners to come to Church of every family some; for the Ministers do complain that they are many times at Church to say prayers, and not one present to hear them. The Ministers, if they are Preachers, are to be urged to make some exhortation every week at the time of those prayers, not using any fasts not allowed by the Book of Common Prayer. Strait charge is to be given to the Ministers that they have not above one Sermon on any one day, "nor that anye doe resorte from their one parrishe Church to here prechers in other places," which hath heretofore bred a great contempt amongst the ministry, and therefore was by the Archbishop, and other Commissioners forbidden the last Lent. The Bishop has caused to be delivered with the Letter as many books as are needed for the Archdeaconry, and the Officers are to receive the money for them and to repay the same to Mr. Bishopp the printer in Pawles Churchyard. From Hadham. John London.

[A note in Thos. Rokett's hand gives the receipt of the Letter and Book, 20, July, 1588, and gives the title thus :—"A fourme

of prayer necessary for the present tyme and state. Imprinted at London by the (?) of Christofer Barker printer to the Queenes most excellent majesty. 1588."]

79. 28, JULY, 1588.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop, dated 29, July (*sic.*), 1588. Being given to understand by Letters from the Privy Council, dated 20, July, that her Highness is pleased to have such horsemen, whether demi-lances, light horsemen, or petronels, as are provided by the Clergy, to be attendant upon her own royal person, the Bishop is directed to take order that the men and horses appointed in the Diocese be forthwith put in such readiness, that upon an hour's warning they may set forward towards the Court, to be afterwards led and governed by some discreet gentlemen about her Majesty, of birth, valour, known honesty and known martial service, for their leaders. The Archdeacon is ordered to cause his Apparitor to deliver letters to every one in the Archdeaconry who is charged with the demilance, light horse or petronel, to hold themselves in readiness according to the Archbishop's Letter. An answer to be returned to the Palace in London forthwith. London. John London.

Following on the same page is Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary, dated, Richmond, 24, July, 1588, setting forth that if any of the Clergy be willing to be eased of the charge of his horse and furniture with payment of money, Sir John Norris hath made an offer to the Council that if the clergy will convert their charges into money, he will discharge them at half the charge it doth usually cost; and where a light horse with the furniture is esteemed worth at 24*l.*, he will take 12*li.* He makes this offer because he hath store of horses in the City; and the Lords of the Council know that it is a hard matter for the Clergy to find good horses at this time. The Archbishop is desired to communicate the same to the Clergy. Sir John Norris promises that horsemen shall be forthcoming for the space of 12 months for the Queen's service.

Received these letters 6, August, 1588. Tho. Rokett.

80. 6, AUGUST, 1588.—MANDATE from the Archdeacon to John Grunsill, the Apparitor to repair to the undernamed Ministers and charge them that they be in such readiness of their trotting nags, men to serve on them, and petronels with the rest of the furniture belonging thereto, to attend her Majesty's royal person at an hour's warning, in accordance with the above Letters (No. 79). Broken Seal. Thomas Rokett Register. Ministers named: Mr. Underne, parson of Barnet; Mr. Scot, parson of Busshey; Mr. Chalfounte, vicar of Rickmersworth; Mr. Watson, vicar of Watford.
81. 8, AUGUST, 1588.—DRAFT LETTER. Thomas Rokett to Bishop, certifying that he has caused the Apparitor to warn Mr. Chalfounte, the parson of Barnet, the parson of Busshey and the vicar of Watford. He did meet with Mr. Chalfounte, but he could not meet with the three others, but hath left warning with strait charge at their houses with some of their family, to be in readiness as they were required. Sent by Mr. Philipps of Powles Chain. Tho. Rokett.

82. 8, AUGUST, 1588. —LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. All the Clergy who are to find men on horseback or on foot are to deliver forthwith to the Archdeacon so much money as will make a coat according to the order of Soldiers' coats, which will be 9s. at the least for every coat. The cloth being bought here, where it will be had best cheap and the coats being made uniformly for the whole Diocese of one colour and fashion they will be ready for the men when mustered. The Archdeacon is to do his best to collect the money presently, for the necessity of the time beareth no delay. The Ministers are to be persuaded to show themselves forward in this service. From my Palace in London. John London.

Postscript.—The horsemen's coats will come to a far greater charge than 9s., and must be borne by them that set them forth. Wherefore it were requisite you had some understanding by conference with the captain or leaders of other horsemen, and so made a proportion for them, according to the charge they must be at.

Received these Letters 15th August, 1589. Tho. Rokett

83. 25, NOVEMBER, 1588.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites a Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 4, November, 1588, setting forth that an offer had been made to her Majesty by Sir John Norrice and Sir Francis Drake tending to the prosecution of the late victory against the Spanish invasion. It hath pleased her Majesty to contribute towards the said enterprise, and to furnish them with a convenient number of her own ships, as also to permit them to deal with the well-affected subjects of the Realm in moving them to yield some voluntary contribution in furtherance of the intended enterprise. It is more necessary that the Clergy should show themselves above all others most forward in furthering so holy and necessary a cause, when besides the removal of the Gospel from amongst us, we should also look into the great and barbarous cruelty that was meant to have been used against all the religious and well affected subjects of the realm. The Bishop is enjoined speedily to assemble such of the Clergy as are most fit and able to persuade others to contribute to the good cause, and to appoint some to collect the benevolence of the Clergy with as little cost as may be. Sir Francis Drake doth promise, that if the journey prosper the money shall be repaid again with advantage. The Archdeacon is ordered to forthwith call together six or ten of the Clergy of the better sort and move them to put in execution the Archbishop's Letter, and to make a return of the contribution before the 31 December. From Fulham. John London. Received these Letters 4, October, 1588.
84. 5, NOVEMBER, 1588.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites a Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop dated Lambeth, 4, November 1588. Upon consideration of the great and special favour of GOD shown in the overthrow of great preparations and forces set forth by the King of Spain this last summer with a most malicious intent to invade the Realm, her Majesty hath found some fault that there hath as yet been no Public Prayer

and general Thanksgiving ordained for so rare benefits; and hath signified by Letters from the Privy Council for order to be given throughout the Province, that on the 29 day of November, being Tuesday, there shall be a general concurrence of all the people in the Realm in repairing to their Parish Churches, and giving public thanks. The Bishop is required to see that the same is performed in his Diocese, and to cause all Preachers in their Sermons upon that day to declare unto the people the wonderful mercies of God in the said overthrow of our enemies; the particulars whereof they may understand by such pamphlets as have been published of late touching the success of the Spanish Navy. In the places where there are no Preachers to provide as much as may be for Sermons to be had, A general ringing of Bells, singing of Psalms and all other external signs of joy and thanksgiving are enjoined. The Archdeacon is directed to see that the same is carried out in the Archdeaconry, and in places where no Preachers be, he is to draw those Preachers who have no special charge to those Parishes which want Preachers. From my Palace in London. John London.

85. 5, NOVEMBER, 1588.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. In the Synod assembled 2, December, 1586, it was thought fit that the Articles enclosed should be put into execution by the Bishops, although not a judicial act by the authority of Convocation. It will be looked for at the next Parliament how the Articles have been used, and the Canons agreed upon 18, November, 1584, have been observed. I should have had from your Lordship a certificate every year. These are to require your Lordship to certify me how many since the year 1584 have been admitted by your Lordship to the ministry or to any benefice of Ecclesiastical preferment, and how they be admitted and in all respects qualified; how many of them are Preachers and by whom allowed. Although it may be that for some years the certificate has been sent yet I pray your Lordship spare me from the care of finding the same. From Lambeth. Jo. Cantuar. I pray your Lordship send unto me this certificate perfectly and particularly done; it is but the labour of your Register. Received these Letters 4, December, 1588. Tho. Rokett.
86. [5, NOVEMBER, 1588.]—ORDERS for the better increase of Learning in the inferior Ministers and for more Diligent Preaching and Catechizing.
1. Every Minister having cure, and being under the degree of Master of Arts or Bachelor of Law and not licensed to be a public Preacher, before the 2nd February next is to provide a Bible, Bullinger's Decades in Latin or English, and a paper book; and shall every day read over a chapter of Holy Scripture, and note the principal contents thereof in the paper book: every week he shall read over one Sermon from the Decades, and note the principal matters in the said book. Once every Quarter within a fortnight before or after, show his notes to some Preacher, assigned for that purpose.

2. The Bishop, Archdeacon or Ordinary being a public Preacher, shall appoint certain grave and learned Preachers who shall privately examine the diligence, and view the notes of the said Ministers, assignings six or seven Ministers to each Preacher that shall be next adjoining to him, so that the Ministers be not driven to travel for the exhibiting their notes more than six or seven miles. The Preachers shall certify to the Archdeacon or the Ordinary or to the Bishop himself, who perform the Exercises and how they have profited therein, and who refuse or neglect to perform the same. The Archdeacons are to signify the same to the Bishop each year about Michaelmas.
3. Such as refuse to perform the Exercises, or shall be negligent therein, and shall not after monition by the Bishop, Archdeacon or Ordinary reform himself, if he be beneficed shall be compelled thereto by Ecclesiastical censures, and if he be a Curate shall be inhibited to serve in the Jurisdiction.
4. The Bishops, Archdeacons, etc., shall carefully look that the Ministers serving cures do instruct the youth in the Catechism with additions set forth by authority. Such Ministers as by examination shall be shown of reasonable ability may by the Archdeacons and Ordinaries be permitted to expound, standing in their stalls only, the points of the said Catechism only with the additions to their parishioners, until they shall be found mete to be by the Bishop tolerated or authentically licensed to preach.
5. Such Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Law as have any Cure and are not licensed to preach, if within six months after admonition by the Bishop, Archdeacon, etc., shall not be lawfully licensed to preach by the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese or one of the Universities, shall be tied to the Exercises until they are found mete to be licensed to be Preachers.
6. Every licensed Preacher shall yearly in his own person preach twelve sermons at the least every year in the Diocese wherein his benefice doth lie, eight of which at the least shall be in his own cure. If he have two benefices he shall preach eight sermons at each of his benefices every year at the least. He shall yearly make certificate to the Bishop of every Diocese where he holds a cure between Easter and Midsummer, upon pain of the revocation of his licence.
7. The Bishop, Archdeacon, etc., with the advice or consent of the Bishop shall appoint six or more public Preachers to preach by course every Sunday in the parishes within a convenient distance from their habitation, where there is no licensed Preacher, so that there may be in every parish one Sermon at least every Quarter. The parties charged with the Cure of the said parish shall bear the charges of the dinner and horsemeat of the Preacher, and procure some

Minister near adjoining to serve his cure that day in his absence, unless he have a Curate of his own.

8. The Exercises and none other are to be publicly or privately used in every part of the Province.

87. 22, NOVEMBER, 1588.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Calls attention to the Letter of the Archbishop (No. 86), and directs that the same shall be put in execution. From my Palace in London. John London. Received these letters 4, October, 1588. Tho. Rokett.

88. 20, DECEMBER, 1588.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop. List of the Clergy and their qualifications. He certifies that the Letters of the Archbishop (No. 86) and of the Bishop (No. 87) have been put in execution.

1. The unlearned sort of Ministers were quarterly enjoined such Exercises as were appointed, which they did also quarterly perform; except two which for failing in performing their duty in that behalf were suspended, whereby there is good hope that they will become more diligent in performing that duty.

2. What Preachers have been appointed for receiving the Exercises. There were appointed to that business Mr. Roger Williams, parson of St. Albans, a bachelor of Divinity, Mr. Sterne whilst he continued vicar of Rickmersworth, a bachelor of Divinity. And after his departure from Rickmersworth were appointed Mr. Watson vicar of Watford a Master of Arts, and Mr. Wood, vicar of Shephall, all Preachers.

3 and 4. Which of the Unlearned sort have not performed their Exercises, and how they have been corrected for their negligence. There were only two, who of late failed in performing the exercises this last quarter, for the which they were suspended and it is hoped that hereafter they will not be so slack. Their names are Tobye Chalfounte, vicar of Rickmersworth, and John Prat, vicar of Norton.

5. How they have performed their Exercises.

6. How many have profited that they have been admitted to preach. Some have profited so far as may be judged by their Exercises, although not yet fit to preach. Some others have so profited that upon their due commendation unto your Lordship by divers the Preachers appointed to receive their Exercises, your Lordship directed your Letters to me, Mr. Williams, Mr. Sterne and Mr. White, minister of Northawe to suffer them to preach in their own parishes, who so do and that diligently and painfully. Their names are, Mr. Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephens, Mr. Jhones, parson of Idelstrye, Mr. Butler, vicar of Saret, Mr. Atkyns vicar of Little Horwood, and Mr. Smith whilst he continued vicar of Ridge.

7. The names, surnames, and particular state and condition of every Preacher, Lecturer, Parson, Vicar, Curate or other Minister, whether resident or not, what degree

of School, whether he be a Preacher and by whom licensed, and whether he do preach as he ought.

Within mine Archdeaconry there are only 26 Parish Churches, where are these:—

1. *St. Albons*.—Mr. Roger Williams the parson, a bachelor of Divinity, resident there, a Preacher, and doth weekly preach in his parish church.
2. *St. Peters*.—Mr. William Mores the vicar, a Master of Arts, resident there; as yet doth not preach, but intendeth shortly to practise preaching as he saith.
3. *St. Stephens*.—Mr. Lightfoote the vicar, of no degree, resident and preacheth diligently.
4. *St. Michaells*.—Mr. Thomas Wetherhead the vicar, of no degree, resident there, he is a man of 80 years or thereabouts, and never preacheth.
Mr. Dyke preacheth at St. Michaells but hath no cure, he is of no degree, he is only a deacon, and licensed to your Lordship as he saith.
5. *Rickmersworth*.—Mr. Tobye Chalfonte the vicar, of no degree of Schools, resident there, he is no Preacher.
6. *Busshey*.—Mr. Richard Scot the parson, of no degree of School, resident upon his parsonage, he is no Preacher.
Mr. Thomas Atterby a Master of Arts preacheth at Busshey.
- 7 and 8. *Chipping Barnet and Est Barnet*.—Mr. Edward Undern the parson, a Bachelor of Arts, resident there, he is a Preacher and doth practise the same diligently [“diligently” has been erased.]
9. *Wynslo*.—Mr. Robert Daunce the vicar, is of no degree of School, he is resident there, no Preacher.
10. *Aston Abbots*.—Mr. Thomas Blanchard the vicar is a Bachelor of Divinity, he is resident there, he is a Preacher and doth practise his preaching.
11. *Little Horwood*.—Mr. Henry Atkyns the vicar, is of no degree of School, he is resident and preacheth by your Lordship's licence.
12. *Granborow*.—Mr. Fulke Owen the vicar, a Bachelor of Arts, is resident and very lately inducted, no Preacher so far as I know.
13. *Norton*.—Mr. John Prat the vicar, is of no degree of School, he is resident but is no Preacher.
14. *Newenham*.—Mr. Thomas Gonell the vicar is a Bachelor of Arts, he is resident and no Preacher.
15. *Hexton*.—Mr. Edward Warren the vicar is of no degree of School, he is resident, an old sickly man, and no Preacher.
16. *Northawe*.—Mr. William White the minister is a Bachelor of Divinity, he is resident, and doth practise his preaching.
17. *Walden*.—Mr. William Haylocke, the vicar is a Bachelor of Arts, he is resident there and no Preacher.
18. *Shephall*.—Mr. Robert Wood the vicar is of no degree of School, he is resident, and a Preacher allowed, and doth preach.

19. *Idelstrye*.—Mr. Hughe Jhones the parson is resident, he is a Bachelor of Arts, and preacheth diligently.
20. *Sarat*.—Mr. John Butler the vicar is resident, he is of no degree of School, but preacheth.
21. *Codycote*.—Mr. John Amery the vicar is resident, he is a very old man, of no degree of School, nor Preacher.
22. *Langley Abbotts*.—Mr. John Lewes the vicar is resident, he is no graduate but a Preacher licensed, and doth preach.
23. *Watford*.—Mr. Anthony Watson the vicar a Master of Arts, is resident and a Preacher, and preacheth diligently.
24. *Sandridge*.—Mr. Stephen Gosson the vicar is a Bachelor of Arts, he is resident and a Preacher.
25. *Redborne*, void of an Incumbent.
26. *Ridge*, void of an Incumbent.
- “Your dutyfull Chaplayne Willm. Huchenson, Archdeacon of St. Albans.” 4 pp.

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89. 3, MAY, 1589.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter of Archbishop to Bishop, dated, Lambeth, 2, May, 1589. Your Lordship is not ignorant of the great and worthy enterprise of Sir John Norrys and Sir Frauncys Drake now in action to the glory of God and the singular benefit of His Church. I think it good to move your Lordship to take diligent care that in every Parish Church in the Diocese Public Prayers be had according to the order of the Book and according to former Orders, at least thrice in every week. The Archdeacon is required to make the Archbishop's Letter known in every parish in the Archdeaconry to the Minister and Churchwardens enjoining him to use his diligence in public prayers, and the people to give diligent attendance in joining hearts and hands to God for the prosperous success of so good a service, and to admonish the Minister once in the week at least to preach that the people may be stirred up to prayer and fasting according to their Christian devotion. From my Palace at London. John London.
90. 5, MAY, 1589.—MANDATE. Archdeacon to Apparitor John Grynseil, directing him to repair to all the Ministers in the Archdeaconry and show to them the Letters of the Archbishop and Bishop (No. 89), charging them to put the same in execution; charging also the Churchwardens to diligently observe and note whether their Ministers do diligently perform their duty therein, and that they make presentment if their Ministers be negligent or careless therein, at the next Quarterly presentment. They are to give due consideration of your pains and travel, which if they do not admonish them to appear at St. Albons before mine Official, Mr. Williams, in the Parish Church there on Thursday 22, May next. St. Albons. Seal (broken).
91. 22, SEPTEMBER, 1589.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites a Letter from the Privy Council, dated 20, September, setting forth that it has pleased her Majesty to send a learned and discreet Preacher to accompany the soldiers sent out of London

to join the forces in France, and that an allowance shall be made to the said Preacher of 20s. a day for the time he shall be with them, which sum is to be contributed by the Clergy of the Diocese, 30*li.* of which is to be delivered to him in hand for the first month's pay. The Archdeacon is to call together all the beneficed Clergy and Lecture Readers and make known to them the said Letter, and by consent of some of the graver sort of the Preachers cause an easy rate of 3d. in the pound to be raised according as their livings are valued in the Subsidy Book, and the money delivered to the Bishop at Fulham. The Preacher is required to be embarked on the 24, May, at the appointment of Lord Willowbie, Lord General of the Forces in France. The collection is to be so made, that if the forces are absent longer than a month there may be sufficient for the maintenance of the Preacher. The amount every man pays is to be certified, and also the names of those who refuse to contribute. From my Palace at London. John London.

92. 30, SEPTEMBER, 1589.—MANDATE from the Archdeacon to the Apparitor ordering him to cite all Beneficed Clergy and Lecture Readers in the Archdeaconry to appear in the Parish Church of St. Albons on Thursday, 16, October, between nine and eleven in the forenoon, for the payment of certain sums of money to be employed in her Majesty's service. They are directed to bring with them so much money as a rate of 3d. in the pound on their benefices will amount to. Seal (broken).
93. 2, DECEMBER, 1589.—LETTER. Privy Council to Bishops. Her Majesty is advertised by a qualified person sent hither from the town of Geneva that the Duke of Savoy having often heretofore attempted in vain to surprize and take the said town, taking advantage of the divisions in France, hath for the space of these three months stopped all the passages and blocked the town on every side, meaning by taking away from them all access of victuals, to possess the town. The town hath for many years brought forth learned and zealous men that have done good service in advancing the glory of God and in preaching the gospel; and being now reduced to extremity, the town is driven to have recourse and refuge unto other Princes and nations that make a profession of true religion. None ought to be more ready and willing to succour and relieve them "than we in respect of the favor and Courtesey our Countrey men fownde in that Towne in the time of the late prsecution in this Realm." The clergy of ability in the Diocese are to be persuaded "to spare some part of those blessings wherewith God hath endowed them towards the succour of their poor distressed brethren." Her Majesty hath no meaning that there should be anything exacted of such as are not moved with Christian compassion, but doubts not that the contribution shall be brought to pass by such grave and good means as the Bishop shall think fit to be used. Chr. Hatton, chancellor; H. Hunsdon, Fra. Knollys, Fra. Walsingham, W. Burleigh, W. Cobham, James Crofte, Jo. Parrott, C. Howard, T. Buckhurst, T. Hennage, Jo. Wolley.

94. 27, DECEMBER, 1589.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth,* 1589, sets forth that the Queen for the benefit and encouragement of the good services of Mr. Timothy Brighte, doctor of physic, to grant letters patent to him to print by his assigns all such books as he shall devise or abridge. Since which time he hath very laudably travailed as well in new devising and revising some arts that many ages together have been lost, as the art of *Characterie*, and contriving likewise of new books of his own; also in abridging those great and worthy volumes of the Acts and Monuments of the Church, first penned by Mr. Fox, for the behoof of such as either through want of leisure to peruse or ability to buy those great volumes have no use of that notable history. So that this his book so abridged, and containing briefly the effect of all the histories of this Church, and the worthy constancy of all the martyrs in testimony of the truth, is very "behooffull" to be bought of most sort of men that are able. It is but small in price yet of great worth, and the author himself of great sufficiency in good learning, and worthy to be encouraged. Therefore as one most willing to set forward her Majesty's gracious disposition towards him, with the profiting of as many as shall be willing with the expense but of 5s. for every several book, ready bound up in paste and clasped to buy so great good to themselves, I have thought it good to make known to your Lordship mine opinion of him, and of his said books, desiring your Lordship by your Chancellor, Archdeacons, etc., when opportunity shall offer to recommend the same to the Clergy and Laity in your Diocese. And that he may be certified how many shall be needful at any one time to be sent, and such as dwell far off and are willing to buy them at the price abovesaid, be not troubled to fetch them, I would wish that such as will have any of them should set down their names with your Lordship's Registrar or Archdeacon, and they with convenient speed by their letters to certify Dr. Brighte himself, at St. Bartholomew's by Smithfield in London, or Mr. Hartewell my Secretary. Your Lordship is prayed to signify whom you have appointed in your Diocese to receive the books when they shall be sent, and return the money to Dr. Brighte. The Bishop in respect of the good which is like thereby to come to the Church of England by having one of the books specified in every Minister's house, desires the Archdeacon most earnestly to persuade the Ministers and Preachers to buy "into every their houses" one of these books for the use of their family and also that in every parish the Churchwardens may be drawn to have one of them to place in their church for such as shall come into the church to read upon; And for the inferior sort of Ministers who be no Preachers, or such as be not public Preachers they should be urged to have one of them to exercise themselves therein, both to their own benefit, and the benefit of their charges. The Register is to be appointed to receive the books and the money for Dr. Brighte. The Letters are sent at this time because about this time the Visitations or Synods are

* The day and the month omitted.—H.R.W.H.

usually held, when most of the Ministers and Churchwardens do appear. From my Palace in London. John London.

95. 8, JANUARY, 1589.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Letters have been received from the Privy Council for some relief to be had amongst the Clergy of the pitiful state of the distressed town of Geneva. The poor town had not this last summer any harvest at all, nor in effect any for the last two or three years, by reason of the often pillages and incursions made by the Duke of Savoy, In the former distress of the town, some years past, though it were nothing so grievous as now, it pleased God for their comfort to open the hearts of many in this realm unto a liberal commiseration. The Bishop is desired to make known the contents of the Letters from the Privy Council and the Archbishop to the Clergy of the Diocese, and to deal with the Dean and Chapter, and make choice of some special Clergy to collect the contributions and to persuade others thereto, and to make return of the same to Lambeth. The Bishop is also to make the contents known to the other Bishops of the Province. From Lambeth. Jo. Cantuar.
96. 10, JANUARY, 1589.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. He is to take order for the execution of the Letters of the Privy Council and the Archbishop for the relief of Geneva. He is to call to his assistance two or three of the Clergy, and such money as shall be received is to be sent to the Register with a catalogue of the names of those who have contributed, and of such as shall neglect to do so. From my Palace in London. John London.
97. 4, MARCH, 1589.—LETTER. Privy Council to Bishop. In the year 1588, at such time as the King of Spain made great preparation for the invading of this Realm, the Bishops and Clergy did voluntarily offer to furnish certain troops and bands of horsemen and footmen. As the enemy continues his malace and doth arm and make new preparations, her Majesty has thought good to put in readiness the forces. The Bishop is required to give order that such numbers of horsemen and footmen as were then furnished by the Clergy shall be again put in readiness, sorted with weapons and armour, and that a view may be taken of them. The forces are not to be taken out of trained and enrolled bands, but are to be an augmentation of the forces. From the Court at Greenwich. Christopher Hatton, chancellor Henry Hunsdon, Francis Walsingham, Willm. Burley, Thomas Buckhurst, John Wolley, Charles Howard, Francis Knowles, J. Fortescue. Received these Letters 11, March, 1589. Tho. Rokett.
98. 6, MARCH, 1589.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop desiring him to take order for the provision of Arms and Armour by the Clergy as in the year 1588. The number of horses especially of lances are thought to be very few in your Diocese, considering the proportion that was intended to have been allotted upon Clergymen the last Parliament, which we promised to perform without compulsion when need should arise. It is greatly misliked that we which are Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons and other double beneficed men, who of necessity must have horses for

ourselves and our men, are not furnished with such as are serviceable especially in these dangerous days. I heartily pray your Lordship not only to strain yourself for the better furnishing of this service, but also the rest of the Clergy of your Diocese. Public Prayers in every Parish Church are enjoined thrice in the week at least. A return is also to be furnished by the Bishop of how many Parish Churches in the Diocese are furnished with Preachers and how many are unfurnished; and also how many Preachers there are that have no benefice with cure; and how many Recusants you have remaining there. From Lambeth. Jo. Cantuar. Received these Letters 12, March, 1589. Tho. Rokett. 2 pp.

99. 8, MARCH, 1589.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. The Archdeacon is required to have due consideration of the contents of the Letters from the Privy Council (No. 97) and from the Archbishop (No. 98), and to cause the Apparitor to signify to every one in the Archdeaconry charged with a demilance, light horse, or petronell on horseback, that they have the same in readiness, and make show of them when they shall be called, that they may be found furnished in all respects as they were in the year 1588. Certificate is to be made to the Bishop before the last day of the month. From Fulham. John London. Received these Letters 11, March, 1589. Tho. Rokett.
100. 13, MARCH, 1589.—MANDATE. Archdeacon to Apparitor to warn the Clergy noted on an annexed schedule to have in readiness all such furniture of horses and armour for which they are severally rated, with men to use and wear the same, who must not be of those who are already of the enrolled and trained bands, as in the year 1588. He is likewise to charge them that Public Prayers are to be held in the Parish Churches at least thrice a week, according to the order taken at the last intended invasion, until further direction is given. He is to certify his having done so by 28, March. Seal (broken).
101. MARCH, 1589.—A NOTE OF THE DAVES OF THE WARNING of every man under written to be in a readiness with such arms as he was charged with.
 Mr. Williams 14th day, Mr. Morese 14th, Mr. Wetherhead 15th, Mr. Lightfoote 15th, Mr. Underne 16th, Mr. White 16th, Mr. Neale 16th, Mr. Wattesonne 17th, Mr. Scot 14th, Mr. Edmonde 17th, Mr. Stenge 18th, Mr. Butler 17th, Mr. Lewes 20th, Mr. Wylde Bloude 17th, Mr. Gossonne 14th, Mr. Amere 19th, Mr. Woode 16th, Mr. Gonnell 16th, Mr. Prate 16th, Mr. Warren 16th, Mr. Helocke 16th, Mr. Blanchard 18th, Mr. Falke Owen 18th, Mr. Daunce 18th, Mr. Atkyns 18th.
102. 13, MARCH, 1589.—THE RATE AND PROPORTION OF FURNITURE FOR SERVICE APPOINTED TO EVERY THE SEVERAL MINISTERS WITHIN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF ST. ALBONS.
 1. Mr. Underne parson of Barnet, Mr. Edmond's vicar of Rickmersworth, Mr. Scot parson of Busshey, Mr. Watson vicar of Watford, One Petronell furnished: that is to say, a good trotting nag with saddle and

- bridle, a jack with sleeves, skull and Scottish cap, or else a curret with a murrion, and a man to wear them.
2. Mr. Williams parson of St. Albons, Mr. Wetherhead, vicar of St. Michael's, Mr. Wyldeblood vicar of Redborne, Mr. Haylocke vicar of Powles Walden, One Corslet furnished; that is to say, the corslet complete with the vambraces, tases and burgonet. A pyke armed, an arming sword, dagger and girdle, and a man to wear them.
 3. Mr. Lewes vicar of Langley, Mr. White minister of Northaw, Mr. Butler, vicar of Saret, Mr. Daunce, vicar of Wynslo, One musket furnished; that is to say a musket with flask touchbox and murrion and rest. An arming sword dagger and girdle and flask leather, and a man to wear them.
 4. Mr. Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stevens, Mr. Amery vicar of Codycote, Mr. Stringe parson of Idelstry, Mr. Moore vicar of St. Peters, Mr. Neale curate of Ridge, Mr. Wood vicar of Shephall, Mr. Gosson, parson of Sandridge, One calyver furnished; that is to say, in all things as the musket, except the musket rest.
 5. Mr. Owen vicar of Granborow, Mr. Atkyns, vicar of Horwood, Mr. Warren vicar of Hexton, Mr. Prat, vicar of Norton, Mr. Gonell vicar of Newenham, one black byll furnished; that is to say a jack or plate coat with sleeves and a skull and Scottish cap. An arming sword, dagger, girdle, and a man to wear them.
103. Undated.—A LIST OF ARMS of various sorts : headed : London.
Lawnes iiij.
Lighthouseis xxxviij.
Pretronells lix.
Musketts cxix.
Calivers cxxiiij.
Corsletts liij.
Bowes cxviiij.
Billes lxx.

1590.

104. 4, APRIL, 1590.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop. He has received the Bishop's Letter of 8, March, 1589, and the copies of the Letters from the Privy Council and the Archbishop, and in accordance therewith has caused the Apparitor to warn all the Ministers to be in readiness with the Arms and Armour appointed to them in the year 1588, and also that they cause Public Prayers to be used in all their Churches at least thrice in the week according to the former order in 1588. There are but 26 parishes in the Archdeaconry, whereof 15 are furnished with preaching Ministers, and 11 are unfurnished, viz., St. Peter's, Busshey, Wynslo, Granborowe, Norton, Newenham, Hexton, Walden, Sarat, Codycote, and Ridge. There is one Mr. Dyke that preacheth at St. Michael's who hath no benefice. And as for Recusants I know not of any in the Archdeaconry.

105. 22, OCTOBER, 1580.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 19, October, 1580, and Letter from the Privy Council to the Archbishop, dated from Windsor 11, October, 1580. By her Majesty's orders general musters and views have been taken of all the able men with their armour and furniture, and the certificates have been returned except those of the Clergy. The Archbishop is desired to require the Bishops of the Province to see that the certificates relating to the provision of the Clergy of Arms and Armour is sent in. The Archdeacon is ordered to put the same into execution. The Certificate which was delivered to the Archbishop in June last will not now serve, by reason divers of them be dead, resigned, or gone from their livings. From my Palace at London. John London.

Written in another hand:—24, October, 1590. These letters as you see impose some haste and care, and therefore I pray you be so good as to show them to Mr. Mayor and pray him to consider what is metest for the satisfaction of her Majesty from whom these come to us. I received them late yesternight and this morning I am to ride out into Cambridgeshire and therefore I fained only to write in such manner as I do, and to pray your assist (?) and help for the execution of this (?) expected in these Letters. W. Huchenson.

Received these letters on Saturday night by the hands of Mr. Williams. 24 October 1590. 2 pp.

106. 26, OCTOBER, 1590.—MANDATE. Archdeacon to Apparitor, to warn the Clergy to have in readiness all such furniture of men and armour for service as in the schedule they are rated at, with men to use the same, at St. Albans in a certain place there called Romeland on Wednesday the 18th day of November.

107. Undated.—LIST OF THE PARISHES with a note against each, apparently of the day of the Apparitor's visit.

Barnet vj day of No. ; Rickmansworth Bushey and Watford, 30 Oct. ; Mr. Williams of St. Albans, St. Michael's ; Redborne x day Nov. ; Walden and Langley 30 Oct. ; Northawe, 2 Nov. ; Saret 30 Oct. ; Winsloe xi Nov. ; St. Stephans 30 Oct. ; Codycote ix Nov. ; Idelstrye 31 Oct. ; St. Peters xxviiij Oct. ; Ridge 2 Nov. ; Shepall ix Nov. ; Sandridge ix. Nov. ; Granborough xi Nov. ; Horwood xi Nov. ; Hexton iij Nov. ; Norton and Newenham iiij Nov.

108. 26, OCTOBER, 1590.—THE RATE AND PROPORTION OF FURNITURE . . . APPOINTED TO THE MINISTERS WITHIN THE ARCHDEACONRY.

1. Mr. Underne parson of Barnet ; Mr. Edmondes vicar of Rickmersworth ; Mr. Scot parson of Busshey ; Mr. Watson vicar of Watford, one petronell furnished ; that is to say a good trotting nag with saddle and bridle ; a jack with sleeves, skull, and Scottish cap, or else a curet with a murrion, and a man to wear them. A piece called a petronell, an arming sword, dagger and girdle.

are. and therefore I pray as you see impose some haste and c

2. Mr. Williams parson of St. Albans, * vicar of St. Michaelles; Mr. Wilblode vicar of Redborne; Mr. Haylocke vicar of Pauls Walden, one corslet furnished; that is to say, the corslet complete with vambraces taces and burgonet; a pike armed, an arming sword, dagger and girdle, and a man to wear them.
3. Mr. Lewes vicar of Langley; Mr. White minister of Northawe; Mr. Butler vicar of Saret; Mr. Favor vicar of Winsloe; one musket furnished; that is to say a musket with flask, touchbox, murrion and rest; an arming sword, dagger and girdle, flaskleather, and a man to wear them.
4. Mr. Lightfote vicar of St. Stephens; Mr. Amery vicar of Codycote; Mr. Stringe parson of Idelstrye; Mr. Moore vicar of St. Peters; Mr. Neale, curate of Ridge; Mr. Wood vicar of Shepall; Mr. Gosson vicar of Sandridge, one calyver furnished; that is to say, in all things as the musket, except the musket rest.
5. Mr. Owen, vicar of Granboroughe; Mr. Atkyns vicar of Little Horwood; Mr. Warren, vicar of Hexton; Mr. Pratt vicar of Norton; Mr. Gonell vicar of Newenham, one black bill furnished; that is to say, a jack or plate coat with sleeves, skull and Scottish cap, an arming sword, dagger and girdle, and a man to wear them.

* No entry.—H.R.W.H.

109. Undated.—ORIGINAL MEMORANDA SIGNED BY THE CLERGY RELATING TO THE ARMS THEY HAVE READY.

- (a) I John Lewes vicar of Abbotts Langley am furnished of a muskett well furnished according to my charge by me Johone Lewis.
- (b) Richard Lightfoote minister and vicar of St. Stephens as heretofore I have done that I am provided of a calyver with all the furniture according as I am charged. By me Ri. Lightfoot.
- (c) Mr. Butler, vicar of Sarrett is provided of a musket well furnished.
- (d) I Fulke Owen vicar of Greneborough have provided towards my charge an arming sword dagger and girdle the rest will I provide as soon as I am able God willing. By me Fulcone Owen.
- (e) I Thomas Neale have presented a calyver with some furniture being a curate of Ridge; viz. flask and touchbox. By me Thoma Neale.
- (f) Edward Underne parson of Barnet hath in readiness a jack with sleeves, a skull, a Scottish cap, a piece called a peternell, an arming sword and a dagger. These shall at all times be at an hour's warning. Other furniture hath he none, neither is able to have any. The value in the Queen's Book is 22*li*. The cause why it was so valued is this: The parson had let it out at that rate when the living was first valued, so he served the cure himself. And being found to be so let out it was so valued. The parson is charged with serving of two

cures, the churches being 2 miles asunder. And for lack of sight not able to serve either is forced to find 2 ministers. There is not any house belonging to the living. The place is a most chargable place to dwell in. Edward Underne now parson by furnishing and erecting of a School is greatly indebted. In consideration of the premises he craveth all lawful favour and yet willing to serve to the uttermost of his power. Edward Underne.

- (g) Right honourable my duty in most humble wise remembered. It may please your honour to be advertised that whereas by your Lord's appointment I am charged to make provision of a calyver furnished So it is (as knoweth God) my good Lord that I am a very old man of the age of fourscore and sixteen and my benefice not worth by the year at the uttermost ten pounds by reason whereof in this my impotent old age I live in extreme poverty being not able to provide such necessaries as are now required for my sustenance. The premises considered it may please your good Lord to have pity and compassion of this my poor and impotent age And to take such order as I may no further stand charged with the provision of the said furniture. And your Lordship's poor orator shall for ever during his life pray for the prosperous state of your good Lordship. John Amery.
- (h) 18, November, 1590. Sir whereas my predecessor hath been charged with a musket furnished I am most humbly to crave your favour whereas you know Mr. Daunce was not able to find himself much less to find anything for the good of the commonwealth. Notwithstanding although sheep are gone from places where my greatest gain did arise according to your worship's summons and beyond mine ability I am willing and so am provided to serve her Majesty with a calyver furnished which God willing I will perform either in mine own person or by some other. I beseech your worship intreat my Lord thereunto and so I commit you now to God. Yours at command, Philip Favor.
- (i) 17, November, 1590. Mr. Mayor I have sent a man with my furniture as was appointed. Heartily craving you . . . that my not coming be no way hurtful unto me. I would gladly have been there myself saving for that occasion which this bearer can testify and yourself do partly understand already thus with my very hearty commendations I leave you to the blessed direction of the Holy Ghost yours most assured John Stringe.
- (j) 18 (?), November, 1590. Thomas Gonnell, vicar of Newenham doth certify that I have in a readiness a black bill a jack a skull a Scottish cap a sword and a dagger, but as for a man I have none; and this to be true I have set my hand. By me Thomas Gonnell.
- (k) 18, November, 1590. These are to certify that I Roger Williams parson of St. Albanes am furnished of a

corslet and burgonet and of the pike, sword, dagger, and sword girdle I will be further also provided. By me Roger Williams.

- (l) 18, November, 1590. Mr. Archdeacon it hath pleased God to visit me with some sickness by reason whereof I am now in physic and cannot without danger be at the Court to bring in my Armour notwithstanding as I was appointed to a calyver so I have provided it long since and have it here at home in my house. Thus desiring your worship to hold me excused for my absence I commit you to God. From Sandridge. Yours in the Lord. S. Gosson.
- (m) 18, November, 1590.—Robert Wood vicar of Shepall do certify that he have in a readiness a calyver furnished and as for a man I have none and this to be true I have set to my hand. Robertus Wood.
- (n) 18, November, 1590. These etc. . . I Richard Scott parson of Bushey . . . have here in readiness and hereafter shall be a good trotting nag with saddle and bridle, a jack with sleeves, skull and Scottish cap a piece called a pettornell, arming sword dagger and girdle and a man to wear them. Rychard Scott.
- (o) 18, November, 1590. William Moore vicar of St. Peters have here shewed a man with a calyver a flak and touchbox, a murrione, an arming sword and dagger furnished, and they shall be at all times in readiness. W. Moore.
- (p) 16, November, 1590. I commend me to your worship with hope of your good health. . . The cause of my writing . . . I am commanded to be at St. Albans the 18th of this month. . . I cannot for I am sick and have been so this 10 weeks and have not been able in all this time to go abroad, and God knoweth whether ever I shall. As concerning the furniture which I am appointed there to show . . . I had the like commandment about 2 years now past, at which time I went unto my Lord of London being then as now far unable to do it and made my state then known unto his Lordship, beseeching him to consider of the same, And also showed his Lordship his Lordship's letters to the Ministers in Middlesex to crave their benevolence, being then as now in great debt, and my benefice nothing by reason of the rot which came amongst sheep. . . My Lord commanded me to go to St. Albans and there set down what I was able to buy, and his Lordship would talk with my Lord's Grace concerning me and other poor ministers. I went to St. Albans and there set down that I would buy a black bill only which was more then and is now than I am able to do, considering my great charge of 5 or 6 children, the smallness of my living which hath not been this 5 years 5*li.* a year, and the great debts I am in. . . I beseech your worship even for God's cause to stand my good friend, for my case is most

hard and harder than I can make it known, but this I say, and God is my witness I lie not, provision for me and mine I have none, nor yet . . . silver or gold to buy bread or other food to put in our bellies, my maintenance this year hath been preaching here and there now and then with my worshipful good friends. Therefore I doubt not that my Lord's grace, my Lord and your worship will all others that fear God will consider my case, being of good life and conversation, and one that serveth the Lord. . . Commending you to the Almighty . . . with a weak body a faint heart and a frail hand. . . . He. Atkyns.

110. 26, NOVEMBER, 1590.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop. He has caused the Apparitor to charge the Clergy to be in readiness with such Arms men and horses as was appointed them in the year 1588, and to make show thereof at St. Albans on the 18th day of November. Mr. Underne parson of Barnett being charged with a petronell hath certified that he hath a jack etc. and that he hath no other furniture, neither is able to have any. Mr. Edmonds, vicar of Rickmersworth, being likewise charged with a petronell, hath furnished only a calyver furnished with a man. Mr. Scott parson of Bushey hath showed a good trotting nag and a bridle etc. etc. and a man to wear them. Mr. Watson vicar of Watford being charged with a petronell hath showed only a calyver furnished. Mr. Williams parson of St. Albans being charged with a corslet furnished, hath provided a corslet and burgonet and hath certified that he will forthwith provide a pike, etc. St. Michaells, vacant. Mr. Wildblode vicar of Redborne being charged with a corslet etc. hath neither showed any nor certified anything. Mr. Haylocke vicar of Paules Walden, charged with a corslet etc. hath here showed a musket very well furnished in his own person. Mr. Lewes vicar of Abbots Langley hath according to his charge, shown a musket very well furnished in his own person. Mr. White minister of Northawe being charged with a muskett neither showed nor certified anything. Mr. Butler vicar of Sarrett, being charged with a musket etc. hath showed the same well furnished by his son. Mr. Favor vicar of Winsloe being charged with a musket, hath certified that he is willing to provide a calyver furnished, which he will perform either in his own person or by some other. Mr. Lightfoote vicar of St. Stephens, charged with a calyver etc. hath in his own person showed the same well furnished. Mr. Amery vicar of Codycote, being of the age of fourscore and sixteen years, charged with a calyver etc., hath sent a humble petition to your Lordship, manifesting his age and extreme poverty, alleging that his benefice is not yearly worth 10*li.* by reason whereof he is not able to provide his own necessary sustenance, and desires your Lordship to relieve him of that charge. Mr. Stringe parson of Idelstrey charged with a calyver etc. hath by his man showed the same. Mr. More vicar of St. Peters likewise charged, hath showed by his man a calyver etc. Mr. Neale curate of Ridge, charged with a calyver, hath in his own person showed a calyver with a flask and touchbox only. Mr.

Wood vicar of Shephall, charged with a calyver, etc., certified that he hath provided a calyver, but he hath no man. Mr. Gosson vicar of Sandridge, charged with a calyver etc. hath certified that he is provided with the same. Mr. Owen vicar of Granboroughe, charged with a black bill etc. hath certified that he is provided of an arming sword dagger and girdle, and that he will provide the rest so soon as he is able. Mr. Atkyns vicar of Little Horwood, charged with a black bill etc., hath certified that he is provided of a black bill only. Mr. Warren vicar of Hexton, charged with a black bill etc. hath neither showed nor certified anything. Mr. Pratt, vicar of Norton, charged with a black bill etc. hath certified that he is so provided. Mr. Gonnell vicar of Newenham, charged with a black bill etc. hath certified that he is so furnished, but that he is not provided of a man.

111. — 1590.—CERTIFICATE by Mr. Archdeacon of St. Albans touching the provision of arms and men by the Clergy with his Archdeaconry. [A list of the Parishes and Clergy and the Furniture with which they are charged.]

1591.

112. 16, APRIL, 1590-1 (*sic.*)—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Letters having been received from the Archbishop setting forth that the city of Geneva hath been long besieged by the Duke of Savaldia and other enemies of the Gospel, to the end that that city from whom the propagation of the gospel hath come to all Christendom, utterly to be subverted and brought to destruction. A collection hath been made amongst the clergy here in England for their relief and it is now thought convenient that the like should be moved unto the laity by the Preachers and Ministers of every Parish. The Archdeacon is directed to take order thereon in every Parish. The collection of every Parish is to be noted by the Minister and with the money certified to the Bishop's Register with all convenient speed. From my Palace by Paules in London. John London.

1592.

113. 17, DECEMBER, 1592.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Croydon, 8, December, 1592, setting forth that the Privy Council has directed that all the Justices of Peace shall take the Oath of obedience to her Majesty. The Archbishop advises that upon the next Court day the Bishop shall give order to the Chancellor, Commissaries, Archdeacons, Officials, Proctors and Registers to take the like oath, with inhibition to those that shall refuse the same, or shall not be present to take it. Order, that at the next Court the Archdeacon is himself in his own person to take the oath, and after him the Officials, the Register and their substitutes, all the clerks of the Court, Proctors and other inferior ministers of the court. All who refuse or absent themselves are to be inhibited and certified to the Bishop at the Consistory in Powles 23, January. From Fulham. John London.

114. 8, JANUARY, 1592.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Hampton, 8, January, 1592, setting forth that it is the Queen's pleasure that the Bishop shall deliver to the Archbishop before the beginning of Parliament a certificate of all the Ministers beneficed or serving cures in the Diocese, their names, degrees in schools, their learning and conversation, whether they be Preachers or not, of what tolerable learning they are of or otherwise, which of them you yourself have admitted and in what year, for it is said "that there are as unmete ministers admitted since as there were before." Notwithstanding you have peradventure made some such certificate heretofore unto me, which some of the Bishops have done but not many, yet will not that serve the town, but you must again certify. Order for the Archdeacon to inform himself of the particular state of every Parson, Vicar, Preacher, Lecture reader and Curate in his jurisdiction, according to said letter. Certificate is to be sent to Mr. Blackwell, the Bishop's Register before 6, February next. From Fulham. John London.
115. 19, JANUARY, 1592.—MANDATE. Archdeacon to Apparitor, John Gynsill, to cite the Clergy to appear in the parish church St. Albans on Wednesday, 31, January, between 9 and 11 of the forenoon, bringing with them their Letters of Orders, both Deacon's and Priest's, Institutions and Inductions, Licences to preach, Licences to serve their cures, and other Licences, Dispensations and Faculties. They are also to be warned to appear at the same time and place to make choice of two clerks for the Convocation to be held in Powles Church 22, February next. List of Clergy:—
 St. Albans, Mr. Roger Williams, parson; St. Peter's, Mr. William Moore, vicar; St. Michaells, Mr. Erasmus Cooke, vicar, Mr. Humfray Wildblud, minister; St. Stephens, Mr. Richard Lightfoote, vicar; Rickmersworth, Mr. William Edmonds, vicar; Bushey, Mr. Richard Scot, parson; Chipping Barnet, Mr. Edward Graunte, D.D., Thomas Bigland, curate; East Barnet, James Barnard, curate; Wynslo, Mr. Philip Favor, vicar; Abbots Aston, Mr. Thomas Blanchard, vicar; Mr. Hughe Yarntoe (?), curate; Horwood parva, Mr. Henry Atkyns, vicar; Granborow, Mr. Fulke Owen, vicar; Norton, John Prat, vicar; Newenham, Mr. Thomas Gonnell, vicar; Hexton, Mr. Hughe Bradley, vicar; Northawe, Mr. Richard Newton, minister; Walden, Mr. William Haylocke, vicar; Shephall, Mr. Robert Wood, vicar; Idelstrye, Mr. John Stringe, parson; Saret, Mr. John Butler, vicar; Thomas Chapman, curate; Codycote, Mr. John Amery, vicar; Abbots Langley, Mr. John Lewes, vicar; Watford, Mr. Anthony Watson, vicar; Mr. Robert Prat, curate; Redborne, Mr. Rodolph Bradley, vicar; Ridge, Mr. Thomas Neale, curate; Sandridge, Mr. William Westerman, vicar. Broken Seal.
116. 22, JANUARY, 1592.—DRAFT LETTER. Thomas Rokett to Bishop. Writing for the Archdeacon he says: I have caused Mr. James Rolfe mine Official, Thomas Rokett my Register and John Gynsell mine Apparitor, Richard East and Peter Rylandes the two Procurators of my Court to take the oath of obedience

unto her Majesty. Sent by Richard Whelpley and John Mychell the same day.

117. 31, JANUARY, 1592.—A NOTE TAKEN OF THE PARTICULAR STATE OF EVERY PARSON, VICAR, PREACHER, LECTURE READER AND CURATE.

1. *Northawe*.—Richard Newton, M.A., ordained by William Bishop of Chichester, 1, October, 1587, in the chapel of the Palace there: ordained Priest by John, Archbishop of York, 27, August, 1589, in the chapel at Cawood. Admitted to celebrate the divine office by Mr. William Huchenson, 10, May, 1592. Admitted a Preacher by John Bishop of London, 8, February, 1591. Of laudable conversation. He hath served the cure as Minister and Preacher about a year diligently, he hath not been detected of any crime or fault.
2. *East Barnet*.—James Barnard aged 24, B.A., Deacon by John Bishop of London in his chapel at Fulham, 31, May, 1592. Admitted to celebrate the divine office, but not to preach, in the parish of East Barnet, 1, June, 1592, and elsewhere in the Diocese. Has served the cure from the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and nothing detected. Referred over unto Dr. Grant by Mr. Chancellor for his Exercises.
3. *St. Stephens*.—Richard Lightfoote ordained Deacon by William, Bishop of Chester 18, June, 1574, in the church of Asteberye, diocese Chester: Priest at the same time, by dispensation of the Archbishop of Canterbury: instituted to vicarage of St. Stephens by John, Bishop of London at Fulham, 23, March, 1574, inducted by David Kempe, Archdeacon, 18, April, 1575. Licensed to preach by John, Bishop of London, 20, June, 1587. He hath ever since his induction served the cure diligently in his own person; he useth to preach and catechise diligently: he is of good life and conversation; was never detected of any notorious crime, or of any insufficiency in his ministry.
4. *Langley Abbis*.—John Lewes, clerk, vicar: ordained Deacon by Richard, Bishop of Ely in the chapel of Crithe 26, May, 1566: Priest, by Edmund, Bishop of London, in the chapel of the Palace at London 24, February, 1566. Instituted to Langley by John, Bishop of London, at his Palace in London, 31, January, 1572: inducted by Mr. David Kempe, 31, March, 1573. Licensed to preach by John, Bishop of London at Fulham, 16, June, 1579. He hath ever since his induction served his cure diligently in his own person: he useth to preach and catechise diligently: he is of good life and conversation: he was never detected of any notorious crime, or of any insufficiency in his ministry.
5. *Shephall*.—Robert Wood, clerk, vicar: ordained Priest by Edmund Bishop of Norwich, 15, December, 1577. I saw no letters of Deacon's orders. Instituted to Shephall by John, Bishop of London, 11, May, 1581. Licensed to preach by the same 19, June, in 3rd year

- of his consecration. Licensed to preach by Mr. Willam Awbrey, LL.D., Vicar General to Archbishop of Canterbury, 20 June 1581. He hath served in his own person about 11 years diligently in preaching and catechising; never detected of any crime.
6. *Horwood parva*.—Henry Atkyns B.A., vicar: ordained Priest by Thomas, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield in the chapel of his castle at Eccleshall 29, September 1570. I saw no letters of Deacon's orders. Instituted to this vicarage 3 November 1584. Inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 7 November, 1584. Licensed to preach by John, Bishop of London 14 October, 1586. He hath served the cure and exercised his preaching and catechising diligently: he was never detected of any notorious crime.
 7. *Norton*.—John Pratte, clerk, vicar. Ordained Deacon by John, Bishop of London 24 November, 1585 in the great chapel within the Manor of Fulham: Priest, by the same, and in the same place, 25 November 1585. Instituted to this vicarage by the same Bishop in his Palace in London, 16 November 1586: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, 29 April 1588. He is not licensed to preach. He hath served the cure in his own person ever since his induction, and catechised diligently. His learning is not great but yet indifferent: he was never detected of any notorious crime.
 8. *Ridge*.—Thomas Neale, B.A., curate or minister. Ordained Deacon by Richard, Bishop of Peterborough, 21 September, 1588 in the chapel within the Palace of Peterborough: Priest, by John, Bishop of London on the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, 1588, in the chapel of his Palace in London. Licensed to preach by the same Bishop, 19 January 1592. He hath served the cure and exercised his preaching and catechising diligently by the space of 4 years at the least in his own person. He is of good learning: he was never detected of any notorious crime.
 9. *Sarret*.—Mr. John Butler, clerk, vicar. Absent in Ireland by the space of 2 or 3 years past. Thomas Chapman, clerk, curate of Sarrett, ordained Priest by John, Bishop of Osserye, 18 September, 1587 "in templo Tullihiram," diocese of Osserie. Licensed to serve the cure by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 19 September 1590. Licensed to serve the cure again by John, Bishop of London 2 June, 1592. He is no preacher and a very simple scholar. He hath not been detected of any notorious crime.
 10. *St. Albons*.—Roger Williams, parson, B.D. Ordained Deacon and Priest by Richard, Bishop of Gloucester, 18 September 1575 in the chantry superior called "Le Lodge" within the parish of Payneswick, diocese Gloucester. Instituted to the rectory of St. Albans by John, Bishop of London, 7 March 1582: inducted, 6 May 1583. He exerciseth his ministry in preaching

and catechising very diligently, and serveth the cure in his own person. He is of very good life and conversation, and was never detected of any crime.

11. *Granborough*.—Fulco Owen, B.A. of the University of Oxford, vicar. Ordained Deacon and Priest by John, Bishop of Gloucester, 28 April 1584 in the Palace within the precincts of the College at Gloucester. Instituted to this vicarage by John, Bishop of London, 13 November, 1588. Inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon 25 November 1588. He hath served the cure in his own person ever since, and catechiseth diligently. He is of laudable conversation and good life.* He hath not been detected for any notorious crime. He saith he doth hear and instruct the younger sort in the Catechisme appointed.* He is a Preacher allowed by licence from the Bishop of London, dated 1 February 1592.

* This has been struck out.—H.R.W.H.

12. *Aston Abbotts*.—Mr. Thomas Blanchard, B.D., vicar. Hugh Yerwood, clerk, curate. Ordained Deacon by William, Bishop of Lincoln, 26 July, 1592 in the chapel at Buckden; Priest, by the same in the same place, 26 August 1592. Licensed to serve this cure by John, Bishop of London, 6 November, 1592. He serveth the cure since the beginning of August last diligently. Never detected that we know of. No preacher.
13. *Rickmersworth*.—William Edmondson, M.A., vicar. Ordained Deacon by John, Bishop of London, 10 September 1586 in his chapel at Hadham magna: Priest, by the same, and in the same place, 13 September 1586. Licensed to preach by the same, in the same place, 1 October, 1586. Instituted to this vicarage by collation, 28 February 1589: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 2 March 1589. "Qualificatus" by Richard, Bishop of Bristol 20 February 1589. "Dispensatus" by John, Archbishop of Canterbury, 24, February, 1589; confirmed by the Queen 26 February, 1589. He serveth the cure in his own person, and preacheth diligently and catechiseth. He was never detected of any notorious crime that we know.
14. *St. Michaells*.—Erasmus Cooke, B.A., vicar. Ordained Deacon by Edmund, Bishop of Norwich, 12 June 1589 in his chapel at Ludham: Priest, by the same and in the same place, 13 June 1589. Instituted to this vicarage by John, Bishop of London, 12 June 1591: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon 25 June 1591, and hath served it in his own person very diligently. No preacher admitted: of good learning: he preacheth and catechiseth diligently: of good conversation: never detected of any notorious crime.
15. *Wynslo*.—Philip Favour, M.A. vicar. Ordained Deacon by Richard, Bishop of Peterborough, 23 June, 1589,

in the parish church of Castor, diocese Peterborough : Priest, by the same, at the same time and place. Instituted to this vicarage by John, Bishop of London, 18 June 1590 : inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 20 July, 1590. He preacheth in his parish, but not licensed : he is of good learning : he serveth the cure in his own person ever since his induction diligently : he preacheth there and catechiseth diligently : he is reported to be of good life and conversation : he was never detected of any notorious crime.

16. *Hexton*.—Hugo Beadle, clerk, vicar. Ordained Deacon by Thomas, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, 7 April 1566 in his chapel in the castle at Eccleshall ; Priest, by the same, in the same place, 23 March 1566 : instituted to this vicarage 6 December, 1591 : inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 10 October, 1591. No preacher. He is of

[Here the entry breaks off.—H.R.W.H.]

17. *Newenham*.—Thomas Gonnell, B.A. vicar. Ordained Deacon by John, Bishop of London, 27 September 1586 in his chapel at Hadham magna : Priest, by the same, in his chapel at Fulham, 13 December 1588. Instituted to this vicarage by the same bishop at Fulham, 12 June, 1588 : inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 20 June 1588. He is no preacher licensed, but yet in his own parish sometimes preacheth : he is of good learning : he serveth the cure in his own person ever since his induction diligently : he catechiseth there diligently : he is reported to be of good life and conversation : he was not detected of any notorious crime.
18. *Walden*.—William Haylocke, B.A., vicar. Ordained Deacon by Richard, Bishop of Ely, 17 July 1560 in the Cathedral of Ely : Priest, by Edmund, Bishop of London, on the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, 25 April, 1562 in his chapel in his palace in London. Instituted to this vicarage 3 September, 1560 : inducted by Mr. David Kempe, Archdeacon, 6 September, 1560 : no preacher. He hath served the cure from the time of his induction diligently, and doth catechise commonly : never detected of any notorious crime. Of good life and conversation, learning, etc.
19. *Cheping Barnet*.—Mr. Edward Grant, professor of Sacred Theology, rector. Thomas Bigland, B.A. Ordained Deacon by Richard, Bishop of Peterborough, 12 December 1591 in the chapel of his Palace at Peterborough : Priest, by the same in the same place and on the same day. Licensed to serve the cure by John, Bishop of London, 17 January, 1590. No preacher : he hath served there half a year : never detected of any notorious crime.
20. *Sandridge*.—William Westerman, clerk, M.A., vicar. Ordained Deacon by John, Bishop of London, 10 February 1591, in his chapel at Fulham : Priest, by

the same and in the same place 15 March, 1591. Instituted to this vicarage 11 February 1591: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 16 February 1591. No preacher admitted: of good learning: he hath served the cure in his own person and preacheth there and catechizeth diligently ever since his induction: of good life and conversation: never detected of any notorious crime.

21. *St. Peters*.—William More, M.A. vicar. Ordained Deacon by John, Bishop of London, in the chapel in his Palace in London, 17 February, 1587: Priest, by the same in his chapel at Fulham, 21 June, 1592. Instituted to this vicarage 21 June 1592: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 28 June, 1592. No preacher admitted: neither hath showed any very great diligence in preaching. He hath served the cure in his own person ever since his induction. He hath been detected by Mr. Archdeacon for suspicion of evil life, but he hath lawfully purged himself thereof. He hath been also for his slackness in catechizing and for his slackness in performing such orders of Exercises as have been enjoined unto him, wherein he hath been ordered as well to preach as to catechize more diligently than heretofore he hath done, and to certify thereof, but because he hath not accordingly certified, he standeth at this present suspended.
22. *Idelstrye*.—John Stringe, M.A., rector: ordained Deacon by William, Bishop of Chester, 19 December, 1585, in the Collegiate Church at Manchester: Priest, by John, Bishop of London, 20 December, 1589 in his chapel at Fulham. Instituted to this rectory by the same Bishop 14 February, 1589: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 21 February 1589. He hath served the cure in his own person ever since his induction and preacheth and catechizeth there diligently. He is admitted a Preacher by John, Archbishop of Canterbury, by licence, dated Lambeth, 14 June 1588. He is of good learning: of very good life and conversation: he was never detected for any matter.
23. *Busshey*.—Richard Scot, clerk, rector. Instituted rector by John, Bishop of London 10 July, 1584: inducted by Mr. Hucheson, Archdeacon, 15 July, 1584. Ordained Deacon by John, Bishop of Gloucester, 2 December, 1583 at Mr. Anthony Heywood's, prebendary in the Cathedral, within the precincts of the Cathedral Church: Priest, by the same, at the same time and place. "Qualificatus" Lord Charles Howard, High Admiral, 22 October, 1588. He hath served the cure diligently in his own person ever since his induction. He is a Preacher admitted by John, Bishop of London, by licence, dated 1 February, 1592. He is of good life and conversation: he was never detected of any notorious crime.

24. *Watford*.—Anthony Watson, M.A., vicar. Ordained 1584, in the chapel of his Palace at Peterborough: Priest, by Edmund, bishop of Norwich, 15 January 1585, in the chapel of his Palace at Norwich. Instituted to this vicarage by John, Bishop of London, 20 May, 1587: inducted by Mr. William Hucheson, Archdeacon, 1 September, 1587. He serveth the cure in ministering the Divine Service by Robert Prat, minister, his curate. He preacheth and catechizeth in his own person diligently: he is of good learning: he is no preacher admitted: he is of good life and conversation. He was never detected of any notorious crime.
25. *Codycote*.—John Amery, clerk, vicar. Ordained Priest by Robert Reomer (?), Bishop, for John, Bishop of Lincoln, 16 March 1537, in the prebendal church of Aylesbury, diocese, Lincoln. Instituted to this vicarage by Mr. William Est, Archdeacon and Ordinary of Peculiars of the late exempt Monastery of St. Alban, 24 August 1546: inducted by the same 28 August, 1546. He hath served the cure in his own person ever since his induction. He is no preacher. His learning is but simple, for he is near lxxxij years of age and his living is very small. He is of honest life and conversation and never detected of any crime.
26. *Watford*.—Robert Pratt, B.A. curate. His letters of orders he did not show, because, as he saith they are in the hands of Mr. Goodman, one of Mr. Blackwell's clerks, until he hath obtained a licence to serve from Mr. Chancellor, notwithstanding that he hath had licence from Mr. Archdeacon to the same purpose long sithence under Mr. Archdeacon's seal.
27. *Redborne*.—Mr. Rodolph Bradley the vicar neither appeared nor sent any letters of orders or other instruments to be seen, notwithstanding he was lawfully warned thereunto.
27. *St. Michaells*.—Mr. Humfrey Wildebloud, a minister, neither appeared nor sent any letters of orders, or any other instruments to be seen, notwithstanding he was lawfully warned thereunto.
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118. 31, JANUARY, 1592.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop, certifying that he has executed the Bishop's Letter of 8 January, 1592, and certifying the information he has received of the state of every Parson, Vicar, etc., in the Archdeaconry. Sent by the Goodman Saunders the 8 February 1592.

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119. 30, AUGUST, 1593.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Privy Council to the Bishop, dated Windsor Castle, 26, August, 1593, and signed by Jo. Puckering, W. Burghley, E. Essex, C. Howard, T. Buckhurst, J. Wolley, J. Fortescue, setting forth that there be sundry wives dwelling within the Diocese of London that refuse to come to Church, and

that sundry persons entertain, relieve and keep servants and others that be Recusants. Many have showed themselves more obstinate in divers parts of the Realm. A Schedule is sent to the Bishop of certain notes and directions for more orderly proceeding, and the Bishop is directed to put the same in execution, and to make certificate thereon with all convenient expedition. The Archdeacon is ordered to carry out the instructions within sixteen days after the receipt thereof. From Fulham. John London. Received these 5 September 1593. Tho. Rokett.

120. [30, AUGUST, 1593.]—"NOTES AND DIRECTIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY THE . . . OFFICERS OF THAT DIOCESE OF LONDON IN THEIR ENQUIRYE WIVES AND SERVANTES RECUSANTES, ETC."

1. Diligent inquisition to be made in every parish what wives be Recusants: their names, dwelling-places, and names of their husbands, and their state, Knight, Esquire, Gent., etc., to be certified.

2. Enquiry to be made who keep or relieve Recusant servants, and others, in their family or at their command. The Curate, Churchwardens or Sidesmen in every parish are to make request of every householder, man or woman, keeping above ten servants to notify all their names, and the Curate, etc., shall expressly require each of the said servants to resort to Church; a note to be made of this in writing.

3. A month after the request has been made the Curate, etc., shall give notice to those having Recusant servants or others, who have not come to the Parish Church, the Curate shall give notice as followeth:—

"I, A.B., Curate of the Parish of C, doe give notice unto D.E. that your servant K.N. doth obstinately refuse to come to any Churche Chappell or usuall place of comon prayer to here Devyne Seryyce, and hath forborne the same by the space of a monthe together laste paste contrarye to the Lawes and statutes of this Realme." Jo. Pickeringe; W. Burghlye; E. Essex; T. Buckhurste; Ro. Cecill; F. Woolley.

121. 4, OCTOBER, 1593.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop, certifying that he has made diligent enquiry throughout the Archdeaconry, and has received the particular certificates of the Minister, Churchwardens and Sidesmen of every parish, and he does not find "that there be any either men or women of any estate or degree" that refuse to come to their parish churches.

122. 4, JANUARY, 1593.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 9, December, 1593. Among such priests as come over from beyond the seas to pervert her Majesty's subjects both in religion and obedience, it pleaseth GOD by conference and other good means to convert them to the truth, to whom also it pleaseth her Majesty to grant protection. Divers of them being pardoned are altogether destitute of maintenance, and driven to great extremity. I am moved with Christian pity and compassion to pray your Lordship to move the better and

wealthier sort of the Clergy in your Diocese to yield some contribution towards their relief, until they may be otherwise provided for (as some of them are). Our adversaries plentifully reward and maintain such as flee from us to them, and these priests while they remained papists lacked nothing. Shame it were to us after their conversion to suffer them to beg or else to die. If it were not for one or two some of them had been in that state ere this. The Archdeacon is ordered to convene the Clergy whose benefices are worth 30*li.* and over, and show to them the Archbishop's Letter, and require them to set down what each of them will voluntarily contribute. The schedule and the contribution is to be delivered at the Palace in London personally by the Archdeacon or the Register on 31, January, 1593. "I have for my selfe sett downe for this beginnunge fortie shillings." From Fulham. John London.

"The sum collected by virtue of these Letters is xijs. which I have received of Mr. Rockett. By me James Rolfe."

"The Contributors to this Contribution were as followeth":
—Mr. Favor, 6d.; Mr. Williams, 2s.; Mr. Watson, 2s.; Mr. Edmondson, 6d.; Mr. Stringe, 12d.; Mr. Bradley, 6d.; Mr. Lewes, 4d.; Mr. Lightfoote, 4d.; Mr. Haylocke, 4d.; Mr. Scot, 2s.; Mr. Westerman, 12d.; Mr. Wood, 6d.; Mr. Cooke, 12d.; Total, 12s. "Mr. Dr. Graunt was absent and paid nothing."

123. 14, JANUARY, 1593.—MANDATE. Archdeacon to Apparitor to cite the Clergy, and in their absence their Curates and other Ministers to appear at St. Albans on Thursday, 31, January, 1593, to hear see and execute the contents of certain Letters from the Archbishop and Bishop.

At the foot of the mandate:—Mr. Dr. Graunt, Mr. Williams, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Lightfoote, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Scot, Mr. Haylocke, Mr. Wood, Mr. Stringe, Mr. Lewes, Mr. Watson, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Westerman. [All are marked present, excepting Dr. Graunt and Mr. Wood—the latter is excused.]

124. 29, JANUARY, 1593.—LETTER. James Rolfe to Mr. Rokett. My business here in London is such and at this present so important that I cannot by any means possible be at St. Albans on Thursday next, when the Ministers, as it I take it, are called concerning their contribution. These are therefore to pray you entreat Mr. Williams to sit for me, and to make him acquainted with the business, and I will be ready to requite his courtesy and pains herein as occasion shall be offered. From London. James Rolfe. To Mr. Thomas Rokett at the sign of the Bear, St. Albans.

125. 7, MARCH, 1593.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 6 March, 1593. Forasmuch as it hath pleased GOD very lately to discover divers most horrible and treasonable conspiracies against her Majesty's royal person, I have thought good to be published a Form of Thanksgiving for the same, and also of Prayers for the preservation of her Majesty, etc. The Bishop is directed to put the same in execution throughout his Diocese, and also intimate the same to all the Bishops of the Province. Order for the Archdeacon to recommend the Form of Prayer and Thanks-

giving to all the Clergy in the Archdeaconry. From my Palace at London. John London.

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126. 16, SEPTEMBER, 1594.—LETTER. Dr. James Stanhope, Chancellor, to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from Archbishop to Dr. Stanhope, dated 22 July 1594. I have received your letters and books *Muretus Orations* and I heartily thank you for your good care in making search for them as also for your staying of them from being publicly sold, especially that third edition wherein that slanderous oration is inserted. I pray you likewise take order that the said books be not publicly taught in the schools in the Diocese of London. For other Dioceses I will write to the Bishops thereof. To the Archdeacon Dr. Stanhope says: "The verie firste editions of them I knowe by perusall thereof to be sprinkled with poison of poperie and the latter editions hath in it some orations so seasoned with malitiose slanders as that they are by public authority called in." The Archdeacon is to order every Schoolmaster not to teach that book to any of his scholars. He has forborne giving warning thereof until now as the Visitations and Synods are usually held about Michaelmas. From the Doctors Commons. James Stanhope.
127. 8, FEBRUARY, 1594.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 25, November, 1594. The Queen by Letters Patent under the great seal has required the Archbishop to make diligent survey of all the Courts Ecclesiastical in the Province. The Bishop is required to inform himself touching all the matters inquired of in the Articles herewith sent, and a return thereof certified to the Archbishop by 30, April next. The Bishop is required to cause all Vicars General, Officials, Commissioners, Judges Ecclesiastical or their ordinary Surrogates, and such Advocates, Proctors, Officers, Clerks and Ministers, to take a corporal Oath upon the Holy Evangelists that they shall well and faithfully demean themselves towards the Queen's Majesty and her subjects in the execution of their several offices and places.
- The Archdeacon is ordered to put the same in force in the Archdeaconry and certify to the Bishop by 31 March next. The Archdeacon, his Official, Register his deputies and clerks with all Advocates, Proctors, Summoners and Apparitors of his Court to appear before the Bishop, at such time as he shall appoint to take the Oath.
- [Following the Letter, which has no signature, are the Articles.]
1. Who is the Vicar General, and who the Official Principal of the Bishop: how they usually execute any jurisdictions, contentious or voluntary; whether by himself or by his Surrogate, and who are his ordinary Surrogates.
 2. What other inferior Judges Ecclesiastical, Vicars having Jurisdiction, Prebendaries, Commissaries, Archdeacon's Officials or Judges of Peculiars do exercise them-

selves or by Surrogates in any ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in the Diocese, and what be their names.

3. What number of Advocates, Proctors, Registers, Actuaries, Apparitors, Bedells, Clerks, or other officers usually attend in the several Courts; and what be their names.
4. What fees rewards *etc.* do each of the Judges *etc.* Advocates *etc.* receive and may lawfully and reasonably have in respect of their several offices *etc.*
5. What fees *etc.* have of late time been unjustly charged upon the subjects by any of the said Officers.
6. What injuries, extortions, apprehensions and grievous exactions have been used or committed by any of the said Officials *etc.* in the execution of their several offices.
7. What orders or constitutions, not prejudicial to the Crown and Realm, do you think convenient to be observed in each Court Ecclesiastical, and by the Members or Attendant therein for better government, and preventing injuries inconveniences and disorders which have grown, or are like to grow; and upon what pains and punishment. 4 pp.

128. 18, MARCH, 1594.—LETTER. Edward Say to Mr. Rokett. He has sent in accordance with request copies of the Archbishop's and the Bishop's Letter, and the Articles to be inquired upon. He has received no certificates from any other place as yet, and therefore cannot inform him of what order they will take for the return thereof. From Warwicke Lane. Edw. Say.

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129. 10, APRIL [1595].—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop in answer to No. 127. I have called before me all the Officers and attendants of my Court publickly at my Visitation held in the Parish Church St. Albans on Thursday 10 April, in the presence of the whole assembly of Clergy and Laity there, and of them have enquired what they have found offensive or mete to be reformed either in my Court or in any other Court Ecclesiastical, and have taken particulars information unto every of the said Articles, which I hereby certify *etc.*
1. The Contents are more sufficiently known unto your Lordship than unto me, being your immediate Officers exercising the Jurisdiction of your own Court.
 2. I William Hucheson Archdeacon of St. Albans do exercise that my Jurisdiction by one Mr. James Rolfe, my Official only.
 3. There are only two Proctors exercising in my Court, Richard East and Peter Rylands; one Register named Thomas Rokett and one Apparitor only, John Grynsell.
 4. I cannot learn of any other fees received by any of the Officers of my Court but such as have been of ancient time received, and by law prescribed
 - 5 and 6. I cannot hear or understand of any complaint for any matters contained in these Articles.

7. I answer that though I find some things that need some redress yet I am not able to conceive how it may be reformed preserving her Majesty's royal prerogatives and the Laws of the Realm already established, because I know not well how far her Majesty's royal prerogative doth extend nor yet the Laws of the Realm.

Willm. Hucheson.

[On the dorso of this Document are two Notes.]

1. St. Albans, Mr. Roger Williams B.D. parson there is resident by presentation from the Mayor and Burgesses of St. Albans. The benefice valued in the Queen's Book at 10*li.* in which parish are of recusants [blank]. No men of any special note nor any Recusants.

St. Peters.—Mr. Roger Williams vicar by presentation of the Queen's Majesty, valued at 9*li.* 9*s.* 10½*d.* Mr. John Partentes (?) M.A. curate.

2. [1595].—Draft Letter. Archdeacon to Bishop. He has received the Bishop's Leter from Greenwich, dated 2 January 1594 concerning Order to be served by the Apparitor on the Clergy for the payment of their Tenths. But as he understood the Bishop had since then taken some further order therein, he thought good not to trouble the Bishop with an answer. As touching the Postscript he makes answer.

St. Alban's Rectory. Patron Mayor and Burgesses of St. Albans, valued at 10*li.* in the Queen's Books. The Incumbent is Roger Williams a bachelor in divinity, a preacher, resident. Communicants [blank.] Men therein of special note, none. No recusants there that I can learn of.

130. 2, SEPTEMBER, 1595.—LETTER. Bishop [Richard Fletcher] to Archdeacon. I have understood of some disorder of some of the Ministers at such times as they have attended my predecessors at their Visitations that sundry of them have come attired very undecently, as in coloured cloaks and other unseemly fashions unfit for men of their calling. The Archdeacon is to signify to every Minister in the Archdeaconry that when they come to Visitations they come either in gowns or in comely black cloaks befitting their profession, or else the Bishop will proceed against them for that disorder. The Archdeacon is to be personally present with the Bishop at all the places of his Visitation in the Archdeaconry. From Fulham. Richard London.
131. 20, OCTOBER, 1595.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letters from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 10 October, 1595, and from the Privy Council, dated Nonsuch, 6, October, 1595, and signed by W. Burleigh, C. Howard, Chr. Hatton, T. Buckhurste, Ro. Cecil, [torn] Heneage. Order given that the horse and foot that were furnished by the Bishops, Deans and other Clergy in the year 1588 are to be reviewed, and a note delivered to the several Lieutenants of the Counties, that they may be viewed and trained with the rest of the Shire, and such

as are wanting by the decease or removal to other places of the Clergy who did find the same to cause the present incumbents to supply the said arms. The Bishop finds that the Archdeacon in the year 1588 sent him two Certificates of the Arms furnished by the Clergy and sends a copy of both, directing him to call every beneficed man in the Archdeaconry, and show them what their last rate was, and cause them to set down in their own hands how they are now furnished. If you find the ability of the party to be increased you are to increase his charge, and for those benefices which have since been changed you are to see that the same rate be kept by the new incumbents, for all the furniture is rather to be bettered than impaired. From my Palace at London. Richard London. Received these Letters 28 October, 1595.

132. 29, OCTOBER, 1595.—MANDATE from the Archdeacon to the Apparitor to warn the Clergy of each parish to have their Arms and Armour in readiness according to the Schedule attached, and to cite them to appear in the Parish Church of St. Alban's on Wednesday 19 November next, and to certify what they are rated at, and the names and surnames of the men which shall bear the arms appointed, and to satisfy all procurations and duties.

1. Mr. Doctor Grante parson of Barnet; Mr. Edmunds, vicar of Rickmersworth; Mr. Scott, parson of Bushey; [document torn] vicar of Watford, one petronell furnished.
2. [Document torn] of St. Albans; of St. Michael's; of Redborne; of Walden, a corslet furnished.
3. [torn away] of Langley; Mr. Batt minister of Northawe; Mr. Butler, vicar of Saret; Mr. Favor, vicar of Wynslo, one musket, furnished.
4. Mr. Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephens; Mr. Neale, curate of Ridge; Mr. Rudd, vicar of Shephall; Mr. Westerman, vicar of Sandridge, one caliver furnished.
5. Mr. Owen, vicar of Granborow; Mr. Atkyns, vicar of Little Horwood; Mr. Pratt vicar of Norton; Mr. Gonell, vicar of Newenham, one black bill furnished.
Mr. Whitacres, vicar of Abbots Aston [nothing specified].

(Note: The furniture is set out as in previous lists. On dorso the Apparitor has noted the dates when the several parishes were warned). Broken Seal.

133. 6, NOVEMBER, 1595.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop, dated Lambeth, 5 November, 1595. There are many clergymen who have pluralities and are qualified to have more livings than one, and divers of them are non-resident, and the Privy Council think that they may be charged with one or two petronells, besides the horse and foot which they formerly furnished, according to the number of benefices which they enjoy. Although he doubts not but that the Bishop has already had due regard to the matter the Archbishop directs him make the contents of the letter known to the other Bishops of the Province, and to take order in his own Diocese, enjoining such as are beneficed to reside upon their

benefices or upon some of them, whereby hospitality may be kept to the relief of the poor. The Preachers are to be admonished to exhort the people to be liberal towards the poor, and especially to move cornmasters to sell their corn at reasonable rates, and to let such understand of their wickedness which are "engrosers and horders upp of Corne or otherwise causers of soe great priseis in so greate plentye." The Bishop has appointed a day for the appearance of such as have more than one benefice, and the Archdeacon is directed to warn such accordingly to appear. From my Palace in London. Rich. London.

134. 6, NOVEMBER, 1595.—MEMORANDUM. Bishop to Certain Clergy. These are to require you to be with me at my Palace in London on Tuesday 25th November, and to bring with you a note from the several places wherein you are rated for your armour, that I may take further Order. Rich. London.
 Mr. Williams, parson of St. Albans.
 Mr. Dr. Graunt, parson of Chipping Barnet.
 Mr. Edmondes, vicar of Rickmersworth.
135. 19, NOVEMBER, 1595.—CERTIFICATES OF THE CLERGY, "UNDER THEIR OWNE HANDES," HOW THEY STAND FURNISHED WITH ARMOUR AND MEN.
1. *Winsloe*.—I Philip Favor am provided of one musket furnished which shall be ready whensoever it shall be called for with one man named Thomas Clements to wear and use the same. By me Philippu Favor, vicar.
 2. *Greneboroughe*.—Am provided of one black bill *etc.* "but a man to use the same I neither have nor can provide and therefore do humblie crave favour therein." By me Fulconem Owen, vicar.
 3. *St. Alban's St. Peters*.—Roger Williams parson of St. Albans and vicar of St. Peters provided of a carslet and a caliver furnished "But for men to serve with the same, neither have I anie, neither can I for want of habilitie hyer anie; wherefore I crave favor therein." By me Rogerum Williamz.
 4. *Rickmersworth*.—"I William Edmondes vicar of Rickmersworth being charged with a Petronell am altogether unprovided thereof by reason of myne inhabilitie, but am provided of a Caliver furnished savinge only of a man to use the same, wch Caliver was imposed upon the said livinge . . . by my L. of London that last was, upon an after consideration of the smalnesse of the lyvinge." . . . By me Guilielma Edmondes.
 5. *Shephale*.—John Rudd; has a caliver "But I have no man, and therfor in this respect I require favoure." By me Johanne Rudd.
 6. *St. Michaels*.—Erasmus Cook, vicar; has a corslet furnished, "But I have no man as yet and therein crave favor." By me Erasma Cooke.
 7. *Sandridge*.—William Westerman, vicar; has a caliver, "only I am unprovided of a man and doe crave favor." William Westerman.

8. *Horwood*.—Henry Atkyns, vicar; a black bill only, "as I was first charged and nothings els and I doe crave favor, being very poore." By me He. Atkys.
9. *Langley*.—John Lewes, vicar; has a musket *etc.* "only I am unprovided of a man and do crave favor." John Lewes.
10. *St Stevens*.—Richard Lightfoote, has a caliver, "and am not able to provide anie man as I am charged except I have more authoritie to take one." Richard Lightfoote.
11. *Northawe*.—"I Robert Batte, minister of North-hall am unfurnished of such armor as is required, and thinke that being onely hired by the right Honorable the Countesse of Warwicke to supply the place which is neither parsonage nor vicaredge, I am not to be called upon for such furniture. Robt. Batte."
12. *Ridge*.—Thomas Neale, has provided a caliver *etc.* Th. Neale Curate.
13. *Newenham*.—Mr. Gonell, hath nothing provided.
14. *Hexton*.—Mr. Hughe Bradley hath nothing provided.
15. *Watford*.—Anthony Watson "am provided of my petronell furnished my man only excepted."
16. *Norton*; and 17, *Idelstry* [blank].
18. *Codycot*.—Mr. Darling, "not provided of anything."
19. *Redborne*.—Rodolph Bradly, "have all thing enjoined me, a man excepted."
20. *Barnet*.—Tho. Bigland, curate [blank].
21. *Abbotts Aston* [blank].
22. *Saret*.—"Mr. Officiall. The Vicar is not resident, having leave of absence from my Ld. his grace of Canterbury, and is in Ireland employed in her majestyes service by my L. of Ormonde and therefore I hope your Lordship will not impose any charge uppon the farmour beinge to paye a great rent and to Discharge the cure the Benefice beinge litigious and a very small thing. Notwithstanding if it be your L. pleasure, suche armoar shall be in readiness as your L. shall thinke meete the circumstances considered. James Rolfe "firmarius."

136 20, NOVEMBER, 1595.—DRAFT LETTER, Archdeacon to Bishop, and Schedule of Certificates made by the Clergy of their Arms and Armour. He reports, that for the most part the ministers appeared and certified in writing. As most of them are only unprovided of men they were enjoined to appear before the Bishop on Wednesday, 3 December.

The entries under the several Parishes are made as in No. 135, with these added:—

Busshey.—Mr. Scott the parson hath certified that he is provided of a Petronell *etc.*, saving of a man which he cannot provide, and therein craveth favour.

Norton and *Abbotts Aston*.—No appearance, therefore suspended. Their neighbours which appeared were required to signify to them that they are to appear before the Bishop on 3 December.

Barnet and East Barnet.—Dr. Graunte did not appear nor certify anything, but his Curate appearing the like order was taken with him, which he promised to signify unto Mr. Dr. Graunte.

Walden.—Mr. Halsted the vicar appeared but certified nothing.

Idelstrey.—The parsonage is vacant, but the sequestrators appeared and certified that they have nothing provided.

137. [Undated] 1595.—LETTER. Richard Scott, parson of Bushey, to Archdeacon. He has in readiness a good trotting nag *etc.* and a petronell *etc.* "but as for a man I have not neither can I take any man except it may please your good lordship by your authority to appoint me over to the lieutenant and so by his assignment I may have a man to fulfil my charge."

138. 20, NOVEMBER, 1595.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Bishop reporting that he has charged the pluralists, Mr. Williams and Mr. Edmondes, and Mr. Bigland, Curate to Dr. Grant to appear before the Bishop 25, November: and that he has directed the rest of the Clergy to exhort their parishioners to be liberal to the poor, and that they themselves reside upon their several cures that hospitality may be kept to the relief of the poor.

139. "THE CERTIFICATE OF THE PROVISION OF ARMOUR AND MEN furnished for itt, as itt was returned within the Archdeaconry of St. Albons Anno Domini 1595 as well for Churches exempte and not exempte."

1. *Wynslowe.*—Mr. Mannering, vicar a musket furnished.

2. *Granborowe.*—Mr. Owen, vicar a black bill.

3. *St. Peters.*—Mr. Williams, parson a caliver furnished.

4. *Rickmansworth.*—Mr. Edmondes, vicar, a caliver furnished.

5. *Shephall.*—Mr. Reade vicar, a caliver furnished.

6. *St. Michaells.*—Mr. Cooke, vicar, a corslet furnished.

7. *Sandridge.*—Mr. Westerman, vicar, a corslet furnished.

8. *Harwoode.*—Mr. Robinson, vicar, a bill furnished.

9. *Langley.*—Mr. Lewes, vicar, a musket furnished.

10. *St. Stephens.*—Mr. Lightfoote, vicar, a caliver furnished.

11. *Ridge (a donative).*—Mr. Fraunces, a caliver furnished.

12. *Newenham.*—Mr. Gonell, vicar, a bill furnished.

13. *Hexton.*—Mr. Bradley [erased], Mr. Voxe (?) is Vicar, a bill furnished.

14. *Watford.*—Mr. Watsonne, vicar, a petronell furnished.

15. *Codicote.*—Mr. Darlinge, vicar, a bill furnished.

16. *Redborne.*—Mr. Radulph Bradley, a corslet furnished.

17. *Sarett.*—Mr. Rolfe the "farmor" is to find a petronell furnished.

18. *Busshey.*—Mr. Scott, parson, a petronell furnished.

19. *Norton.*—Mr. John Pratt, vicar, a caliver furnished.

20. *Aston Abbots.*—Mr. Whitacres, a musket furnished.

21. *Barnet with Chapel of East Barnet.*—Mr. Doctor Graunt, parson, a musket furnished.

22. *Powles Walden.*—Mr. Halsted, vicar, a bill furnished.

23. *Idlestrye*.—Mr. Boyle, parson, a caliver furnished.

24. The Archdeacon of St. Albans, Mr. Doctor Huchinson, a caliver furnished.

Corslets	3	Calivers	8
Muskets	4	Petronells	3
		Bills	6

Richard London.

Instructions for the Archdeacon for the better speeding of this service.

1. You must certify every Minister whose benefice is changed since the year 1595 what his charge was at that time.
2. Where there is no Incumbent resident you must give notice to the "farmour, or occupier of the fructes."
3. Where the benefice is vacant the Sequestrators must be charged with the provision of the furniture.
4. You must call for the certificate of every Minister, farmor or sequestrator how they are provided.
5. You must give warning according to the certificate of 1595 that they return their certificate without seeking any alteration.

Ric. London.

(Note: This document must have been issued with some later Letters, between 1595 and 1597).

1596.

140. 9, MAY, 1596.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. The monstrous and grave inconveniences which have long overgrown the whole land by second marriages upon pretended divorces are infamous to our Courts, and to stay future mischiefs we have thought fit to seek remedy for these disordered divorces. I have sent you a note of such points as in all sentences of separation are to be observed. 1. None to pass any separations but such as be of their own Jurisdiction originally. 2. Not upon confession of the delinquent party but by proofs. 3. To take bond with surety of both parties that neither shall *connotare ad novas nuptias*. 4. To pronounce *pro seperatione a thora et mensa tantum, et non a vinculo*, leaving out the word *Divortiamus*, and the sentence to have a proviso, *quod neuter connolarit ad novas nuptias altera vivente*. No separation at all do pass by yourselves, your officers or their substitutes, or be written by any Registers or their deputies wherein all the clauses set down shall not precisely and diligently be observed. From my Manor of Fulham. Rich. London.

1597.

- 141 23, APRIL, 1597.—CERTIFICATE that Joane Lennowe, wife of Peter Leanowe hath willingly submitted herself to such punishment as was enjoined her in the parish church of North Marston. By me Edmond Dowdall minister at North Marston. This testimony is trewe, as I will testific by my oath. Philip Favor, vicar.
142. 8, MARCH, 1597.—ORDERS which the Reverend Father Richard Lord Bishop of London desireth to be assented unto and carefully observed by every ecclesiastical official exercising Jurisdiction ecclesiastical under him within the Diocese of London.

1. Every Judge, Register, Apparitor *etc.* to put the Constitutions lately printed into execution, and the requisite certificates required thereby are to be made to the Bishop.
2. Curates and Schoolmasters. None to be admitted to serve as curate nor to teach either "gramer or Petites" either publicly or privately who has not exhibited either Letters Testimonial commonly called Dimisories from the Ordinary in whose Diocese he last continued for one year before, or Letters Testimonial from the Master and Seniors or Fellows from that College in Cambridge or Oxford where he had his residence for one year before; or a certificate from the next Justice of the Peace to the place where he dwelt for a whole year, with the subscription of the parson and churchwardens and other honest near neighbours of the parish testifying his honest conversation and life; and for learning he is to be qualified as a Deacon.
3. Judges' Seals. Each Judge to have one seal only which is always to be kept by himself or his lawful substitute.
4. Multiplicity of Courts. Neither Archdeacon nor Commissary is to hold Courts more often than they did twenty years ago: seven days at the least are to be kept between the Courts.
5. Bills of Presentment. No Parish warned to appear at any Visitation is to pay more than once in the year for exhibiting any Bill of Presentment, and no Register or other Official is to take anything for the rest of the Bills which the Churchwardens may present.
6. Judges are not to procede without the presence of the Register.
7. Substitutes to the Judges. None to keep any Court for the Judge if he is not a Public Preacher and beneficed: if he is a layman he must be a bachelor of law at the least.
8. Process is to be denied to Promoters of causes unless he first deliver Articles in writing to the Judge; and they are to offer *Cautioem obligatoriam* to prosecute the cause without making composition.
9. No Judge is to hear causes of incest, adultery, fornication *etc.* except in open Court, and penances are to be imposed publicly; and commutations declared publicly.
10. Private Penances are not to be done at any other times save on Sunday, at Morning Prayer betwixt the reading of the First Lesson and the Ten Commandments: the form of confession is to be drawn up by the Judge.
11. Proceedings are not to be taken by the Judge upon an Apparitor's complaint, but only upon presentment: excessive fees for drawing Articles are not to be allowed. Where there is public infamy raised which is concealed by the Churchwardens, the Judge is to

send to the Churchwardens where that offence is related to be, and cause them to inform themselves thereon against the next Court day, and to send their answer thereto to the Judge.

12. Recusants. Every Judge ecclesiastical between this present time and Easter term next is to inform himself from the presentments of the Churchwardens, from private enquiries, and from the Records of the Court, of the Christian and surnames of all Recusants, men and women, their degree and livelihood, and how long they have been observed and noted for recusants, and what proceedings have been taken against them, and to return a certificate thereof to the Bishop by the beginning of Easter Term. The Registers are to have a special regard to the Bills which the Churchwardens bring unto them, whether the Recusants be Popish Recusants or Sectaries.
13. *Significavit*. No *significavit* is to be returned into the High Court of Chancery by any Ecclesiastical Judge who has not his commission immediately from the Bishop. Letters of Request are to be sent to the Bishop in cases where a *significavit* has been decreed by them.
14. No pecuniary mulct is to be laid upon any offender before public penance enjoined, and the party delinquent has judicially prayed for commutation of it.
15. Certificate of proceeding in causes of correction. Hereafter in order to better answer such complaints as shall be made against the Ecclesiastical Courts in compounding enormous offences complained of to them, every year "betwixt Michaelmas and Allhollandtide," every Judge is to certify to the Bishop the names of all persons presented or detected unto them for incest, adultery, fornication, simony, notorious offensive drunkenness or any other public scandalous offence; how many have performed public penance, what the penance was, "with the day and form he did it in": how many stand excommunicate for not appearing: how many excommunicate for not performing the penance enjoined: how long they have stood excommunicates: how many of them have appealed: what Court hath inhibited the Judge: how many of them have had their penances commuted, and by what authority they have been commuted; and to what uses the commutation money has been put.
16. Every Judge ecclesiastical is to certify to the Bishop the number of Churches in every Deanery in his jurisdiction; the names of all the Apparitors who serve under him, and the names of the Deaneries for which they serve, so that the multiplication of them may be restrained.
17. Apparitors are not to be appointed to administer the goods of any defunct person, unless he be the next in blood or a *bonu fide* creditor. *Letters ad colligendum*

are not to be granted to any Apparitor without the Bishop's consent.

18. Every Apparitor is to be bound not to vex subjects by extortion and to make a true return of all processes committed to him, and not to keep back any excommunication, suspension, sequestration *etc.*, but to make a true return of all matters committed to his charge.

19. The Archdeacons are to require all Ministers, especially those who preach at any visitation, in their sermons to stir up the Churchwardens and Sidesmen to a care and conscience of their oaths in discharging their duties for the punishment of sin, and all offences which they are charged to enquire of.

Will. Blackwell. (4 pages).

1599.

143. 31, JULY, 1599.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter, dated Croydon, 19 July from the Archbishop. The King of Spain maketh great preparations of ships and galleys to invade some part of the realm. Forces of horse and foot are to be raised to attend the Queen as in 1588, when the Clergy offered 559 lances, light horses and petronells besides a good number of footmen. The same are now to be had in readiness, and the Bishop is required to make the same known to the Clergy in his Diocese with all speed, for the Army of the enemy is expected within fifteen days. The Archdeacon is enjoined to put the matter in execution. Richard London.

Appended to this is a note from the Archdeacon, Wm. Huchenson, to Mr. Rokitt to the same effect, dated 2 August, 1599.

144. 3, AUGUST, 1599.—MANDATE. Archdeacon to Apparitor (John Grinsell) to require the Clergy to have in readiness the Arms and Armour as certified in the years 1588 and 1595; and return of the same to be made to the Bishop within twelve days.

The names of the Parishes and Clergy, with the arms at which they are assessed, is set out at the foot of the Mandate: Watford, Mr. Watson; Saret, Mr. Rolfe; Busshey, Mr. Scot—a petronell furnished.

St. Albans, Mr. Williams; St. Michael's, Mr. Cooke, Redborne. Mr. Bradley—a corslet.

Wynslo, Mr. Mannering; Langley, Mr. Lewes; Aston Abbots, Mr. Whitacres; Barnet and East Barnet, Mr. Dr. Grante—a musket.

Rickmersworth, Mr. Edmons; Shephall, Mr. Rud; Sandridge, Mr. Westerman; St. Stephens, Mr. Lightfoot; Ridge, Mr. Fraunces; Norton, Mr. Prat; Idelstrye, Mr. Boyle; The Archdeaconry, Mr. Dr. Huchenson; St. Peters, Mr. Williams—a calyver.

Granborowe, Mr. Owen; Horwood, Mr. Robynson; Newenham, Mr. Gonell; Hexton, Mr. Noke; Codycot, Mr. Darling; Powles Walden, Mr. Halstede—a black bill.

Each of the Clergy is requested to give 4d. to the Apparitor for his charges. (Remains of seal).

145. 5, AUGUST, 1599.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 4 August 1599 directing that the horses and men to be supplied by the Clergy in the whole Province are to be at Lambeth by 12 August, and orders the same to be carried out in the Archdeaconry. Ric. London.
The receipt endorsed by Thomas Rokitt 6, August, 1599.
Appended is a Letter, James Rolfe to Mr. Scot, parson of Busshey; 6 August, 1599 directing him to send his petronells and horsemen to Lambeth by the 12 August.
146. AUGUST, 1599.—ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES FROM THE CLERGY certifying the Arms and armour which they have in readiness. (20 Documents).
(a) Rodolph Bradley vicar of Redborne.
(b) Rychard Skott.
(c) John Pratt, vicar of Norton, 9, August.
(d) Henry Halsted, vicar of Paules Walden, 10, August.
(e) Hughe Whittakers, vicar of Abbotts Aston, 10, August.
(f) Thomas Gonnell, vicar of Newenham, "but for the man I am not able to provide him; for I am poore, and must borrow the money if I can."
(g) Johnam Lewes, vicar of Langley.
(h) John Rudd, vicar of Shephall.
(i) Fowlke Owen, vicar of Greneborowe.
(j) William Edmondes, vicar of Rickmerseworth.
(k) Roger Williams, parson of St. Albanes and vicar of St. Peters, 10 August.
(l) William Westerman, vicar of Sandridge, 8 August.
(m) Erasmus Cooke, vicar of St. Michaels, 4 August.
(n) Antone Watson, vicar of Watford, 5, August.
(o) John Boyle, Stanmore, 23, August.
(p) John Darling, vicar of Codicot, 7 August.
(q) Mathias Myllwarde, 24 October.
(r) Richardum Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephens, 4 August.
(s) Robertum Maynwaring, vicar of Winslow, 10 August.
(t) Johannem Robinson, vicar of Harwodde parva, 10 August.
147. A fragment undated. John Grinsell (the apparitor) certifieth that for Barnet and [East] Barnet he could find neither parson nor minister but left word in writing with the parish clerk. Idelstrye, he left word with the clerk of the parish.
148. 12, AUGUST, 1599.—LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop reporting that all the Clergy have been warned to have their Arms and Armour in readiness. Schedule appended showing the replies from each parish.
Winsloe.—Mr. Mannering has in readiness some part of the arms and will provide the rest with all possible speed.
Granborow.—Mr. Owen hath in readiness a bill furnished.
St. Albans and St. Peters.—Mr. Williams hath a corslett and a caliver furnished.
Rickmersworth.—Mr. Edmonds certifies that he has a caliver ready.
St. Michaells.—Mr. Cooke certifies that he has a corslet ready.

- Sandridge*.—Mr. Westerman—a caliver furnished.
- Horwoode*.—Mr. Robinson certifies that he has some part of the armour in readiness and will provide the rest with all speed.
- Langley*.—Mr. Lewes certifies that he has a musket ready.
- St. Stephens*.—Mr. Lightfoot certifies that he has a caliver.
- Ridge*.—Mr. Fraunces answered that he would confer with Mr. Blunt his patron, and would then certify, but no certificate has been received.
- Newenham*.—Mr. Gonell says that he will endeavour to provide a bill.
- Hexton*.—Mr. Noke answered that he would presently provide a bill.
- Watford*.—Mr. Watson being charged with a petronell exhibited a letter from Mr. Blackwell, the Bishop's Register stating that it was the Bishop's pleasure that he should find only a musket: he formerly certified that he had a petronell furnished.
- Codycote*.—Mr. Darling, rated at a bill, certifies that he has a caliver ready.
- Redborne*.—Mr. Bradley certifieth "I am not so suddenly provided as is required, but willing to perform that which is required with all speed so far as I can."
- Sarrett*.—James Rolfe has a muskett furnished.
- Busshey*.—Mr. Scot certifies that he is provided with a trotting nag and a petronell furnished.
- Norton*.—Mr. Pratt will have in readiness a caliver furnished.
- Aston Abbots*.—Mr. Whitacres certifies that he will be provided with a musket with all speed.
- Barnet and East Barnet*.—The Apparitor could find neither Dr. Graunte nor any of his curates, but left word in writing with the parish clerk that certificate was to be made. As yet no certificate has been received.
- Powles Walden*.—Mr. Halsted certifieth that he hath a bill furnished.
- Idelstrye*.—The Apparitor could not find Mr. Boyle, and left word in writing with the parish clerk that certificate should be made: no certificate as yet received.
- Northawe*.—In 1588 and 1595 the Minister there was rated at a muskett: the matter is referred to the Bishop.
- The Archdeaconry*.—He can certify nothing from the Archdeacon, but thinks that he will satisfy the Bishop of his provision.

Upon receipt of the Bishop's Letter dated 8, August at Lambeth he has moved the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire to direct warrant to the constables for the pressing of fit men to serve the arms provided by the Ministers, and the same has been done for the four Buckinghamshire parishes.

Ja. Rolfe, Official.

149. 1599. St. Alban's Deanery. A list of Parishes, Clergy and the arms they furnished. (This is apparently a list sent to the Archdeacon on some subsequent occasion).
150. 14, AUGUST, 1599.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. He is to take order that the Lieutenant of the County is to be moved to

press men to serve the Arms and Armour provided by the Clergy. It is not their Lordships' pleasure that the Clergy should be driven to hire men. Lambeth. Ric. London.

151. 16, AUGUST, 1599.—COPY OF THE SHERIFF'S WARRANT TO THE CONSTABLES OF ST. ALBANS directing them to give their best aid in helping Ecclesiastical persons to find men sufficient and serviceable for the riding of their horses and wearing their arms. Mr. Williams the parson of St. Albans has no man to wear the corslet he has provided, and the constables are to find a man for that purpose.
(A note says the same form was set to each parish where necessary).

1600.

152. 20, JANUARY, 1600.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. At the last Convocation it was ordered that no commutation of public penance should be made but by the order of the Bishop of the Diocese, and that pecuniary commutations should be employed as set down in the Constitutions. Evil disposed tongues, notwithstanding the Constitutions, still tax our ecclesiastical government with private and chamber hearing of notorious and public crimes, and with making money punishments of public offences. In order that the Bishop may give a particular account whether the Constitutions have wrought the reformation in all the Courts in his Diocese which was promised and expected, the Archdeacon is required by the end of Hilary term to send to the Bishop a certificate under the hand of the Register of all the parties who have been presented or detected unto the Archdeacon's Court for Bigamy, Incest, Adultery, Fornication, or other public and scandalous crimes since the feast of St. Michael, 1598, what proceedings have been taken against them, what penance has been enjoined, and in what sort and place it was to be done, what certificates have been brought of its performance, what commutations have been required by any of them, what pecuniary mulct hath been imposed, and how the same has been employed. From my Palace at London. Ric. London.
153. 10, FEBRUARY, 1600.—DRAFT OF LETTER. Answer of the Official, James Rolfe, to the Bishop. No commutation of penance has been made without the Bishop's special consent and direction; no private hearing or favour has been used in censuring any. For the want of assistance given to the ordinary Jurisdiction, "which cannot be obtained without greater charge to us than the whole benefit of this Office will sustain, divers persons, the greater part of whom are poor and wilful," remain excommunicate without satisfaction made to the congregation. The Bishop is requested to think upon some mete course for their further speedy correction, which would satisfy and stop the mouths of those who tax the ecclesiastical government, and so work a greater reformation. Ja. Rolfe.
154. [Undated] 1599.—THE PARTICULAR NOTE OF ALL SUCH PERSONS AS HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN THE ARCHDEACONRY, SINCE THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAELL, 1598, for Bigamy, Incest, Adultery, Fornica-

tion or other public and scandalous Crimes, and the proceedings thereon.

1. *St. Albans.*

10, July, 1599.—William Waterton for begetting with child his late wife's sister. Public penance enjoined "in a sheet." Performed: but stands excommunicate for not certifying the same.

Thomas Kilbie and the wife of Richard Hope for incontinency. The man excommunicate for not appearing: the woman purged herself.

22, October, 1599.—Anthony Thorpe and Margaret Forde now servant to Edward Wright for incontinency. Thorpe excommunicate for not appearing: the woman ran away, a vagabond.

7, January, 1599.—Robert Kilbye of St. Albans for carnal knowledge of a woman late dwelling about Colney, now deceased, "which woman was as it is said burnt, and died of that evil," and at the time of her death did say that Kilbye was the cause of her death. He is excommunicate for not appearing.

The wife of Randall Spriggins of St. Albans parish suspected of incontinency with Roger Austen of St. Peters. Austen purged himself.

28, May, 1600.—"There is a fame" that Frances the wife of John Hardie of St. Albans parish was married to John Hardie, her husband being yet living. She did penance in the Church of St. Albans and in St. Peter's Church, in a sheet. John Hardie "standed" upon his purgation. "It is since done."

5, July, 1600.—Thomas Babbe suspected of incontinence with Catherin Kiffe and Edith Lynsey: reported that they both be with child. Babbe and Kiffe excommunicated for not appearing. Lynsey not cited because "she is a vagabond and ran away."

8, October, 1600.—Amye Ayce, single woman, late servant to Edward Wright, begotten with child by William Francklyn of Finchley. Ayce excommunicated for not appearing.

2. *St. Peters.*

1, January, 1598.—"There is a fame" that an unmarried woman servant is begotten with child in the house of William Smythe of the Three Houses by William Smythe the son of William. The woman did penance in a sheet. His penance was commuted for 10*li.* by the Bishop and the money employed upon the poor. Two letters from the Bishop concerning the same remain in our Registry.

1, April, 1599.—Robert Kilbie of St. Alban's parish now dwelling in Sopwell Lane, and Margaret Chopping daughter of Jane Nutkin, suspected of incontinency. Kilbie purged himself. Chopping excommunicate for not appearing.

Elizabeth Bennett, daughter of the wife of Edward Laurence "dwelling now in the vicarage of St.

- Peters," said to be with child by William Hawarde "that hath been asked to her," not since married. Excommunicate for not appearing.
- 5, May, 1600.—"There is a rumour of Crime blown abroad" that there is a woman servant in the house of Gilbert Warren, farmer, of Napsburye, named Amy Brightwell, "who being not well complained that her sickness came by her master attempting to commit incontinency." Warren purged himself.
- 6, July, 1600.—William Wilson and the wife of Edward Goodhande for a crime. Both stand excommunicate.
- 6, October, 1600.—Thomas Elliott and Joane Moddall for incontinency. Elliott excommunicate for not appearing: the woman ran away.
William Guye and Elizabeth his wife, for incontinency before marriage. Process issued for their appearance at the next Court.
3. *St. Stevens.*
- 4, April, 1599.—Daniell Weedon and Joane his wife, for incontinency before marriage. Enjoined penance before the Minister and Churchwardens.
- 9, October, 1599.—John Nutkin and Annis Annsell, servant to Thomas Annsell of Parke Streete, "vehemently suspected of incontinency," upon the 3rd day of August last past they were found very suspiciously together in the twilight of the evening under a hedge in a meadow near to Park bridge." Both purged themselves.
4. *St. Michaells.*
- 9, October, 1600.—Margery Arnolde whose husband Thomas was pressed into Ireland for a soldier: it is uncertain whether her husband be dead or no. She was great with child before her late marriage with William Dickenson. Married by licence out of the Jurisdiction, and without the consent of the Minister of the parish or compounding with him for his fees. Could not be cited because they were vagabonds, and ran away.
Joyce Bite, servant to Thomas Royles of St. Albans, delivered of a child in a little house in the parish secretly. She was a vagabond and ran away.
5. *Rickmersworth.*
- 6, January, 1598.—George Reade defamed for dishonesty with the wife of William Abye. Reade alleged that there was no such public fame, but the Churchwardens justified it and obtained sentence against him. Reade and the woman stand excommunicate for not appearing.
- 27, March, 1599.—Agnes Scott, single woman begotten with child by a man servant of Henry Baldwin of Readheathe in the parish of Watford: "his name we cannot learn." Scott did penance, but the man being a vagabond, ran away.

- 28, June, 1599.—Anthony Tuly for defaming the wife of Richard Mathewe openly in the street at Rickmersworth. Both excommunicate for not appearing.
- 3, July, 1600.—Thomas Cardewell and Alice Hearne for incontinency before marriage. Both excommunicate for not appearing.
Richard Charles *alias* Attey for begetting Ellen Randall with child. Attey stands excommunicate for not appearing, and Randall also excommunicate for not performing the penance enjoined.
- 15, October, 1600.—Thomas Goodwyn lately the servant of Mr. Beresforde, and Roger Evelins wife defamed of some dishonesty between them.
- 8, January, 1600.—Susan Graye reported to be with child by Simon Baker, a glover dwelling at Chesham, but where now he dwelleth we know not. Both excommunicate for not appearing.
6. *Busshey*.
- 8, January, 1600.—Joane Messenger with child, as she saith by her master that was, Edward Huddell, the said Huddell is enjoined open penance in a sheet and is to certify the performance of the same at the next Court. The woman is continued for that she lieth in childbed.
7. *Chipping Barnett*.
- 10, January, 1598.—Robert Crips suspected of not being married, having dwelt in our town three years. Excommunicate for not appearing.
- 5, June, 1599.—Mary Monn *alias* Eves, suspected of being with child by John Greene. He did prove that he was married to the said Eves, and they did penance before the Minister and Churchwardens.
John Creeke and Margaret Hall suspected of the same. Excommunicate for not appearing.
- 4, January, 1599.—John Creeke for living with Margaret Hall as a wife notwithstanding he hath another living, and although he hath been admonished, yet liveth in adultery. Both excommunicate for not appearing.
Valentine Archer and Elizabeth Hawsey for fornication. Archer excommunicate for not appearing. Hawsey did public penance.
John Cooper and Alice [blank] for fornication. Excommunicate for not appearing.
John Holdbecke and Catherin his wife suspected of incontinence before marriage. They did penance before the Minister and Churchwardens.
- 3, April, 1600.—Hugh Pawlyn and Agnes his wife for incontinency before marriage. Pawlyn did make oath that they were betrothed before the incontinency was committed. He was discharged with godly admonition being very penitent.
- 9, October, 1600.—Margaret Mason begotten with child by John Cooper. Both excommunicate for not appearing. Richard Swayne at John Beamondes and one Briggs at her sister's, the wife of Budderid woman

- servant, for incontinency. Both excommunicate for incontinency.
- 3, January, 1600.—Robert Brian and Alice Carter. By her own confession they have behaved themselves dishonestly. To be cited to the next Court.
8. *East Barnet.*
- 4, April, 1600.—Thomas Reason and Elizabeth Phillippes for fornication. Both excommunicate for not appearing.
9. *Norton.*
- 10, September, 1599.—William Olliver, servant to George Clarke defamed for begetting a maid with child; but her name we know not. The woman ran away, and Olliver is excommunicate for not appearing.
10. *Newenham.*
- 14, March, 1598.—Mary Pippin unmarried who hath a child. She was driven to our parish by the Statute of the last Parliament. She was a vagabond and went out of the parish.
11. *Northawe.*
- 28, December, 1600.—A crime is reported by William Burr and Mandelin his wife against the wife of Gregory Burr and a man of Mr. Brisketts, Thomas [blank]. Cited to appear at the next Court.
12. *Shephall.*
- 10, January, 1598.—John Mardall a smith for incontinency with his wife before marriage. They did penance before the Minister and Churchwardens.
13. *Sarett.*
- 1, October, 1600.—Phillis Cleadon “who as the fame goeth is with child, but to our knowledge she never deserved to be with child.” She purged herself.
14. *Abbotts Langley.*
- 9, December, 1598.—The wife of Alexander Cogdell *alias* Boltwell defamed for incontinency and so her husband refuseth her company. The woman appeared, and alleged that there was no such fame. She obtained a sentence *restitutionis* but afterwards by their mutual consent they obtained a separation before Dr. Bynge, Dean of the Arches.
- 9, October, 1599.—Alyce, wife of Thomas Stronge hath taken into her house and company in the absence of her husband, William Longe, of Watford and is suspected of living incontinently with him. She has purged herself.
- 15, October, 1600.—Owen Lewys for incontinency with a woman, a stranger. Cited to the next Court.
15. *Watforde.*
- 10, January, 1598.—“In these holy days last one Margaret Haly was at unseasonable time in the night taken by one Goodwyfe Foster” with a young fellow called Marman, who is run away. Both excommunicate for not appearing.
- 4, July, 1599.—Jourdens wife married within these five weeks to [blank] Lawson, suspected to be with child. Both excommunicate for not appearing.

A young woman at John Randalls in Cashio hamlet was delivered of a man child. She said her husband was Rafe Byram of Swaforde in the parish of Manchester, co. Lancaster, gent. deceased. Ordered to bring a certificate. Excommunicate for not producing the same. John Randall did public penance for entertaining her in his house.

8, October, 1599.—William Longe for incontinency with the wife of one Strong of Abbots Langley. Excommunicate for not appearing.

16, January, 1599.—Sara Oatey hath had a child, not being married: the father not known to us. She did penance.

3, April, 1600.—Robert Rawson and Sara, wife of Robert Gutridge for living incontinently together. Rawson purged himself. Gutridge excommunicate for not appearing.

Thomas Bennet and his wife for incontinency before marriage. They both did penance.

5, July, 1600.—Sibill, daughter of Robert Bateman reported to be with child. Excommunicate for not appearing.

31, December.—Rachell, daughter of Cuthbert Berry reported to be with child by William Weedon. She is enjoined penance, and Weedon is excommunicate for not appearing.

A daughter of Henry Messenger is with child. Continued to the next Court as she is in childbed.

16. *Redborne.*

9, October, 1599.—Richard Bannester and Edyn Deacon for incontinency. They have gone away together, and are excommunicate for not appearing.

Awdrye Robynson unmarried, delivered of a child. Excommunicate for not appearing.

6, October, 1600.—Mary Austen delivered of a child in the house of James Myles. Enjoined penance, but excommunicate for producing no certificate of performance of the same. Myles did penance for allowing her to go away.

3, January, 1600.—Margaret Tydnam with child by Mr. Maye late schoolmaster in Mr. French's house. She is excommunicate for not appearing. He is continued to the next Court.

17. *Ridge.*

17, April, 1599.—Edmond Clarke and his wife for incontinency before marriage: did penance before the Minister, *etc.*

4, January, 1599.—Robert Purce servant to John Harte for begetting Margaret Platt a servant to John Harte, with child. Both gone away. Purce did penance in a sheet. Platt was enjoined penance but is excommunicate for not certifying performance thereof.

4, July, 1600.—Agnes Tyler and John Bunne for incontinence before marriage. They did penance.

8, October, 1600.—Robert Beaman and Mary his wife for incontinence before marriage did penance.

18. *Wynslo.*

3, July, 1599.—Joane Turnan widow for fornication with a stranger. She did penance.

15, October, 1600.—Jane Burrowes for fornication. Excommunicate for not appearing.

22, December, 1600.—Judith Cooke begotten with child by Henry Bawlye as she saith. They are to appear at the next Court.

Elizabeth Stuttesbery widow, for slandering William Leache and the wife of Hughe Stuttesbery for incontinency. Cited to the next Court.

John Greene and Jone Coney for suspicion of adultery. Greene purged himself, but Coney was never cited, as she was a vagabond and ran away.

19. *Horwood parva.*

9, July, 1600.—Samuel Davers gent, and Ingles Pierce gentlewoman for incontinency; "they both drew out of our Jurisdiction far off, and departed before we could cite them. (6 pages).

1601.

155. 30, MAY, 1601.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 22 May 1601. Complaints have been made to personages of great place who have acquainted the Archbishop, that by reason of the keeping of Courts by Commissaries and Archdeacon's Officials, and by the number of Apparitors serving under them, people are "almost vexed weekly" with attendance at their Courts, to their great charge and daily vexation. Other complaints are, the making of "quarter bills" of presentments, when visitations are held but once or twice a year, by which Churchwardens have to give continual attendance at the Courts; daily vexation by new processes; excommunication if they miss one day of their quarter bills; the great charge to the parishes for attendance of the churchwardens, and the loss to the poor men chosen as churchwardens. These complaints are daily made. The Archbishop fears that the greediness of mean inferior Registers and Apparitors is so rooted in them that it will breed a greater blemish than heretofore hath come upon ecclesiastical jurisdiction. The Bishop is required to cause the Archdeacons and their Officials to bring to him the Records of their Courts for the third and fourth years of the Queen's reign, and satisfy himself on three points:—1. How often Churchwardens then brought in their bills, whether quarterly or otherwise. 2. How often the officials held Courts in each quarter, and the time between them. 3. The number of Apparitors each Commissary had. The Bishop is to inform himself how often bills are now brought in from each parish. It is reported that parishes are quarterly charged as much for certificates of Recusants as they are for their bills of presentment. The charges paid to Apparitors and Registers on the exhibition of bills of presentment are to be ascertained, and the difference between the

former and present charges. All these enormities the Bishop is to redress, the number of Courts and charges are to be reduced, and he is to report what has been done to the Archbishop. The Bishop orders the Archdeacon and his Officials to appear at the Palace in London on 27, June in accordance with the terms of the Archbishop's Letter. "I will not yet charge any one of you . . . with any of the faults in these letters specified . . . but I must needs say that in general there hath such complaints been brought unto me." From Fulham. Ric. London. 4 pages.

156. 26, JUNE, 1601.—THE ANSWER OF MR. DOCTOR HUCHENSON, Archdeacon, Mr. Rolfe his Official, and Mr. Rockitt their Register.
1. They receive four quarter bills, and 4 Recusant bills. The Register takes 4d. a piece every quarter.
 2. The Courts are held sometimes every fortnight and sometimes once in three weeks, as they were in 1560.
 3. There is only one Deanery and one Apparitor.
- The Archdeaconry is so small, consisting of 26 parishes, and it cannot afford the Register a competent maintenance. In times past the Archdeacon and Register had several pensions of the Abbot, which since the Dissolution "is detained and not paid." Concerning the taking of 4d. for each quarter bill, it hath been taken before their time for 24 years. The 4d. for every bill of Recusants the Register "hath used by example of London."
157. —, JANUARY, 1601.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 7 January 1601. Your Lordship hath now found that the not reforming the inconveniences crept into the Ecclesiastical Courts hath bred that effect which was feared in the multitude of complaints made against them in this last Parliament; which had they not been prevented with good circumspection, and promise of careful reformation there might have issued the taking away of the whole or most of those Courts. Had the Constitutions been well observed these enormities had been all redressed:—
1. Ordinaries proceeding *ex officio mero* without due presentment.
 2. The over-frequency of Courts, vexing especially the Churchwardens.
 3. The "snatching by prevention" used betwixt Commissaries and Officials in matters of correction, whereby the subject is distracted by being cited into two or three Courts at once.
 4. Charging the country with Quarterly Bills.
 5. The multitude of Apparitors.
 6. The admission of Curates "hand over hand" by Officials without the Bishop's knowledge, and breaches of *beneficiorum pluralitate cohibenda*.
 7. Commutation of penances without the Bishop's knowledge.
 8. The granting of marriage licences by others than the Bishops' Chancellors.
- The Bishop is desired to set down such observations to his Ecclesiastical Officers whereby these inconveniences may be avoided. For the reformation of abuses the Bishop notes that he has set down certain observations which are to be put into practice in the Archdeaconry. If the Bishop

finds any carelessness in observing these orders, he will be driven sharply to censure him. Ric. London.

Appended Orders :—

1. Ecclesiastical Judges are to proceed only upon presentment, or public notoriety of any offence, and not to vex the subjects by appointing *promotarem necessarium officii*. 2. Courts are not to be kept oftener than once in a month or five weeks, and only in their ordinary Courts, and the Register or his deputy must be present. 3. There must be at least seven days' distance between the Courts.

"Greedy catching" by Officials. If one Court be justly first possessed of any presentment, the other Court will "dimisse" the party unduly called before it without fees. Quarter Bills.

1. Every parish to make its own bills at home, and not to be charged to bring the bill any farther than to the place where the Visitation is kept. 2. Charges for bills are only to be made once a year to the Court that visiteth, and not more than 4d. is to be paid in one year to the Register of the Court for exhibiting the same. 3. Apparitors are forbidden to fetch bills. One Churchwardens from each parish is to bring the bill to the Court appointed. 4. Churchwardens are to present their bills once a year at the general Visitation. 5. Enormous crimes, incontineny, recusancy, neglect of coming to church or receiving the Holy Sacrament, notorious drunkenness the Churchwardens must present in accordance with their oath, but no payment is to be made by them for such bill of presentment. 6. No Churchwarden *etc.* is to be called before any Court after he has made presentment at the Visitation except for neglect to present notorious offenders. Offences grown by multiplicity of Apparitors. 1. Apparitors are not to be *promotores officii* or *denunciatores*, and are not to receive any fee not set down in the public table. 2. Apparitors must be allowed under the seal of him whom he serveth, and he is to make oath to make true return of all processes committed to his charge, and not to keep back any excommunication. 3. There is to be only one Apparitor for each Deanery, and where there are fewer parishes than twenty in a Deanery, two deaneries are to be served by one Apparitor. Curates. 1. All curates admitted to serve under beneficed men must conform to the Constitutions. 2. A Curate admitted to serve under a double-beneficed man must be a Public Preacher, and his stipend allotted before he be licensed. Commutation of Penance. 1. Penances must be enjoined in open Court and not in any private place. Penances are to be performed only on Sunday or Holyday at the usual hour of Morning Prayer, and in a sheet. 2. No commutation of penance unless by warrant from the Bishop. Marriage Licences. These are to be granted by the Bishop or his Chancellor alone.

Ric. London. 8 pages.

158. 25, JANUARY, 1601.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. All the Preachers are to be enjoined in their sermons to stir the people to thankfulness for the deliverance of Kinsale, Ireland, from the rebels supported by the King of Spain and the Pope, and

the overthrow of the forces of the traitors Tyrone and O'donell; Tyrone having fled to the north of Ireland, and O'donell into Spain. From my Palace at London. Ric. London.

1603.

159. 17, MAY, 1603.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. The Bishop has been required to certify the names of all the Preachers in the Diocese, their several degrees, by whom they were allowed to preach, and whether they are beneficed, Curates or Lecturers, with the names of the parishes where they preach. The Archdeacon is himself to send for every Minister in his jurisdiction, requiring each to bring his licence, and to inform himself as to their diligence in preaching, and certificate of the same to be made to the Bishop. From my Pallace at London. Ric. London.
160. 26, MAY, 1603.—MANDATE of Archdeacon (Huchenson) to John Gynsell, Apparitor, to cite the Clergy to the Parish Church, St. Albans, 8 June 1603, warning them to bring with them their Licences to preach and certificates from their parishes of their diligence in preaching.
- St. Alban's and St. Peter's, Roger Williams and Hamlett Marshall, curate; St. Michaells, Erasmus Cooke, vicar; St. Stevens, Richard Lightfoote, vicar; Rickmersworth, William Edmondson, vicar; Busshey, Richard Scot, parson, John Hull, preacher; Cheping Barnet, Mathew Mylwarde, parson, Richard Boyle, curate; the Curate of East Barnet if he be a Preacher; Hexton, John Noke, vicar; Northawe, Thomas Glover, curate; Walden, Henry Halstede, vicar; Shephall, John Rudd, vicar; Idelstrye, John Boyle, parson; Saret, John Butler, vicar; Codycote, John Darling, vicar; Langley, John Lewes, vicar; Watford, Anthony Watson, vicar; Redborn, Richard Gawton; Ridge, John Crayforde, curate; Sandridge, William Westerman, vicar; Wynslo, Robert Maynewaring, vicar; Abbots Aston, Hugh Whitacres, vicar; Granborou, Fulke Owen, vicar.
161. 8, JUNE, 1603.—CERTIFICATES FROM THE PARISHES OF THE DILIGENCE OF THE PREACHERS. (17 Documents).
- (a) *Northaw*.—Our Minister Thomas Glover preacheth twice every Sabbath or at least once and catechizeth once, every now and then especially in summer expounding a chapter in the New Testament. John Fish, Ralf Palmer, Eust. Grubb, Richard Platt, Thomas Atkinson, Rych. Cowlter, Wylliam Hussy, churchwardens; Thomas Brickwood, Roger Lawen (mark).
- (b) *Barnet*.—Richard Boyle hath for the space of these three years painfully preached amongst us every Sabbath day. 7 June 1603. Thomas Myriell, Thomas Kyrton, Thomas Terlec (?), Crystor Botomlaye, churchwardens; John Winter, John Stacie.
- (c) *Busshey*.—Richard Scot, parson and John Hull bachelor of Divinity, Preacher. Divine service is twice duly said and the word likewise painfully and profitably preached twice every Sabbath day. 5 June 1603. Churchwardens: Thomas Banycke (mark), Thomas Dyer (mark). Sidesmen: William Felles, John

- Uddell, Henry Jourdan, Henry ?, (mark), Roger Wedon (mark), George Blackwell (mark), Thomas Nycoll, John (?), George Melton, John Huddle (mark), Edward Huddle, Alexander Wedon (mark), George Wedon (mark).
- (d) *St. Stevens.*—Our Parson preacheth every Sunday and at other times as occasion serveth. William Kentish (mark), James Joyce, churchwardens; William Ethcrotte (mark), Tho. Bailie, Hugh Rolfe (mark), John (?), Robert Knoleton.
- (e) *St. Peters.*—Hamlet Marshall Curate, preacheth every Sabbath day and upon some holydays throughout the year. Francis Bale, Thomas Camfeld, Jhon Hogkinson.
- (f) *Hexton.*—Mr. Noke is our Minister is a licensed preacher and doth exercise his talent amongst us every Sabbath day and at other times as occasion serveth if he be at home. John Rickett (mark), churchwarden; Thomas Felde, sidesman. Thomas Gardener (mark), Nicholas Cartar, William Landye (mark).
- (g) *St. Michaells.*—Erasmus Cooke being a Preacher licensed, doth preach diligently and painfully on every Sunday twice, and upon holidays commonly he preacheth once. Jhon Crosbye, Bray Norris, Walter Marston (mark).
- (h) *Codycote.*—6, June, 1603. Mr. Derling Minister hath by the space of these ten years past faithfully and painfully carried and behaved himself in his ministry, preaching usually twice every Sabbath day. Thomas Pen, Francis Docwra, Walter Grey, Thomas Mylles, Nicholas Perrat (mark), Thomas Wren (mark), churchwardens.
- (i) *Watford.*—Anthony Watson this sixteen years hath laboured in his calling most painfully preaching every Sabbath, ordinarily forenoon and after, and every holyday in the year, and hath all the time continued a lecture or "sermont" every Tuesday, which is our market day. William Fynch, Thomas Ewer of Waterdell, Robert Wodward, Thomas Ewer, Willyam Edlin, John Weedon, W. Cragge, R. Martyn, John Anderson, Raphe Kinge, William Finche younger, William Hickman, Raphe Gunthrop (mark), William Baldwyn (mark), William Kentishe, Tho. Fotherley (mark).
- (j) *Redborne.*—5 June 1603. Mr. Gawton hath ever since he came unto us diligently preached every Sabbath day twice, and against the administration of the holy communion he hath also preached once in the week before to prepare the communicants to the worthy receiving thereof. Nycolas Finche, W. Heyward (mark), churchwardens; William Fossey, John Saunders, John Thane (?) (mark), W. Beamond (mark), Nicholas Martin.

- (k) *Wynslo*.—12 June, 1603. Robert Maynwaring bachelor of arts, sometime of the College of St. John Baptist in Oxford was licensed to preach by the Bishop of London 14 May 1601. "Concerning my sufficiency I refer myself to the judgment of those which have heard me at St. Albans and elsewhere." As touching the number of sermons "I have not tied myself to anie certain stinte" but have preached sometimes three or four times in a quarter, sometimes twice or thrice in the month and sometimes twice in the week, according as occasion hath required and as I have found myself sufficiently furnished. Robt. Maynwaring.
- (l) *Abbots Aston*.—6, June, 1603. Mr. Whittakers our vicar doth from time to time every fortnight preach unto us. Edward Winter (mark), William Mylner (mark), churchwardens; Leonard Burrowe (mark), Robert Saunders (mark), John Green (mark), Robert Jeffes (mark), Robert Vyncher (mark), John Jeffes (mark), Michaell Powell, Thomas Bate (mark), Nicholas Sumner (mark), Richard Parker (mark), Robert Rolfe (mark), William Harman (mark), William Bawdricke (mark).
- (m) *Shephall*.—5 June 1603. Our Minister John Rudd preacheth at the least every Sabbath twice, in the forenoon for the most part going on with some particular place of Scripture or with some special treatise which he thinketh profitable for the times: in the afternoon referring all his exercises unto catechising, handling either some choice places of Scripture for that purpose, or insisting upon some ordinary catechism. George Nodes, William North senior (mark), William North junior, Chales Andrew (mark), John Hatton senior (mark), Robert Deerman (mark), Richard Threddar (mark), churchwarden, Raph Axtell, schoolmaster.
- (n) *Walden*.—9 June 1603. Mr. Halstead our Pastor doth with no small diligence and labour perform the duties of his calling amongst us, as well in due reading of the Holy Scriptures and administering the Sacraments as in continual labour and discreet preaching the Gospel of peace every Sunday throughout the year. Thomas Hoo, Thomae Hille, George Sturmyrn (mark), Thomas Yonge, John Gaselay (mark), Henry Chalkeley, churchwardens.
- (o) *Langley*.—4 June 1603. Our Minister useth to preach each Sabbath day and exerciseth all other duties pertaining to the holy function of the ministry with care and diligence.
- (p) *Sandridge*.—8 July (*sic.*) 1603. Mr. Westerman our Minister for this eleven years space hath every Sabbath day usually been exercised twice, morning and evening, either in preaching or catechising. William Grunwin, John Michell, churchwardens; Hugh Smythe, George Clarke of the Hook.

" Mr. Rockett my license bearing date 8 February 1593 by John, Bishop of London that now is."

(q) *Granboro*.—5 June 1603. Our Minister Mr. Foulke Owen doth every Sabbath preach according to his talent, except by some extraordinary cause he be otherwise letted. Benedict Holland (mark), Robert Stevens (mark), Thomas Mountigue (mark), Thomas Pitkin (mark), John Boton (mark), Thomas Capenhurst (mark), John Gewe (mark), William Stevens, churchwardens.

162. 15, JUNE, 1603.—DRAFT LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop certifying that he has called all the Ministers before him at St. Albans in accordance with the Bishop's letter 17 May 1603.

8, JUNE, 1603.—A particular Note made of the names and surnames of all the Ministers in the Archdeaconry, their degree of school, their allowances to preach, their benefices; the preaching Curates and their several degrees.

1. *St. Albans*.—Mr. Roger Williams parson, and vicar of St. Peters; bachelor of divinity; a preacher not specially licensed, but allowed by your Lordship's predecessors. Diligent in preaching in his cures interchangeably; Mr. Hamlet Marshall curate, M.A.; licensed of late as he saith, but the instrument remaineth in Mr. Blackwell's office. Preaches diligently in one of the Churches every Sabbath of my certain knowledge. Certificate from Churchwardens.

2. *Busshey*.—Mr. Richard Scot; no degree, brought up in New College, Oxford; Chaplain to the Earl of Northampton: licensed to preach by John, late Bishop of London: hath been much hindered by sickness and therefore hath not lately preached, but supplied his want by Mr. John Hunt, bachelor of divinity: licensed to preach by the University of Cambridge. Certificate from Churchwardens *etc.* that he preacheth diligently.

3. *Idelstry*.—Mr. John Boyle, parson: bachelor of divinity, allowed to preach by the University of Cambridge. He is diligent in preaching as he saith, and as was affirmed by one of his Churchwardens present in Court, but he refused to make any other testimony, albeit he was thereunto specially required as the rest of the ministers were.

(Note: On the *dorso* of this document is a Letter, as follows:)

8, June, 1603.—LETTER. Richard Boyle to Mr. Rockett. These are to signify unto you that according to the order of the Court, and my promise in the Court, I have sent you herein enclosed the testimonial of my labors under the hands of some of the best of my parishioners. I might have with ease entrusted a scroll of subscriptions, but thinking these sufficient I forbore to trouble them. Thus in haste I take my leave, commending myself to you and to GOD. Barnet, this *etc.* Richard Boyle.

163. [15] JUNE, 1603.—ANOTHER DRAFT OF LIST OF CLERGY, THEIR DEGREES, ETC.

1. *St. Albans*.—Mr. Roger Williams, parson. A Preacher by his degree of school, being a bachelor in divinity, not otherwise licensed. Of my own knowledge he preacheth every Sunday and holyday. He is also Vicar of St. Peters, and serves one of his cures one Sabbath and all the week and his Curate the other cure, and the next Sabbath day and all the week he serveth the other cure, and his Curate that cure which Mr. Williams had served that last week.

Mr. Hamlet Marshall curate, M.A. and to preach at the next Commencement: licensed to preach by your Lordship, and the instrument is ready in Mr. Blackwell's office. Churchwardens *etc.* certify diligence in preaching.

[Note: The above entry has been crossed out.]

2. *St. Michaels*.—Mr. Erasmus Cooke, vicar; Preacher, B.A.: admitted Preacher by the Archbishop at Lambeth, 16 October, 1594. Churchwardens certify his diligence in preaching.
3. *St. Stevens*.—Mr. Richard Lightfoot, vicar. Preacher, brought up in Christ Church, Oxford; no degree: admitted Preacher by John, Bishop of London, 20 June, 1587. Certificate from Churchwardens *etc.* that he preaches diligently.
4. *Rickmersworth*.—Mr. William Edmondes, vicar; Bachelor of divinity; licensed to preach by John, Bishop of London at Hadham, 1 October, 1586. Certificate from Churchwardens *etc.* that he preaches diligently.
5. *Busshey*.—Mr. Richard Scott, parson. Preacher. Brought up at New College, Oxford: no degree: licensed by John, Bp. of London, 1 February, 1592. He hath been lately much letted by sickness and hath not preached as was his use, but hath supplied that diligently by Mr. John Hull, bachelor of divinity: licensed by the University of Oxford, 12 June 44^o Elizabeth. Preacheth diligently.

[Note: This has been crossed out.]

6. *Cheping Barnet*.—Mr. Mathew Mylward, lately inducted, appeared not. Mr. Richard Boyle, curate, a Preacher, licensed by Bp. of London, 4 September 1601: M.A., not beneficed. He preacheth as he saith every Sabbath day once at the least, either at Chipping Barnet or at East Barnet.
7. *East Barnet*.—Mr. Mathew Mylwarde parson.
8. *Hexton*.—Mr. John Noke, vicar, M.A., Preacher licensed as he saith, but hath not exhibited any licence, saying that it was at London. He is diligent in preaching, as appeareth by a certificate of the parishioners, when he is present, but he hath been detected by his parishioners for absence and non-residence, for which he hath been lately ordered by the Court.

9. *Northawe*.—Mr. Thomas Glover, curate : M.A. : Preacher licensed by the Archbishop for the Province at Lambeth, 10 May, 1599. Churchwardens *etc.* certify his diligence in preaching.
10. *Walden*.—Mr. Henry Halstede, vicar, M.A. : Preacher admitted by Richard, Bp. of London, 3 August, 1595. Diligent in preaching.
11. *Shephall*.—Mr. John Rudd, vicar, M.A. Preacher, licensed by University of Cambridge, 16 December, 1594. Diligence in preaching certified by Churchwardens, *etc.*
12. *Idelstry*.—Mr. John Boyle, parson, bachelor of divinity : allowed preacher by University of Cambridge [no date]. Diligent in preaching.
13. *Sarat*.—Mr. John Butler, vicar. Preacher, not licensed. B.A. He saith he hath preached two or three times in twelve months, and he further saith that he hath had preached in the parish twenty-three sermons since Christmas last by Mr. Noke, his son-in-law, vicar of Hexton. He hath not submitted and certificate of his own diligence.
14. *Codycote*.—Mr. John Darlinge, vicar ; B.A. : Preacher, licensed by John Bp. of London at Fulham, 22 December, 1593. Diligence in preaching certified by Churchwardens, *etc.*
15. *Langley Abbas*.—Mr. John Lewes, vicar. Brought up in Jesus College, Cambridge : Preacher, licensed by John, Bp. of London, at Fulham, 21 June 1579. Diligence in preaching certified by the Churchwardens *etc.*
16. *Watford*.—Mr. Anthony Watson, vicar, M.A. : Preacher, allowed as he saith by divers Bps. of London, but hath none in writing. Diligent in preaching on Sundays holydays and lecture days, viz. Tuesdays, market days.
17. *Redborne*.—Mr. Richard Gawton vicar. Brought up at Magdalen College Cambridge : Preacher allowed by John, Bp. of London, 19 January 1578, and also by licence of Richard, late Bp. of London, 19 November, 1595. Diligence in preaching certified by the Churchwardens *etc.*
18. *Ridge*.—Mr. John Crayford, curate, appeared not, but he is known to be a Preacher, and to preach in his cure oftentimes, Chaplain as he hath certified me to my Lords Grace of Canterbury.
19. *Sundridge*.—Mr. William Westerman, vicar, Bachelor in divinity, Chaplain to the Bp. of London that was ; Preacher allowed as he saith by John, Bp. of London. Diligence in preaching certified by Churchwardens *etc.*
20. *Wynslo*.—Mr. Robert Maynwaring vicar : B.A. licensed to preach by Bp. of London. He preacheth sometimes twice or thrice a month *etc.* as by his own answer doth appear.
21. *Aston Abbis*.—Mr. Hughe Whitacres, vicar : no degree : Preacher licensed by Bp. of London 14 May 1601, to

- preach only at Abbots Aston. Diligence in preaching certified by Churchwardens *etc.*
22. *Granborow*.—Mr. Fulke Owen, vicar : Preacher : B.A., licensed to preach in the Diocese of London, by John, Bp. of London, 1 February 1592. Diligence in preaching certified by Churchwardens *etc.*
23. *Newenham*.—Thomas Gonell, vicar, no preacher : B.A. : doth oftentimes expound and catechise, as he saith.
24. *Horwood*.—John Robinson, vicar. No preacher allowed, but catechiseth, expounded and preacheth oftentimes in his parish, as he saith. M.A.
25. *Norton*.—John Prat, vicar. No preacher ; no degree : certifieth that he procureth monthly sermons to be preached in his cure by Preachers allowed. 3 pp.
164. 30, JUNE, 1603.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. The Bishop is required in the Archbishop's name to send Letters to the Archdeacons in his Diocese, requiring them to cite the Clergy in their several Jurisdictions to receive in writing their answers to every one of the points following, and transmit them in authentic form to the Bishop, who is to send them to the Archbishop. I must put your Lordship in remembrance " you had need to give some towche unto your Archdeacons *etc.* that if they thought of it how many of these things which I desire to be informed in may concern their several Jurisdictions they would both have more care particularly to inform themselves by all means of every such matter required of them."
1. The number of Communicants in every Parish.
 2. The certain number of every man Recusant without specifying their names, and the exact number of woman Recusants in each Parish.
 3. The certain number of men and women who do not receive the Communion.
 4. The name of every double-beneficed man in the Diocese, his degree and qualification, the names of the benefices he holdeth and their distance apart, and as near as you can, their valuation in the King's Book.
 5. How many Improvements there be in the Diocese, whether they be indued with vicarages or served with curates, the value of each vicarage as near as you can ; or what stipend is paid for the maintenance of the Curate.
 6. The names of every parsonage indued with a vicarage, what the parsonage is valued at in the King's Book, and what the vicarage is valued at.
 7. Who is the patron of each benefice.
- From Lambeth. Jo. Cantuar.
165. 4. JULY, 1603.—LETTER from the Archbishop, Richard Swale and Jo. Gibson to the Bishop. Divers complaints have heretofore been made in Parliament of sundry abuses supposed to be committed by Chancellors, Archdeacons, *etc.*, and little regard has been had to them, and the complaints are renewed more earnestly than before. The Bishop is required by virtue of the King's Commission for causes Ecclesiastical to call before him his Chancellor, Archdeacons, *etc.*, and so deal with them that

they may hereafter more carefully observe the Laws and Constitutions, and intimate to them that on any future complaint being justified they will be proceeded against by the Commission. The special complaints are:—1. Too frequent Courts. 2. Proceedings taken *ex officio*. 3. Commutations of Penance without the Bishop's consent. 4. The hard usage of the Clergy when they appear before the Courts. 5. The granting of Marriage Licences by Commissaries, Officials, and Judges of Peculiars, without respect to the Canons. The Canons are in every point to be duly observed. The Commissioners are very sorry that after so many admonitions there should be any just cause given that they should be compelled to write in this sort, and be driven to exact by the King's authority that which they, by doing their duty, and the Bishop by vigilance over them might have prevented. Certificate is to be made by Michaelmas term next. From Lambeth. Jo. Cantuar, Rich. Swale, Jo. Gibson.

166. 13, JULY, 1603.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Archbishop's Letter 30 June (No. 164). The Bishop is sorry that the remissness of the Archdeacon in not performing the duty is such as to call the notice of the Archbishop to the matter. He is required to put the matter into execution at once, allowing the Clergy three weeks or a month in which to prepare their answers. From Fulham. Ric. London.
- 28, JULY, 1603.—Archdeacon to Mr. Rockett. He had written a letter of purpose to meet with him at Barnet, but doubting of his coming sends on the Bishop's letter. Rockett and the Register are to advise how the letter may best be satisfied. A letter is to be sent to each minister containing a special note of the articles.
167. 29, JULY, 1603.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Parsons, Vicars and Curates of the Archdeaconry. He has received Letters directing the celebration of 5 August in each year with Public Preaching and Thanksgiving in all Churches in commemoration of his Majesty's delivery from the traitorous and detestable attempts of the Earl Gowrie his brothers and others, with joy and gladness. He also requires them to make answer to the Articles issued by the Archbishop in writing, and to appear before the Archdeacon on 18 August 1603 in the parish church St. Albans. Articles—seven—appended, as in No. 164.
168. 10, AUGUST, 1603.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. The Bishop has received letters from the Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastical, and encloses the same, "for that this time of infection is such as fitteth not to call you before me." He has set down what he holds fit to be done for the better government of the Archdeacon's Court, and requires:—1. The Archdeacon to personally appear 7 October bringing a copy of the Letters sent about 8 March, 1597. 2. A copy of the Archbishop's Letter of 20 May, 1601, *etc.*, and to certify how they have been carried out. 3. Copies of Letters and Orders of 7 January 1601, and the Orders for reforming abuses. 4. That every man may bear his own burden, you are to peruse with your Official and Register all the records in matters of office from 1 March 1597 to this day, and to deliver the same on oath, with presentment and detections of notorious crimes which have been dealt with

in the same period, and what the proceedings have been, penances imposed, commutations, *etc.*, and how you have reformed the order of your Court. The Bishop complains that in granting Administrations, Probate of Testaments, *etc.*, some of the officials do so without respect of Court Days and Visitations, and dispatch all the business at home; that Ministers are treated imperiously by the Court; and the irregular granting of Marriage Licences. From Fulham. Ric. London.

169. 18, AUGUST, 1603.—LIST OF CLERGY at the "Convocation of Ministers" held at St. Albans. (As in No. 163).
170. 29, AUGUST, 1603.—LETTER [Bishop's Chancellor ?] to Archdeacon. Calls attention to certain Letters sent by the Archbishop to the Bishop of London and other Bishops to which he has received no answer, and the Bishop imputes the fault to the Archdeacon. The Archbishop must have the certificates required by his own Letters and by those of the Commissioners within ten days of Michaelmas. The Letters sent have been:—
1. 21, June, 1602.—For the repairing of decayed Churches and Chancels, and to certify the state of the Churches in the Archdeaconry. (Note in the margin, "certified 26 November 1602.")
 2. 12, May, 1603.—For certifying the names of all the Preachers in the Archdeaconry, their degrees, *etc.* (Note in margin, "certified 15 June 1603.")
- A speedy answer is urged. From Wansworthe. John Stanley. [Note: The signature is very doubtful, apparently the Chancellor, J. Stanhope.]
171. 12, SEPTEMBER, 1603.—DRAFT LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. He acknowledges the receipt to the Letter 13 July last with the Letter from the Archbishop concerning certificates of all Parsons Vicars and Curates in the Archdeaconry. He has cited the Clergy to appear before him, and has received certificates from all of them excepting John Crayford minister of Ridge, and he transmits the same. Further, he has received a letter from the Chancellor, dated 29, August, whereby neglect is imputed to him in not answering the Letter touching the repairing of Churches and Chancels, also neglecting to return the certificates of Preachers with their degrees, *etc.* These letters were duly answered and the certificates sent to the Bishop's Register's Office, the first on 26 November 1602, the other 15, June 1603. The answer to the last will be answered in due time, the Bishop having given respite for the answer until within ten days of Michaelmas, and the answer to the Letter from the Commissioners will be ready 7 October, when he is required to personally appear with the same. All which Letters he has duly remembered, and he hopes "cleared all negligence." From St. Albans. Ja. Rolfe.
172. 6, OCTOBER, 1603.—LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. He has been cited to appear on 7, October, with Mr. Archdeacon Huchenson, and Mr. Rokitt the Register. Mr. Archdeacon prayeth to be excused for that he hath been long in the west part and is but lately gone home to his own house and cannot so speedily return: he himself by reason of a dangerous sickness whereby it hath pleased God lately to visit him is so weak

that he cannot take the air or undertake the journey. Mr. Rokitt is grievously pained as he often is with piles so that he cannot endure any travel. Wherefore they humbly pray the Bishop to bear with their infirmities and want of ability to perform their duty. They have been very careful to observe all former Orders concerning their Jurisdiction, and are not subject to the points complained of. His answer to the points complained of is enclosed. From St. Alban's. Ja. Rolfe.

173. [Undated, but referred to in No. 172].—ANSWER of James Rolfe Official of the Archdeaconry to the Letters of the Commissioners, of 4 July 1603.

1. Multiplicity of Courts. Courts are kept but once in three weeks, and oftimes once a month. Formerly from time out of mind they were weekly, and fortnightly at the furthest. The Jurisdiction was always exempt from any Commissary, and therefore the subjects have not been drawn to other Courts as in other parts of the Diocese. Owing to the paucity of Courts, only about 15 being held in the year, and the superior Courts in London being 30 yearly, almost all the causes *ad instantiam partis* are drawn to London by reason of their better expedition, to the overthrow of this Jurisdiction and the further charge and travel of the subject.
2. Proceedings *ex officio*. He only proceeds upon the presentment of the Churchwardens, except upon manifest notoriety of the fact or public and scandalous infamy raised, but in these so seldom that in any one year scarcely any such cause is dealt with, so that the subject is not grieved by promoters' fees *etc.*
3. Commutations of Penance. He has commuted no penance without the Bishop's knowledge and consent, and only the penance on William Smythe of St. Peters, who paid 10*li.* which was employed for a stock for the poor of St. Albans. He had warrant for this in two letters from the Bishop yet remaining in the Registry.
4. Contemptuous usage of Ministers. He hath received many contumelies from some of them, but hath offered none. He reverenceth that calling and wishes that all of them had like respect to their superior magistrates as he hath and will have of all the inferior Ministers; for then the calling of the Bishops and the whole state of the Church would be better regarded.
5. Licences for Marriages. The Jurisdiction was heretofore in the Abbot. He had *omnem episcopalem Jurisdictionem* as appeareth by divers grants made by divers kings. After the suppression the king granted the same, with the same privileges, and since it was united to the Bishopric of London, all the Archdeacons have used Episcopal jurisdiction and have granted Marriage Licences, as appears by the Records. None have been granted without respect of the Canon, but

the Canon is and shall be carefully observed. The Commissions when they are truly informed of the Archdeaconry of St. Alban's will not be of opinion that the Canon restraineth him, although it may restrain other Archdeacons.

Jas. Rolfe, Official.

174. 7, NOVEMBER, 1603.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Clergy of the Archdeaconry. By virtue of Letters from the Bishop and Archbishop the Clergy are enjoined to make known to their parishioners assembled every Sunday that a general and continual contribution is to be made in every Church and Chapel for one year, for the relief of the citizens of Geneva, "a people of long time famous for their zeal in true religion . . . and for harbouring of divers persecuted people both of this and other nations for that cause of Religion." The Churchwardens and Sidesmen weekly, upon every Sunday and holyday in time of Morning Prayer, are to make collection of the devotions of the people for that purpose. A true note is to be kept of the money collected weekly, and the money so collected is once every month to be delivered to Mr. Rokitt the Register at his office. From St. Alban's. Jas. Rolfe.

A Note says that the collections are to date from 13, November. The Apparitor is to receive 4d. from the Churchwardens out of the parish charge, "and if they think good for their better remembrance to receive the not let them deliver *iiijd.* more" (*sic*).

175. 8, MARCH, 1603.—ELECTION OF CLERKS FOR THE CONVOCATION. The names of the Clergy of the Archdeaconry, and of the Clerks for whom they voted are duly set out.

CLERGY.	CLERKS.
St. Albans, Roger Williams	J. Stanhope, Jas. Rolfe.
St. Peters, Roger Williams	J. Stanhope, Jas. Rolfe.
St. Michaels, Erasmus Cooke	J. Stanhope, Mr. Zachary Pasfelde.
St. Stephens, Richard Lightfoot ...	J. Stanhope, Jas. Rolfe.
Rickmersworth, William Edmond	" "
Busshey, Richard Scott	— —
Chip. Barnet and East Barnet, Mathew Mylward	J. Stanhope, Mr. Rolfe.
Norton, John Prat	" Mr. Pasfeild.
Newenham, Thomas Gonell	" "
Hexton, John Noke	" Mr. Rolfe.
Northaw, Thomas Glover	— —
Walden, Henry Halstead	J. Stanhope, Mr. Rolfe.
Shephall, John Rudd	" Mr. Pasfeild
Idelstry, John Boyle	— —
Sarat, John Butler	— —
Codycote, John Darling	J. Stanhope, Mr. Pasfeld.
Langley, John Lewes	" Mr. Rolfe.
Watford, Anthony Watson	Mr. Williams, Mr. Gawton.
Redborne, Richard Gawton	Mr. Stanhope, Mr. Rolfe.
Ridge, John Crayforde	— —
Sandridge, William Westerman ...	— —

Wynslo, Robert Maynwaring	Mr. Stanhope, Mr. Rolfe.
Aston Abbis, Hugh Whitacres	„ „
Horwood pva., John Robinson	„ „
Granborow, Fulke Owen	„ „
		Tho. Rokitt, Register.

176. 8, OCTOBER, 1603.—LETTER. Thomas Roket, Registrar to Bishop of London certifying the election of Dr. Stanhope and James Rolfe as Clerks to the Convocation for the Archdeaconry of St. Alban's.
177. 21, MARCH, 1603.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. "It is not unknown unto you how careful his Majesty hath been for the view and explanation of some few things in the Communion Book according to the Statutes of the Realm . . . and how he hath by his late Proclamation bearing date the fifth of this month of March commanded the use thereof accordingly." Order for the Archdeacon to require the Churchwardens to provide one or more of the said Books of Common Prayer in the large volume, printed by Mr. Robert Barker, printer to his Majesty, at the charge of the parish. He is also to give warning to every Parson, Preacher, Vicar and Curate that as soon as they receive the book which must forthwith be bought for them, they do use the same and no other without alteration in their public and common prayer and ministration of the Sacraments. From my Palace at London. Ric. London.

1604.

178. 15, OCTOBER, 1604.—LETTER. John Stanhope to Mr. Doctor Bill, Archdeacon of St. Albans. Recites Letter from Privy Council, dated Hampton Court, 30 September, and signed by T. Ellesmere chancellor, T. Dorsett, Nottingham, Suffolk, Devonshier, J. Northampton, Cranborne, W. Knowles. The Bishop directs that there shall speedily be made a return of the collections made for the City of Geneva, and the Archdeacon is to send to the Churchwardens of each parish in the Archdeaconry, and direct that for the few Sundays that remain of this month they do diligently make their collections, and return the money to the Archdeacon immediately after the last Sunday. From the Doctors' Commons. J. Stanhope.
179. 12, MARCH, 1604.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. He has written before concerning the Bishop's proceedings with factious Ministers, and that he should not desist by depriving one two or three at once until he has purged his Diocese of them. The King has declared himself touching such courses as he wished should be held with Popish Recusants, being most desirous to rid his kingdom as well of these pestiferous adversaries as of the other foreigner. To the which purpose he hath dealt very thoroughly both with the Lords of the Privy Council and with his Judges, expecting likewise that the Bishops should not be negligent in furthering so royal and so religious a designment. He commends to the Bishop the following points to be observed. 1. The Bishop is not to depend altogether upon the 114th Canon expecting still the Ministers' diligence in presenting Recusants but to use his own endeavours by the

labours and means of all his officers and friends to inform himself of the number, and qualities of them, and to certify to the Archbishop with all due speed. 2. Because order and discretion are to be observed in all such proceedings, and there being differences in the dispositions of the said Popish Recusants, and that they cannot all of them be reformed together, the Bishop is to take notice by all the means in his power of all the Recusants in his Diocese, who they be that be the most busy in seeking to seduce others both at home and abroad in their own families, by bringing up their children in Popery, and refusing to entertain any to serve them, especially in places of trust, that are not Recusants; and also of all such persons of note who are become Recusants since his Majesty's coming into England, and of them who are the most insolent, as the manner of these usually is, that are newly seduced. 3. The Bishop is to procure the faithful accomplishing of the 66th Canon, and no pains are to be spared in conferring with Recusants, especially with the two sorts mentioned, who are the heads and leaders of the rest, that thereby, if it be possible, they may be reduced from their errors, and no sweet or kind means omitted for the receiving of them to the truth. 4. In this Conference the Bishop is to do his best for the regaining of those already excommunicate in their private parishes, with whom if such travail will nothing prevail because it is either obstinately rejected or wilfully contemned, then let them be publicly in your Cathedral Church denounced for excommunicate persons, without any forbearing or partiality, according to the 65th Canon. 5. If you have in the Diocese sundry of the said busy and seducing Recusants not yet excommunicate, with whom conferences will prevail no more, then call two or three of the chiefest of them for dignity place and perverseness, such as are head and leaders of the rest, by your ordinary authority, and if they will not appear, or if they shall obstinately refuse to go to the Church, let them be excommunicated, and after 40 days certified into the Chancery. 6. With those that before stood excommunicate the like course is to be taken. The Archbishop is to be advised of any such excommunicate persons, and he will do his utmost endeavour to procure the writ *de excommunicato capiendo*, that so they who have not learned how to use their former liberty may be better instructed by the chastisement in prison. The people are commonly carried away by gentlemen Recusants, Landlords and some other ringleaders of that sort, so that the winning or punishing of one or two of them is a reclaiming or a kind of bridling of many that do depend upon them. This has induced the Archbishop to prescribe such a moderation and course, hoping that when they who have been seduced under pretence of toleration, shall hereby find that such disobedient persons are no longer to be borne with, and will be better advised and reform themselves; and that the rest of such simple people will be more heedful hereafter and not be misled and carried away from the truth by the lewd persuasions of any person whosoever. It is much marvelled that so many Priests and Jesuits range about the various Dioceses without any impeachment

or regard of them. It is said that our remissness doth discourage the rest of the Justices of the Peace from taking that pains in that behalf that they have heretofore done, and that they would be as ready as ever they were to join with the Bishops in that service, if they see readiness in the Bishops either by effecting something themselves or by their giving intelligence, as the Bishops have the Ministers of the Diocese at their commandment. He fears these things may justly be objected against some of the Bishops, and he is driven now and then into some strait how to excuse such security. He prays the Bishop to think thereof, not that he has cause to suspect him, but to inform him what is expected from the Bishops. From Lambeth R. Cant. (3 pp.)

180. 18, MARCH, 1604.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon (Dr. Bill). “How our negligence in not going before the civil magistrates in those things which more properly belong unto our calling than to them is taxed you may by the Archbishop's Letter (No. 179) perceive, I pray GOD that we be not herein very justly censured. But being now forewarned of care of GOD's religion, our duty to so religious a Prince and our own calling, will not move us to a more vigilance, to look to the common enemy than hitherto we have showed: you must assure yourselves that what imputation soever is laid upon me, I will justly disburden myself upon you, who are, or ought to be our eyes, whereby I must see into every part of my Diocese.” As the time of the Archdeacon's Visitation is near the Bishop will require a more exact and strict account upon the points noted in the Archbishop's Letter.
1. Whether you have required each Minister who is a qualified Public Preacher to offer himself weekly to conference with all the Recusants of his parish. If it is not done you are now to give special charge in your Visitation that they do presently perform it. You are to certify what parishes there are in which there are Recusants not furnished with qualified Preachers, so that the Bishop may take some order for other Preachers from near adjoining parishes to help to supply the want of those other Ministers.
 2. For the presenting by the Minister of all Recusants in each parish the directions of the Archbishop are to be followed, not insisting alone upon the words of the Canon but seeking by the Minister, the Churchwardens and all other good means to follow out the instructions. The names of the Recusants in each parish, their qualities and estate, how long they have been Recusants, whether before the present reign or since, their condition in their recusancy, “whether seducers and withdrawers of others, bringers up of their children or servants in recusancy, or otherwise of peaceable and quiet carriage, only contented to live to themselves without public offence, merely offending of weakness of conscience, of which sort I should hardly judge them to be who refuse conference; so long as the Minister who should confer with them be

temperate in their carriage avoiding bitterness and heal in their conference."

3. **Excommunication and Denouncing of Recusants.** The Archdeacon is to certify the names of all Recusants presented to him, and call them before him in such sort that they may have proper notice of their summons, "not slightly sought by the idleness of your Apparitor (who be both the shame and the bane of your Court) but by notice left in writing at their houses," that there may be no excuse that they have been excommunicated without lawful warning. If when they appear they shall not submit themselves to conformity, nor desire conference whereby good hope of conformity is to be expected, or if they shall absent themselves after warning, the Archdeacon is to proceed to sending out the excommunication against them to be denounced, and to make return of the same to the Bishop; with a note of the Sunday on which it was denounced, so that further proceedings may be taken by *significavit*. This matter, being of great importance is not to be referred to the Archdeacon's Official alone, but the Archdeacon is required in person to charge the Ministers according to the Archbishop's directions. Strict answers to matters treated of are to be returned to the Bishop by the third week in Easter term. The proceedings are to be entered in a book and handed to the Bishop, keeping the original documents in the Records of the Archdeaconry.

From my Palace at London. Ric. London. (3 pp.)

1605.

181. 9, APRIL, 1605.—LETTER. Edward Stanhope to Archdeacon (Bill). He has received certain Prayers of Thanksgiving from the Archbishop for her Majesty's safe deliverance of child-birth, which are at Mr. Barker's, the King's printer in Aldersgate, "and will be ready printed to-morrow by six of the clock." The Archdeacon is to send his Apparitor abroad with all speed to cause the Churchwardens of each parish to provide one or two of them for every parish, to be publicly read at the time of Morning Prayer "if it be possible to-morrow." Where they cannot so soon be had or published, they are to be used on Friday and Sunday next, and for so long time after as shall be fit. From Doctors' Commons. Edw. Stanhope.
182. 18, MAY, 1605.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon (Bill). Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 30 [month torn away]. The King desires exact information of the names of all persons who hold two or more Ecclesiastical Preferments, and the Bishop is required to furnish a list of names of all in his Diocese so preferred, with the names of the benefices, dignities, prebends and donatives of which they are possessed. If some in the Diocese have a second living elsewhere the name of the benefice and the Diocese is to be certified to the Archbishop. If the Archdeacons *etc.* cannot furnish the particulars

they are to be commanded to inform themselves with all convenient speed. The following order is to be observed—the Dean with the names of his several preferments, where they lie and their distance from each other, the Archdeacons, the Doctors in Divinity, the Bachelors in Divinity, Masters and Bachelors of Arts, Civil Lawyers with their degrees, and those that have no degree at all with their several livings if they hold more than one. Only the names of those holding two or more benefices are to be returned. The Archbishop knoweth not how it cometh to pass but the King is informed that such as have divers ecclesiastical preferments are very negligent, not only in forbearing themselves to preach at any of them, or in preaching very seldom, and also in supplying their own absence with very insufficient Curates, either no Preachers at all or very meanly qualified but yet by means licensed to preach to stop the gap. He wishes that the Bishop had been present to hear the King's discourse hereof, and what grief he conceiveth that men whom he so greatly favoureth should so greatly forget themselves. They who are possessed of divers livings according to their former deserts and for the countenancing of their degrees (having so many enemies that repine and bark at such their preferments) should discharge their duties with all faithfulness to the comfort of their own consciences and the preventing of all just exceptions. The Bishops are to inform themselves by all means in their power concerning the preaching of such as have two benefices, and also of the sufficiency of their Curates, to admonish such as they find defective and to reform the same. If no present amendment ensues the dispensations by which two benefices are held are to be called in question, and if any of them have insufficient Curates, and will not procure better to the Bishop's contentment, such as the Bishop can answer for, they are to be certified to the Commissioners for causes Ecclesiastical. He trust that the King "hath received more sharp informations than will fall out upon your Lordship's trial to be true. But his remembrance of the last Session of Parliament and his desire to have all caluminators prevented in the next which ensueth do make his Majesty exceeding earnest in these points." The Archbishop hopes that when the Clergy are reformed there will be some course taken for such as have all the best ecclesiastical livings in the land named impropriations, and let them be served with very simple Curates.

The Bishop directs the Archdeacon to put the matter in effect in every particular, to make them up bound in a book handsomely lined with red lines and "bound up in vellum."

From Fulham. Ric. London. (3 pp. last page much torn).

183. Undated (apparently notes from the Letters 179, 180).
 A. My Lord Grace's Directions.
 B. My Lord of London's Directions.
 (Note these follow the points briefly of the above letters).
184. Undated.—ANSWERS GIVEN AT THE VISITATION 1605 to the Archbishop's and Bishop's Letters, 179, 180.
 They all reply that there are no Recusants in the parish.
 1. *Winslow*.—Robrtus Maynwaring, vicar: Henry Wendover, Richard Snow, Nicholas Owins (?), Thomas Adames.

2. *Grandborrowe*.—Foulke Owen, vicar. William Stevens, John Bowden, William Emerton (marks).
 3. *Abbots Aston*.—Hughe Whittakers, vicar; Edward Winter, Edward Mylner.
 4. *Horwood parva*.—John Illing, Thomas Curtisse, Thomas Barber.
 5. *Sarate*.—John Butler, Richard Rolfe, George Feye (?).
 6. *Codycote*.—John Derling, minister. Henry Gynn (?), Fr. Kentishe (marks).
 7. *Newenham*.—Thomas Gonnell, minister.
 8. *Hexton*.—John Murwen (?), Richard Feild, Nicholas Porter (mark).
 9. *Chipping Barnet*.—Phillip Bryscoo, Richard Silverloke.
 10. *East Barnet*.—Tho. Kympton (mark), Benett Murslo (?) (mark).
 11. *Rickmersworth*.—Charles Maddocks.
 12. *Northawe*.—Wyllyam Keny, Edward Higden (mark).
 13. *Idelstry*.—John Boyle, minister; Bennet Sharpe, Jo. Hunt (mark).
 14. *Norton*.—Marks of Tho. Phipp, Wm. Edyns (?).
 15. *Newenham*.—Ric. Bigg (mark), James Heed.
 16. *Walden*.—Henry Halstead. Jo. Prentice, Jo. Pennyfather (marks).
 17. *Shephall*.—John Rudd, vicar. George Kimpton churchwarden, Richard Peddar, Willyame Browne (marks).
 18. *Langley*.—John Lewes, vicar, Thomas Warren, To. Field (mark).
 19. *Watford*.—Antony Watson minister: John Wedon, William Hickman, Thomas Wedon, Jo. Everist (mark).
 20. *Redborne*.—Jo. Grover, Wm. Lailsbye (marks).
 21. *Busshey*.—Henere Hickman, Edward Huddell.
 22. *Ridge*.—Toby Hobson.
 23. *Sandridge*.—Richard Bigg; Edw. Clerke (mark).
 24. *St. Stevens*.—Richard Lightfoote vicar: Thomas Nutkyn: H. Kentishe (mark).
 25. *St. Mychaells*.—Richard Laisby (mark): Richard Smythe.
 26. *St. Peters*.—Roger Williams, vicar. Wm. Branche (mark), Thomas Camfelde.
185. 25, JUNE, 1605, at St. Albans. There appeared Mr. William Edmonds vicar of Rickmersworth who then and there exhibited letters testimonial of qualification under the hand and seal of Richard, Lord Bishop of Bristol and Almoner to the late Queen Elizabeth dated 20 February 1589. He then and there did exhibit a dispensation from John, late Archbishop of Canterbury bearing date under the seal of the Faculties 23 February 1589. Signed Richard Frampton and John Sharpe. The same dispensation hath annexed unto it a ratification under the Broad Seal of England, dated 26 February 1589. The said Mr. Edmond is thereby dispensed to hold together with the parsonage of the parish church of Ibstone *alias* Ipstone, diocese Oxford the perpetual vicarage of the church and parish of

Rickmersworth, diocese London. He affirmeth that the two benefices are but fifteen miles asunder. Rickmersworth is valued in the King's Book at xvj*li.*, Ibstone is valued at ix*li.* or thereabouts, not above. He is resident for the most part at Rickmersworth, and that he doth sometimes resort unto Ipston, viz. three or four times in the year, and that he doth preach and keep hospitality. And where he is not there his brother, Richard Edmondes a Master of Arts is there continually resident and preacheth there every Sabbath once at the least, and useth hospitality. And that the said brother hath and holdeth the whole benefice of the said parish of Ipstone for his stipend in consideration that he maintained his mother during her life and also other his brothers and sisters and towards the payment of his father's debts. And that Mr. William Edmondes is by his degrees in scholes an ancient Master of Arts.

William Edmondes.

Upon the same day appeared also Roger Williams, pastor of the parish of St. Alban's, and then and there did exhibit a dispensation from the late John, Archbishop of Canterbury, bearing date under the Seal of the Faculties 20 February 1592, subscribed Josias Snowe deputy to John Sharpe Registrar of the Faculties. The same dispensation hath annexed unto it the late Queen's ratification under the Broad Seal of England, dated, 21, February 1592. Here is thereby dispensed to hold together with the parsonage of St. Albans the perpetual vicarage of St. Peters parish church in the same town. He affirmeth that the churches of his two benefices are both in one Town: that the valuation of the parsonage of St. Albans is x*li.* in the King's Book, and that the vicarage of St. Peters is valued at ix*li.* vii*js.* Further that he is resident indifferently upon both benefices, forasmuch as he dwelleth in the town of St. Albans, where both Churches are, and that he preacheth one Sunday at one of the parish churches, and on another at the other parish church; the Minister whom he entertaineth so changing places with him: which Minister is a Preacher allowed by the licence of the now Bishop of London, and is by degree a bachelor of art of four years standing, who hath for recompense of his ministry vi*li.* iii*js.* in money per annum, which he doth receive by i*js.* a week, and hath also his meat and drink and his chamber lodging and washing in the house of Mr. Williams, and the use of his books. Mr. Williams also affirmeth that he is an ancient bachelor of divinity by his degree in schools in the university of Cambridge.

Roger Williams.

186. Undated.—The names and benefices of such persons as hold at this present time two or more Ecclesiastical preferments, together with the names of their benefices.
 Mr. Roger Williams parson of St. Albans. [The same information is given as in 185, in brief.] He hath under him for his curate one Mr. Cadwalledar Morgan, *etc.*
 Mr. William Edmondes vicar of Rickmersworth. [The same information as in No. 185, in brief.]
187. 26, JUNE, 1605.—DRAFT LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. Abstract of the Points in the Letter touching Recusants 18 May 1605

(No. 180) and touching Persons holding more than one Ecclesiastical Benefice, 30 April 1605 (No. 182). He has taken special care to inform himself of all such persons in the Archdeaconry as have more than one benefice. There are only two men, very well qualified and diligent Preachers licensed sufficient and diligent in their places. He trusts that the paucity of Ministers being considered the Bishop will not think a book expedient, but will accept the certificate. James Rolfe.

188. 26, JUNE, 1605.—COPY OF LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. Acknowledges the receipt of Letters from Archbishop and Bishop (179, 180). He has taken special care to inform himself of all the Recusants in the Archdeaconry "we have none except only within the parish of St. Albans and there none other but such as are become Recusants since his Majesty's reign whose names are hereunder subscribed with whom Mr. Roger Williams parson there a sufficient and licensed Preacher hath used all diligence and conference as is required. All which Recusants we do find to carry themselves peaceably not seducing others to our knowledge being persons of mean account and ability. Notwithstanding we have against them all except only three which are by themselves hereunder noted proceeded duly and have caused them to be denounced publicly in their parish church excommunicated in which sentence they have persisted by the space of these forty days and above not seeking to be restored the other three have not been dealt with for that two of them are with us very seldom and so uncertainly as we can hardly yet procure lawful summons to be given unto them the third for that she standeth for the same cause excommunicate by the Right Worshipful your Lordship's Chancellor. All very briefly for your Lordship's better memory are hereunder particularly expressed."

St. Alban's.—David East a pewterer. Margaret Smyth a maid servant dwelling with Leonard Wilkes a haberdasher her uncle. Thomas Shepham a weaver. All which are denounced excommunicate in their parish church and have so persisted above forty days.

Richard West and his wife sojourners much absent not yet duly summoned.

Sara the wife of Richard East, Excommunicated by the Right Worshipful Dr. Edward Stanhope your Lordship's Chancellor.

189. 12, NOVEMBER, 1605.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. It hath pleased GOD to work so mercifully for our gracious Sovereign King and the State of Parliament in discovering the most barbarous and treacherous practice that ever was devised to have destroyed both our King and the States of this Realm assembled in Parliament. There being certain Prayers published by authority to be used in every Parish Church at all times of Common Prayer, the Archdeacon is to cause with all the speed the book of Prayer and Thanksgiving to be sent to every Church in the Archdeaconry. From my Palace at London. Ric. London.

190. 12, NOVEMBER, 1605.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon (Dr. Bill). Recites Letter from the Privy Council, dated Hampton Court,

30 September 1605, signed by R. Cant, T. Ellesmere, chancellor; H. Northampton, Salisbury, Nottingham, E. Worcester, Exeter. There hath a grievous and pitiful calamity happened by fire in the town of Bourne, co. Lincoln, whereby a great part of the town is wasted and destroyed, and very many poor people made harbourless and undone: licence has been granted under the Great Seal for a contribution to be made for the relief of the said town. The Bishop is directed to earnestly recommend the pitiful case to all the parishes in his Diocese. The Archdeacon is therefore ordered to send his Apparitor to every parish requiring each Minister to exhort his parishioners to contribute liberally towards the same. A particular book setting forth the contribution from each parish is to be sent to the Bishop when the money so collected has been received. From my Palace at London. Ric. London.

A Note appended says that as many printed copies of the Brief as there are parishes in the Archdeaconry is sent with the Letter, and the Minister and Churchwardens are in each case to endorse upon the brief the amount collected, and the money paid to Mr. Blackwell's office Ivie Lane. 2 pp.

191. 30, NOVEMBER, 1605.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from the Archbishop to the Bishop, dated Lambeth, 29 November, 1605. It is not unknown to the Bishop what a traitorous plot for murdering the King was laid by the Earl of Gowry and his brethren to have been put in execution on the 5th of August, whilst his Majesty was in Scotland, and how miraculously his Highness being trained craftily to go to the said Earl's house thoroughly provided for such a mischief upon the said Tuesday, it pleased Almighty GOD not only to deliver his sacred person from his danger, but as an argument of GOD's wrath against all traitors to cast both the Earl and his brother that day into the same gulf of destruction prepared against their Sovereign. The Bishop has also heard of the never before heard of villany amongst the most savage miscreants that even the earth bare, contrived by certain gentlemen Recusants and Popish Priests to have been put in execution upon the Tuesday being the 5th day of this instant month of November by gunpowder which they had laid secretly under the Upper House of Parliament to have blown up at one blast the King the Queen the Prince, the Lords and chief gentlemen of England knights and burgesses of the Lower House of Parliament, and consequently by that one unspeakable bloody act to have overthrown the true worship of GOD in this kingdom, and to have made the whole land a prey to foreigners and strangers and how the Holy Ghost did so illuminate his Majesty's heart and understanding in the expounding of certain dark speeches in a letter written to a nobleman, as that by his direction the gunpowder prepared as is aforesaid was discovered upon the said Tuesday betwixt the hours of one and two of the clock in the morning, at what time also a chief traitor one Faulx that should have set the gunpowder on fire was taken, upon whose examination some of the principal traitors being discovered GOD hath delivered many of them with their complices and abettors into his Majesty's hands. Both the 5th of

August and the 5th of November then shall be yearly thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father. The King hath given commandment that every Tuesday the remembrance of these benefits is to be made with Prayer and Thanksgiving, and that all sermons which hitherto have been accustomed to be preached in Cathedral and Parish Churches either upon Wednesdays Fridays and other days in the week shall henceforth be preached upon Tuesdays, and the Preachers are to move the people to praise and thanksgiving, and prayer. The Bishop is enjoined to make this matter known throughout his Diocese. The Tuesday sermons are not to hinder the services on Wednesdays and Fridays. Two Forms of Prayer and Thanksgiving are to be used every year, one on 5th August, the other on 5th November. The Bishop requires the Archdeacon to see that the above Letter is carried out in each parish in the Archdeaconry. From my Palace at London. Ric. London. 10, December, 1605.

Appended to this is a Letter from James Rolfe addressed to the Clergy directing the Forms of Prayer to be used. The books prescribed are to be conveyed to each parish by the Apparitor, taking nothing for the books more than he payeth in London for his pains. From St. Alban's. 3 pp.

1606.

192. 8, SEPTEMBER, 1606.—CERTIFICATE OF THE EXECUTION OF A PENANCE enjoined upon Agnes Wright. The said Agnes Wright upon Sunday xxvij of August at the beginning of the second lesson in Morning Prayer did present herself in the middle alley of the Church of Chipping Barnet, near the seat of the Minister, covered in white and there like a penitent and sorrowful sinner stood till the end of the second lesson, at which time kneeling down upon her knees she confessed that she had grievously offended Almighty God in committing fornication with one Edward Fisher of London, praying to God to forgive her and the Congregation to pray for her, that neither she nor any of them might hereafter be tempted to commit the like grievous offence. This being done she stood up again and continued until the end of Morning Prayer. Tho. Hyriell minister: Willyam Sheppard, John Owen, churchwardens.

1607.

193. 13, NOVEMBER, 1607.—LETTER. Hughe Whittakers, vicar of Aston Abbots to the Archdeacon's Official. These few lines are to certify you that according as you enjoined me and the Churchwardens at your being with us to amend certain things which were amiss about the Chancel and Church. So it is that some of them are done and some are yet to do. As namely these are done, the most part of the "mowndes" about the Churchyard are paled and double railed, according as it was required by sundry of the neighbours, and there is two other whose parts are yet to do but want pales to do it, yet are willing to fulfil your commandment therein. Mr. Sallomon saith his part is sufficiently railed with four rails and is a sufficient "mownde," and saith he will not do it in no other sort. John

Green hath done some part of his, and the rest, one place is a "Style" to come over to the Church and he saith he cannot conveniently pale that, and another part is a gateway or passage to come into the Churchyard when he have occasion to carry anything for the reparation of the Church, and therefore he cannot pale that, all the rest is done. Further the "pulpitt" is set higher according as it is required and there is a lock provided for the Chest and a "Pewter Stowpe" for the Communion wine, all the other things are yet to do, but the Churchwardens crave your patient forbearing of them and say they shall all be done so soon as they can. For those things which are imposed upon me the truth is Sir Robert Dormer hath always done all reparations about the Chancel, yet now I have mended the Chancel Door, and Sir Robert his bailiff promised me to have sent tiles and a tiler long before this time, but it is not yet performed notwithstanding if he do not send very shortly I will God willing see it done. And thus wishing your worship all happiness I cease any further at this time to trouble you Commending you to the gracious protection of Almighty God your worship's most willing to be commanded
Hughe Whittakers.

John Jeffes (mark), Robert Green, churchwardens; Robert Vincher (?).

194. 5, MARCH, 1607.—LETTER. T. Dorsett and Jul. Cæsar to Bishop. They complain that the tenths and subsidies due to the King have not been paid by many Clergy in the Diocese, although the subsidy is one fourth part less than it was formerly. The Bishop is required to see that this breach of duty to the King's Majesty is effectually enforced against them, and if between this and the end of the next term the arrears are not paid to the under collector, Mr. Tolderve, they shall be sent for by a "Pursevant" of the Exchequer to answer for their recusancies, and not only satisfy their particular debts, but be made subject likewise to the penalty of deprivation for not paying their tenths and the loss of one year's fruits for not discharging their subsidy. It is found that many of them use shift by farming out their tithes to the parishioners to avoid payment. T. Dorsett, Jul. Cæsar.

1608.

195. 8, APRIL, 1608.—LETTER. Bishop to James Rolfe. Calls attention to the Letter of the Lord Treasurer and Mr. Chancellor (No. 194) and directs the Official to enforce the reformation thereof; if the parties be present at the Visitation with all earnestness of reprehension, and if absent by letter sent expressly to them. The names are sent with the Bishop's letter. From my Palace at London. Tho. London.
196. Undated.—THE LIST OF CLERGY in the Archdeaconry referred to in No. 195. The Vicars of Redborne, Ridge and Hexton.
197. 28, SEPTEMBER, 1608.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth 21, September 1608, which sets forth the terms of a Letter from the Privy Council, dated Hampton Court, 19 September, 1608, under the hands of R. Salisbury, H. Northampton, Tho. Suffolk, E. Wor-

cester, E. Zouche, Julius Cesar, Tho. Parry. Order has been given to the Lieutenants of the Counties and Commissioners of Musters for the Clergy who have heretofore been appointed to provide Arms and Armour to be required to show the same at their musters. The Bishop directs the Archdeacon to call the Clergy together and charge them to make the required provision according as they were charged in the year 1599, and a certificate is to be duly returned to the Bishop. From Fulham. Tho. London.

198. 15, NOVEMBER, 1608.—Anthony Watson, vicar of Watford to James Rolfe. Certifies that he has a musket ready furnished ready to be showed when called upon to do so.

1611.

199. 16, NOVEMBER, 1611.—LETTER. J. Croft to Mr. Edward Browne, Registrar. By this you'll find enclosed two Inventrys. You are desired to dispatch them and let the Widows have their instruments from the Court. Pray be so kind as to summon Thorp of Granbrough whom we presented at our last Visitation held at Winslow last Wednesday in Easter Week for refusing to pay his levy to the Churchwardens' Rate From this long for-backwardness the "Raskall Craggs" of Impunity. And that now he has conquered the whole Town and Court and indeed if he pass off thus, others for good husbandry may follow his example, and so we may fear a general defection, the whole parish, whom he (?), are eager to have him punished as yet, pray therefore look it be done, and that rapidly, for the Rogue fearing the worst is leaving Grenb(orough) next Lady day. By a particular messenger you may send both the Widows instruments and a Process for Thorp which may convince the rest of the Inhabitants that the power of the Court is not so enervated, nor our resentments so tame but that our Church can teach a contumacious Villain manners. Sir heres a 2 years "Reckning" for Licences the last went tother day to Mr. Spateman married to the widow Russell, whereof you shall have a true account and balance at next time you shall visit. Sir, your Humble Servant J. Croft.

1612.

200. 16, FEBRUARY, 1612.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon directing him to charge the Clergy of the Archdeaconry to have in readiness the Arms and Armour at which they were rated in the year 1599. From my Palace at London. Jo. London.
201. 10, MARCH, 1612.—CERTIFICATES FROM THE CLERGY OF THE ARMS AND ARMOUR WHICH THEY HAVE IN READINESS.
1. Hughe Whittakers, vicar of Aston Abbotts—a musket and rest, flask, touch-box, head piece, sword and dagger, and a purse for bullets.
 2. Robert Maynwaring, vicar of Winslow—a musket *etc.*
 3. Fowlke Owen, vicar of Greneborough—a black bill furnished.
 4. John Robinson, vicar of Littel Harwood—a bill.
 5. John Boyle [parson of Idelstrye] a caliver.

6. Edward Smyth servant to Mr. Doctor Clarke, vicar of Sarret appeared and alledged that his master was sick and not able to come himself, to whom the Judge did enjoin that the said Mr. Doctor Clarke his master should provide himself of a petronell furnished, against such time as the Lieutenants call which will be speedily, and he saith he will advertise his master thereof. Edward Smyth.
 7. William Edmondes [vicar of Rickmersworth] a caliver.
 8. John Rudd [vicar of Shephall] a caliver.
 9. John Lewes [vicar of Abbots Langley] a caliver.
 10. Richard Lightfoote, vicar of St. Stephens, a caliver.
 11. Thomas Gonnell [vicar of Newenham]—I am not furnished of a bill but that I will endeavour himself (sic.) to provide the same with all speed as may be.
 12. Tho. Rooks [vicar of Codicote]. My predecessor was discharged of his service and I having but his living expect and hope for the same favour. Nevertheless if it may not otherwise be I will be provided of a black bill with all possible speed.
 13. 11 March, 1612.—Roger Williams parson of St. Albans—a corslet.
 14. Roger Williams, vicar of St. Peters—a “qualiver.”
 15. William Westerman parson of Busshey, certifies that Mr. Scott incumbent anno dom. 1599 was provided of a Petronell furnished, whereof if I cannot procure some abatement upon due consideration I will be furnished of such a one.
 16. William Westerman, vicar of Sandridge—a caliver.
 17. Zephaniah Besowth, vicar of St. Michaels—a corslet.
 18. Anthony Watson—a musket.
- Naaziah Gladman.
202. 15, MARCH, 1612.—LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. In answer to the Bishop's Letter of 16 February 1612 (No. 200) he reports that he has cited the Clergy and received under the hands of the most part of them certificates that they will be furnished with such arms as they were charged with in 1599. Those who were not present he has charged under his hand to be furnished by messenger, so that there is no doubt but that they will be all in readiness to make show thereof when required, and he sends a certificate of the same. From St. Albans.
203. [15, MARCH], 1612.—LIST OF THE BENEFICES, AND CLERGY, AND THE ARMS WITH WHICH THEY ARE CHARGED. [It contains the particulars set out in No. 201, with the following:—]
19. Mathias Millward parson of East Barnet and Chipping Barnet—appeared not—order made for a musket.
 20. Henry Halsted, vicar of Pauls Walden—absent—a bill ordered.
 21. John Pratt, vicar of Norton—absent, but certified a caliver.
 22. Richard Gawton, vicar of Redborne—absent—corslet ordered.
 23. Oliver Burdsell, vicar of Hexton—absent, but certified a bill.

1613.

204. 10, NOVEMBER, 1613.—LETTER. Thomas Edwardes to Archdeacon (Dr. Bill). Good Mr. Archdeacon. The letter here inclosed comes immediately from my Ld. of London but now lately from my Ld. his Grace and the King for the dispersing in your Archdeaconry of the works of that famous and learned Bishop Bp. Jewell. My Ld. very heartily intreats you that you will be very careful in the dispersing of them with as much speed as may be and that you would write back the number of your parishes and the place you will have the books sent unto with as much speed as conveniently you may. And so with my kindest salutations unto you from Doc. Com. Your very loving friend Tho. Edwardes.
205. Undated [1613].—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon (Bill). He send a copy of a Letter received from the Archbishop, and desires the Archdeacon so soon as he shall receive the books from Mr. Bonham Norton to see that they are sent into the several parishes. John London.
A Note appended "For the dispersing of B. Jewells Books in every Church."
206. Undated [1613].—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Copy of Letter referred to in No. 205. The King out of his zealous care that the works of that famous and worthy divine Bp. Jewell, should not be obscured, and that all the King's subjects as are any way wavering and unresolved in matter of controversie and religion might have some certain help and place to make recourse unto from time to time, that might in doubts resolve and settle their consciences, hath once and again caused impressions to be made of the said books and works in one volume, and has given express direction that a fit number of them be dispersed throughout the kingdom. The Bishops are to take care through their Officers and Chancellors the books may be uttered in such due and orderly proportion that every parish which is of ability to be at the cost may have one to remain at the parish church, to remain perpetually in the church to succeeding times, which is performed in many dioceses. The Officers are to pay Mr. Bonham Norton twenty shillings and no more for every book. Unsigned.

1614.

207. 16, JANUARY, 1614.—LETTER. Archbishop and Bishop to Archdeacon (Bill). Complaints are brought to the Starchamber and also to us of unorderly marriages, some without any Licences and some by those who have no power to grant them. Although the Canons have provided to restrain Archdeacons and their Officials who heretofore pretended right to do it, yet such is the boldness of some Archdeacons Officials that by their daily granting of licences more offend than in former times they did. By this means many men are robbed of their children, yea and many children are utterly undone being married to persons of ill quality by colour of licences granted by the Archdeacons and Officials. Notwithstanding we know that Laws and Canons promulgated should be sufficient

admonition of themselves, seeing all men are bound to take notice of them, yet we thought it fit to advertise you hereof by letter requiring you to forbear to grant any such licences, as also to give warning to your Officials, Deputies and Registers that they abstain likewise. If hereafter we find any offend herein they shall be sure to receive justice according to their demerits. From Lambeth. G. Cant. J. London.

Endorsement of receipt of the letters by James Rolfe, 20 March.

1615.

208. 29, JUNE, 1616.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Recites Letter Privy Council to Archbishop, dated Greenwich, 26 June, 1615, directing the Bishops to inform themselves of all such Clergy as are fit to be charged with the finding of Horse, Arms and other Furniture, and to send a certificate of the same to the Lieutenants of the several counties, or the Commissioners of musters. The Archbishop commends the same to the Bishop. From Lambeth. G. Grant.
209. 4, JULY, 1615.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon, directing him to summon the Clergy, their ability of finding Arms and Armour is to be viewed, and certificate made of the same with all speed. From my Palace at London. Jo. London.
210. Undated, but referred to in No. 209.—A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE CLERGIES ARMOUR, CHARGED UPON THEM ANNO 1613.
1. *St. Alban's*.—Roger Williams, p., a corslet.
 2. *St. Peter's*—*Ibid.*, a caliver.
 3. *St. Michaels*.—Zephaniah Besouth, v., a corslet.
 4. *St. Stevens*.—Richard Lightfoot, v., a caliver.
 5. *Sandbridge (sic)*.—William Westerman, v., *ib.*
 6. *Bushey*.—William Westerman, p., petronell.
 7. *Watford*.—Anthony Watson, v., musket.
 8. *Ridge*.—Naarias Gladman, v., caliver.
 9. *Idelstrey*.—John Boyle, p., caliver.
 10. *Rickmersworth*.—William Edmonds, v., caliver.
 11. *Shephall*.—(Blank), caliver.
 12. *Abbotts Langley*.—John Lewes, v., musket.
 13. *Newenham*.—Thomas Gonnell, v., bill.
 14. *Codicote*.—Thomas Rookes, v., bill.
 15. *East Barnet and Chipping Barnet*.—Mathias Millard, p., musket.
 16. *Paules Walden*.—Henry Halstead, v., bill.
 17. *Norton*.—John Pratt, v., caliver.
 18. *Redborne*.—Richard Gawton, v., corslet.
 19. *Sarrat*.—Doctor Clarke, v., petronel.
 20. *Hexton*.—Oliver Burdsell, v., bill.
 21. *Abbotts Aston*.—Hugh Whittakers, v., musket.
 22. *Winslow*.—Robert Manwaringe, v., musket.
 23. *Granborough*.—Fulke Owen, v., bill.
 24. *Harwood*.—John Robinson, v., bill.
 25. *Shephall*.—Tho. Marten, v. —.
211. 4, JULY, 1615.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Clergy of the Archdeaconry, requiring them to make return of the Arms and

Armour with which they are furnished according to the rate for the year 1613. [A list of the Parishes, Clergy and the Arms at which they are assessed follows, and each is signed by the incumbent named. All say that they are furnished except the Vicars of Ridge, Idelstrey, Sarrat, and Hexton. Richard Gawton, vicar of Redborne, says: I neither am nor can be so soon furnished but will be glad to do what lies in me.]

212. 17, JULY, 1615.—COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE to the Bishop of London from James Rolfe. In accordance with the order to make return of the Arms and Armour to be furnished by the Clergy of the Archdeaconry, he has required the Clergy to be furnished as they were heretofore rated, and caused them to testify to the same by their subscription. He has not changed any man's rate. Such as have not certified have been summoned, and he doubts not but they will be ready. Mr. Dr. Clarke, vicar of Saret, complaineth that he is overcharged, and the Lady Bruce his patroness desired mitigation for him at my hands, whom I referred to your Lordship. Also Mr. Gawton, vicar of Redborne, who taketh himself to be over rated.

[A part of the list as in No. 211 follows.]

213. 17, AUGUST, 1615.—LETTER. Tho. Edwardes to Archdeacon. The Bishop doth very much marvel that he has not heard from the Archdeacon touching the view of the Clergy's Armour. He wishes to know what has been done and what his opinion is of taking down some men that are cessed too high who have succeeded others that had better and more preferments, for divers have been with the Bishop and have certified that they are set down at light horses, some at petronels and some at other furniture as their predecessors were who had more livings than they now enjoy. The Bishop desires the Archdeacon to make return who they are to be eased, and who they are to be higher charged and the reasons of both, and to signify how the same proportion of petronels and light horses are to be kept as formerly. Doctors Commons. Tho. Edwardes.

Appended is a Note Tho. Edwardes to James Rolfe. The Bishop thinks much that no man should be charged with horse in this Archdeaconry but Mr. Doctor Westerman, and that there are divers others able to furnish a horse as well as he, and therefore for this point in particular he is to certify the Bishop when he writes to him. Tho. Edwardes.

- 214.—22, AUGUST, 1615.—DRAFT OF LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. He has received the Letters of 4 July last, and has summoned the Clergy to be in readiness with their Arms according to the rate he received. The answers of the Clergy with his certificate of the same dated 17, July, was delivered by the Apparitor to Mr. Kemp, at the Bishop's Registry. Further, having received Letters from the Chancellor, signifying that your Lordship required to be advertised which of the Clergy ought in equity to be eased, and which ought to be rated higher, he sends herewith to the Bishop a rate somewhat differing from the former with such reasons as in his poor discretion may be yielded for the same.

To be continued:—

- St. Peters.*—Roger Williams, vicar.
St. Stevens.—Richard Lightfoot, vicar.
Sandridge.—Dr. Westerman, vicar.
Norton.—John Pratt, vicar—each a calyver.
Watford.—Anthony Watson, vicar—a musket.
Busshey.—Dr. Westerman, parson. A petronell. The parsonage is the best of value in the Archdeaconry being clearly worth 200 marks per annum.
Saret.—Dr. Clarke, vicar and rector. A petronell which may be continued for his majesty's service if it seem good to your Lordship, but the benefice is in clear value 100 marks per annum. The incumbent hath another benefice in Barkshire, but whether he is there rated for the same or not I know not.
Newenham, Thos. Gonnell, vicar; *Codycote,* Thos. Rooke, vicar; *Hexton,* Oliver Burdsell, vicar—each a bill.
Abbotts Aston, Hugh Whitacres, vicar; *Wynslo,* Robert Maynwarding, vicar—each a musket.
Grenborowe, Fulke Owen, vicar; *Horwood parva,* John Robynson, vicar—each a bill.
- Rates to be changed :—
- St. Albans.*—Roger Williams, parson, was rated at a corslet, but the parsonage is of less value than the above mentioned vicarages, and so metest to be charged with a calyver.
St. Michael's.—Zephaniah Besowth vicar was rated at a corslet, but the vicarage in value as those above named, and so mete to be rated at a calyver.
Abbotts Langley.—John Lewes, vicar, was rated at a musket: his vicarage is of no better value than the other above named, and so far to be rated at a calyver.
Redborne.—Richard Gawton, vicar, was rated at a corslet, but I take it his vicarage is of more value above some of the rest, and therefore may be rated at a calyver.
Idelstry.—Dr. Boyle, parson, was rated at a calyver, but that benefice is of better value than those so rated and therefore in my opinion may be rated at a corslet; he hath some other ecclesiastical living elsewhere but whether he be there rated or not I know not.
Rickmersworth.—Mr. William Edmondes vicar was rated a calyver but I take that vicarage to be of better value than some of the rest, and may if it seem good to your Lordship be rated at a musket. He hath another benefice elsewhere, but whether rated for the same or not I know not.
Shephall.—John Rud, vicar and rector, was rated at a calyver, but that benefice may very well be rated at a corslet.
Barnet cum Barnet.—Mr. Mathias Mylward, parson, was rated at a musket, but that benefice is worth per annum 100*li.*, and may be rated a petronell as in the time of some of his predecessors it hath been.
Ridge.—Naazia Gladman, vicar, was rated at a calyver, but his vicarage is worth xv*li.* per annum, and so may be rated at a bill.

215. 2, MARCH, 1615.—PRESENTMENT. Roger Haydon and his brother William Haydon, Ralph Stetton and Thomas Hodsdon of Watford, for baptising the son of Thomas Bennett in the parish of Bushey, his father dwelling there and the son in our parish, servant with William Edlyn. The son is now 15 years of age. John Haley, Thomas Over (mark), Thomas Martyn, Thomas Aldwyn, Richard Baldwin, Raphe Puddefat, Richard Anderson, Francis Hammon.

1616.

216. 29, APRIL, 1616.—EXAMINATION OF THOMAS BENNETT of Watford of the age of 15 years . . . taken before Mr. James Rolfe, Official . . . on oath.

Saith that upon an holyday in Easter week was twelve months last past, between one and two of the clock in the afternoon, divers young men being then ringing of the bells in Watford Church, he and divers other boys being at play in the church, the ring being ended, one William Haydon beat him with a rope to cause him to depart the Church, whereupon the rest of the boys came out of the Church. He made haste also to be gone, but Roger and William Haydon laid hold of him, and William wished to have him to the Font, and thither the two did draw him, demanding of him what his name should be, until Rafe Steeton, Roger Haydon answered Hodge of the Townes end, and till the said Steeton had most profanely and wickedly taken water out of the Font with his hand and cast it upon his face, and said, I baptise thee in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost : whereto Thomas Hoddesdon standing by said Amen. Then he ran away, having got loose from them, but William and Roger Haydon, Steeton and Hoddesdon ran after him again, saying they had forgotten to sign him with the cross; but they could not take him for that he ran apace. About 2 or 3 months ago the said William Haydon, upon a holyday in Watford Church, offered him xiid. to keep their counsel.

Thomas Bennet (mark).

In the presence of

Thomas Rokett, mayor of St. Albans and Register.
Richard East, Peter Rylands, and Robert Johnson,
Procurators of the Court.

217. 30, APRIL, 1616.—LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. He reports that there hath happened in the parish church at Watford, about a year since a notorious and wicked misdemeanour, whereby the holy Sacrament of Baptism was by certain lewd persons profaned. [Particulars set out as in No. 216.] He has thought it his duty to inform the Bishop that the parties may be ordered according to the quality of their offence. Roger Haydon, Ralph Streaton and William Haydon who appeared in Court, are by the authority of the Mayor, Mr. Rokett, committed to prison till they find sureties for their appearance before the Bishop, and the Court of High Commission. The Mayor's warrant to arrest Hoddesdon has been issued. St. Albans. Ja. Rolfe.

218. 12, MAY, 1616.—Thomas Bennett certifies to Mr. Bockwood and Mr. Bedford that the men who were sent unto the Upper Court have got a Petition written unto the Bishop, and have been with the Reverend Judge Alttorn (?) to have his hand to it, but he denied and would not, for he had heard of their unmannerly behaviour, and told them of it. 1. Roger Haydon said that he cared not if it cost him 40s. in your Court, for there, said he, I shall learn knavery for it. 2. They have gotten Mr. Watson and two other parishioners which had the first examination of my son with some other persons which do not know their behaviour, and through the flattery of their father will not. 3. On Candlemas Day my son came into the Church, and there Hadon's son would have given my son *xijd.* for an agreement, which when he would not take they kicked him, and followed him down into the body of the Church, and there beat him. 4. On the same day that my son was baptised Goodman Peter's son was in the bell loft where they ring, and two of John Hadon's sons came up into the bell loft, and Joseph Potter asked them what noise was that that was in the Church. Their answer was, The boys have christened a boy, and we have named him Hodge of the Townes end. 5. Edward Bery, a wheelwright, was coming into the Church, and met my son at the same time in the porch wiping his face with his hat, and his face was all wet, and he cried. He asked him what he ailed, and he said, they have christened me. He went into the Church, and told them it was no place to play the knave in; but he will not tell who they were. 6. Ralph Steeton, one which he accuses told Benjamin Hill brother to William Hill, going down Holywell Hill that he and they whom the boy had named did do it. 7. To witness the same there is John Fernes and Jonathan Scaldwell with others that will be there on Monday which witnessed their evil doings.
- Thomas Bennet of Bushy.
219. 25, JUNE, 1616.—LETTER. Thomas Edwardes, Doctors Commons, to Archdeacon. He is desired to call the Clergy and Churchwardens together and charge them concerning raising a benevolence for the planting of Virginia. Tho. Edwardes.
220. 4, JULY, 1616.—MANDATE. Archdeacon (Dr. Byll) to John Gryn-sell, Apparitor, to cite the Clergy and Churchwardens in the Archdeaconry to appear at St. Albans 29 July. Broken seal. List of the parishes—26—appended.
221. 29, JULY, 1616.—LIST OF CLERGY AND CHURCHWARDENS cited to St. Albans to be charged concerning the Plantation of Virginia.
1. *St. Albans.*—Mr. Roger Williams parson, Thomas Lawrence, Adrian Cox, John Cullet (absent) churchwardens.
 2. *St. Peters.*—Mr. Roger Williams, vicar, William Heath-cocke (abs.), Thomas Hadle, William Ayleward (chwards.)
 3. *St. Stevens.*—Mr. Richard Lightfoote, vicar, William Kentish, Thomas Nutkin (chwr.)
 4. *St. Michaels.*—Mr. Zephaniah Bisouth, vicar: John Grunwyn, William Adams (cw.)

5. *Bushey*.—Mr. Dr. Westerman, parson : Richard Colman (ab.), William Woodes.
 6. *Rickmersworth*.—Mr. William Edmondson, vicar : Edward Alexander, Jasper Stoddard, Thomas Edwardes (chs.)
 7. *Chip. Barnet*.—Mr. Mathias Mylward, parson (abs.); Gilbert Evanes (ab.), John Smyth, chs.
 8. *East Barnet*.—Mr. Mathias Mylward, parson (ab.); Thomas Hereford (?) (ab.), Francis Boureman (?) (ab.) chs.
 9. *Norton*.—Mr. John Pratt, vicar (ab.); William Warner (ab.), Nicholas Phip (ab.) ch.
 10. *Newenham*.—Mr. Thomas Gonel, vicar; John Whisson, Thomas Lawman, ch.
 11. *Hexton*.—Mr. Oliver Burdsell, vicar; John Prudden, Richard Cravch (?) ch.
 12. *Northaw*.—Mr. Henry Curttys, minister; Robert Stansby, Richard Mytton (?) ch.
 13. *Walden*.—Mr. Henry Halstede, vicar; Robert Hill, Thomas Scover (?) ch.
 14. *Shephall*.—Mr. John Rud, vicar; William North, ch.
 15. *Idelstry*.—Mr. John Boyle, parson (ab.); Mr. Nicholas Hall, curate; Henry Sydwell (?), John Balke (?) (ab.) ch.
 16. *Saratt*.—Mr. John Cockshot, vicar; William Parret, George Feilde, ch.
 17. *Codycote*.—Mr. Thomas Rookes, vicar; Richard Baker, Thomas Smyth, ch.
 18. *Langley*.—Mr. John Lewes, vicar; Thomas Spurr (?), William Ewer (?) ch.
 19. *Watford*.—Mr. Anthony Watson, vicar; Thomas Warden, Launcelott Rowe, Thomas Northe, Launcelot Welles, ch.
 20. *Redborne*.—Mr. Henry Bourman; John Thewer (?), Jerome Collyns, ch.
 21. *Ridge*.—Mr. Nariah Gladman, vicar; John Lowe, William Carpenter, ch.
 22. *Sandridge*.—Mr. Dr. Westerman, vicar; George Smyth, Thomas Frebridge, ch.
 23. *Aston Abbis*.—Mr. Hughe Whytaces; John Greene, Richard Bettham.
- 222.** 21, AUGUST, 1616.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon, directing him to warn the Clergy to have their Arms and Armour in readiness and to appear at such musters as the Deputy Lieutenant of the County shall direct. From London House. John London.
- 223.** Undated, but connected with No. 222.—INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ARCHDEACON OF ST. ALBANS FOR THE BETTER SPEEDING OF HIS SERVICE.
1. Every Minister is to be certified at what he was rated in 1599, so that he may provide the furniture accordingly.
 2. If there is no resident Incumbent notice is to be sent to the Farmer of the benefice to provide the furniture.
 3. Where the benefice is vacant the sequestrators are to provide the furniture.

4. Every Minister, farmer, or sequestrator must give a certificate of the Arms which he has in readiness: the same to be notified to the Bishop
224. 26, AUGUST, 1616.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Clergy. The Clergy are to show their furniture (*i.e.* Arms and Armour) and to train with the Laity at such musters as the Deputy Lieutenant of the county shall call. St. Alban's. James Rolfe.
225. Undated, but referred to in No. 222.—LIST OF THE BENEFICES WITH THE ARMS AND ARMOUR WHICH THE CLERGY ARE TO PROVIDE.
1. *St. Alban's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, pn. : A corslet.
 2. *St. Peter's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, vicar : A caliver.
 3. *St. Michaells*.—Mr. Zephaniah Besouth, vicar : A corslet.
 4. *St. Stevens*.—Mr. Richard Lightfoot, vicar : A caliver.
 5. *Sandridge*.—Mr. Dr. Westerman, vicar : A caliver.
 6. *Busshey*.—Mr. Dr. Westerman, parson : A petronell.
 7. *Watford*.—Mr. Anthony Watson, vicar : A musket.
 8. *Ridge*.—Mr. Naariah Gladman, vicar : A caliver.
 9. *Idelstrey*.—Mr. Dr. Boyle, parson : A caliver.
 10. *Rickmersworth*.—Mr. William Edmonds, vicar : A caliver.
 11. *Shephall*.—Mr. John Rudd, vicar : A caliver.
 12. *Abbots Langley*.—Mr. John Lewes, vicar : A musket.
 13. *Newenham*.—Mr. Thomas Gonell, vicar : A bill.
 14. *Codecote*.—Mr. Thomas Rookes, vicar : A bill.
 15. *East Barnet and Chipping Barnet*.—Mr. Mathias Millward, parson : A musket.
 16. *Powles Walden*.—Mr. Henry Halsted, vicar : A bill.
 17. *Norton*.—Mr. John Pratt, vicar : A caliver.
 18. *Redborne*.—Mr. Henry Bowman, vicar : A corslet.
 19. *Sarret*.—Mr. John Cockshott, vicar : A petronell.
 20. *Hexton*.—Mr. Oliver Burdsell, vicar : A bill.
Thomas Rokett.
226. 10, OCTOBER, 1616.—PRESENTMENTS :—
1. *Abbots Langley*, 10, October, 1616.
 - (1) Touching the Church we have nothing to present.
 - (2) Touching the Ministry of the Service and Sacraments we have nothing to present.
 - (3) Touching Schoolmasters, nothing.
 - (4) Touching the Parish Clerk and Sexton, nothing.
 - (5) Touching Parishioners we present Allexander Boltwell for not coming to Church by the space of two months last past the reason is as we heare why he doth refrain is for fear of arrest.
 - (6) Touching Churchwardens and Swornemen, nothing.
Thomas Spere (mark), William Edwards, churchwardens; Henry Lawrence (mark), Robert Strong.
 2. *St. Peters*.
 - (1) Touching the Church, nothing.
 - (2) Touching the Ministry, the Service and Sacraments, nothing.
 - (3) Touching Schoolmasters, nothing.
 - (4) Touching Parish Clerk and Sexton, nothing.

- (5) Touching Parishioners. We present Richard Pigratt and Joane his wife for living incontinently together before marriage.
We present Nicholas Baker and Susan his wife for the like.
- (6) Touching Churchwardens and Swornmen, nothing.
William Heathcote, Thomas Heayll, William Aylward, churchwardens; John Walman (mark), Thomas Bates (?) mark.
3. *Redborne*.
(1) Touching the Church. We present one Feana French for striking of one William Countys (?) in our Churchyard.
(2) Touching the Ministry, Service and Sacraments, nothing.
(3) Touching Schoolmasters, nothing.
(4), (5) and (6) Nothing.
John Hewar, Jerome Collyns, churchwardens; Nicholas Byrd, John Sibley (mark).
227. 25, NOVEMBER, 1616.
Idelstrey.—We present Elizabeth Platt for being delivered of a child unlawfully begotten by one Nathanell Nicholls, of Aldenham. Henry Spencer (mark), churchwarden; Edward Dich.
228. 8, JANUARY, 1616.
Redburne.—We present Mr. Edmund Brasy parson of Redborne for that the Chancell ought to be repaired by him, and it doth want both Tyling and Glazing. John Hewar, Jerome Collyns, churchwardens.
- 1618.
229. 4, MAY, 1618.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Recites Letter from the Privy Council stating that directions have been given to the Lieutenants and Commissioners of Musters in the several counties, that the Clergy charged with provision of Arms and Armour, are to show the same and be trained at the Musters. The Bishops are required to send to the Lieutenants certificates of the names of the Ecclesiastical Persons who have formerly been rated, with the names of such others whom they shall find fit to be further charged. From Whitehall, 25 April, 1618. The Bishop is urged to put the same into execution in his Diocese. From Lambeth. G. Cant.
230. 11, MAY, 1618.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon, directing him to put the Archbishop's Letter (No. 229) into execution. From my Palace at London. John London.
A further Note, from Tho. Edwardes asking for a certificate to be sent to the Bishop as to the readiness of the Clergy.
231. 20, MAY, 1618.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Clergy of the Archdeaconry directing them to have in readiness the Arms and Armour at which they are rated, in accordance with the instructions of the Archbishop and Bishop. List of Clergy appended:
1. *St. Alban's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, parson: A corslet.
2. *St. Peter's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, vicar: A calyver.
3. *St. Michaell's*.—Mr. Abraham Spencer, vicar: corslet.

4. *St. Steven's*.—Mr. John Starre, vicar : a calyver.
 5. *Sandridge*.—Mr. Dr. Westerman, vicar : a calyver.
 6. *Busshcy*.—Mr. Dr. Westerman, parson : a petronell.
 7. *Watford*.—Mr. Anthony Watson, vicar : a muskett.
 8. *Ridge*.—Mr. Naariah Gladman, vicar : a calyver.
 9. *Idelstry*.—Mr. Dr. Boyle, parson : a calyver.
 10. *Rickmersworth*.—Mr. William Edmondes, vicar : a calyver.
 11. *Shephall*.—Mr. John Rud, vicar : a calyver.
 12. *Langley*.—Mr. John Lewes, vicar : a musket.
 13. *Newenham*.—Mr. Thomas Gonell, vicar : a bill.
 14. *Codycote*.—Mr. Thomas Rookes, vicar : a bill.
 15. *Barnet and East Barnet*.—Mr. Matthias Mylward, parson : a musket.
 16. *Powles Walden*.—Mr. Henry Halstede, vicar : a bill.
 17. *Norton*.—Mr. John Pratt, vicar : a calyver.
 18. *Redborne*.—Mr. Henry Boweman, vicar : a corslet.
 19. *Saret*.—Mr. Alexander Clark, vicar : a petronell.
 20. *Hexton*.—Mr. Olyver Burdsell, vicar : a bill.
Tho. Rokett.
232. 11, JUNE, 1618.—DRAFT LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop. He reports that he has duly charged the Clergy to have their Arms and Armour in readiness, and that the same is duly done. Appended a List of the Clergy with the Arms with which they are furnished, as in No. 231.
- 1620.
233. 9, JUNE, 1620.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Recites terms of Letter from Privy Council, Whitehall, 31 May, 1620, directing the Bishops to inform themselves of all the Clergy as are fit to be charged with the finding of horses, Arms, and other furniture, and to direct them to have the same in readiness. The Bishop is desired to put the same in execution. From Lambeth. Geo. Cant.
234. 19, JUNE, 1620.—LIST OF CLERGY WITH THE ARMS AT WHICH THEY ARE RATED. The List is the same as that for the year 1618 (No. 232), with the following exceptions :—
7. *Watford*.—Mr. Cornelius Burges, vicar : a musket.
 8. *Ridge*.—Mr. Nathaniel String, vicar : a calyver.
 9. *Idelstry*.—Mr. Abraham Spencer, parson : a calyver.
235. 30, JUNE, 1620.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. He is directed to charge the Clergy to have the Arms and Armour at which they are rated, in readiness, according to the terms of the Letter from the Privy Council to the Archbishop. From My Palace at London. John London.
236. 6, JULY, 1620.—LETTER. James Rolfe to Bishop reporting the readiness of the Clergy with the Arms and Armour at which they are rated. List appended, which agrees with No. 234.
237. 21, MARCH, 1620.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop, or his Chancellor, Sir Henry Marten. The Lieutenants and Commissioners of Musters are to be notified as to the Arms and Furniture provided by the Clergy, that the same may be shown at the Musters, as directed by the Privy Council in a Letter, dated

Whitehall 28 February 1620. The Bishop is required to put the same in execution. Lambeth. G. Cant.

238. 22, MARCH, 1620.—LETTER, from Henry Marten to the Archdeacon, Dr. Byll, ordering the Archbishop's Letter, No. 237, to be put into execution. Doctors Commons. Henry Marten.
239. 22, MARCH, 1620.—ARMS IMPOSED UPON THE CLERGY OF THE ARCHDEACONRY. The List agrees with that given in No. 236.

1621.

240. 26, MARCH, 1621.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Clergy of the Archdeaconry. He directs the Clergy to have ready the Arms and Armour at which they are rated, to be shown at the Musters. A list of the parishes, the Incumbents, and the Arms which they are to provide, which is the same in all respects as in the List given in No. 236.
241. 5, MARCH, 1621.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, March 1, 1621. The King has been informed that divers Preachers have cast out words in the pulpit, as if there were some danger that Religion should be changed amongst us, which cannot be esteemed less than a seditious speech, and very scandalous unto the King. As we have lively arguments of his Majesty's great constancy and zeal, it is thought fit that your Lordship should in the most discreet manner should warn the Ministers that they be wary that they give no occasion of any such offence, but that they take opportunity, whensoever they fitly may, to remonstrate unto their people that obedience unto Princes as a remarkable part of the duty of a Christian man, and so consequently to excite them to honour the King as the Vice-Regent of GOD, and His Lieutenant on earth in all their words and actions. Your Lordship shall do well to confer with your Chancellor in what manner this may best be infused unto your Clergy, who are to understand that if any be found trespassing in the forementioned undutifulness they are like to be made severe examples of. The Archdeacon is directed to deal with the matter according to his place and duty. From My Palace at London. Geo. London.

1622.

242. 12, AUGUST, 1622.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Recites Letter from the Privy Council, dated Windsor Castle, 4 August, 1621. As the abuses and extreme vagaries of Preachers in the pulpit have been in all times repressed by some Act of Council or State with the advice and resolution of grave and learned Prelates, insomuch as the very Licensing of Preachers had beginning by an Order of Star Chamber 8, July, in the 19th year of King Henry VIII. ; And whereas at this present divers young students, by reading of late writers and ungrounded divines do broach many times unprofitable, unsound, seditious and dangerous doctrines, to the scandal of this Church and disquieting of the State and present government. We upon humble representation of yourself and sundry other Prelates, as well as of our Princely care and zeal for the extirpation of

schism and dissention growing from this seed, and for the settlement of a peaceful and religious government, charge and command you to use all possible care and diligence, that these limitations and cautions herewith sent unto you concerning Preachers be duly and strictly from henceforth observed and put in execution by the Bishops. Copies of these Directions are to be sent to every Parson, Vicar and Curate, and they are to be earnestly requested to employ their uttermost endeavours in the performance of this business, letting them know that we have a special eye to their proceedings, and expect a strict account hereof both from you and each of them. The Archbishop proceeds: By this you see his Majesty's Princely care that men should preach CHRIST crucified, obedience to the higher powers, and honest and Christian conversation of life in a regular form, and not that every young man should take unto himself an exorbitant liberty to teach what he listeth to the offence of his Majesty, and to the disturbance and disquiet of the Church and Commonwealth. I can give no better directions for the pursuance hereof than are prescribed in his Majesty's Letters and Schedule herewith sent.

From Croydon. G. Cant.

243. 13, AUGUST, 1622.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon. He is to take order in the best manner he can for the execution of his Majesty's commandment respecting the Preachers in the Archdeaconry, and to report to the Bishop as soon as he can, what he has done in this business. From Farnham. Geo. London.
244. 17, AUGUST, 1622.—LETTER. Henry Marten to Archdeacon. He encloses the Letter of the Archbishop, and the Schedule mentioned therein; and, in the absence of the Bishop, who is in attendance upon the King, directs the Archdeacon to call the Clergy before him and publish the same. From Doctors Commons. Henry Marten.
245. Undated [AUGUST, 1622].—DIRECTIONS CONCERNING PREACHERS.
1. No Preacher under the degree or calling of a Bishop or Dean of a Cathedral or Collegiate Church—and they only upon the King's Days and set Festivals—do take occasion by the expounding of any text of Scripture whatsoever, shall fall into any set discourse or commonplace otherwise than by opening the coherence and division of his text, which shall not be comprehended and warranted in essence, substance, effect or natural inference within some one of the Articles of Religion set forth 1562, or is some other Homilies set forth by authority in the Church of England, not only for a help for the non-preaching, but withal for a pattern and abundance, as it were, for the preaching ministers. And for their further instruction for the performance hereof that they forthwith read over and peruse diligently the said Book of Articles and the two Books of Homilies.
 2. That no Parson, Vicar, Curate or Lecturer shall preach any Sermon or Collation hereafter upon Sundays and Holydays in the afternoon in any Cathedral or Parish

Church throughout the Kingdom but upon some part of the Catechism, or some text taken out of the Creed, Ten Commandments or the LORD'S Prayer—
—Funeral Sermons only excepted—and that those Preachers be most encouraged and approved of who spend this Afternoon Exercise in the examining of children in their Catechism, and in the expounding of the several points and heads of the Catechism, which is the most ancient and laudable custom of teaching in the Church of England.

3. That no Preacher whatsoever under the degree of a Bishop or Dean at the least, do from henceforth presume to preach in any popular auditory the deep points of Predestination, Election, Reprobation, or of the Universality, Efficacy, Resistability or Irresistability of God's Grace, but leave those themes to be handled by the learned men, and that moderately and modestly, by way of use and application rather than by way of positive Doctrine, as being fitter for the Schools and Universities than for simple auditories.
4. That no Preacher of what title or denomination soever shall presume from henceforth in any auditory within the Kingdom to declare limit or bound out by way of positive doctrine in any lecture or sermon the power, prerogative, jurisdiction, authority or duty of Sovereign Princes, or otherwise meddle with these affairs of State and the references between the Princes and the people than as they are instructed and presented (?) in the homily of Obedience and in the rest of the Homilies and Articles of Religion set forth as before mentioned, by Public Authority, but rather confine themselves wholly to those two heads of faith and good life (?) which are all the subject of the ancient Sermons and Homilies.
5. That no Preacher of what title or denomination soever shall causelessly and without invitation from the text fall into bitter invectives and undecent railing speeches against the persons of either Papiste or Puritanes, but modestly and gravely, when they are occasioned thereunto by the text of Scripture, free both the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England from the aspersions of either adversaries, especially where the auditory is suspected to be tainted with the one or the other infection.
6. The Archbishops and Bishops of the Kingdom, whom his Majesty hath good cause to blame for their former remissness, be more wary and choice in licensing of Preachers, and revoke all grants made by any Chancellor, Official or Commissary to pass licences in this kind, and that all the Lecturers throughout the Kingdom (a new body severed from the ancient Clergy of England, as being neither Parsons, Vicars nor Curates) be licensed henceforward in the Court of Faculties only, upon recommendation of the party

from the Bishop of the Diocese under his hand and seal, with a fiat from the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and a confirmation under the Great Seal of England. And such as transgress any one of these directions be suspended by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, or (in his default) by the Lord Archbishop of the Province *ab officio et beneficio* for a year and a day, until his Majesty by the advice of the next Convocation shall prescribe some further punishment.

G. Cant.

246. 26, AUGUST, 1622.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Clergy of the Archdeaconry of St. Albans. By virtue of the Letters received from Sir Henry Martyn, Chancellor to the Bishop, and the Letter and Instructions from the Archbishop containing the King's Directions concerning Preachers, the Clergy are ordered to appear before the Official in the Consistory within the Parish Church of St. Albans on Thursday the 12 day of September next, between the hours of nine and eleven in the forenoon, that the said Directions may be made known to them. Jas. Rolfe.

247. 6, SEPTEMBER, 1622.—LETTER from Sir Henry Martyn (Bishop's Chancellor) to the Archdeacon.

Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated, Croydon, 3, September, 1622. (*In extenso*). I doubt not but before this time you have received from me the directions of his most excellent Majesty concerning Preaching and Preachers, which are so graciously set down that no godly or discreet man can otherwise than acknowledge that they do tend much to edification if he do not take them up upon report, but do punctually consider the tenor of the words as they lie and do not give an ill construction to that which may receive a fair interpretation. Notwithstanding because some few Churchmen, and many of the people have sinisterly conceived as we here find, that those instructions do tend to the restraint of the exercise of Preaching, and do in some sort abate the number of Sermons and so consequently by degrees do make a breach to ignorance and superstition, his Majesty of his princely wisdom hath thought fit that I should advertise your Lordship of the grave and weighty reasons which induced his Highness to prescribe that which is done.

You are therefore to know, that his Majesty being much troubled and grieved at the heart to hear every day of so many defections from our religion both to Popery and Anabaptism or other points of separation in some part of this Kingdom, and considering with much admiration what might be the cause thereof especially in the reign of such a King who doth so constantly profess himself an open adversary to the superstition of the one and madness of the other, his Princely wisdom could fall upon no one greater probability that the lightness affectedness and unprofableness of the kind of Preaching which hath of late years been too much taken up in Court University City and Country.

The usual scope of very many Preachers is noted to be a serving up in points of divinity too deep for the capacity of

the people, for a mustering up of much reading, or a display of their own wit, or an ignorant meddling with civil matters as well in the private or several parishes and corporations as in the public of the Kingdom, or a venting of their own distastes, or a smoothing up of those idle fancies which in this blessed time of so long a peace do boil in the brains of unadvised people, or lastly a rude and undecent railing not against the doctrines (which when the Text shall occasion the same is not only approved but much recommended by his royal Majesty) but against the persons of Papists and Puritanes. Now the people bred up with this kind of teaching and never instructed in the Catechism and fundamental grounds of Religion are for all this airy nourishment, no better than *abrasæ tabulæ* new table books ready to be filled up either with the Manuals and Catechisms of the Popish Priests or the Papers and Pamphlets of Anabaptists, Brownists and Puritanes.

His Majesty calling to mind the saying of Tertullian *Id verum quod primum* and remembering with what doctrine the Church of England in her first most happy reformation did drive out the one and keep out the other from poisoning and infecting the people of this Kingdom doth find that the scope of this doctrine is contained in the Articles of Religion, the two Books of Homilies, the Lesser and the Greater Catechism which his Majesty doth therefore recommend again in these Directions as the themes and proper subjects of all sound and edifying Preaching. And so far are those Directions from abating it his Majesty doth expect at our hands that it should increase the number of Sermons by renewing upon every Sunday in the afternoon in all Parish Churches throughout the Kingdom the primitive and most profitable exposition of the Catechism wherewith the people, yea very children, may be timely seasoned and instructed in all the heads of Christian Religion. The which kind of teaching (to our amendment be it spoken) is more diligently observed in all the Reformed Churches of Europe than of late it hath been here in England. I find his Majesty much moved with this neglect and resolved (if we that are his Bishops do not see a reformation thereof which I trust we shall) to recommend it to the care of the Civil Magistrate so far is his Highness from giving the least discouragement to solid Preaching or discreet or religious Preachers. To all these I am to add that it is his Majesty's princely pleasure that both the former Directions and these reasons of the same be fairly written in every Register's Office, to the end that every Preacher of what denomination soever, may if he be so pleased take out copies of either of them with his own hand *gratis*, paying nothing in the name of fee or expedition. But if he do use the pains of the Register or his Clerks then to pay some moderate fee to be pronounced in open Court by the Chancellors and Commissaries of the place, taking the directions and approbation of my Lords the Bishops.

Lastly, that from henceforward a course may be taken that every Parson, Vicar, Curate or Lecturer do make exhibit of these his Majesty's Directions and the Reasons for the same at the ensuing Visitation of the Bishops and Archdeacons paying

to the Register by way of fee but two pence only at the time of the exhibite.

The Chancellor charges the Archdeacon to see that the same are published and executed within the Archdeaconry with all speed, and to certify him what he has done.

Doctors' Commons. Hen. Marten.

248. 20, JUNE, 1623.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Recites Letter from Privy Council to Archbishop, dated Whitehall, 11 June 1623. By his Majesty's special command a general view and muster is to be taken this summer of all the Forces of the Realm, and the Lieutenants and Commissioners of Musters in the several Counties are to see that such of the Clergy as have been heretofore appointed to find Armour, and others of them that are mete in like sort to be charged, are to cause the same to be shown and trained at horse musters. In view thereof the Archbishop is directed to send Letters to the Bishops of the Province, requiring them to send to the Lieutenants and Commissioners of Musters of each County in their several Dioceses due and orderly Certificates, containing the names of such Ecclesiastical Persons as have formerly been rated with the names of such others as are fit to be charged for that service with the particulars of the Arms and Armour with which each is charged, that an Order may be made for a View and Muster of the same.

The Bishop is directed to see that all things accordingly may be accomplished with diligence. From Lambeth. G. Cant.

249. 23, JUNE, 1623.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon directing him to give notice with all speed to the Clergy in the Archdeaconry, in accordance with the Archbishop's Letter (No. 248). From my Palace at London. Geo. London.

250. 27, JUNE, 1623.—DRAFT LETTER. Archdeacon to Clergy of the Archdeaconry, directing them to provide Arms and Armour according to the rate imposed upon them, and to shew the same at such Muster as the Lieutenant of the County shall appoint.

List of the Clergy with their several rates :—

1. *St. Alban's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, p. a corslet.
2. *St. Peter's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, v. a calyver.
3. *St. Michaell's*.—Mr. Abraham Spencer, v. a corslet.
4. *St. Steven's*.—Mr. John Starre, v. a calyver.
5. *Sandridge*.—Mr. Richard Westerman, v. a calyver.
6. *Busshey*.—Mr. William Pickeringe, p. a petronell.
7. *Watford*.—Mr. Cornelius Burgess, v. a musket.
8. *Ridge*.—Mr. Nathannell Stringe, v. a calyver.
9. *Idelstry*.—Mr. Abraham Spencer, p. a calyver.
10. *Rickmersworth*.—Mr. William Edmondess, v. a calyver.
11. *Shephall*.—Mr. John Rud, v. a calyver.
12. *Abbots Langley*.—Mr. John Lewes, v. a musket.
13. *Newenham*.—Mr. Henry Wright, v. a byll.
14. *Codycote*.—Mr. Thomas Rooke, v. a byll.
15. *Barnet*.—Mr. Matthias Mylward, p. a musket.
16. *Powles Walden*.—Mr. Henry Halstede, v. a musket.
17. *Norton*.—Mr. John Pratt, v. a calyver.
18. *Redborn*.—Mr. Henry Bowman, v. a corslet.

19. *Sarrat*.—Mr. Alexander Clarke, v. a petronell.
 20. *Hexton*.—Mr. Olyver Burdsell, v. a byll.

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On the *dorso* of this Document is another, 2, October, 1620. In the Court of the Archdeacon of St. Albans before James Rolfe M.A. Official, and Thomas Rokett, Registrar. An Order of Penance of retraction of slanderous and defamatory words spoken by William Gyles, of Winsloe against Bernard Lewindes. The said William Gyles shall upon Sunday next being the 8 day of this present October immediately after Evening Prayer before the Minister and the Churchwardens and four other honest men of the Parish of Winsloe and the said Bernard Lewindes, if he shall think it fit to be present, repair unto the Chancel of the Parish Church of Winsloe aforesaid, and there before the said parties shall acknowledge his fault for saying that the said Bernard Lewindes was a bastard, and that the said William Gyles would maintain it, and shall before the said parties retract the same words and show himself sorry for the same, and pray the said Bernard to forgive him; and shall promise that from henceforth he will carry himself in charitable and Christian sort towards the said Bernard, and refrain from uttering the same or the like slanderous words against him. The performance of the Penance is to be certified at the next Court. Jas. Rolfe.

This Order was performed in all points by the abovenamed William Giles in the presence of us.

Robt. Maynwaring.
 Henry Wendover } churchwardens.
 John Snowe }

251. 16, JANUARY, 1623.—MANDATE from James Rolfe M.A. Official of Mr. Thomas Rayment M.A., Archdeacon of St. Albans to the Apparitors Walter Horsfall and Hugh Rylands directing them to cite the Clergy of the Archdeaconry to elect Proctors in Convocation in the Parish Church of St. Albans on 5 February, 1623. The Convocation of the Province of Canterbury to meet in St. Paul's Cathedral 13, February, 1623. Seal (broken).

Clergy cited:—

1. *St. Alban's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, p.
2. *St. Peter's*.—Mr. Roger Williams, v.
3. *St. Michael's*.—Mr. Abraham Spencer, v.
4. *St. Stephen's*.—Mr. John Starr, v.
5. *Rickmersworth*.—Mr. William Edmondson, v.
6. *Watford*.—Mr. Cornelius Burges, v.
7. *Busshey*.—Mr. William Pickeringe, rector.
8. *Saratt*.—Mr. Alexander Clarke, v.
9. *Langley*.—Mr. John Lewes, v.
10. *Idelstry*.—Mr. Abraham Spencer, rector.
11. *Chipinge Barnet* } Mr. Mathias Mylward rector.
12. *East Barnet* }
13. *Northawe*.—Mr. John Blytheman, pastor.

14. *Codycote*.—Mr. James Rookes, v.
15. *Shephall*.—Mr. John Rudd, v.
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17. *Hexton*.—Mr. Oliver Burdsell, v.
18. *Newenham*.—Mr. Henry Wright, v.
19. *Norton*.—Mr. John Pratt, v.
20. *Redborn*.—Mr. Henry Bowman, v.
21. *Ridge*.—Mr. Nathanael Stringe, v.
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23. *Wynslo*.—Mr. Robert Maynwaringe, v.
24. *Aston Abbots*.—Mr. Robert Hitchcock, v.
25. *Granboro*.—Mr. Fulke Owen, v.
26. *Horwood pva.*—Mr. William Sterne, v.

Jas. Rolfe.

252. 5, FEBRUARY, 1623.—DRAFT CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF PROCURORS IN CONVOCATION FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY.

List of the Clergy—as in No. 251.

Only the following attended, signed their names and recorded their votes as follows:—

St. Michael's.—Abrah. Spencer.

Sir Henry Martin.

Thomas Wilson professor of theology.

Rickmersworth.—Willa. Edmonds—the same.

Idelstry.—Abrah. Spencer—the same.

Cheping Barnet and East Barnet.—Matthas Mylward—the same.

Northaw.—John Blythman—the same.

Redborn.—Henry Bowman—the same.

Ridge.—Nathaniell String—the same; and James Sherley—the same.

(This last name does not occur in the citation and no parish is assigned to him).

1624.

253. 6, MAY, 1624.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon (Mr. Thomas Rayment). Recites Letter from Archbishop to Bishop, dated Lambeth, 1, May 1624, which gives the terms of a Letter from Privy Council to Archbishop, dated Whitehall, 24, April, 1624, directing that the Arms and Armour at which the Clergy are rated shall be in readiness to be shown at the Musters for the various counties, and requiring the Bishop to see that the same is executed in his Diocese. The Archdeacon is ordered to see that the Clergy in the Archdeaconry are duly warned thereof, and to send in his certificate of the Arms and Armour in readiness. From my Palace at London. Geo. London.

A Note signed Jas. Rolfe directs that the Rates are to be searched, the Apparitor to warn the Clergy, and list made for the Lieutenants as in former years.

254. 10, MAY, 1624.—LETTER. James Rolfe to the Clergy of the Archdeaconry, directing them to provide the Arms and Armour at which they are rated, and to be in readiness to show the same at the Musters when called upon. Jas. Rolfe.

List as in No. 250.

1625.

255. 25, JANUARY, 1625.—CONVOCAION OF THE CLERGY OF THE ARCH-DEACONRY in the Parish Church, St. Albans, to elect two Proctors in Convocation.

List of Benefices and Clergy as in No. 251, with the exception that John Harris is returned vicar of Horwood parva in the place of William Sterne.

256. Undated.—LETTER to Mr. James Rolfe. Whereas as you certified us in a letter that we should appear on Wednesday the xxvj. of this month at St. Albans to choose two mete Clerks for the Convocation, and because the journey is far, we therefore refer our voices unto you, to make choice of whomsoever you in your judgment shall think fit. Thus giving you humble thanks for sparing us at this time. We rest, yours to be commanded

Robt. Maynwaring, vic. of Winslow.

John Harris, vic. of Little Horwood.

William Arlidge, Curate of Grandborough.

1626.

257. 26, MAY, 1626.—LETTER. Archbishop to Bishop. Recites Letter from Privy Council to Archbishop, dated Whitehall, 21, May, 1626, requiring the Archbishop to direct the Bishops of the Province to send to the Lieutenants of the Counties in their several Dioceses, or to the Commissioners of Musters orderly certificates of the names of such Ecclesiastical Persons as have formerly been rated for Arms and Armour for the defence of the country, with such others as they shall find fit to be further charged for that service. The Bishop is enjoined to take order that the same is forthwith carried out in his Diocese. From Lambeth. G. Cant.

258. 31, MAY, 1626.—LETTER. Bishop to Archdeacon, directing that the Clergy of the Archdeaconry be warned to have ready the Arms and Armour at which they are severally rated, and to return certificates concerning the same. From my Palace at London. Geo. London.

[Endorsed to Mr. Thomas Rayment Archdeacon of St. Albans, and again endorsed to Mr. Rolfe, Commissary of St. Albans at St. Julians nere unto St. Albans.]

1630.

259. 9, SEPTEMBER, 1630.—LETTER. Thomas Rayment to Mr. Nicholas Rolfe at St. Julians, near St. Albans. I was lately with my Lord of London, where the Official and Register of St. Albans were both blamed for neglecting to certify unto Mr. Cooke, the Bishop of London's Register, the names of all the several Lecturers within the Jurisdiction of St. Albans, as likewise whether any of them were not conformable to His Majesty's late instructions. What more particularly the Official or you are to certify I doubt not but you shall find in my Lord of London's Letter to your father concerning that business. I make no question but he was careful enough in the keeping of the Letter, so that I hope you shall soon find it among his papers. Let me entreat your care that we hear no more of it, for the displeasure upon further neglect will fall heavy upon whomsoever. I requested you in my last Letter, that my Procurations which were due

at this last Visitation, might be left at the sign of the Black Bell in St. Paul's Churchyard with Mr. Baker a woollen draper or any of his servants. If you have not done it, let me entreat that it may be delivered with what convenient speed you may. My love to yourself with Mistress Rolfe and your Mother. I pray for you and rest, your loving friend, Tho. Rayment. From Hanwell.

260. 20, DECEMBER, 1630.—Received this 20 December, 1630, of Mr. John Prickelove the sum of Three Pounds Ten Shillings by the appointment of Mr. Rolfe, for the use of Doctor Rayment, by me Marke Anthony, servant to William Baker at the Black Bell in Paules Churchyard.

On *dorso*. Goodman Pricklove Pray leave 3*li*. 10*s*. at Mr. Bakers in Paules churchyard at the sign of the Bell for Mr. Doctor Rayment from Mr. Rolfe of St. Albans. Deliver it into Mr. Bakers own hands.

Nich. Rolfe.

First enquire whether he knows him or no and where he dwelleth.

1637.

261. 17, JULY, 1637.—LETTER. Thomas Mar (?) to Mr. Rolfe. According to your desire my brother Cooke hath acquainted Mr. Chancellor concerning power to be given to your Judge for granting Licences of Marriage within your Archdeaconry of St. Albans, which request Mr. Chancellor hath consented unto, provided that all such Licences go forth in my Lord of London's name according to the form subscribed, and that you before the time of your relaxation do bring up your Book of Allegations for the said Licences, and you are likewise to pay for every such Licence for the Judge's and Register's fees Ten Shillings. Thus much in the absence of my brother I thought good to acquaint you by this messenger by whom I pray you return your answer. Tho. Mar (?). From Paulschurchyard.

[Note: The opening words of the Form to be used is appended.]

262. 5, SEPTEMBER, 1637. We whose names are hereunto written do certify to all those whom it shall or may concern or in anywise appertain, That whereas the bearer hereof Richard Brooke of London, gent, was bound out in a Voyage to the Island of Turtuga in the good ship called the *James*, of London set out by the Right Honble. the Earl of Warwick and the Honble. Lord Brooke. Now know ye that we the said subscribants do certify and make known and will be at all times ready to certify That the said Richard Brooke was taken sick in the Borough Town of Plymouth upon the six and twentieth day of October last past where he still remaineth a sickly weak man until the day of the date of these presents, by reason of which Sickness he could not proceed in his said intended Voyage. Witness our hands this fifth day of September . . . 1637.

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Edmondes, William (1589).

Ridge: See Brooke, William (1580);
Perchane, Edward (1582); Smyth,
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String, Nathaniel (1620).

St. Alban's: See Edgworth, Edward
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St. Michael's: See Weatherhead,
Thomas (1580); Cooke, Erasmus
(1591); Besouth, Zephaniah (1612);
Spencer, Abraham (1618).

St. Paul's Walden: See Haylocke,
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(1595).

St. Peter's: See Holden, Thomas
(1579); Bourman, George (1580);
Moore, William (1588); Williams,
Roger (1595).

St. Stephen's: See Lightfoote,
Richard (1575); Starre, John (1618).

Sandridge: See Woodward, Richard
(1580); Gosson, Stephen (1588); Wes-
terman, William (1591); Westerman,
Richard (1623).

Sarrat: See Butler, John (1583);
Clarke, Alexander (1612); Cockshott,
John (1616).

Shephall: See Lowen, Mr. (cir.
1560); Wood, Robert (1581); Rudd,
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Watford: See Edmondes, Henry
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Burges, Cornelius (1620).

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