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The Benefaction of Ann Preston.

G. lxxxvi, fo. 579, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 3098.

fo. 587. To the hond'ble the Commissioners for Compounding.

The humble petition of Tho. Fletcher and Henry Porter, gent., on behalfe of themselves and the rest of the Inhabitants of the parishes of Lancaster and Cartmell in the County of Lancaster.

Sheweth—

That Ann Preston, widowe, did by her last Will, dated the 9th of Jan., 1638[-9], amongst other Legacys give to the poore of the parish of Cartmell and the Towne where she was borne 200*li.* for ever, the same to be put forth or otherwise disposed by her Supervisours and the yearely use thereof to bee distributed amongst the poore of the said places for the setting forth of Apprentices and otherwise as her Supervisours should thincke fitt during their lives and after by the Churchwardens and four and twenty of those places for ever; And allsoe willed the said two hundred pounds to bee first rayased out of her personall estate; and of her said Will did make her daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Westby her Executrix.

That Mrs. Preston's personal estate or the greatest part thereof was within a yeare after sequestered for the recusancy of Mrs. Westby, the said 200*li.* being unpaid.

That a Committee of Lords and Commons for sequestracions upon the Report made by Mr. Bradshaw ordered it to be referred to the Committee of Lancashire to examine such of the Inhabitants of the parishes aforesaid as they should think fitt whether all or any part of the said £200 were paid.

That the £200 was not by reason of the War paid, and the poor very much distressed for lack of payment thereof.

They prayed therefore for an order directing the Commissioners of Lancashire to examine the Inhabitants and to return the examinations to the London Commissioners;

and if it should appear that the £200 had not been paid that it might be either out of Mrs. Westbie's or some other sequestered estate in Lancashire, according to the former order of the Committee of the Lords and Commons (22 March, 1652-3).

fo. 591. 22 March 1652-3. Order of reference to Lancashire Commissioners.

fo. 593. Report by Mr. Bradshaw.

fo. 598. Order by the Committee of the Lord and Commons, dated 29 Aug., 1648, approving Mr. Bradshaw's report and directing the sum to be paid out of Mrs. Westby's or some other sequestrated estate in the county of Lancaster. Signed by Henry Pelham.

fo. 599. Communication from Lancashire Commissioners, mentioning what they had done in the matter. Signed by R. Aspinwall, Nich: Cunliffe, Ro: Massey.

fo. 602. Examinations of Tho. Burscough of Cartmell, yeoman, Hen. Porter of Lancaster, gent., Wm. Pepper of Cartmell, yeoman, John Simpson of Flosborough, yeoman, John Rigg of Cartmell, yeoman, and James Hardman of Lancaster, agent for sequestration for the hundred of Loynesdall. Sworn before the Commissioners at Preston on 20 April and 26 May, 1653.

fo. 622. Petition (22 March, 1652-3).

fo. 579. Mr. Reading in his report, dated 20 Aug., 1653, found that the said Ann Preston by her last will and testament in writing, bearing date 9 January, 1638[-9] did (amongst other things) demise as followeth:

"Item it is my will, and I do give unto the poore of the parish of Cartmell and the towne where I was born and neare thereabouts the somme of 200*li*. for euer, the same to be put forth or otherwise to be disposed of by my Supervisors and the yearly use thereof to be distributed amongst the poor of the places aforesaid for the setting forth of Apprentices, and otherwise needfull, as my Supervisors shall think fitt dureing their liues, and after by the Churchwardens and 24tie of those placed for ever, if my Supervisors so thing good, or otherwise to be made sure for the uses aforesaid by my Supervisors as they shall think fitt."

And she further demised thus:

"It is my will and minde that the 200*li.* which I gave to the poore shall be first raised out of my goods, and for the other legacies, where my goods will not extend to pay them, that then the remainder shall be paid out of the yearly profitts of my lands."

And she thereby made her daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Westbie her whole executrix, unto whom she gave all the rest of her goods unbequeathed as well moveable and immoveable, she truly paying and discharging her debts and legacies and funeral expences, as by copy of the said will then produced and proved before the Commissioners of Lancashire 21 April, 1653, by the oath of Thomas Burscough. He deposed that he drew up the last will and testament in writing of the said Ann Preston, a copy whereof was then showed unto him, whereupon some of the said Commissioners endorsed their names, bearing date the 9 of January, 1638[-9]. The deponent believed and was confident it was a true copy of the original, which he drew as aforesaid and was by the said Preston published and declared to be her last will and testament in the presence of the deponent and several others.

The said case being referred by the Lords and Commons for sequestracions to the then late Lord President Bradshaw to examine and report, he reported the case as before, and submitted it to judgment whether it were not fitt to report it to the Commissioners of Lancashire to examine whether all or any part of the £200 were paid and if it should appear to be all still (then) owing, then, whether the said £200 or so much thereof as was justly due ought not to be paid for the said charitable use, out of the said Mrs. Westbie's sequestred estate; or, if that he disposed of, out of some other sequestration in that county of Lancaster. Which was ordered accordingly by the said Lords and Commons on 20 August, 1648.

The said cause being by order referred to the Commissioners of Lancashire they by their certificate of 27 May,

1653 certified that they had examined severall witnesses touching the said legacy of £200 given by Ann Preston deceased and left in the hands of Elizabeth Westbie, likewise deceased. These examinations they transmitted and certified that they had summoned several witnesses which they conceived material to be examined on the behalf of the Commonwealth, but upon their examination not finding them material they did not take them in writing, so that they had not anything further to certify but that two third parts of Mrs. Westbie's estate was in the year 1643 sequestered for her recusancy.

By the depositions aforesaid it appeared that Thomas Burscough deposed that the said Ann Preston died about 11 years then ago, and further said that no part of the said £200 bequeathed and given by the said Ann Preston to the poor of the parishes of Cartmell and Lancaster was ever paid to the poor of Cartmell parish and he believed that no part thereof was ever paid to the poor of the parish of Lancaster, the reason whereof (as deponent conceived) was for that Mrs. Elizabeth Westbie, daughter and executrix of the said Ann Preston, was the same who became sequesterable for her recusancy soon after the death of her said mother.

William Pepper and Henry Porter deposed to the same effect. and the said Henry Porter further deposed that he had heard the same Mrs. Westbie in her lifetime confess that the same was unpaid although her estate was liable to pay the same; and then she desired that she might see the same paid and procured an order of the Lords and Commons for sequestrations for payment thereof, which was obstructed by occasion of the Warrs and troubles in the Country.

John Simpson deposed that there came into the hands and custody of Mrs. Elizabeth Westbie as executrix of Ann Preston Oxen, kine and sheep, and other goods to the value of £100 and upwards, which were the goods of the

said Ann Preston. And about a year and a quarter after the same came into her hands as aforesaid two third parts, then remaining, were sequestred for the recusancy of the said Mrs. Westbie. He further said that the said goods so sequestred for her recusancy would amount to or thereabouts as he verily believed.

James Hardman deposed that at a meeting of the 24' tie of the parish of Lancaster hee heard them express themselves that the £200 to the poor of Lancaster was never paid, but detained by Mrs. Elizabeth Westbie, executrix to the said Ann Preston.

John Rigg deposed that he knew that there was never any such moneys paid to the said poor, but detained from them by the said Mrs. Westbie, who was executrix to the said Ann Preston.

"And this is all that I finde in the said Case, which is submitted to your Judgment." 20 Aug., 1653. JO. READINGE.

fo. 586. Whereas Mrs. Anne Preston, late of Winder, deceased, by her last will and testament gave unto the poore within the parishes of Cartmell and Lancaster 200*li*. to bee rayسد out of her personall estate and what could not bee soe rayسد to bee rayسد out of her lands, and named Elizabeth Westbie her Executrix:

Now Hugh Wadsworth of Haighton in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, deposeth that shortly after the death of the sayd Mrs. Preston and before the goods disposed of and sould for the uses Intended by the sayd Will, most of the Cattle were seized by Mr. Sawrey and other officers and souldiers and both before sayd seizure and upon the takinge the sayd cattle by the appoyntment and desyre of the sayd Mrs. Westby hee this deponent did Intreate Mr. Fletcher, one of the now petitioners to take the sayd goods for or towards the sayd legacie. And thereupon Mr. Fletcher Indeavored to get them for the sayd use, but though hee used all the endeavors hee could, as this

Deponent really beleeves, for that hee spent much tyme and labor thereupon, yett hee could not obtayne the same but the goods were wholly taken from her the sayd Mrs. Westby without any allowance of any third parte att all. Which this deponent the better knowes for that hee was wholly Employed by the sayd Mrs. Westbie, both by himselfe and all the frends and meanes hee could make for the stayinge the goods to bee converted to the use Intended by the sayd last will and testament; and hee is well assured that in all the goods that was taken without allowance of any third parte did far exceede and was farr more worth then 300*li*.

HUGH WADSWORTH.

Sworn before the Commissioners the 17 Feb., 1653(-4).
R.W.

G. clxi, fo. 301, etc.

fo. 306. Letter, dated at Preston 27 May, 1653, signed by E. Aspinwall, Nicholas Cunliffe and Ro. Massey.
fo. 301. Interrogatories. fo. 302-4. Examinations, taken at Preston, 20 Feb., 1652-3 of Thomas Burscough of Cartemell, yeoman.

fo. 303. Henry Porter of Lancaster, gentleman; John Sampson of Flosborough, yeoman; (fo. 304) George Rigge of Cartmell, yeoman; and James Hardman of Lancaster, agent for sequestrations for the Hundred of Loynsdale.

A summary of these depositions is given in Readine's report above

Francis Westby of Goosenargh, gent.

G. cxxix, fo. 89; *Cal.* iv, 3124.

Petition, which disclosed that petitioner was one of the persons comprised in the then last Act for Sale of Estates forfeited to the Commonwealth for Treason, by the name of Francis Westby of Mierscough. Petitioner was but a tenant for life of most part of his estate and for some short dates for the other part; and his estate was heavily

incumbered. He prayed the benefit of the proviso in the Act to be allowed to compound for the same (7 July, 1653). Referred to Mr. Reading.

G. ccv, fo. 727, etc.

Order of reference to Mr. Reading. fo. 729. Petition. fo. 731. Report by Mr Reading, by which it appears that petitioner was comprised in the Act for Sale, that the estate had been surveyed and that he petitioned 7 July, 1653. By the survey it appeared he was seised in fee of a capital messuage, wherein then a Mrs. Grace Latus, widow, resided, called Goosnargh Hall, with several parcels of land, worth yearly £17. 19s. 4d.; that Mrs. Latus was entitled to the moiety for life, the reversion being in petitioner, and that petitioner was to have paid the executor and administrator of Mathias Latus, deceased, £300 within 3 years, by £100 *per annum*. By an indenture dated 13 January, 1633-4 and by fine and recovery Mathias Latus and Grace his wife conveyed the premises to the use of himself for life, and afterwards divers parcels of the said premises to the use of the said Grace Latus and her assigns for the term of her life in the name of her jointure; and from her death to Thomas Westbie, father of petitioner, and his heirs and assigns for ever, the said Thomas covenanting to pay £300 as above mentioned. Mathias Latus died in April preceding; Grace was then living aged 60 years. The estate of Thomas Westbie in the premises was settled by John Westbie, his son and heir, upon Francis Westbie (the compounder) and his heirs by deed dated 30 January, 1638-9. It was certified that compounder received from several persons in Goosnag, rents amounting to 18s. 7d. a year and that he held by lease from Thomas Tilsdly, esq., for one year at a rent of 18s. 4d. a messuage in Mierscough worth £4. 17s. 9d. less the reserved rent above mentioned. It was also certified that a close of land containing 9 acres, belonging to the farm in Mierscough, had been assigned by compounder

to one John Cross on 20 January, 1637-8, with a rent reserved of 5s.

Fine at two-sixths £38. 1s. 4*d.* (12 July, 1653).

On 28 July the fine was paid and the estate discharged.

George Westby of Upper Rawcliffe.

G. cxxviii, fo. 599, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 3138.

8 Sept., 1653. Order discharging from sequestration Ratcliffe Hall, with lands, mill, etc., in Upper Rawcliffe, forfeited by George Westby and purchased by Thomas Wharton.

Petition of Thomas Wharton of Gray's Inn, London, gent., which disclosed that petitioner had purchased from the Trustees for the Sale of Delinquents' lands (among other things) a messuage called Ratcliffe Hall, situate in Uprawcliffe, and also several parcels of land to the said tenement belonging, namely two closes called the Lease, the Marsh at the end of the Lease, the Whinney Marsh, the Robert *alias* Rabbets field, the Mill Marsh, the Dogg Croft, the two closes called Northbreakes, the Hagg, the Moste close called the Backclose, the Close called the Copy, a parcel of Shrubby ground called Staurimotts Pitt, the Cawthey, the little Croft, the Hemp yard, the Wheat Croft, and three roods of ground called the Little croft hey, the Wheat Croft, the Pinkewood, the Flatt and the liberty of mosse ground belonging to the premises, and also all that close called the High field, containing 57 acres more or less; all lying in the county of Lancaster and then late in the possession of Thomas Kirby, gentleman, deceased, as the estate of George Westby, gent., one of the persons in the third Act named, and that petitioner had paid into the Treasury the full purchase money as by that act directed. That notwithstanding, one Anne Kirby, the relict of the said Thomas, pretending some title to dower, withheld possession thereof from petitioner contrary to his purchase. Whereupon she was summoned before the Commissioners for removing Obstructions to make out her title thereto if she could; but after almost 12 months'

delay by the said Anne petitioner obtained judgment to have possession of the said purchased premises, costs being awarded against her and execution of the said order by the sheriff. That the said Anne in a riotous manner subsequently entered upon petitioner's possession and then pretended the same had been sequestered for her recusancy or delinquency, and by colour thereof had most unjustly held possession from petitioner and the commissioners for sequestrations or their agents after petitioner had purchased the same, had received some parts of the rents which justly belonged to petitioner. Wherefore he prayed for an order requiring the Commissioners to certify why they detained the same under sequestration and to summon the said Anne to show cause before them, if she could, why the sequestration should not have been discharged and the rents paid to petitioner (24 Apl., 1655). "The Commissioners to examine and certify and to give Mrs. Kirkby notice to shew cause."

John Westby of Mowbrick, esq.

G. ccxxvi, fo. 131, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2634.

Order of reference to Mr. Readinge. fo. 133. Particular. fo. 136. Petition.

fo. 137. Report of Mr. Reading, by which it appeared that petitioner was one of the persons comprised in the Act for Sale of Lands Forfeited for Treason. His estate was surveyed, and returned 13 May, 1655. He petitioned on 8 June the same year. From the survey he appears to have been seised of the manor of Mowbrick in the parish of Kirkham. Among other parcels mentioned in the survey there were "the tythes o corne, hay, blade and wool within the Liberty of Weesham, co. Lancaster." (fo. 138) which petitioner held by prescription from Christ Church College in Oxford, worth £6. 13s. 2d. yearly. There was mentioned a reprise to the college for the tythes of Weesham of £1. 3s. 4d. Fine at two-sixths £33. 16 July, 1653).

19 Aug. 1653. The fine was paid and the estate discharged.

G. cxxix, fo. 73, etc.

Order to take possession of the manors of Mowbrick and Burne, co. Lanc., and lands in Great Urswick, two mills and a tenement in Trayles and Elleswick, late parcel of the estate of John Westby, sold to James Lowd gent., on 15 June, 1653, by the Trustees for the Sale of Lands forfeited to the Commonwealth for Treason. fo. 87. Petition.

G. cxxiii, fo. 90, etc.

Petition of Robert Tompson of Mowbreck, which disclosed that Edward Aspinwall, Robert Cunliffe and George Pigot, gentlemen, the commissioners for sequestrations in the county of Lancaster (according to instructions given to them by the Commissioners above) did by their deed dated 1 January, 1651-2 let and demise the capital messuage called Mowbreck, with the demesnes, situate in the parish of Kirkham, and three wind mills with the kilns belonging to them in Westham, Trayles and Elswicke—the same having been sequestered for the recusancy and delinquency of John Westbie of Mowbreck, esq.—to petitioner and his assigns for seven years from 2 Feby., then last past. Petitioner prayed for a confirmation of the lease (26 Jany., 1652-3). "The lease is confirmed if proceeded in acc[ording] to the Act of Instn."

fo. 91. Particulars of the lands etc. let to petitioner. The demesne land was 233 acres. Total rent for the mansion and land and the Mills at Wesham, Treales and Elswick, £90. 2s.

Robert Westby of Killingwood, gent.

G. cxxix, fo. 85; *Cal.* v, 3193.

Petitioner on behalf of Lucy his wife, late wife of [Thomas Kitson of Warton in Lonsdale],¹ which showed that petitioner was entitled to certain lands in right of his

¹ *Cal.* iii, 2045; v, 3292.

said wife in lieu of her jointure or dower due unto her by her then late husband, two-thirds of which (mentioned in a particular annexed) had been sequestered for her recusancy only. He therefore prayed to be allowed to contract for the same (17 Jany., 1653-4). Referred to Mr. Reading to report.

Richard Westfield of Overton, yeoman.

G. ccx, fo. 725.

Delinquency: Adhering to and assisting the forces raised against the Parliament in the latter War. He petitioned 14 April, 1649. He compounded upon a particular which disclosed that he was seised for life of 30 acres of copyhold land lying in Overton [near Lancaster] worth yearly £17. 4s.; he owed to several persons in the aggregate £17. 4s. 6d. Fine, £34. 15 May, 1649.

fo. 728. Petition. fo. 729. Particular. The persons to whom he owed money were Mary Westfield £10. 4s., William Gardner £5, and John Bagatt £2.

G. cxxix, fo. 465.

Petition, which showed that petitioner had always been well affected to the Parliament and had to the utmost of his ability assisted them, but in the latter war he joined the forces in the North raised against the Parliament and had assisted them; for which his small estate had been sequestered and so remained (no date or order).

On a loose leaf between fo. 464 and 465, is a receipt dated 6 Sep., 1649, signed by seven of the Commissioners for compounding with delinquents sitting at Goldsmith's Hall, London, which states that the above person had paid the whole of the fine imposed upon him; and his property was restored to him.

Alice Westhead, widow.

G. civ, fo. 241, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 3096.

Petitioner, Richard Mawdesley of Burscough, yeoman, who was surviving trustee for and on behalf of James

Westheade of Bickersteth, yeoman, said that Thomas Westheade then late of Bickersteth, yeoman, and uncle to the said James, being lawfully possessed of one messuage in Bickersteth for a term of 99 years (if Raph Holme, Richard Rydeinge and Robert Rydeinge, sons of George Rydeinge of Sephton, should so long live) by his indenture or deed of trust dated 18th of July, 8 Jas. I [1610], for the considerations therein mentioned, demised to petitioner and one Robert Mawdsley (then deceased), as trustees and for the uses therein mentioned, a messuage in Bickersteth to hold for the term of the original lease mentioned to the said Thomas Westhead for life and afterwards to Richard Westhead and his issue male or female during the term in the original lease. Richard Rydeinge one of the lives in the original lease, was then living, but it so happened that Alice Westhead, wife of Richard aforesaid, in the minority of James her son became possessed of the said messuage and tenement and subsequently two-thirds of the said tenement became sequestered for her supposed recusancy, notwithstanding that she had taken the oath of Abjuration of Popery and had no term in the same; and the said messuage then continued sequestered, notwithstanding the said James was son of Richard and had always been conformable to the Parliament and the then government. He prayed for a discharge of the two-thirds from sequestration or an examination into his title. (11 March, 1652-3). "The Commissioners to examine and certify, and Mr. Brereton to state and report.

Geo. Wetherby of Halsenade, gent.

G. cxxviii, fo. 275; *Cal.* iv, 3142.

Petition of Thomas Wetherby, eldest son and heir of George Wetherby, deceased, which showed that Peter Wetherby, petitioner's grandfather, and George, petitioner's father, by good assurance in law made 28 Feby., 1616-7, did grant, infeoff etc., unto James Travers and

John Ashton and their heirs all their lands and estate in Halsenade and Whiston, co. Lancaster, to several uses; namely, to the use of the said Peter for life, remainder for 100 years to the said George (if he should so long live), remainder to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and other sons of the said George. Both these persons being dead, the property vested in petitioner. George was inserted in the then last Act for Sale and petitioner had appealed for an allowance of his title in the said premises to the Commissioners for removing of Obstructions, and they had allowed it. Wherefore petitioner prayed for a confirmation of his title, and in order thereto that counsel might report the same; also that the sequestration should be discharged and arrears accrued since his father's death paid over to petitioner (20 Sep., 1653). "Referred to Mr. Reading."

fo. 279. Petition. fo. 281-8. Report. fo. 289. Petition (copy). fo. 291-304. Official Certificates, copies of examinations, etc.

17 Nov. 1653. Claim allowed, with arrears.

fo. 277. To the hono'ble the Commissioners for Compounding with Delinquents.¹

The humble petition of George Wetherby of Whiston, John Lathom of Akers-hall, Margery Moore of the Finch-house, Anne Hearon of West Derby, Elizabeth Serjeant of the same, Katherine Fazackerley of Fazackerley, Margaret Molineux of the Grainge, Edmond Molineux of Ince, and Henry Standinough of Fazackerley, in County of Lancaster.

Shewed that petitioners had been sequestered for recusancy only, that by an act of Parliament (25 January, 1649-50) a third part of each person's estate was to be allowed to such recusants as were not delinquents. Petitioners therefore prayed that they might have each the third of their respective estates, etc., with arrears from 24 Dec., 1649. Granted (31 July, 1651).

¹ Cal. iv, 2861.

Elizabeth Wharles of Ashton,¹ widow.G. cxlii, fo. 743; *Cal.* v, 3187.

Petition, showing that two-thirds of petitioner's property had been sequestered for her recusancy only. She therefore prayed to be admitted to contract for the same (13 January, 1653-4). Referred to Mr. Reading.

Thomas Wharthen *see* **George Westby.**

Henry White *see* **John Remes** (above v, 131).

Robert White of Kirkland, gent.G. cxl, fo. 552, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2506.

Petition of Mary and Margerett Prockter, of the town of Lancaster, disclosing that petitioners had had a legacy left to them by Mary Corkes, widow, deceased, which should then long ago have been paid to them by Robert White of Garstang, executor of her last will. Petitioners obtained a judgment against him on 27 Feby., 1639-40, and thereupon White demised certain lands called " Noblefeilds " for several years then to come to George Hodgson, gent., for the use of petitioners. Notwithstanding which, the lands had been sequestered for the delinquency of the said White, who had not compounded (16 Aug., 1650). Ordered: The Commissioners to examine and certify; referred to Mr. Reading.

fo. 559-562. Report. fo. 563-573. Various papers, comprising certificates, examination, letters from Lancashire Commissioners, etc.

G. clix, fo. 31.

Letter from the Lancashire Commissioners, dated at Preston, 13 Dec., 1650, mentioning that by an order of 16 Aug., then last, upon the petition of Margaret and Mary Prockter, they were required to examine and certify the cause of sequestration of the lands mentioned in the petition, together with the value and anything else they knew touching the other particulars mentioned therein.

¹ Near Preston.

In observance thereof they certified that the same were sequestered for the delinquency of Robert White in the petition named and then lately deceased, and that the premisses were and had been let at £10 a year. As to the other particulars they knew nothing.

G. clx, fo. 243, etc.

Letter, dated at Preston 22 Dec., 1653, signed by E. Aspinwall and Ro. Massey, mentioning that in observance of an order of 29 September, 165— (obliterated)—made upon the report of Mr. Reading in the case of Margaret and Mary Procter, touching certain lands called Noblefeilds sequestred for the delinquency of Robert White—requiring them to certify when the sequestration was first laid on and the cause thereof and when the acts were committed for which they were sequestered; they certified that the said lands were before the year 1645 sequestered for the Popery and delinquency of the said Robert Whyte; but there being no register before 1645 they could not certify the precise time nor when the acts were committed, but said that the same had ever since 1645 been under sequestration for the Popery and delinquency of the said Whyte, who was one of the persons comprised in the then last Bill of Sale and was since dead.

fo. 245. Examination of John Reames of Claughton, gent., one of the witnesses to a deed executed by Robert Whyte on the one part and John Hodgson on the other, dated 22 January, 21 Charles [1645-6].

fo. 245. Letter, dated at Preston, March 1, 1650(-1), signed by Peter Holt, Robt. Cunliffe and G. Pigot, in the above case.

G. cxxx, fo. 303.

Petition of John White of Garstang, chapman, which showed that petitioner's father in his lifetime was lawfully seised of an estate of fee simple of two burgages and two

tenements in Kirkland, another burgage and a parcel of 16 acres of land in Catteral and also 10 acres more in Caterall purchased from one Silcocke; also the tithe and tithe barn of Tarnaker with 4 acres of land there and likewise of three small tenements in Rawckliffe, for a term of lives not at the time expired; all which had been sequestered for the recusancy and delinquency of petitioners late father. As the father had died in Nov., 1650 all the above descended to petitioner as son and heir apparent; but as the same was then under sequestration petitioner could not enjoy the same as of right he humbly conceived he ought, in regard of his affection to the Parliament, which had been manifested by his actual service for them and his then present conformity. He therefore prayed for an order discharging the sequestration or otherwise to examine his title (18 Dec., 1650). Referred to the County Committee.

G. clx, fo. 253, etc.

fo. 255. Letter, dated Preston, 10 May, 1651, signed by Peter Holt, Robt. Cunliffe and G. Pigot, mentioning that in observance of an order of 18 Dec., 1650 upon the petition of John Whyte of Garstange—requiring them to examine the cause of the sequestration of the estate in the petition mentioned and the time when and what right petitioner had to the said estate, with witnesses on oath touching the same—they certified that in the beginning of the wars the estate was sequestered for the delinquency and recusancy of Robert Whyte then late father of petitioner.

fo. 249-253. Examinations taken at Garston 22 March, 1650(-1) of Roger Blackburne of Garstange, blacksmith, aged 72, James Sturzaker of the same, husbandman, John Pye of Kirkland and William Threlfall of Kirkland.

G. cxxx, fo. 259.

Order to take possession of several messuages and

lands, with the appurtenances, in Catterall, Kirkland, Garstange and Tarnaker, in the occupation of John White and others (names mentioned), late parcel of the estate of Robert White, gent., sold to John White, gent., on 20 July, 1653.

G. clx, fo. 233, etc.

Concerning the claim of John Remes, gent., and Dorothy his wife,¹ a letter, dated at Preston, 22 June, 1652, signed by Edward Aspinwall and Robt. Cunliffe, mentions that in observance of an order of 19 May then last, made upon the petition of the above and Henry White of Kirkland, they (the Lancashire Commissioners) had examined witnesses in proof of the matters alleged in the said petition (copies of which they sent with this communication), and they certified that the lands and premises in the petition mentioned (excepting the tithes) were in the year 1643 sequestrated for the Popery and delinquency of Robert Whyte, then late of Kirkland, father of the petitioner Dorothy. He died about November, 1650. The tithes had been and were then received by Mr. Remes in right of his wife and were never sequestrated, but they found several orders of the late Committee whereby the said Mr. Remes was to show cause why the said tithes should not be sequestrated as part of the estate of the said Robert White; but he then being and still was an officer in the service of the Parliament, the same was never determined.

fo. 233. Examinations taken at Preston 8 June, 1654, of John Woods of Kirkland, gent., aged 47, Roger Blackburne of Rockland, blacksmith, (fo. 234) Robert Neale of Cloughton, gent., aged 54, and (fo. 235) a second examination of the above Roger Blackburne.

G. ccxxv, fo. 867.

By a report of Mr. Readinge's in this case it appears

¹ See above, i, 243, and v, 131 (Reines), for other documents.

that John Reames, gent., and Dorothy his wife as assignee (of Robert White late of Kirkland, deceased) desired to compound, the said Robert being one of the persons comprised in the Act for Sale of Lands forfeited for Treason. The estate had been surveyed and returned the 7 June, 1653, and the Petition filed on the 28th of same month. It was desired to compound for two closes of arable land with the appurtenances, being part of the estate of the said Robert White called "Crookes," containing 3 acres with a barn thereon, worth yearly £1. 4s.; concerning which it was found that Robert White by indenture dated 14 April, 1638, stating that he stood lawfully possessed for 30 years of the said two closes of meadow and a pasture in Tarnaker, assigned them for considerations therein expressed to certain trustees for the whole term of his interest, the trustees suffering him to have and enjoy the rents for his life and afterwards such person as he should in his last will give the same to; and he by his will dated 16 April, 1638 devised to the petitioner Dorothy Reames the two closes and barn for the residue of his term. Fine £5. (26 July, 1653).

fo. 871. Order to refer to Mr. Readinge. fo. 873. Petition.

G. cxxx, fo. 279.

Petition of Henry White of Kirkland, gent., which disclosed that Robert White of Kirkland, by indenture dated 14 April, 1638, for the considerations therein expressed did grant, enfeoff and convey to Augustine Wildbore, Alexander Rigby, Henry Townley and Christopher White and their heirs for ever, in trust for petitioner, amongst other lands one close of land in Katerall called Water-hey and two closes called the two Broadfields—and in the broad meadow other two acres; and Robert White by another indenture dated as aforesaid granted and set over to Henry Townley and Christopher White, in trust for petitioner, "a poore cottage and

decayed tenement" called Jarvis Tenement, lying in Kirkland, and 23 acres called "Walker Barne" and "Sturzaker Barne." Although the premises had been conveyed to petitioner as above stated, yet as they were under sequestration for the delinquency of Robert White and his name had been inserted in the then late Act for Sale, the estate became thereby liable to be sold or compounded for. Petitioner therefore prayed to be admitted to compound for the same (28 June, 1653). Referred to Mr. Reading.

G. ccxxv, fo. 877, etc.

Report by Mr. Readinge, by which it appears that petitioner desired to compound as assignee of Robert White, late of Kirkland, deceased. This case related to portions of the same estate as the preceding. The petition was filed 28 June, and a desire expressed to compound for one close of land in Katterall called Water Ley (containing 2 acres and 1 rood), 2 closes called the Broad field ($3\frac{1}{2}$ acres), and 2 acres in the Broad meadow, worth yearly £4. 3s. 4d. Parcel was settled on petitioner for life and after to his first and every other son and the heirs males of their bodies, with remainders over; the remainder in fee to the said Robert White. The said Robert was also seised of a freehold for the life of Margaret Jervis, then aged 60 years, of a tenement in Kirkland called Jervis's Tenement 4 closes of land called Jervis's fields, and a ruined and decayed barn called Walker's Barne in Kirkland, worth £5. 4s. yearly. Robert White by his will devised them to Henry White, his third son (petitioner), for the remainder of a term of 80 years if the term therein so long continued. There was a reprice of 13s. 4d. reserved on the tenement called Jervis's, as also 4 hens and 2 capons. Fine at two-sixths £38. 12s. (26 July, 1653).

fo. 881. Petition of Henry White. fo. 883. Order to refer to Mr. Readinge.

G. cix, fo. 481, etc.

Petition of Thomas Pye of Kirkland and Richard Rabie of Tarniker, which disclosed that one Henry White, assignee of Robert White of Kirkland then deceased, according to a proviso in the Act for Sale dated 18 November, 1652, amongst other lands compounded for 3 closes lying in Catterall, paid the whole fine set on him and obtained his discharge. He then sold the premises for a valuable consideration to petitioners. The Lancashire sequestration agent, on a pretence that there was an arrear of rent due from one John White, who was tenant to the commonwealth before the said composition, and that Henry White had disturbed the said John during the time he was tenant, had seized and carried away ten of petitioner's cattle and detained them. The said agent and his servants had formerly seized upon the goods of the said John White for the said arrears and had released them—on what grounds petitioners knew not. Petitioners therefore prayed for the restoration of their cattle (14 Nov., 1654). "The Commissioners to examine and state matters of fact and wherefore they charge arrears from John upon petitioners for Henry; and the cattle to be restored upon sufficient security."

fo. 483. Raph Longworth of Catterall, who was professionally engaged by Henry White in his petition. Deposition sworn before the Commissioners in London, 9 Nov., 1654.

Mr. White, Minister of the Chapel of Holme.¹

G. cxxx, fo. 257.

Printed certificate, exhibiting that the above person was qualified to preach the Gospel as by the ordinance required, and therefore fit to receive such augmentation as had been formerly settled upon him or the place where he preached. Dated 20 May, 1654; signed by Joh: Nye, regr.

¹ In Cliviger, par. of Whalley.

Richard and Thomas Whitehead *see* Bartholomew Jackson
(above iv, 26) and Matthew Martin (iv, 120).

William Whitfield *see* Nicholas Fazakerley (ii, 298),

James Gorsuch (iii, 88), Sir William Gerard (iii, 53),

John Lawton (iv, 73), and William Mainwaring (iv, 117).

Miles Whittacre *see* Henry Manknockes (above iv, 113).

Thomas Whittacres *see* Earl of Derby (above ii, 139).
and Peter Travers.

Richard Whittingham of Claughton, gent.

G. ccxiv, fo. 179, etc.; *Cal.* iii, 2055.

Delinquency: in arms against the parliament. He petitioned 17 May, 1649, and compounded upon a particular which disclosed that, by virtue of a conveyance made by himself 1 Aug., 7 Charles I [1631] upon his son's marriage, he was seised of a frank tenement for life—with remainder to his son Thomas for his life, remainder to Richard his grandchild in tail, with other remainders in tail, the remainder in fee to his own right heirs—of and in a capital messuage called Billesborough Hall and other lands and tenements in Billesborough, Goosenargh and Claughton, of the yearly value of £44. 3s. 4d.; also of an estate for life of two small tenements in Claughton worth £4 yearly. Fine £118. 10s. (25 June, 1649).

fo. 181. Report upon an order dated 18 Oct., 1650, upon the petition of Sergeant-Major John Molanus, who married [Anne] the relict of Thomas Whittingham, deceased. After referring to the proceedings in compounder's matter, it was alleged by Sergt.-Major John Molanus that Richard Whittingham had omitted out of his particular a house called Westfield House and 15 acres of land in Claughton aforesaid, and 16 acres of land in Billesburgh aforesaid, together of the yearly value of £8. 1s. 6d., which he had formerly settled (as he said) upon the petitioner's wife in lieu of her dower, and that it was omitted of malice to leave the premises under

sequestration. Sergt.-Major Molanus prayed that he might be allowed to compound for it, by way of addition to the composition of the said Richard Whittingham. Fine, £24. 4s. 6d. (2 Dec., 1650.)

fo. 184. Statement by James Benyon, one of the sequestration agents, as to the area of the above premises.

fo. 185. Petition of Sergt. Major John Mollanus, in which it is stated that Mollanus had in October, 1648 intermarried with Anne Whittingham, the widow and relict of one Captain Thomas Whittingham of the parish of Garston [Garstang] and hundred of Andernes (a delinquent serving under Collonell Tinsley), who was slain in the battle of Newbury in 1643. Petitioner then refers to the proceedings in the matter of Richard Whittingham, as above. Petitioner mentioned that he had always been well affected towards the Parliament, that he had been in actual service for 4 years together, and that there was then due to him £1100.

fo. 188. Particular of the dowry of Anne, wife of Major John Mollanus. fo. 189. Order of reference. fo. 192. Petition of Richard Whittingham. fo. 193. Particular of his estate.

Thomas Whittingham *see* Peter Parkinson (above v, 36).

Whittington *see* Withington.

John Whittle of Wheeleton, husbandman.

G. cxxxix, fo. 92; *Cal.* iv, 3095.

Petition, which disclosed that petitioner's name had been inserted in the late Act for Sale and that it had been surveyed with the view of selling it. Petitioner therefore prayed that he himself might be admitted to contract for it (8 March, 1652-3). Referred to Mr. Brereton.

G. ccxxiv, fo. 807, etc.

Report by Mr. Readinge, by which it appeared that compounder had petitioned as son and heir of John Whittle of Wheelton, gent., to compound for his father's

estate, which estate had been scheduled for sale under the powers of a then recent Act of Parliament. It appeared that compounder's father was one of the persons comprised in the Additional Act for Sale of lands forfeited to the Commonwealth for Treason, and that his estate was surveyed and certified to be returned 1 Feby., 1652-3. The petition was filed 8 March, 1652-3. By the survey it appeared that compounder's father was seised of a capital messuage or farm house with the appurtenances called Walcroft House in the parish of Wheelton and of several closes of land meadow and pasture of the yearly value of £17. By the said survey it appeared that the premises had been let by the Lancashire Commissioners to Richard Bannaster, of Wrightington, gent., for 5 years for £7. 10s. rent, but that it was worth £17 on improvement. After the survey had been engrossed a discovery was made of a little slip of ground (part of the premises) called the New Inclosure, containing 1 rood of land taken out of the common and demised 20 Aug., 1621 to compounder's grandfather for 3 lives, of which 2 were then living at 6d. a year rent; worth after lease determined 5s. a year. Fine, £102. 12s. (18 Mar., 1652-3).

fo. 810. Petition. fo. 811. Order of reference to Mr. Readinge.

John Wickliffe *see* **Earl of Derby** (above ii, 126).

John Widdowes of Lowton, gent.

G. ccxiii, fo. 161, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2076.

Delinquency: petitioner alledged that he was never sequestred or judicially impeached for any delinquency, nor was he engaged in the latter war, but doubting that he might be liable to sequestration for something done in relation to the first war, he petitioned on 6 June, 1649. Upon the particular delivered he appeared to have been seised in fee to him and his heirs of five acres of land in Golborow and a windmill and five acres of land in Apleton,

co. Chester, worth yearly £12; he was also possessed of an estate of 99 years (determinable upon 2 lives) of a house and land in Lowton and a shop in Warrington of the yearly value of £13. 10s.; he possessed an estate of eighty years (if one life so long lived) in 8 acres of land in Goldborrow of the yearly value of £6, and personal property worth £64. He was indebted in the Sum of £100. Fine £34. 14s. (9 June, 1649).

fo. 163. Petition. fo. 165. Particular.

Wigan Grammar School *see* **James Leigh** (above iv, 88).

John Wignall of Halsall, husbandman.

G. cxxxii, fo. 91; *Cal.* iv, 2953.

Petition, which disclosed that petitioner had been in arms for the King against the Parliament in the first war, for which delinquency he had been discharged as being under the value of £200. Subsequently he had been in arms for the parliament; notwithstanding which, he had again been questioned and his small estate secured, but not sequestered. He prayed to be admitted to a moderate composition (10 Feby., 1651-2). Referred to Mr. Reading.

G. ccxxiii, fo. 479, etc.

Delinquency: in arms against the Parliament in the first war. He petitioned 10 Feby., 1651-2, stating that he had formerly been discharged by the Committee of the County as being under the value of £200. He compounded upon a particular which disclosed that he was seised during the life of his mother, of a moiety of a messuage and custom lands lying in Halsall, worth yearly £4. 1s. Fine £12. 3s. (17 Feby., 1651-2).

fo. 481. Order of reference to Mr. Reading, dated 10 Feby., 1651-2. fo. 483. Petition. fo. 485. Particular.

fo. 487. 22 October, 1647—Discharge of compounder by the Committee at Wigan, he not being worth £200. Signed by J. Bradshawe, John Starkie, Edw. Butterworth.

fo. 489. To the Right Hon'bles the Commissioners for Compounding with Delinquents att Goldsmiths' Hall.

Maie itt please your Honours to bee Certified that John Wignall of Halsall in the Countie of Lancaster hath taken and subscribed the engagement appointed by Act of Parliament Before some of us whose names are subscribed (Justices of peace within the said Countie); Did likewise take up Armes under the Command of Captaine Edward Starkie for the service of this Comon-Wealth against the Scottish Army in the last Invasion, And continueth still readie and willinge to Doe further service for the State as he shalbe thereunto required.

Your Honours most humble Servants

T. STAMLEY

G. IRELAND

HUGHE COOPER

EDW. ASPINWALL

G. PIGOT.

Manchester Com. Lanc. 29 Oct., 1651.

fo. 491. May 4, 1649. At the Committee.

Certificate of discharge of compounder on the grounds that he stated on oath he was not worth £200.

Katherine Wignall.

G. cxliii, fo. 655, etc.; *Cal.* v, 3220.

Petitioners, Robert Fidler of Ormskirk and Edmond Walker of Burscough, yeomen, were trustees for and on behalf of Emblin Woods and her children. Their petition showed that one Katherine Wignall possessed a messuage and certain lands in Ormeskirke and Burscough for a term of three lives, some of which were in being at the time of these proceedings. She by indenture dated 24 Jany., 1653-4 assigned the same to petitioners in trust for several uses, that is to say: to herself for life and afterwards to the use of Emblin Woods and her children for the whole of the unexpired term. But two-thirds of the premises had been sequestered for the Popery of the said Katherine Wignall, and so continued notwithstanding that she died about the

month of Feby., 1653-4; consequently petitioners could not enjoy the profits for the uses mentioned. They therefore prayed for an order to examine their title etc. (20 Sep., 1654). Granted; Mr. Reading to report. fo. 657-660. Report, dated 28 May, 1655. fo. 661-671. Other documents connected with the case.

G. cxlv, fo. 602, etc.

Interrogatories administered in obedience to an order from the commissioners dated 26 September, 1654:—

1. Whether deponent knew the parties petitioning and Emblin Wood and her children, and did deponent know Katherin Wignall in the petition also mentioned?

2. Did deponent know that Katherin Wignall was in her lifetime seised or otherwise possessed of a certain messuage and tenement in Ormeskirke and Burscowe and for what term?

3. Did deponent know or was he present when Katherin Wignall sealed as her act and deed the indenture of trust (produced) dated 24 January, 1653-4, and was the same really and *bonâfide* sealed according to the time in the indenture specified?

4. Was Katherin Wignall dead and buried? If so, how long then since?

5. Did deponent know that any and which of the lives in the original lease mentioned were dead and which living?

fo. 602. Examination on the above interrogatories of Richard Simpkin of Halsall, linen webster, aged 52; (fo. 603) of Edmund Walker of Burscowe, yeoman, aged 60; of Robert Fidler of Ormeskirke, tallow chandler, aged 66.

fo. 604. Interrogatories administered on behalf of the Commonwealth to the above three deponents. fo. 609. Letter from Lancashire Commissioners dated at Warrington, 3 Nov., 1654.

5 July, 1655. Claim allowed on report and sequestration discharged.

Augustine Wildbore of Lancaster. D.D.¹G. ccxv, fo. 47, etc.; *Cal.* iii, 1966.

Delinquency: assisting the forces raised against the Parliament. He petitioned 14 April, 1649, and compounded upon a particular which disclosed that he was seised of certain messuages, lands, etc., in Lancaster, Rawcliffe and Farrington of the yearly value of £26 and of the fourth part of certain messuages, lands and tenements in Longton, Curden and other towns in Lancashire of the yearly (old) rents of 3s. 6d. Fine, £132. 6s. (10 Aug., 1649).

Memo: at foot: "27 Aug., 1650. The fine to stand and a fift to be allowed since the 24 of December last."

fo. 49. Petition. fo. 51. Particular, in which compounder describes his property.

fo. 101. A messuage in the town of Lancaster in		
Market St. . . . .	.. ..	£05 00 00
<i>Item</i> A messuage in a certain place there called		
Marrgate . . . . .	.. ..	02 00 00
<i>Item</i> Two closes called the Whinny Closes.. ..		
	.. ..	04 00 00
<i>Item</i> A messuage and barn in Rawcliffe		
<i>Item</i> Close belonging, called Layfield, 11 acres ..	..	} 10 00 00
<i>Item</i> Close called Little Whitefield, 4 acres ..	..
<i>Item</i> Close called Great Whitefield, 12 acres ..	..
<i>Item</i> Close called the Back close, 1 acre ..	..
Parcell Moss ground, 40 acres .. ..	.. ..
Moiety of a messuage in Farrington called Farrington Hall and two closes of land, one called the Further Broad field and the other Broad field, and a close called the Long Meadow		
	.. ..	05 00 00
The 4th part of divers messuages, cottages or tenements in Loughton, Curden, Farrington, Hutton, Howick, Penwortham, Middleton and Walton in the Dale		
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Wildman, John *see* Sir William Gerard (above iii, 70).

Ellen Wilkinson of Thorneley.G. lxxviii, fo. 426, etc.; *Cal.* v, 3200.

Petition of Thomas Crombleholme and Robt. Parker,

¹ See also above, ii, 17-19.

guardians of John Wilkinson, an infant, which showed that petitioner claimed on behalf of the infant certain lands in Thorneley in the County of Lancaster sequestered for the delinquency of Ellen Wilkinson, widow, mother of the said infant, who had no interest in the premises.

It appeared that previous inquiry had taken place in relation to the title and that it had been adjourned in order to examine the said Ellen Wilkinson. She then had been examined and denied that she then had or ever had any interest in the premises. They prayed therefore that the sequestration should be discharged and the arrears allowed from the death of Elizabeth Bradley, which happened in 1652. 3 Oct., 1654—"This and the ret: read. Disch: and arreares since the death of the grandmother."

fo. 428. Petition (31 Jan., 1653-4).

fo. 429-434. Report by Mr. Reading, dated 15 June, 1654, in which he found that, by an indenture dated 11 Oct., 9 James [1611], made between Michael Doughty and Henry Doughty, gent., son and heir apparent of the said Michael of the one part, and John Bradley, husbandman, of the other, the said Michael and Henry Doughty in consideration of £137. 4s. paid, demised and granted to the said John Bradley, his heirs and assigns, a messuage in Thorneley in the occupation of the said John Bradley at a reserved rental of 24s. 4d. per year (except the common called Cocklatch and 60 acres on the west end of Lonridg to be improved and inclosed for the benefit of the said Michael and Henry Doughty); to have and to hold to the said John Bradley, his heirs and assigns, for 21 years to commence from the expiration of a lease of the premises made by Alice countess dowager of Derby, dated 1 Feby., 4 James [1606-7] or from the death of the said countess, which should first happen, under the quit rent of 24s. 4d. That by indenture dated 19 Nov., 1629, between Henry

Doughty of Thorneley, gent., of the one part, and the said John Bradley of the other, the said Henry Doughty for the considerations therein expressed demised and let all that messuage in Thorneley aforesaid in the occupation of the said John Bradley at the yearly rent of 24s. 4*d.* for 21 years to commence at the termination of the lease formerly granted by Michael Doughty deceased (father of the said Henry) and Henry Doughty, dated 11 Oct., 9 James [1641]. He found that John Bradley by his last will, dated 13 April, 1639, granted a moiety of the said messuage and tenement to his wife Elizabeth and her assigns during her life if his estate therein so long continued; the other moiety he granted and assigned to Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Jennet, Agnes and Mary Wilkinson, his grandchildren, equally among them during the term of his lease (except the last year of the term); and that moiety limited to his wife after her decease he gave, granted, demised and assigned the same to Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Jennet, Agnes and Mary Wilkinson equally among them during the residue of the term (except the last year), and the said last year he gave to the said John Wilkinson and his assigns and all his term, right and interest therein. If the said Thomas died before the end of the term then he demised the same to the other grandchildren equally amongst them. And by a paper writing dated 19 Ap., 1639, the said John Bradley, in consideration of his love and affection to his wife and his grandchildren, granted and assigned and set over unto the petitioners, Thomas Crumbleholme and Robert Parker, their executors and assigns, from the day of the date thereof for and during all the term of years as he had then in the said premises, upon trust that he should be permitted to take the profits for his life and after the profits to go to such person and persons and in such manner as he the said John Bradley by his last will should limit, demise or appoint.

It was certified that the Lancashire Commissioners on

31 January, 1653, sequestrated two-thirds of the property for the recusancy of Ellen Wilkinson, widow. They also forwarded copies of the examinations taken in the case. William Burne, as one of the witnesses, proved the execution of the lease of 11 Oct., 1611; he was present and saw John Bradley seal and publish his last will. He also deposed to other matters; among them that John Wilkinson was then about 16 years of age. It was proved also that Elizabeth (wife of John Bradley, had died 27 April then preceding (1654).

fo. 435. Order of reference to Commissioners of Lancashire (31 Jan., 1653-4). fo. 438. Petition (copy).

fo. 440. Communication, dated at Preston, 17 March, 1653-(4), stating what proceedings had been taken and enclosing copies of examinations of witnesses. fo. 443. Interrogatories administered on behalf of petitioners.

fo. 445. Examinations of William Burne of Thorneley, yeoman, aged 62 years; Roger Bradley of Thorneley, husbandman, aged 59 years. fo. 447. Interrogatories administered on behalf of the Commonwealth. fo. 448. Examinations of preceding deponents thereupon.

fo. 450. Affidavit sworn before the Commissioners in London 11 May, 1654, by Thomas Carnby [?] as to the date of the death of Elizabeth wife of John Bradley, and that he had seen John Wilkinson living on the 25 or 26 of April then last.

fo. 451. Certificate showing what proceedings had been taken in the case. fo. 453. Certificate stating that no return of recusancy had been found on an examination of the book as made against John Bradley, (16 May, 1654.)

3 Oct., 1654. Claim allowed.

George Wilkinson of Broughton.¹

G. cxxxix, fo. 107; *Cal.* v, 3179.

Petition showing that two-thirds of his estate was sequestered for recusancy only. Petitioner desired to be

¹ Near Preston.

allowed to compound for the same according to the act (10 Jan., 1653-4). Referred to Mr. Reading.

Grace Wilkinson.

G. cxxvii, fo. 197, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 3220.

Petition of James Wall of Preston, gent., William Morreley and Edmond Blacowe, which showed that Grace Wilkinson, then late of Preston deceased—being in her lifetime possessed of one messuage and tenement in Preston by lease from Sir Richard Houghton, Knight and Barronett, also then deceased, for and during the life of one Richard Ward, son of Thomas Ward, then late of Preston, also deceased—by assignment dated the 29th July, 1643, assigned the premises to petitioners during the remainder of the term for several uses mentioned in the said assignment, and afterwards she died. But two third parts thereof having been sequestered for the recusancy of the said Grace Wilkinson, petitioners could not be permitted to enjoy the same without an order from their Honours. Petitioners prayed therefore for an order discharging the sequestration and to pay them the arrears due since the death of the said Grace; or to enquire into their title and certify the cause of sequestration, the time when and from whom first sequestered (17 Oct., 1654). The Commissioners to examine and certify and Mr. Reading to report.

fo. 189. Order of reference to Lancashire Commissioners. fo. 191. Petition (copy). fo. 193. Certificate showing the annual value for the year ending 24 March, 1653-4. fo. 195. Certificate as to what proceedings had been had.

G. cxlv, fo. 611, etc.

Interrogatories administered:

1. Did deponent know the said James Wall and the other petitioners, and did he know the said Grace Wilkinson deceased? Was deponent present at her death or

burial, and how long then was it since? Did he know the message in question?

2. Whether he was by and present when the said Grace Wilkinson sealed, signed and as her act and deed delivered the indenture of assignment (produced, and upon which the Lancashire Commissioners had endorsed their names), dated 29 July 19 Chas. I [1643], and made between the said Grace Wilkinson on the one part and the petitioners on the other? and other queries.

3. What title had Grace Wilkinson to the said message at the time of making the said assignment? Did she not quietly and peaceably enjoy the same from the death of her then late husband George Wilkinson until it was sequestered for her recusancy? Did not her said husband enjoy the same for his life by assignment from George Ward, assignee of Alice Ward, who held the same by lease from Sir Richard Houghton, knight and bart., then deceased, for the lives of Richard Ward, the foresaid John Ward and Agnes Ward, sons and daughter of the said Alice Ward? and how did he know the same and whether any or which of them were living?

4. Whether had not the petitioners or their assigns ever since the death of the said Grace Wilkinson enjoyed a third of the premisses?

5. Whether the petitioners or any of them had at any time petitioned the former Committee for Sequestrations for the discharge of the premisses, and what answer did they receive? Whether did they not then subsequently appeal to the Barons of the Exchequer, and what proceedings was thereupon had, and why had not petitioners made any further prosecution therein thitherto?

6. Whether these were not and who was employed as Agents in the sequestration of two-thirds of the premisses and who employed them, and when was the same sequestered and for whose recusancy or delinquency? and whether was not the said Grace Wilkinson deceased, then in actual possession?

fo. 614. Examinations on the above of Richard Ward of Houghton, husbandman, aged 70; (fo. 616) John Barton of Fulwood, husbandman aged 69; Richard Goodshawe of Asheton, yeoman; (fo. 617) James Wall of Preston; and (fo. 619) William Audland of Preston, shoemaker.

fo. 621. Interrogatories on behalf of the Commonwealth and cross-examination upon them of Richard Goodshaw, James Wall, William Morrely of Ashton in the parish of Preston, and (fo. 623) Edward Blacowe of Barton (one of the petitioners). fo. 625. Letter from Lancashire Commissioners, dated at Warrington 3 Nov., 1654.

27 Feb., 1654-5. Claim allowed and sequestration discharged.

Jennet Wilkinson of Claughton, widow.

G. cxxxix, fo. 104; *Cal.* v, 3193.

Petition, showing that two-thirds of her estate being then under sequestration for her recusancy only, she was desirous, in accordance with the Act, of being admitted to compound for the same (17 Jan., 1653-5). Referred to Mr. Brereton.

John Wilkinson of Stanton in Furness.

G. cxii, fo. 791, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 3121.

Report by Mr. Readinge, by which it appeared that petitioner was one of the persons comprised in the Act for Sale of Lands forfeited for Treason. His estate was surveyed and returned 7 June, 1653, and he petitioned on the 28th of the same month. By the survey it appeared that petitioner was seised of a copyhold messuage and tenement in the parish of Stanton, with the appurtenances, held of the manor of Michelland in Furness, and several parcels of land worth yearly £11. 5s. 4d. The reprises of the several rents due to the lord of the manor in respect of the said copyholds amount to £1. 3s. 8d., and it appeared that the fines of the said copyhold estates

upon every admittance were double the rents to the lord. Fine, £59. 13s. (15 July, 1653).

fo. 793. Petition. fo. 795. Order of reference to Mr. Readinge.

G. cxxxix, fo. 95, etc.

Affidavit of John Wilkinson of Stainton in Furness: He deposed that the surveyors who surveyed his then late estate lying in Steinton within the manor of Michland demanded the "copies" concerning that estate, and that deponent delivered them to the persons who "secured" the said copies in the hands of one John Hunter of Lancaster, who then held them in his keeping.

fo. 97. Richard Gardner, sworn, said he knew Stainton in Furness and he knew John Wilkinson, who held a messuage and several parcels of land within the said manor of Michland; and he knew that by the custom of that manor no copyholder could sell or otherwise dispose of his copyhold estate, but the wife after his death should have a full third durint her widowhood. He the better knew this because his own mother then enjoyed a full third of his then late father's estate lying in that Manor. by force of the custom.

fo. 99. Arthur Gardner deposed similarly.

fo. 111. Petition, desiring to compound (28 January, 1653-4). Referred to Mr. Reading. fo. 113. Petition. 26 July, 1653.

On 23 July, 1653, the fine was paid and the estate discharged.

Thomas Wilkinson of Tarniker, husbandman.

G. cxxxix, fo. 106; *Cal.* v, 3178.

Petition similar to those of George and Jennet Wilkinson (4 Jan., 1653-4). Referred to Mr. Reading. fo. 115. Report. fo. 117. Order referring to Mr. Reading. fo. 119. Particular. fo. 121. Petition.

Thomas Wilkinson of Magbull *see* **Edmund Holme**
(above iii, 253).

John Wilson *see* Sir Jordan Crosland (above ii, 90).

Thomas Winkley.

G. lxxviii, fo. 208; *Cal.* iv, 2555.

Petition of John Craven and William Chatburne, of Billington, yeomen, by which it appeared that at the instance of one John Winckly (then deceased) and one Richard Craven petitioners become bound for them in five several bonds of £40 each unto Thomas Walmsly, then late of Dunkenhall, esq., deceased, and subsequently the said Winckley died leaving his tenement to Thomas Winkley, his eldest son, making him executor of his will. The said Thomas the son, by indenture dated 7 Aug. 17 Charles [1641], conveyed the said tenement to petitioners, as their counter-security. Petitioners subsequently had to pay some of the payments (the said Thomas the son also dying), yet they had had no benefit of the said conveyance for the reason that in consequence of the delinquency of the said Thomas¹ the property had been sequestrated. Petitioners had applied to the Barons of the Exchequer (as Commissioners of Sequestrations), who ordered a reference to Mr. Recorder Steele to peruse, examine and report, but before he could perfect this the power of the Barons for such matters was taken away and vested in the Commissioners for sequestrations and Compounding sitting at Goldsmiths' Hall. They prayed for a reference (24 Sept., 1650). Granted; referred to Mr. Reading.

William Winkley of Billington, gent.

G. ccxxi, fo. 205, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2722.

Delinquency: adhering to and assisting the forces raised against the Parliament in the first war. He petitioned 14 Feby., 1650(-1) and compounded upon a particular which disclosed that he was seised for life of a messuage with some land, lying in Billington in the parish of Blackbourne, worth yearly £13, exclusive of the lord's

¹ i.e. Winkley. The *Calendar* in error has Walmsley.

rent of 31s. 8d. Fine £26. (4 March, 1650-1). Confirmed.

fo. 208. Particular. fo. 211. Affidavit of Nicholas Leigh, gent., deposing to the length of term of the holding of compounder. fo. 212. Petition.

G. cxxxi, fo. 217.

Petition, which showed that although petitioner had compounded and paid his fine yet he could not enjoy his property as the Lancashire Commissioners continued the sequestration for the delinquency of petitioner's brother, who was dead. He prayed for the removal of the sequestration and repayment of moneys. (3 March, 1651-2). Referred to the Lancashire Commissioners to ascertain what interest the brother had in it. f. 215. Letter from the Lancashire Commissioners on the matter. fo. 221. Petition (16 June, 1652).

G. clxi, fo. 59, etc.

Letter, dated at Preston 12 April, 1651, signed by Peter Holt, Robt. Cunliffe and G. Pigot, mentioning that they had received the order of 22 March for the discharge of the above person's estate according to a particular to the said order annexed. They were not aware that the said William Winckley ever had any estate under sequestration, but they found that the estate expressed in the particular was sequestrated for the recusancy and delinquency of his brother Thomas, then deceased, and so continued. Petitioner showed them a copy of a deed whereby he pretended that his brother was but tenant for life, the deed itself, as he alleged, having been shown to you (the Commissioners in London) at the time of his composition; but nothing being thereof mentioned in his order for discharge they had continued the sequestration pending further orders.

fo. 61. Examinations, taken at Preston 24 March, 1651(-2) by virtue of an order from the commissioners above, dated 3 March, of Cuthbert Hesketh of Goosenargh,

gentleman, a witness to the deed referred to above, and of Robert Chewe of Pottersherd, steward of the court baron holden for the manor of Billington.

fo. 64. Letter of even date enclosing the examinations, and leaving the matter in the hands of the Commissioners above.

16 June, 1652. Discharge granted on a renewal of his petition.

William Winkley of Winckley *see* **Gabriel Besketh**
(above iii, 188).

Christopher Windle.¹

G. cxlv, fo. 83.

Written certificate, exhibiting that he was a person qualified to preach the Gospel and therefore fit to receive any augmentation that had been then formerly settled upon him or the place where he preached. Dated 13 October, 1654.

William Windress of Hetherweirsdale, husbandman.

G. ccxxiii, fo. 189, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2899.

Delinquency: having been in arms for the late King against the Parliament in the year 1643. He petitioned 12 Nov., 1651, stating he had never been sequestred. He compounded upon a particular by which it appeared that he was possessed of household stuff, utensils for husbandry, a mare and cows, with other necessities named in his particular, worth £23. 18s. 4d.

fo. 191. Petition. fo. 193. Particular, in which each item of his personal property is particularly described. Fine £3. 19s. 9d. (3 Dec., 1651).

4 Dec., 1651. Fine paid and estate discharged.

Francis Winstanley.

G. cxxxii, fo. 529, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2973.

Petition of Peter Winstanley and John Winstanley, executors of James Winstanley of Cornoe, deceased,

¹ Of Melling in Halsall.

which showed that the above James Winstanley, petitioners' father, was seised of a messuage and tenement in Cornoe from one Thomas Gaskell, who held from the lord (Mr. Westby) for life. Petitioners' father being at the time seised of it, by his will dated 22 July, 1638, gave three pounds during the term therein of petitioners' lives and of Alice and Anne their sisters, to be paid by Francis Winstanley, petitioners' elder brother; for want of payment petitioners were to enter. They did enter accordingly and continued to occupy it till it became sequestered for the delinquency of the said Francis, so that they could not enjoy the premises. There was eight years' rent-charge due to petitioners, who afterwards procured an order from the then Committee and by virtue thereof received two years' rent-charge; but then recently the new commissioners stayed the payment until the same was approved by the Commissioners above. Petitioners' therefore prayed for that (16 March, 1651-2). "The Commissioners to ex: and certify thereupon further order."

fo. 532. Second petition (25 June, 1652); referred to Mr. Reading. fo. 533-4. His report, dated 15 Oct., 1652. fo. 535-548. Various certificates, orders and examinations.

G. clx, fo. 577, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2973.

fo. 581. Letter, dated at Preston 31 May, 1652, signed by Edw. Aspinwall and Robt. Cunliffe, mentioning that by an order of 16 March then last (which they received 25 May), made upon the petition of the above, they were required to examine witnesses on oath for proof of the petitioners' title to the rent-charge and premisses in the petition mentioned, and why they had stopped the payment of the said rent-charge and prevented petitioners from enjoying the messuage and tenement in the petition mentioned. In obedience thereto they certified that the

said messuage and tenement had been formerly sequestered for the delinquency of Francis Winstanley, petitioners' elder brother, and that the same had been discharged by the order only of the then late committee for Lancashire. The (the Commissioners) in observance of an order from above, as in such cases, stayed the rent-charge and sequestered the property. They had taken certain examinations, copies of which they enclosed.

fo. 577. Copy of letter written at the committee room of the Lancashire Committee 11 July, 1649, signed by E. Aspinwall and G. Pigot.

fo. 579. Examination of Thomas Crookall of Wray, husbandman, a witness to the will of James Winstanley.

16 Dec., 1652. The annuities allowed, on proof that Thomas Gaskell is living.

James Winstanley *see* **Richard Gerard** (above iii, 25).

Winwick Rectory *see* **Sir John Fortescue** (above ii, 355).

Ralph Wirrall and Others.

G. cxxxi, fo. 245; *Cal.* iv., 2738.

Petition of Ralph Wirrall, William Allenson, Thomas Harrison of Hale, Thomas Harrison of Oglett,¹ and others, all of the county of Lancaster, which showed that petitioners' cases had been heard before their Honours upon a report made by Counsel, but that further proofs were required; which having been done, they now prayed for a day to be fixed for the hearing (15 Nov., 1652). Ordered that it be set down among the re-reports, heard every Thursday.

Ralph Whittington² of Burscough.

G. cxxx, fo. 398; *Cal.* iv., 2873.

Petition, which disclosed that petitioner was seised of a small estate for lives in Burscough, worth about £5 a year. It had been sequestered, conceiving he had been a

¹ See above, iii, 167. Further details will be found in the *Calendar*.

² Or Withington.

recusant; he had established before the Lancashire Commissioners that he was no recusant, yet he was unjustly sequestered. Thereupon he took the oath of abjuration; the Commissioners then expressed themselves willing to discharge the sequestration, but thought they had no power to do so without an order from above. He therefore prayed for an order discharging the sequestration. The Commissioners made the usual order for examination and report (17 Sep., 1651).

G. clx, fo. 457, etc.

Letter, dated at Preston 9 Dec., 1652, signed by John Saurey, Robt. Cunliffe and E. Aspinwall, mentioning that by an order of the 30 Nov., 1652, touching the sequestration of the estate of Ralph Withington for recusancy, they were required to examine witnesses on oath upon interrogatories in writing. In observance thereof they certified that petitioner had not exhibited any interrogatories nor produced any witnesses; neither could they certify any further therein but what they returned on the 16 Oct., 1651, which was, that at the beginning of the wars petitioner had two-thirds of his estate sequestered for recusancy; afterwards he became conformable, took the oath for abjuration of Popery before the late Committee and was thereupon discharged from sequestration by an order dated 20 June, 1649; but as the same was not discharged by an order from above they, in performance of instructions, had "secured" it.

fo. 459. Preston, 16 Oct., 1652: Letter on the same subject.

G. cxxxi, fo. 249, etc.

Petition of Ralph Withington of Burscough, which showed that petitioner's estate had been sequestered for his delinquency at the beginning of the Wars. He, conforming, was discharged, but he now prayed for their Honours' order of discharge (5 Jan., 1652-3).

fo. 251. Certificate exhibiting proceedings had. fo. 253. Petition.

On 26 Dec., 1654, he asked for an order to the County Committee to give him his charge and leave to examine witnesses.

G. cxliv, fo. 339.

Another petition, showing that petitioner's estate had been sequestered for his recusancy only about the year 1647. He being conformable, and having taken the oath of abjuration in the year 1649, was freed from sequestration by the Lancashire Commissioners; but as the lands were not discharged by any order from above he had been re-sequestered for recusancy and delinquency, but upon what ground he knew not. He prayed for copies of the charges against him, with liberty to examine and cross-examine on his own behalf; and if no delinquency could be proved he asked for the discharge of his estate (26 December, 1654). All this was granted.

Margaret Wolball of Denton, widow.¹

G. cxxxiv, fo. 27; *Cal.* iii, 2063.

Petition, which showed that on 3 May then last (1649) in the night time Henry Lawton of Rainehill, co. Lancaster, with others, forced petitioner and her family out of her house and possessed himself thereof without any process of law; that Lawton, to give colour to such possession, had without the privity or assent of petitioner compounded for her estate by his undue misinformation of the committee, he having no title thereto for the term of 199 years, as by good conveyance appeared. Petitioner therefore prayed that as Lawton had misinformed the committee both as to the title and value, giving in a particular much under the value, the matter might be referred to Col. Birch and Col. Egerton, two of the committee of Lancashire, to examine and certify the whole case (9 July, 1649). "Referred to the whole

¹ According to the *Calendar* this belongs to the case of John and Elizabeth Lawton above (iv, 72, 73).

Committee to examine and certify the truth of what they find on examination."

Thomas Wolfall of Huyton.

G. cxxxiv, fo. 31; *Cal.* iv, 2579.

Petition of William Kinde, gent,—on behalf of (no. 2298 William Wolfall, and infant, his son-in-law, of Wolfal—then in service for the State under the Lord General), which disclosed that the said infant's great-grandfather [Thomas Wolfall], being tenant for life only in his estate, had had the same secured (upon a supposition of delinquency) by the then late committee for the county. Whereupon he appealed to the Barons of the Exchequer and had the same admitted and his cause set down for hearing; but he died in Sep., 1650, his appeal not having been determined. The said infant, waiving the said appeal, petitioned for an allowance of his title, which was referred to Mr. Brereton. The infant had been a petitioner before them for 14 months, and petitioner being a soldier engaged in the State's service and thus disabled to prosecute in the said infant's behalf, the estate was in the meantime being injured, and the infant himself, for want of money, was debarred from receiving that due and decent education which his birthright required. He prayed therefore for an early hearing, or to permit petitioner on security to receive the infant's rents pending the decision (3 Dec., 1651). "To be heard in course."

G. cxxxiv, fo. 38, etc.

fo. 39. Petition, referring to the former petition and proceedings, which appeared to have been incomplete. He now prayed for an order to examine his witnesses in the county by one of the London Commissioners or authorize the gentlemen in the county to do it or to have it done by a master in Chancery (20 May, 1651).

fo. 38. Petition, dated 16 June, 1652, mentions that on 13 April his property was by their order discharged from

sequestration, but it so happened that one Richard Norris had endeavoured to lease it. He prayed for an order giving petitioner possession. Ordered that a copy of the petition be sent down; if the contents be true possession is to be given to petitioner.

fo. 410. A previous petition (18 Oct., 1650). fo. 43-4. Part of a report. fo. 45-60. Various papers, comprising certificates, depositions, petitions, etc., connected with the case. Many names of persons occur.

G. clix, fo. 21, etc.

fo. 24. Letter from Ormskirke, dated 27 June, 1651, referring to an order of 20 May preceding upon the petition of William Woolfall, gent., alleging that the witnesses for proof of the deed in the petition mentioned were unable to travel and therefore they (the Commissioners) were required to repair to the places where they inhabited and to examine there upon oath. But they being seriously employed on the affairs of the Commonwealth, the petitioner (or some one on his behalf) produced two witnesses before them for proof of the deed (copies of their examinations enclosed), and they had one other witness to examine, namely Mr. Harrington of Huyton, he being above 80 years of age, and unable to travel. They, conceiving they had proved the case without him, asked the Lancashire Commissioners to certify the examinations then taken, which they did.

fo. 21-22. Examinations of Peter Stanley of Moorhall in Aughton, gent., and John Case of Hyton, gent.

13 April, 1652. The deed was allowed and the sequestration discharged.

G. clix, fo. 17, etc.; *Cal.* i, 442.

fo. 19. Letter, dated at Preston 10 May, 1651, mentioning that by instructions previously received they were required to take care that the sheriffs of the county did not distrain the tenants of the Commonwealth for any rent or arrear of rent growing due out of sequestered estates,

till the same was allowed by the Commissioners above. They made the under-sheriffs acquainted with this order, who promised carefully to observe it; but they (the Lancashire Commissioners) had received several complaints from tenants of sequestered estates that John Lightfoot, the sheriff's bailiff itinerant, had distrained and enforced payment of money before he would restore the goods seized, and in particular from the farmer of Mr. Woolfall's estate, as by an information enclosed appeared. They desired a speedy order preventing such seizures in the future, and that restitution might be made of what had already been done in the case above. Henry Bolton of Haughton¹ (fo. 17) swore that Mrs. Mary Woolfall, then farmer of the whole estate which had formerly belonged to her grandfather Thomas Woolfall, paying for the same £50. 2s. a year, the payment of which was secured by bond, had been distrained by the sheriff's bailiff, who with assistants took away several beasts, and declined to release them till the money demanded was paid.

G. cxxxiv, fo. 33, etc.

Petition of Mary Woolfall of Woolfall, spinster, which showed that petitioner on 2 Feby., 1650-1 "gave ticket and tooke to farme of the Commissioners for sequestracion of the said county of Lancaster" the demesne lands of Woolfall [in Huyton] then sequestered from Thomas Woolfall, esq., deceased, a delinquent, at £50. 2s. a year, being more than they had formerly been set for, for one year only; supposing that the estate in that time might have been cleared. But shortly afterwards petitioner, having been at great expense in repairing the house, the Mill (including putting in a new mill stone) and other improvements, making the property worth £12 a year more, and finding the premises were not likely to be cleared, in the preceding April according to order gave security to the Commissioners' agents for the farming of

¹ Huyton.

the premises for seven years at the rent of £50. 2s. as by the contract (annexed) appeared. Now the premises having been re-surveyed and "posted," one Richard Norris, finding the premises so much improved, took advantage of petitioner's absence (she being in London) and gave in a ticket for a seven years' lease at £60. 15s. a year; and thereupon the premises were granted to him, by which petitioner was likely to lose all the money she had laid out in improving the premises and suffer other damages, by being so surreptitiously disappointed of the premises, unless their honours' favour were extended to her. She therefore prayed that as her offer had been accepted for the seven years, and as she was now willing to pay the £60. 15s. rent, she might (on behalf of the infant William Woolfall) hold the premises for the seven years, upon sufficient security, or that she might hold them until the infant's cause were determined (10 March, 1651-2). Ordered that further information be furnished by the Lancashire Commissioners. fo. 35. Copy of the contract with the Lancashire Commissioners.

G. cxx, fo. 321.

Petition of George Stokeley, a citizen of London, which alleged that petitioner's uncle had purchased the third part of the rectory of Heighton [Huyton] in the county of Lancaster for 3 lives, namely the life of the said John Stokeley, Elizabeth Stokeley and George Stokeley (petitioner); that the said John Stokeley had then been long dead and left the third part in legacy to Elizabeth for life and after to petitioner; that Elizabeth sold her life-interest in the premises to Thomas Wollfall, who was a delinquent and sequestered (or liable to be) for the same; that Elizabeth and Wollfall were then both dead, so that petitioner was lawfully entitled to the said estate by good conveyance. Petitioner proceeded into the co. of Lancaster to take possession; whereupon Lord Molyneux (to whom the estate descended after petitioner) gave him

possession and petitioner had let to him a lease of one year, Lord Molyneux enjoining petitioner by covenant to free the premises from the delinquency of Wollfall, who had no interest therein other than the life of the said Elizabeth. Petitioner therefore prayed that if any sequestration had been imposed for the delinquency of Wollfall it should be taken off and the case referred to the counsel for the State so that petitioner might make out his title to the premises (9 April, 1651). "The Commissioners in the county to examine, etc., and refer to Mr. Brereton."

Thomas Wollfall of West Derby *see* **Thomas Barnes**
(above i, 144).

Francis Wood of Gresingham, gent.

G. ccxiii, fo. 85, etc.; *Cal.*

Delinquency: in arms against the Parliament in both wars. He petitioned 4 May, 1649, and compounded upon a particular which disclosed that he was seised in fee to him and his heirs of the moiety of a capital messuage called the Snab, and Lands thereto belonging, in Gresingham aforesaid, worth yearly £11. 10s.; also of a like estate in reversion after the decease of Alice Wood his mother of the other moiety, of the yearly value of £11. 10s. Fine, £51. 15s. (24 May, 1649).

fo. 87. Petition. fo. 89. Particular.

Henry Wood of Widnes.

G. cxxxvii, fo. 471; *Cal.* iv, 3110.

Petition of Henry Edwardson, *alias* Thomasson, of Widnes, Yeoman, showing that petitioner for a valuable consideration purchased of one Henry Wood of Widnes, a messuage, with the appurtenances, lying in Widnes aforesaid, commonly called Evan Bold's house—containing by estimation 32 acres of customary land or thereabouts—for the remainder of a term of 99 years if 3 lives so long lived; that the said Wood, Margaret his

wife and John Ditchfield on 17 January, 1650(-1) surrendered the premises into the hands of the lord, and petitioner had subsequently been admitted tenant. Now as Henry Wood had been inserted in the then late Act for Sale and thereby his estate made liable to be sold or to be compounded for, and inasmuch as the said estate had been surveyed as the estate of Henry Wood and so returned, petitioner prayed (according to a proviso in the Act) that as assignee of Wood he might be admitted to contract for the same (10 May, 1653). "Referred to Mr. Reading to report."

G. ccxxv, fo. 483, etc.

Order to refer the matter to Mr. Readinge. fo. 485. Petition.

fo. 487. Report, by which it appeared that Henry Wood was one of the persons comprised in the Act for Sale of Lands forfeited for Treason. A survey was made of divers estates in the month of March, 1652(-3), namely of those belonging to Edward Morris, William Lewis, Richard Salvage, Edward Gore, Henry Snart and of the said Henry Wood; and Wood was found to be seised of an estate for years determinable upon two lives of a messuage and certain lands within the lordship of Widnes of the yearly value of £22. 7s., and it was certified that at a court holden for the said manor on 25 Aug., 1640 the premises were granted to the said Henry Wood for 99 years, if John Boll, Richard Boll, or Richard or any of them so long lived, at a rental of 32s. to the Queen and 54s. 8d. to John Howarden, gent. The improvements on these rents was £18. os. 4d. a year. It was certified that Henry Wood and Margaret his wife and one John Ditchfield did by surrender dated 17 January, 1650(-1) grant and surrender the premises to the use of the petitioner Henry Edwardson for the residue of the 99 years, if the said 3 lives lived so long; also that petitioner was then farmer of the premises under the State at a rental of £12. Fine at two-sixths £81. 18s. (24 May, 1653).

16 June, 1653. Fine paid and estate discharged.

John Wood of Prestwich.G. ccxvi, fo. 227, etc.; *Cal.* iii, 2110.

This set of papers is imperfect, but on fo. 227, the petition of compounder discloses that he was never judicially impeached for any delinquency nor ever sequestered; but fearing he might have spoken or done something in the former war that might hereafter (if discovered) bring him within the compass of a delinquent, he therefore petitioned. On his particular (fo. 230) he states that a Mr. Roger Rogerson owed him £4. and that his wearing apparel linen and woollen goods were worth £5. His petition was considered 20 July, 1649, and a fine of 10s was imposed upon him.

Ralph Wood of Aspull, yeoman.G. cxxxvii, 10. 134; *Cal.* iv, 2771.

Petition, showing that a charge of delinquency had been exhibited against petitioner in the county of Lancaster and witnesses examined against him; also his estate had been "Secured." He prayed that he might have a copy of the charge against him, with names of witnesses, etc., and power to produce witnesses on his own behalf: all of which was conceded (15 Apl., 1651).

13 Aug., 1651. Order, on his request, for publication and a hearing in a week.

G. clxi, fo. 227, etc.

fo. 236. Letter, dated at Wigan 14 Feb., 1651(-2), signed by Peter Holt, Robert Cunliffe and G. Pigot, mentioning that having received the order of 15 April then last requiring them to examine witnesses touching the seizure and sequestration of Ralph Wood's estate, etc., they had done so, on both sides, and enclosed copies.

fo. 227. Informations taken before the Commissioners for Sequestrations in the County of Lancaster touching the delinquency of petitioner.

Adam Hodson, being examined and sworn, said that when Wigan was first made a garrison for the King Raph

Wood of Aspull hired this informer to be a soldier for him in that garrison; for which service he gave to this informer the sum of 20s. in money at the time, and a red coat; he also gave and delivered to him (the informer) a musket rest and one pair of bandaleers and a knapsack, and told him he was to serve: which accordingly he received from Captain Halsall, then a captain against the Parliament. Informer further said he told petitioner that unless he would uphold him the King's pay constantly he would not serve for him; whereupon petitioner entered informant's name into the captain's list, and informant served for half a year in divers places in the county and was then unpaid for the service for 12 or 14 weeks. He further said that when Prince Rupert was in the county petitioner asked informant whether he would not then serve for him in the Prince's army as he had served for him then.

fo. 228. Myles Gerrard of Aspull, yeoman, said that he was by and present at Wigan when petitioner obtained one William Taylor to serve as a soldier under the command of Prince Rupert, when Prince Rupert with his forces had invaded the county; and petitioner did, in witness's presence pay Taylor 30s. for and in consideration of the said service.

Raph Brown, sworn, said that petitioner, at the time when Prince Rupert with his forces invaded the county, did at Wigan, in witness's presence agree with and hire William Taylor to serve as a soldier under the command of the Prince and paid 30s. as consideration for the service.

Taken at Bolton 17 Feb., 1651(-2) before Peter Holt and Robert Cunliffe.

fo. 229. James Marsh of Aspull, husbandman, sworn, said that when Wigan was first kept as a garrison against the Parliament, some horse out of the garrison coming to the house of petitioner for some hay for the provision of the garrison, petitioner went with them to a barn in one

end whereof his hay lay and in the other end a quantity belonging to Gyles Hardman of Aspull. Petitioner said to them, "This hay is mine, but that at the other end belongs to a Roundhead" (meaning Hardman, who stood well affected to the Parliament's service and was then fled to the service of the Parliament). Whereupon they carried the said Hardman's hay to the garrison. And further he said that he lived with petitioner for the five years then last past, and in all that time petitioner was very active and willing to advance the Service against the Parliament and when Wigan was garrisoned as aforesaid petitioner furnished Adam Hodson as a soldier in the armies within the said garrison under Capt. Halsall, a captain against the Parliament, who served for him till the same garrison was taken and afterwards in several other places as he had heard; and when Prince Rupert's forces came into the county he furnished and provided William Taylor of Standish Wood with arms, who likewise served for him in that service under Captain Halsall. Sworn at Preston 28 May, 1651.

fo. 231. Roger Bradshaw of Aspull, husbandman, sworn, said that he, being in a field called the Maynes near Wigan, heard Captain Halsall calling for the constable of Aspull to bring in the freehold soldiers of that township; and Myles Gerrard being then constable was sent by Capt. Halsall to fetch petitioner before him or else (he told him) he should serve as a soldier himself in his stead. Subsequently petitioner appearing before the captain, he told him he should be a soldier for him. Whereunto Wood replied that he was no fit man to serve under him, because he had taken the Covenant.

fo. 231. Singleton Goodlawe of Aspull, webster, sworn, said that at the time Prince Rupert with his army came into the county he met two soldiers under the Prince's Command bringing petitioner out of the town of Wigan into a field called the Maines, where Captain Halsall

(then a captain under the Prince) was; and he was there choosing soldiers out of the Freehold Band to serve under him. When the said captain saw petitioner come towards him, he said, "What art thou there? Thou shalt serve a soldier under me." Whereupon petitioner replied that he had taken the Covenant and therefore could not serve under him. Whereupon the captain said he was fitter for him and he should have him.

fo. 232. Richard Jepson of Haigh, joiner, sworn, said that he was a near neighbour of petitioner. Before the time when Prince Rupert came into the county petitioner came to deponent's father's house in Rivington and remained there for a few days and nights, and then sometimes went privately home to see his house and goods. Deponent asking petitioner why he left his own house, he replied that it was from fear that the Earl of Derby's soldiers should take him prisoner and cause him to bear the freehold arms for his master Mr. Gerrard of Ince, as he had done before the times of war. Examinant further said that petitioner oftentimes fled from his own house for fear that the soldiers would take him prisoner. (fo. 232) And he said further that when Prince Rupert came into the county with his army deponent was taken prisoner by the soldiers under the Prince's command and was carried to a place called Pennington Green, where he saw petitioner then a prisoner with those forces. The night coming on and it growing dark, deponent made his escape, leaving petitioner behind, a prisoner; who, as deponent had heard and he believed it to be true, was carried a prisoner with them to Wigan; and subsequently, as deponent had heard, petitioner, his wife and some friends procured monies and thereby obtained his release. Deponent's house was broken into in the night by soldiers from the garrison of Lathom, who took him prisoner in the night and carried him with them to petitioner's house, where he saw them break into the house and carry away divers of petitioner's goods as well as many of deponent's.

fo. 233. Myles Seddon of Aspull, tailor, sworn, said that petitioner was oftentimes to deponent's knowledge urged by his master Mr. Gerrard of Ince to bear his said master's arms as freehold soldier for the service of the Earl of Derby, and that petitioner several times refused. Afterwards, expressing his fear to stay at his own house lest he should be carried away by the Earl's soldiers, he did several times absent himself from his own house. Petitioner having been summoned by the constable to appear at Wigan, thither he went; and coming before Captain Halsall, the captain directed the soldiers to take care of him and told him he should serve as a soldier whether he would or no. Whereupon petitioner replied he would not do it, for he had taken the Covenant, which was contrary to that service. But the captain detained him until his friend Roger Dickinson of West houghton gave the captain content in money—which was 30s., as was said—which the captain said he would hire a soldier with to go in his place.

fo. 234. Roger Dickinson of West Houghton, husbandman, testified on oath that when Prince Rupert was in Lancashire and Captain Halsall summoned men to appear at Wigan, deponent saw petitioner in the custody of the said captain and heard the captain say that petitioner should be a soldier for him. Petitioner replied he was not fit for it as he had taken the Covenant; and thereupon deponent acquainted Ellen, petitioner's sister, who gave deponent money and desired him to give it to the captain. This he did, and thereupon petitioner was released. Deponent did not count the money but believed it was about 30s.

Richard Wood of Sutton *see* Richard Holland (above iii, 243).

John Woodcock of Walton-le-dale.

G. cxxxii, fo. 591, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 3175.

fo. 591. Petition, showing that notwithstanding

petitioner had always been and then was conformable, and knew of nothing that he had said or done to have caused the least suspicion that he was addicted to Popery, yet two-thirds of his estate, lying in Walton-le-Dale and Broughton in the said county, had been sequestered for supposed recusancy and the Lancashire Commissioners refused to remove the sequestration without an order from above. He prayed therefore for that order, or an examination of such witnesses as he should produce, etc. (21 Feby., 1654-5). Commissioners to examine and Mr. Reading to report.

fo 594 Being sequestered for recusancy, he desired to be admitted to contract as allowed by the act (24 Decr, 1653) Referred to Mr Reading

Richard Woodcock *see* **Cuerden Poor** (above ii, 99).

Thomas Woodcocke of Brindle, husbandman.

G. cxxxii, fo. 596; *Cal.* iv, 3095.

Petition, showing that petitioner's name had been inserted in the then late Act for Sale, and that his estate was liable to be sold if not compounded for. He therefore prayed to be admitted to contract for the same (11 March, 1652-3). Referred to Mr. Brereton to report.

Woodcock and Cook.¹

G. lxxxv, fo. 257; *Cal.* iv, 2909.

To the hon'ble Commissioners for Compounding with Delinquents.

The humble petition of Edward French of Preston in the County of Lancaster, gentleman, and Ann his wife. Sheweth—

That whereas William Garstange, late of Broughton, did for a valuable consideration purchase (in the names of William Whithalgh, John Garrard and William Garrard, Feoffees in trust) the capital messuage and tenement with its apurtenances called Banck Hall;² and afterwards,

¹ Entered in the *Calendar* under French.

² In Bretherton; *see* above, ii, 101.

during the liffe tyme of the said Garstange, an Inquisition was taken concerninge the premisses, and by verdict the same was returned to bee the Inheritance of the said Garstange; and not longe after Richard Walton of Preston, gentleman, Grandfather to your pettitioner Ann, Inter-married with Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Garstange, who promised to settle the premises upon the said Elizabeth; But the said Garstange dyeinge suddenly, the same was not perfected. Afterwards Whitehalgh and the rest of the Feoffees, without the privitie or consent of Elizabeth or the said Richard Walton, bargains aliens and sells the premisses to Peter Burscough, without yielding anie account to the said Richard Walton or Elizabeth his wife. Whereupon Richard Walton made an entrie into the said Bancke Hall and the lands afforesaid. Afterwards the said Burscough *in anno* 1623 commenced a suite against the said Richard Walton and Elizabeth his wife, Joane and Jane Garstange, Whitehalgh and the rest of the Feoffees in the Chancery for the County Palatine of Lancaster; depending which suit the said Elizabeth, wife of Richard Walton, died, who left James Walton, her eldest son, who was born at the said manſion house of Bancke Hall, and divers other children. Afterwards Richard Walton, in right of himself and James his eldest son, filed a bill in the Duchy Chamber at Westminster against the said Burscough, Whitehalgh and the rest of the feoffees; but depending that suit thesaid Richard died and left James his eldest son, an Infant, who lived until he was about 20 years old and then died and left petitioner Ann, an infant about six months old, " who hopes she hath a good title " to the premises. But the same having gotten into the possession of one Woodcocke and Croke, for whose delinquency or recusancy the same became sequestered, these petitioners could not try their title to the premises. They prayed that the Commissioners would order the truth of the premises to be examined, either

themselves or by the Lancashire Commissioners, or allow petitioners to proceed to try their title at law (27 Nov., 1651). "Commissioners to ex: and certify; and referred to Mr. Reading."

Emblin Woods *see* Katherine Wignall.

Henry Woods of Penketh, Husbandman.

G. cxxxvii, fo. 198, etc.

See Petition of John Denton of Widnes, husbandman (ii, 120, above).

Richard Woods of West Derby.¹

G. cxxxvii, fo. 185, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2713.

Petition, showing that petitioner was seised of a small estate which had been sequestered, assuming that he was a recusant. He applied to the Commissioners of the County, acquitted himself thereof and took the oath of abjuration. Whereupon they were willing to discharge him, but conceived they had no power without an order from above. He prayed for a discharge (10 Sept., 1651). fo. 187. Copy of the Engagement of abjuration.

Alexander Woodward of Shevington, gent.

G. clxxix, fo. 768, etc., and clxxiii, fo. 195; *Cal.* ii, 1211.

Delinquency: that he was at the siege made against Manchester and "complied with enemies to the Parliament." He compounded (26 April, 1646) on a particular which disclosed that he was seised of a frank tenement for life with remainder to his first son in tail and so to all his sons in tail, of a messuage and lands lying in Shevington, value £6. 18s. *per annum*; also of another in the same place worth £9; also of cottages in Shevington worth £3. 6s. *per annum*. Personalty, none. Fine at a sixth, £44. Paid 13 May, 1646.

fo. 771. Petition. fo. 772. Particular. fo. 774. Certificate by Wm. Barton that petitioner took the National Covenant 27 Apl., 1646.

¹ See also above, v, 138.

Richard Woodward.G. cxxxvi, fo. 400; *Cal.* iv, 3145.

Petition of Alexander Woodward of Shevington, gent., which showed that petitioner had a lease from Ralph Standish of Standish, esq., of a messuage, with the appurtenances, lying in Standish, for two lives and for ten years after the death of the last life, paying 20s. a year rent. This messuage was sequestered for the recusancy of Richard Woodward, on the pretence that he had some interest in it; but he was only named in the lease, and was dead. He prayed for an order discharging the sequestration (28 Sep., 1653). "Commissioners to examine. Mr. Reading to report."

G. clxi, fo. 175, etc.

fo. 180. Letter, dated at Preston 4 Nov., 1653, signed by E. Aspinwall and Ro. Massey, mentioning that in observance of an order of 28 Sep. then last, made upon the petition of Alexander Woodward of Shevington touching a messuage and tenement in Standish, then formerly in the possession of Richard Woodward, they had examined witnesses on petitioner's behalf and cross-examined them for the Commonwealth (copies enclosed, with the interrogatories), and they certified that two-thirds of the premisses had been sequestered for the recusancy of the said Richard Woodward.

fo. 175. Interrogatories administered to witnesses at an examination taken at Preston 3 Nov., 1653.

James Urmeston of Standish, gentleman, aged 60 years, said he knew the messuage in Standish which had been sequestered for the recusancy of Richard Woodward, then deceased; he knew Richard Woodward had an estate in it for his own life and the life of Ellin his wife. Richard died about four years then past, and his wife died about a fortnight then ago and was buried at Garstang; and (as deponent thought) the messuage ought to come to petitioner. He was present when Ralph Standish,

esq., granted petitioner a lease of the premisses for ten years commencing after the death of Richard and Ellin Woodward.

fo. 176. John Parker of Myerscough, one of the persons present at the funeral of Ellin Woodward, was examined as to the time of her death.

fo. 177. Interrogatories administered on behalf of the Commonwealth to the last witness.

The Claim of Ralph Standish.

G. cxlv, fo. 481, etc.

Interrogatories administered to certain witnesses on the part of Ralph Standish of Standish, esq., by virtue of an order dated 4 May, 1654.

1. Whether deponent knew petitioner or Richard Woodward of Standish or either of them.

2. Whether deponent knew, believed or heard that the said Ralph Standish did by indenture of lease dated 9 October 6 Chas. I [1630], demise to the said Woodward a messuage lying in Standish for the lives of the said Woodward, Ellen his wife and Peter Woodward.

3. Whether deponent was present at the death or burial of the said Richard, Ellen and Peter, or either of them; if so, which?

4. Whether by their deaths did not the premisses descend to the said Ralph Standish, who was lord and owner of the inheritance thereof?

5. Whether the paper writing exhibited was a true copy of the lease.

fo. 482. Depositions on the above of Alexander Standish of Standish, gent., aged 34; Lawrence Standish of Standish, gent., aged 52; and (fo. 483) Thomas Hallsall of Reddich.

fo. 484. Interrogatories administered on behalf of the Commonwealth to Laurence Standish and Thomas Halsall.

fo. 487. Letter from Lancashire Commissioners, dated Preston 24 Oct., 1654.

G. cxx, fo. 657.

Report by Mr. Reading, dated 1 Feb., 1654-5, based upon an order of 4 May, 1654 on a petition of Ralph Standish, esq., desiring that the sequestration might be discharged from certain lands in the county of Lancaster sequestered for the delinquency of one Richard Woodward, the inheritance of which belonged to petitioner. He found that by an indenture between the petitioner of the one part and the said Richard Woodward of the other, the petitioner (for the considerations therein expressed) demised and to farm let unto the said Richard Woodward and his assigns all that messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in Standish then or late then in the occupation of the said Richard Woodward, to have and to hold to him and his assigns for lives, at the ancient yearly rent of 20s., doing the usual services. After reviewing the evidence laid before him, he submitted that that was all he could find in the case which he submitted to judgment.

fo. 661. Reference to Lancashire Commissioners. fo. 663. Petition. fo. 665. Letter from Lancashire Commissioners, dated at Preston 24 Oct., 1654. fo. 667. Interrogations produced on behalf of petitioner. fo. 668-9. Depositions. fo. 671-2. Cross-examinations.

fo. 673. Deposition of Standish as to the death of Richard Woodward. fo. 674. Certificate, exhibiting what proceedings had been taken. fo. 675. Same as to annual value. fo. 779. Petition. fo. 781. Order discharging sequestration (10 April, 1655). fo. 783. Petition.

G. clxxiii, fo. 670.

Letter, dated at Warrington 3 April, 1655, signed by E. Aspinwall and Ro. Massey, mentioning that in observance of an order of 15 March preceding made in the case of Ralph Standish, esq., touching his title to certain lands in Standish sequestered for the recusancy of Richard Woodward, then deceased, they had taken the petitioner's examination and those of such other witnesses as were

produced for proof of the matters mentioned in the said order (copies of which were enclosed), and stating that they had nothing further to certify than what they had in theirs of 24 October, 1653.

William Woodward *see* John Grimsshaw (above iii, 130).

Woolfall *see* Wolfall.

Charles Worsley *see* Sir Cecil Trafford.

Lawrence Worthington *see* John Styth.

Richard Worthington *see* Andrew Morris (above iv, 222).

William Worthington of Blansco.

G. cxxxiv, fo. 75, etc.; *Cal.* iii, 2363.

fo. 97. Petition, which disclosed that petitioner had formerly then been sequestered for supposed delinquency. On appeal to the Barons of the Exchequer his estate was freed by an order dated 13 Nov., 1649, and subsequently he had enjoyed the estate until a few weeks preceding the time of this petition. [6 Jan., 1651-2], when it had been seized for delinquency. Petitioner had committed no act of delinquency subsequent to his previous discharge, nor was he (so far as he knew) liable in any way to sequestration. He therefore prayed for a confirmation of the said discharge, and for permission to enjoy his one-third part;¹ he would answer to any new crime since his former discharge, and was willing to give security for the profits of a third of his estate, if adjudged sequestrable.

fo. 84. Petition, disclosing that two-thirds had been sequestered for his recusancy, and desiring to contract for the same (— Dec., 1653). Referred to Mr. Brereton.

fo. 85. Petition, mentioning that he had punctually complied with the act of 21 Oct., 1653, and had likewise upon very hard terms provided monies for his intended contract, without which he was totally disabled either for

¹ From this it may be inferred that two-thirds of his estate were under sequestration already for recusancy.

satisfying his then new engagements or former debts, to the great ruin of his small estate. He therefore prayed, since his intended contract had for the then present received a stop by superior order, that he might be permitted to farm the said two-thirds for that year.

fo. 82. Petition (5 Dec., 1654), referring to preceding, which mentions it was agreed that on the expiration of the year when he petitioned as above the two-thirds should be let to him, he giving the highest rate for it that ever had been given.

fo. 75. Referring to an order based on the preceding petition, this mentions that the Lancashire Commissioners had contracted to let the two-thirds of his estate to his son, excepting the two-thirds of his ancient rents and the two-thirds of a small parcel of land called " Lucas tene-ment " then in the possession of one Hugh Dicconson; who, on the pretence that his father, then long since dead, was married to the widow of one that was tenant of the said parcel of ground, will by consequence thereof (being parcel of the ancient demesne of Blansco) become tenant to the same against petitioner.

fo. 77. Order directing a contract to be made with petitioner for all his estate, including demesne (no date).

fo. 79. Allocation of the 3 parts. fo. 80. Order directed to William Eccleston, agent for sequestration for Leyland Hundred, dated 21 March, 1650-1, to set out the portions as mentioned had been done on the preceding folio.

On folios up to 99 (not mentioned in the preceding digest) there are various other papers connected with the case. These papers have suffered much from damp and are in many portions of them undecipherable.

fo. 101. Thomas Worthington of Blansco, gent., who was son of preceeding, petitions on his father's behalf to obtain the confirmation of an order granting the father the third of his estate, which had then recently been seized by the Commissioners on a second charge of

delinquency (no date — ? Jan., 1651-2. No order). fo. 103. Duplicate of preceding petition.

G. clxi, fo. 353, etc.

Letter, dated at Preston 10 May, 1652, signed by Edw. Aspinwall, G. Pigot and Robt. Cunliffe, mentioning that by an order of 22 April then last they were required to certify whether the third part of petitioner's estate was under sequestration on 1 Dec., 1651, or not, and what other proceedings they found in their records touching his delinquency. Whereupon they certified that upon perusal of the books and papers of the then late committee they found that it was sequestrated before 1645 for delinquency and so continued to 1649, at which time on an appeal made by him to the Barons of the Exchequer, upon a hearing there, he was discharged from delinquency and two-thirds of his estate sequestrated for recusancy, which so continued till 6 November last. Then upon some informations of his having been in arms in 1644 and taking two of the Parliament's party prisoners, they secured his estate and certified the informations to their honours, and the estate then continued under sequestration.

fo. 355. Order dated 26 May, 1652, discharging the sequestration, with certain reservations.

G. lxxx, fo. 357.

To the ho'ble the Commissioners late of Goldsmiths' Hall, now sitting at Westminster,

The humble petition of Hugh Dicconson

Sheweth—

That Edward Dicconson, your petitioner's father, was in consideration of a fine of 25*li.* by him paid to the lord of the tenement hereafter expressed possessed thereof, for his owne life and the lives of Ann his wife and John Lucas her sonn, of a tenement in Coppull in the County of Lancaster the Revercion expectant to one Mr. Worthington of Blainsco, whoe is a Recusant.

The said John Lucas was a Souldier for the Parliament under the command of Coll. Rigby, now one of the

Barons of the Exchequer, and dyed in that service at the seige of Lotham. After whose death your petitioner, as brother and heir to Lucas, on whom the tenantright of the said tenement accrued, entered thereinto and enjoyed the same for some tyme (being then and yet well affected to the parliament and these proceedings) until some officers for the Parliament sequestred the said tenement and outed your petitioner therefrom, as being the inheritance of the said Mr. Worthington the Recusant.

Now in regard your petitioner's brother dyed in the service and your petitioner is the only brother and heire of the said Lucas, to whome the tenant right thereof is come, who dyed without either wyfe or child.

Your petitioner humbly prayeth your honours wilbe pleased, according to the most gracious ordinance in that behalfe, to graunt a lease of two-parts of the premisses to your petitioner for his life in lieu of hss brother's life of the said tenement, discharged from the sequestracion, or give authority or other direccions to the said Mr. Worthington (who is willing to graunt your petitioner a lease of the third part thereof) to do the same. And your petitioner shall pray, etc.

Order: "7 Junii, 1650. The Commissioners to lett it to the best value."

At foot: "It is a very charitable Act and according to the many expressions of Parliament, to lease two-third partes of the tenements to the petitioner for his lyffe, if they shall so long continue under sequestracion, for the recusancie of Mr. Worthington; and this in regard the petitioner's brother's lyffe was lost in the Parliament Service and the Command of Alex. Rigby."¹

fo. 358. Wee whose Names are hereunder written, being all of us Neighbours and parishioners, and some of us officers under Captayen Thomas Worthington of Adlington in the Countie of Lancaster, deceased, and under the Command of Collonell Rigbie, make boulde to certifie

¹ Apparently the Autography of Col. Rigby.

that the Bearer hereof, Hugh Dicconson of Coppull in the Countie aforesaid, was halfe-Brother to one John Lucas of Coppull afforesaid, who was a faithfull Servant and Souldier to the Parliament and dyed under the Command afforesaid when the seigh lay against Latham Hall. Witness our handes tho theese presentes this Second of february, 1649[-50].

PAUL LATHAM.

JOHN LOWE, Leeftenant.
to Captaine Worthington.

ROBERT FOSTERR, ensigne.

THOMAS ANDERTON,
quartermaster.

RAPHE ASHALL,
Corporall.

THOMAS BREARS,
Corporall.

fo. 347. Petition of Hugh Dickonson of Coppull, which showed that he and his ancestors had for about 80 years preceding been tenants to the Worthington's of Coppull (who were recusants), for a certain tenement in Coppull, paying their rent duly. By former orders of the sequestrators for Lancashire he had been continued as tenant, paying his rent; but the then landlord Mr. William Worthington, a papist, having taken the two-thirds to his own third part, nothing would serve him but casting petitioner out of possession. Petitioner, being a poor man and 71 years of age, "hath a charge to maintaine." He and his sons had adventured their lives in the service of the Commonwealth against the common enemy (for which his landlord did so hate him). Petitioner's father took it with his own money and built the said tenement and the outhouses, and petitioner had added thereto and had been at great charge in manuring the land, etc., and "cometh upp to London 7 score mile on foote on purpose about this busines and if he should be put out of his house he were utterlie undone." He prayed that their honours

according to their accustomed goodness to the oppressed, would order "that your poore petitioner maie have a lease of the said Tenement either for 3 lives or for a term of yeares under such rent as hath usuallie been paid" (20 Feb., 1654-5). "It is ord: that it be ref'd to examine and certify."

22 Feb., 1654-5. Both parties were left to their remedy at law.

G. cxlii, fo. 239, etc.

Petition of John Flood, gent., showing that, by force and virtue of an extent and an assignment thereof made to petitioner, he was justly entitled to the capital messuage called the Hale of Blansco and to several other messuages, lands, tenements, rents and hereditaments lying in Coppull Samlesbury and elsewhere in the county of Lancaster, then late the estate of William Worthington, esq., whereof two third parts were under sequestration for his recusancy. As petitioner's title was precedent in time to the said sequestration and came to him upon a real and valuable consideration, as he had previously fully made out to the Commissioners above, he prayed that they would refer his title to counsel to state and report, and that thereupon they would discharge his property from sequestration (19 June, 1655). The Commissioners to examine and certify and Mr. Reading to report.

fo. 237. Second petition, dated 19th same month, desiring that until the cause was heard he might on security receive the rents; which was agreed to.

Ellis Wright.

G. cxxvii, fo. 611; *Cal.* iv, 2778.

Petition of Richard Walton of Holle, who by his marriage with the daughter of Ellis Wright (who had died then about four years ago) had a tenement for one life, which had however been secured for the delinquency of the said Ellis, although petitioner had been and then was conformable. He prayed for the discharge of the order (23 April, 1651). Referred to examine and certify touching the deed.

G. clx, fo. 593, etc.

fo. 596. Letter, dated at Preston, 10 July, 1651, signed by Robt. Cunliffe and G. Pigot, mentioning that in observance of an order of 23 April then last, made upon the petition of Richard Walton of Hoole, they had taken the examinations enclosed touching his title to the tenement in the petition mentioned; and certified that the said tenement was sequestrated for the delinquency of Ellis Wright, deceased, in the petition named.

fo. 593. The examination referred to above.

G. cxxvii, fo. 599, etc.

Petition of Thomas Walton of Hoole, gent., which disclosed that petitioner had some proceedings pending before the Commissioners for the clearing of a tenement in Bretherton sequestered for the delinquency of Ellis Wright, deceased, but he had not made sufficient proof. He therefore prayed that the Lancashire Commissioners might be ordered to take such further proofs as he should produce and certify the same forthwith (11 May, 1651). Agreed.

fo. 601-3. Two other petitions.

G. clxxiii, fo. 547, etc.

fo. 553. Letter, dated at Wigan 15 January, 1654-5, signed by E. Aspinwall and Ro. Massey, mentioning that in observance of an order of 5 December, 1654, made upon the petition of Thomas Walton, they had examined such witnesses as were produced for proof of the matter in the petition mentioned and cross-examined them on behalf of the Commonwealth, copies whereof with the interrogatories they enclosed.

fo. 547. Interrogatories administered to witnesses on behalf of petitioner at an examination taken at Wigan 15 January, 1654(-5).

Henry Walton of Hoole said he knew Thomas Walton of Hoole, gent., and that he was a very diligent attendant at the divine worhsip and service of God and was one who during the then late wars adhered to the Parliamentary

Party and was forced from his own house by the opposite party. He knew the messuage called Walton lying in Hoole; Robert, father of Ellis Wright, had held the same by lease from Thomas Barton, esq., and for the advancement of his sons and for his better preferment assigned two-thirds of the premisses to the said Ellis to hold during the term of the lease, Ellis having no further estate therein. At expiration of the lease possession should have fallen to Thomas Walton. (fo. 549.) He by the directions of the then late Committee sequestered two-thirds of the same for the delinquency of the said Ellis Wright. He had heard and believed it to be true that Robert Wright and Ellis his son were both dead. Possession ought to come to Thomas Walton for that the same was assured and confirmed to him and his wife Elizabeth by Andrew Stone then late of Bretherton, gent., who among other things purchased this land from Mr. Bellis, who had the same settled upon him by Thomas Barton, esq., at such time as he the said Mr. Bellis married the said Thomas Barton's daughter; and Robert and Ellis Wright had no further interest in the estate than as above expressed.

fo. 550. Thomas Walton (petitioner), gent., said that the Wrights had no further interest in the estate than that mentioned in the lease granted to Thomas Barton, esq. Both the Wrights were dead. Andrew Stone, gent., also was dead; Mr. Stone had purchased from Mr. Bellis, son-in-law of Mr. Barton, this tenement among others. Andrew Stone, gent., by indenture dated 30 March, 22 Charles [1646], granted deponent and Elizabeth his then wife the said messuage to hold the same for 1000 years then next ensuing, and he knew no reason in law or equity why he should not enjoy the same. The sequestration ought to be discharged, and possession given to him.

fo. 551. Interrogatories on behalf of the Commonwealth and cross-examination of Henry Walton and of Thomas Walton.

Henry Wright of Samlesbury.C. clx, fo. 22, etc.; *Cal.* iv, 2947.

Petition of Henry Birley of Samlesbury and Mary his wife, showing that Thomas Walmesley of Dunkenhalgh, esq., did by his indenture of lease dated 6 Feby., 13 Charles I [1637-8] let to Ralph Birley of Samlesbury a tenement in Samlesbury for 21 years. Afterwards Ralph Birley assigned his interest to one Henry Wright, late of Samlesbury, father to petitioner Mary, who being a recusant two-thirds of it were sequestered for his recusancy. He then lately dying one half of the said tenement ought to have come to petitioners in right of his wife, and both of them were conformable. As the annual value was small and the lease had nearly run out, petitioners prayed for an order discharging the sequestration, or to certify the case to the Commissioner for Compounding, so that their decision might be further known.

fo. 23. These are humbly to certifie all whom it may concerne that Matthewe Walmesley and Elizabeth his wife, formerly wife of Henry Wright of Samlesbury, are Protestants and conformable to the Church of England and well affected to the Parliament and present Government; and likewise that Henry Birley of Samlesbury and Mary his wife, late daughter of the said Henry Wright, are conformable Protestants and doe frequently come to the Church to heare devine service and are well affected to the Parliament and present Government.

In testimonie whereof wee hav hereunto set our hands the xxiiijth day of June, 1651.

RICHARD SMETHURST, Minister.
ROGER ELSTON.

JOHN DUCKWORTH	} Churchwardens.
THO. SOUREBUTTS	
HENRIE COWELL	
RICH. BLECOE.	
HENRY SOUTHWORTH.	

fo. 25. Petition of Matthew Walmisley and Elizabeth his wife showing that whereas Henry Wright was possessed of a tenement (as mentioned above, etc.), it had been sequestered for his recusancy. He had been the petitioner Elizabeth's former husband and on his death the tenement ought to have descended in equal shares to petitioner Elizabeth and her daughter Mary. They therefore prayed that their Honours would clear this second half from sequestration.

fo. 28. Letter, dated at Preston 3 July, 1651, signed by Peter Holt, Robt. Cunliffe and G. Pigot, enclosing the above petitions and certificate confirming the truth of them, and asking for directions as to their further proceedings in the matter.

G. cxxviii, fo. 185.

Petition of Mathew Walmesley and Elizabeth his wife, Henry Birley and Mary his wife, reciting the facts of the case as above, and adding that so it was that two-third parts thereof, notwithstanding the death of the said Henry Wright, was still kept under sequestration for his recusancy, the other third being enjoyed by petitioners. They, being very poor and unable to prosecute an appeal before the Commissioners above, had petitioned the Lancashire Commissioners to free the said premises from sequestration, or otherwise to certify their case to their Honours. The Lancashire Commissioners thereupon took the matter and sending recommendations up in regard thereto desired instructions. They prayed therefore that the certificate sent up from the country might be read and that an order might issue freeing the two-thirds from sequestration, which by the certificate appeared to have been sequestered only for the recusancy of the said Henry Wright, then deceased (5 May, 1652). Ordered: "On condition that the petitioners took the oath of abjuration the sequestration was to be discharged.

William Wright of Eyrton.

G. cxxxiv, fo. 426; *Cal.* v, 3193.

Being a recusant he petitioned to be allowed to contract in accordance with the Act of 21 Oct., 1653, for the two-thirds of his estate sequestered (17 Jan., 1653-4). Referred to Mr. Reading.

John Yate of Knowsley, husbandman.

G. cxli, fo. 253; *Cal.* iv, 3176.

Petition, showing that two-thirds of petitioner's estate had been sequestered for his recusancy only. He prayed upon his particular annexed, to be admitted to contract for the same (30 Dec., 1653). Referred to Mr. Reading to report.

Richard Yate of Bedford, husbandman.

G. cxli, fo. 256; *Cal.* iv, 3176.

A similar appeal and decision; same date.

APPENDICES

I. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS IN CERTAIN CASES. CASE OF HUGH ANDERTON.

G. ci, fo. 852; see above i, 54.

Petition by Robert Massey of Warrington and James Waynewright, wherein it is stated that petitioners had several parcels of land taken from them by Hugh Anderton, esq., when he was a major in the King's army; for which petitioners had brought their action at law and recovered £187 for damages and costs. He was then in prison, but had a sufficient estate in lands to satisfy them; but the lands being sequestrated they prayed for liberty to "extend" the lands, though under sequestration, for satisfaction and to have liberty to cut down sufficient timber as would be of the value of £187.

G. xcvi, fo. 146a; see above i, 57.

Petition of John Kirkby and John Towneley, desiring that the order made in their case might be amended in regard that there had been a mistake in drawing up the same or in the notes for the draft, for that the payments were dispossessed, which they conceived they ought not to have been, the title having been allowed. Order dated 7 July, 1653: "If the Report be allowed the copyhold estate is in the hands of the Petitioners for raising the £500; and then cannot be sequestrated for the delinquency of Hugh the son and heir of Isabell."

fo. 147. Deposition of John Hargreaves of Higham, sworn 2 November, 1653. He said that the copyhold lands in the Forest of Pendle, late the estate of Mrs. Isabel Anderton then deceased, and by her surrendered to John Kirkby and John Towneley, gentlemen, to and for certain uses, had, for then several years last past been under sequestration for her recusancy, and two third parts had for that period been let by the agents for sequestration there to farmers who had endeavoured to raise the greatest profit out of the lands they could, and by ploughing greater quantities of land than the estate was able to hold out in continuance had much impaired the same, and consequently rendered them less valuable; and that the woods standing and growing on the same had been within ten years then last past very much wasted. He further deposed that the buildings, especially the barns and

outhouses were fallen into great decay and ruin, and that the river Calder running through those lands, the banks thereof having been not at all or very little repaired within the said ten years, as he verily believed, had for want of such repair wasted the said lands. All this he the rather knew to be true for he was a near neighbour and had lived within half a mile of the said lands; he had frequent occasions to go to and over the same and had seen them within a month then preceding.

CASE OF THOMAS FLEETWOOD.

G. clxxiii, fo. 497; see above ii, 345.

Letter, dated at Warrington 10 November, 1654, signed by E. Aspinwall to Ro. Massey, mentioning that by an order of 18 July, made upon the petition of Peter Gifford and Thomas Smith touching a rent-charge of £40 granted by Sir Richard Fleetwood, knt. and baronet, deceased, to themselves and others out of his lands called Byrom Heys, Sandy Mayns, Black Mayns, and Greene Maynes, lying in Neuton, they were required to examine and cross-examine witnesses for proof of the matters in the petition alleged, and to certify what they found in their books of record touching the same, with what they knew as to the seizure and sequestration. In observance thereof they certified that no witnesses were produced, but they found among the papers of their predecessors that the lands above mentioned were before 1644 extended at the suit of William Osborne for satisfaction of £1500, with damages, due to him upon a recognizance from the said Sir Richard Fleetwood, which extent they found was allowed by an order, dated 24 May, 1650; and by subsequent orders and Mr. Osborne's account formerly taken to be transmitted; which they found had been done from 1644 to 1650. They found several other orders, but as all of them were entered by their register (in London) they referred to them, having nothing further to certify.

CASE OF THOMAS NORRES OF SPEAKE, ESQ.

G. cvii, fo. 378, etc.; see above iv, 227.

Petition, which showed that Sir William Norres, petitioner's grandfather, by indenture of lease dated 11 Sept., 1621, in consideration of £45, demised to John Goodall of "the Such Roo" within the manor of Speake, husbandman, William his son and Margaret wife of the said William, a messuage etc. in the manor of Speake, to have and to hold to them for their respective lives at a rental of 21s. and other boons, duties and customs due and accustomed to be done for the said manor. All the lives were

dead, and the said messuage had lately then come to petitioner as heir to his grandfather, yet the Lancs. Comrs. refused to permit him to enjoy 2/3rds of the same, because the premises had been sequestered for the recusancy of the said William Goodall. He therefore prayed for an order discharging the sequestration and paying him the arrears or to examine his title (4 Sep., 1655). "The Comrs. to examine and Certify and Mr. Brereton to report."

fo. 380. Petition on same subject, relating to another tenement in Speake sequestered for the recusancy of Thomas Cooke and praying for similar orders (12 June, 55). Referred as before.

fo. 385. Similar petition in the case of another messuage lying in Garstang, sequestered for the recusancy of Thomas Hasty. Included with this message was "the 4th part of the Dale, the pasture or herbage under the Seabancks of the Banckfield." Similar prayer and order (21 March 52-4).

fo. 394. Similar petition for a tenement in Garstang late then occupied by one Turner. Similar order.

fo. 413. These are to certefie whome it may concern that Thomas Norris of Speak in the County of Lanc., esq., hath not only taken and subscribed the engagement (appointed by Act of Parliament the 5th of May, 1650) but also quietly behaved himself to the present Government and not been aiding or assisting to the Scotts Army or the Earl of Derby in their late invasions in any respect, for anything I have heard; and was always willing, as I have also heard, to perform a Contract by him made for the composition for his Inheritance in reversion after decease of his father, but unable in regard his said father would never in his lifetime allow him convenient maintenance out of his estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15 of Sept. Anno Domini, 1657.

THO. BIRCHE.

Wee whose names are subscribed doe certify the same.

HENRY WRIGLEY, Sheriff of Lanc'r.

I. LUDLAND.

ALEX. BARLOWE.

RI. HAWORTH.

JOHN HARTLEY.

ROBT. MAWDESLEY.

JOHN GILLIAM.

fo. 415. Order on a motion that the lease of the estate to a Mr. Rainhill be confirmed.

fo. 417. Order, dated 1 June, 1652, warning the Lancs. Comrs. to commit no waste on petitioner's estate pending proceedings.

fo. 419. Petition 3 Aug., 1652, desiring a certificate from Lancs. Comrs. ordered by the Comrs. above, "that the Comrs. for Lancashire within 10 days from the above date (after notice) certify as is desired, when they first sequestered the petitioner's estate, by entering upon the same, by selling and letting, or receiving the rents and profits, and likewise the grounds whereupon they did the same." E.W., R.M.

fo. 422. The Lancs. Comrs. certificate not being satisfactory Norris petitions again, and obtains an order requiring them to further certify "with all truthfulness and speed."

fo. 423. Petition, referring to former proceedings on his part in 1648, which he failed to complete through want of means. He prays in this that he might have the benefit of the Act of Oblivion (7 April, 1652). Ordered that if he deposited the amount of his fine with interest in the treasurer's hands he might enjoy the rents of his estate until the pleasure of Parliament should be known.

fo. 425. Wednesday 10 November, 1652.

The House resumed the debate upon the list of the names of such persons whose estates have been confiscated for delinquency since 1648.

The question being put—

"That the name of Thomas Norris of Speake in County Lancaster, esqr., be inserted into this Bill is passed in the Negative."

ORDERED by the Parliament that it be referred to the Comrs. for Compounding, and that if it shall appeare to them that Thomas Norris of Speake in the County of Lancaster, esq., hath paid in his full fyne imposed on him for his delinquency with interest, that then the said Com'rs be authorized and required to discharge his sequestration, as if he had paid the same in due time.

HEN. SCOBELL, Cleric, Parliament.

Affidavit by Thomas Norris that he had compared the above with the original and it agreed with it.

CASE OF SIR JOHN PRESTON.

G. xci, fo. 99; see above v, 75.

To the Hon'ble Commissioners for Compounding.

A surcharge exhibited on behalfe of the Common Wealth by Capitaine John Harris against Alexander Pym, esquire, Sir

Benjamin Radiard, knight, and other trustees mentioned in the ordinance of Parliament for payment of Mr. Pym's debts:

Imprimis That by vertue of the sayd ordinance of Parliament, wherein their is 500*li. per annum*, charged upon the Revenue the said Trustees have received severall summes of money, but how much (by reason that I cannot obtayne a sight of the Treasurer's bookes without order for that purpose) I cannot ascertaine;

2. That they have received for woods and Tymber sold in Lancashire of the estate of Preston, severall considerable summes and have not brought one penny to accompt;

3. That they or some of them have received the profitts of the sayd Morgan's estate three halfe yeares, by vertue of an order of Parliament preceeding the sayd ordinance, and have not brought the vallue of one third parte thereof to accompt.

Prayed on behalf of the Commonwealth that the Treasurer for the Revenue may speedily make true certificate unto your Honours what he hath paid by order of the Committee of Revenue or otherwise unto the Trustees or their agents or any of Mr. Pym's children upon the sayd ordinance; and that the sayd trustees may give a further accompt of the fore-mentioned rents, woods and tymber.

JOHN HARRIS.

Com. for Compounding.

THE TITHES OF DALTON IN FURNESS.

G. cclv, no. 46; see above, v, 85.

Gentlemen,

Upon peruseall of the Orders made by the late Comittee of this Countie, finding that James Postlethwaite and other the Inhabitants of Dalton Lindell and Marton in this Countie beinge comitted to the Marshalls custodie for nonpayment of their tithes the same beinge then under sequestration for the delinquency of John Preston, Esqr., hee the said Postlethwaite together with Thomas Medcalfe then Maior of Lancaster Thomas Shawe Minister at Aldingham John Jackson John Sharpe James Sander-son and Robert Sanderson engaged themselves by writeinge under their hands dated 25th of December 1645 for payment of five hundred pounds (being due and areare for the tithes aforesaid upon the xxvth of Januarie then next after (The rent due to the late kinge and the salary due to the Minister at Dalton beinge first deducted). In performance whereof the said James and Robert Sanderson paid the somme of one hundred and nineteene pounds eighteene shillings six pence beinge the porcionable parts

of the said arreare due from the Inhabitants of Marton and Lindall. But the Inhabitants of Dalton beinge still in arreare for the remainder of the said five hundred pounds wee gave order to our Agent for that hundred to distreyne the goods of the undertakers for payment thereof. Whereupon hee distreyninge some Cattle of James Postlethwaite and dryvinge them away hee the said Postlethwaite accompanied with a greate number of other persons pursued the said Agent and his assistants for the space of eight myles or thereabouts and there violently and in a tumultuous manner set upon them and gave them severall blowes and disarmed them and tooke the castle backe as by the examinations (inclosed) will appeare. Wee thereupon aplyed ourselves to Maiour Generall Harrison at his beinge in this County for a redresse herein. Whoe promised a partie of horse to fetch them in. But hee beinge called away suddenly could not performe it. Wee therefore make bold to represent the same to your honors and humble desire that either Postlethwaite and the other principall actors named in the examinations may be sent for by a speciall messenger to appeare before you to answeare there contempt or that some other exemplary course may bee taken for theire punishment as in your discretions you shall thinke fitt, Whereby others may be deterr'd from the like attempts and wee the better Encouraged to goe on in the service of the Commonwealth. Which shall ever bee the constant endeavor of

Your most humble servants

Preston: first day of
July, 1651.

Peter Holt.
Robt. Cunliffe.
G. Pigot.

Addressed: To the ho'ble the Commissioners for Compoundinge with delinquents sittinge at Habberdashers hall London
These.

Enclosed were the following examinations (copies).

Informacions taken at Preston before the Commissioners for Sequestracions touching a reskewe made by some Inhabitants of Dalton.

William Chamley of Nethacre in Furness in the County of Lancaster, husbandman, sworne saith That hee beinge in the waie leading betwixt Lindell and Dalton sawe George Crone one of the Agents for Sequestracions for Loinsdale hundred, and John Chippingdale and William Grundy and three soldiers with them drivinge three Oxen and two horses which they together with this examinant had distreynd for a debt due to the Comonwealth

for the tithes of Dalton which goods were belonging to one James Postlethwaite of Dalton. And presently after the said Agents were gone came after them James Postlethwaite and twoe of his worke servants and the said Postlethwaite's sonne with threescore or fourescore men and women more of the Inhabitants of Dalton armed with pitchforks, lances and divers other weapons and pursued the said Agent and the other men with him and said they would rescouse the goods distreyned by the Agent or otherwise they would lose their lives. And this examinant heard the said Postlethwaite and the rest with him did overtake the said Agent in Cartmell beinge nine myles from Dalton and the rest of them and did fall upon them and did beate and strike the said Agents and disarmed the soldiers that were with the Agent and carried away their Armes and rescoused the said Catle and horses distreyned as aforesaid.

Will'm M Choomeley.
marke.

Taken and sworne unto at
Preston, 6 die Maij 1651
before us

Peter Holt
Robt. Cunliffe
G. Pigot

George Crone of Garstange in the County of Lancaster, yeoman sworn and examined saith That hee this examinant havinge made distresse with the assistance of some others the 28th Febr. last for a debt due to the Comonwealth for the tiths of Dalton by order from the said Commissioners of the goods of James Postlethwaite of Dalton one of the undertakers for the same tiths and the same did drive and carrie awaie about eight myles into a place called Cartmell and hee this examinant further saith that hee the said James Postlethwaite with the assistance of a great number of men (unknowne to this examinante to the number of fourescore and upwards) in a hostile manner armed with pitchforkes Clubbs staves Bills and other Engines and did pursue after this examinant and his said assistance and the distresse taken as aforesaid in Cartmell aforesaid and there did beate this examinant and others his said Assistance and from them by force of armes did take away the goods distreyned as aforesaid and did take from his said assistance such armes and weapons as they had for their defence and did alsoe cut this examinants horse in the forehead verie

dangerously of which hee is not yet recovered being now about
tenn weekes agoue.

Taken and sworne unto at

George Crone

Preston vijth daie of May 1651

before us

Peter Holt

Robt. Cunliffe

William Spenceley of Dalton in Furneis in the County of Lancaster mercer sworne and examined touchinge a rescouse made by some of the Inhabitants of Dalton about Februarie last upon the Collector for Sequestracions and other his assistants saith That James Postlethwaite of Dalton aforesaid tould this informer that about the time aforesaid George Crone the Collector aforesaid cominge into Dalton after the Springe of the daie and before sune risinge distreyn'd severall catle of the said James Postlethwaite and drivinge the same away hee followed him and desired to know by what warrant hee tooke the same but hee denied to shew his warrant or to apprise them And being further demanded whoe assisted him in the said reskewe Hee saith that the said Postlethwaite tould him that his [wife and] his daughter Anne Inman and Robert Postlethwaite cockler came after him But that neither hee the said James Postlethwaite his wife or Daughter were at the reskewe but the said Robert Postlethwaite James Copland John Becke and James Postlethwaite went likewise after them but whether they were there when the Catle were reskewed or noe hee knoweth not. And hath heard that the said Collector and his assistance were disarmed but by whom hee knoweth not.

Willm. Spencely.

John Perrie of Dalton in Furneis in the County of Lancaster hardware man sworne and examined touchinge the reskewe aforesaid saith that hee beinge in his bed when the said Catle was distrayned on after hee was gotten up and standinge in his owne doore hee sawe James Postlethwaite shoemaker Robert Postlethwaite cockler Lawrence Parke William Parke John Becke cominge upp towards the doore of James Postlethwaite [who] owed the Catle that had beene distrayned and the said Catle followinge them and saith that hee sawe Thomas Singleton blacksmith amongst them but whether hee was one of them that made the Rescewe hee knoweth not. And saith that hee hath heard there was a number more at the said reskewe but [who] they were hee knoweth not. And hath likewise heard that the said

James Postlethwaite shoemaker and Robert Postlethwaite
cockler had armes when they made the said reskewe as aforesaid.

John Pirrie

Jur. apud Preston

28th May 1651

coram

Robt. Cunliffe

G. Pigot.

Vera copia ex. Mr. E. Wall.

CASE OF JOSEPH RIGBY.

G. cclv, no. 45; see above v, 141.

Gentlemen,

There beinge an arreare of one hundred and sixtie pounds and
upwards owinge to the State by Maiour Joseph Rigby for some
sequestred estates formerly farm'd by him and the Collectors for
Sequestracions havinge directions to distreyn for the same and
goeing about to make a distresse they were assaulted and beaten
and forced to fly to the endangeringe of their lives as by the
examinacions inclosed will appeare We conceive the same maie
tend to the greate preiudice of the State (hee beinge one of the
Commissioners for the Militia in this County) if some Course bee
not taken for a timely redresse herein And that some thinge for
Example may bee inflicted upon the offenders to the terror of
others that shall presume to doe the like. Wherein desiringe
your answeare Wee rest

Your most humble servants,

PETER HOLT

ROBT. CUNLIFFE

G. PIGOT.

Preston 1st die

July, 1651.¹

Addressed: To the ho'ble the Committee for Compoundinge
with Delinquents sittinge at Habberdashers Hall, London,
These present.

In the service of the State.

The following copies of examinations were enclosed:

Informacions taken at Preston before the Commissioners for
Sequestrations in the County of Lancaster touchinge a
reskewe made by Maiour Joseph Rigby.

¹ Memoranda at foot. "A warrant to be drawne up for a Serieant at
Arnes to apprehend him."

"At the holy Lamb behind St. Clementes."

The seal bears a cross engrailed between 4 cinquefoils, a crescent for
difference.

James Chrichlowe of Eccleston in the County of Lancaster, husbandman, sworne and examined saith That hee this examinant together with one Thurstan Chrichlowe and Richard Wood by the appointment and order of James Smith agent for Amoundernes hundred did about a moneth since goe to the house of Maior Joseph Rigby in Aspull to distreine for one hundred and sixtie pounds and upwards which was due in arreare and owinge by the said Maior Joseph Rigby for some sequestred estates farmed or possessed by the said Maior Rigby whereupon they cominge to the said Maiour's house hee demanded of this examinant and the rest theire occasion of cominge thither and they tould him to distreine for arreares of rents by him owing to the State whereupon the said Maior said that if this examinant and the rest would not goe away without a rescuwe hee would mount his horse and charge his pistolls but the examinant notwithstandinge goeing about to make a distresse there presently appeared nine men some with halfe pykes others with pitchforkes and other armes or weapons and did stabb this examinant into the brest and Richard Woods twice into the right arme and beate this examinant and the rest that went with him away of the Ground with greate danger of theire lives.

JAMES I C CHRICHLEY.
mark

Capt. apud Preston, 22nd
Marcij 1651[-2] coram
Peter Holt
Robt. Cunliffe.

Richard Woods of Eccleston in the County of Lancaster sworne and examined saith That about the latter end of February last this informer togeather with James Chrichlowe and Thurstan Chrichlowe beinge sent by James Smith Agent for the Sequestracions in the Hundred of Amoundernes with a warrant to distreine the goods of Maiour Joseph Rigby for a debt of a hundred pounds and upwards (but how much hee certainly remembreth not) owinge by him to the Comonwealth for some sequestred estates formerly farm'd or possessed by him and Cominge to Maiour Rigby's house in Aspull and tellinge him the occasion of theire cominge, hee the said Maior Rigby tould them they shold distreine none for if they did hee would make a reskewe whereupon takinge this informer and the other twoe with him into his house hee gave them some beare to drinke and presently after they cominge out of the house and goeing about to distreine about eight or nine of his servants and others Assaulted this

informer and the others that were with him the said Maior bidding them to kill them twoe of them beinge armed with halfe pickes, and one with a whole pyke and the others with swords and other weapons they beate and wounded this Informer in twoe places of his Arme with a halfe pyke verrie dangerously and forced them to goe away without makinge any distresse And saith that by reason of his wounds aforesaid he was not able to follow any imployment for the space of a moneth after and upwards.

RICHARD M WOODS
marke.

Jur. apud Preston 4th die
Junij 1651. coram nobis
Peter Holt
Robt. Cunliffe
G. Pigot.

Vera copia exam' per E. Wall.

II. PETITIONS FOR COMPENSATION.

In Feb. 1649-50 the Lancashire Commissioners wrote to the Committee for Compounding in London drawing attention to a threatened abuse: "We find very many of sequestered estates let for the next year to reduced officers who have great arrears due to them, and who have given nothing but their own security, with that of their fellow-officers. If such contracts go on without better assurance we foresee great difficulty to procure the rent." *Calendar*, i, 174, 178.

JOHN CASE.

G. cxlii, fo. 143d.; *Cal*, i, 643.

To his Excellency the Lord Generall Cromwell and the Counsell of State.

The humble petticion of John Case
Sheweth

That att the late Invasion of the Kinge of Scottes with his Army your pettitioner, haveing been employed in collectinge and receiveinge Severall Sommes of moneyes ariseinge out of the sequestracions within the County of Lancaster, had then in his hands of those moneyes 300*li*. And afterwards your pettitioner, beeing employed as an Officer in Colonell Ireland's regiment which attended your Excellency in the service att Worcester, who were then att great want of moneyes, whereupon your Excellency required your pettitioner to paie the said 300*li*. to the regiment afforesaid. Which hee did accordingly; for which your Excellency gave your acquittance to bee allowed upon accompte by

the Treasurers att Goldsmiths' Hall. But soe it is that your pettitioner, beinge Accomptable to the Com'rs of Lancashyre and the Com'rs to Mr. Auditor Sherwyn att Haberdashers' Hall, the said Mr. Sherwyn doth deny to allow the said 300*li.* upon thine accompt unlesse the same bee charged by some particuler Order to issue out of the Treasurie; without which your pettitioner stands chargeable with the same.

Your pettitioner therefore humbly praieth your Excellency and this Counsell to Order the said moneyes to bee charged upon Treasurie, or that the same may bee putt into Such way as itt may bee allowed upon their Accompter, soe that your pettitioner, and the Com'rs of Lancashyre may bee discharged thereof and your pettitioner as in duety bound will pray etc.

In margin: "30 Decr., 163. Allowed? the 300*li.* to lie upon accompte.

15 September, 1653.

The Petition'r deposeth that the Abovewritten is the petition on his behalf Exhibited to the Councel of State att Whitehall which is Referred to the Com'rs for Compounding *et per* order of the said Councell of State, dated the 2nd of July, 1653 hereunto Annexed, and that the Contents of the said Petition are true.

R.W.; W. ASHE.

fo. 145.

(Copy).

Received the 27th of August from Capt. John Case for the use of Coll. Gilbert Ireland Regiment of Foote the Summe three hundred pounds, the which shall bee allowed as received forth of the Sequestration in Lancashire by the Treasurers att Goldsmiths-hall 300*li.* oos.

I say received

By me O. CROMWELL.

Vera copia: Ex'r MATH. LEA.

fo. 147. These are hereby to certify that Capt. John Case, according to his Excellency's direction and acquittance given did issue forth and pay for the use of my Regiment the Summe of 300*li.* at the tyme of theire Service at Worcester. Witnesse my hand the 21st of June, 1653.

G. IRELAND.

Vera copia: Ex'r, MATH: LEA.

fo. 150. Order of the Council of State referring the matter to Haberdashers' Hall. Affidavit of petitioner at foot..

MAJOR EDWARD ROBINSON AND OTHERS.

G. cxiv, fo. 951; *Cal.* i, 173.

To the Right Honour'ble the Com'rs appointed by the Parliament of England for Compounding with Delinquents.

The humble Petition of Maior Edward Robinson, Capt. Edward French, Capt. Gerrard Markland.

Sheweth

That the Committee of Lancashire upon the 13th of March, 1645[-6] reduced all the troopes of horse then belonging to that County into one Regiment, which Regiment continued in service for the Parliament of England untill the 15 of January, 1647[-8]; wherein alsoe every of your petitioners continued a Captaine of a Troope of Horse. At which tyme the saied Regiment (was as then supernumeraries) by Ordinance of Parliament and orders from his excellencie the Lord Fairefaxe, as alsoe by directions from the hon'ble the committee of the Armie, ordered to disband; which ordinance, order and directions were by your petitioners observed accordingly, who did quietly and readily disband there troopes. In expectacion the Committee would have paied them proportionably to their Collonel, Coll. Nicholas Shuttleworth, who received his full pay out of the sequestracions according to the Establishment, by order of the saied Committee of Lancashire dureinge that tyme, as is Certified under the hand of Mr. Alexander Norres, Treasurer to the said Committee. But your petitioners could not obtain their pay according to their places and service for the same tyme.

Wherefore your petitioners doth humbly pray that your honnours would order those Com'rs appointed by your honnours within the county of Lancaster to examine the truth of this petition and if they shall fynd the same true then to give to your petitioners their pay, proportionably to their places and services with the Coll. Nicholas Shuttleworth, out of the Arreares of the sequestracions within that County alreadie granted by your honnours to be disposed by your saied Com'rs soe appointed by your honnours for that County. And wee shall humbly pray.

"Recd. 18 Feb. 1649 [-50]. And ordered that lettres of recommendatione be sent from hence to the subcommissioners in Lancashire in the behalf of the petitioners as is desired."

JOHN SIDGREAVES.

The following letter from Alexander Rigby of Middleton in Goosnargh, baron of the Exchequer, to the Committee for Compounding with delinquents may be added here:

G. cxiii, fo. 909; *Cal.* i, 172.

Right Hon'ble,

The bearer hereof, John Sidgreaves, was for many yeares together before the beginninge of these warres employed as one of my Clerkes and since his departure from mee hath served the Parliament sometymes as Ensigne of a foote company and other tymes as Cornett of a Troope of Horse; In which service hee hath behaved himselfe both faithfully and valiently and hath undauntedly marched against the Enemy when his Colours have beene shott thorough and thorough. His arreares due to him from the State are greate, as soe alsoe is his Charge of wiffe and Children. Hee hath beene alwayes well affected to the Parliament and soe now contynueth to them and the Republique by them Established. And if your honours please to imploy him as Clerke to the Com'rs for Sequestracions within the Countie of Lanc'e. it wilbee some meanes of subsistence unto him, whoe deserveth such respect from the Republique; whoe I beleive shall finde him faithfull and fitt for that Imployment.

All which is most humbly represented to your Honours.

Your most humble Servant

13th of Feby.

ALEX. RIGBY.¹

1649-50.

III. TROUBLE WITH OFFICIALS.

PETER AMBROSE.

He was appointed agent for sequestrations in Lancashire on 26 Feb., 1649-50 (*Cal.* i, 178), having already been one of the agents for some years, but he protested he was not able to do the work of the whole county and assistants were therefore nominated (*ibid.*, 194) and John Case was appointed in July (*ibid.*, 274). Apparently Ambrose was unable to make up his accounts for the period 1643 to 1649. He was ordered to do so in April, 1651 (*ibid.*, 436), and on failure was imprisoned at Liverpool; on the plague breaking out in the garrison there the prisoners were removed and Ambrose returned to his own house. Still he delayed accounting, and in May, 1652 the London Committee wrote threatening him with imprisonment, saying "Your conduct is a scandal to your professions of conscience and religion" (*ibid.*, 580). In July and August his imprisonment was ordered

¹ Later, fo. 911 to 925, are papers relating to the above gentleman who had married Anna [Gobert], late wife and administratrix of Thomas Legh, esq., of Adlington, Cheshire.

(*ibid.*, 596, 602). The accounts were ready at the end of 1652 (*ibid.*, 624) but still unpassed in June, 1653, when Ambrose and Case came to London to pass them (*ibid.*, 641), and in August the serjeant-at-arms was ordered to take Ambrose into custody till he should give security for payment of the £1200 stated by the auditor to be due on his accounts for 1650 (*ibid.*, 647). He was released in October on paying fees, Major Wigan becoming surety for his appearance on summons (*ibid.*, 658). The following are some of the documents in this matter, the second letter having considerable interest for other reasons.

G. clix, fo. 457; *Cal.* i, 357.

LETTER FROM PRESTON, 19 NOV., 1650.

Gentlemen,

Having received severall orders from you for the sendinge upp an Accompt of the yearly Revenue arisinge out of the Sequestracions of this County, wee have used our utmost Endeavours (ever since wee were first employed) to procure an Exact accompt both from the Agents that were formerly employed and likewise from the present Agent, And have with much labour and paines reduced them into as good a method as possible, and had sent them upp ere this by a speciall messenger had wee not founde the accompts of Mr. Peter Ambrose (whome you were pleased to appoynt to bee our Agent Generall) soe defective that they have hitherto beene the onely obstruccion to all the Rest. Whereupon att our last meeting wee dispatchd away a speciall messenger to him, Requiringe his Attendance here this day, for the perfectinge his Accompts in such things wherein the same were defective. But instead thereof wee have onely Received a lettre from him intimating that hee is upon his Journey to London, to what end wee knowe not. And therefore wee shall desire to Acquaynt you that att our first meetinge, when wee Received your order wherein Mr. Ambrose was named Agent Generall, wee Acquaynted him with what was Expected from him and us. Whoe Returned us this answeere (after some tyme of consideracion): that hee havinge beene onely employed as one of the foure Agents within one of the Six hundreds in this County for seaven years past, hee had beene soe overburthened with the charge and trouble thereof that hee could never to that day perfect his Accompts.

And truely the late Auditour for the Agents' Accompts in this County and Captain Samuel Birch, whoe was (fo. 458) entrusted by the Soldirie to viewe the Agents' accompts, doe affirme that if ever his Accompt be perfected there will appeare to be in arreare

and due to the State within his Division Twenty thousand pounds. Whereupon wee in a Christian, private way Endeavoured to lett him see his own neglect in deferringe and delayinge his Accompts and desired him as he Tendred the Glory of God, the Creditt of the Gospell (of which he had been an Ancient Professor) and the vindicating of his owne Reputacion, that he would endeavour by the perfectinge of his Accompts to cleere himself from the aspersions of the Countrie under which hee lay. And since wee have several tymes peremptorily Required an Accompt from him, but have Received nothing but Dilatorie Excuses. And wee heare from Coll. Birche that hee hath at this tyme Returned greate sommes of money to London; not acquainting us therewith, although he Verie well knows that all the Moneys arisinge out of the Sequestracion here is by your Order Appoynted to be paid to us.

All which Enforceth us (though otherwise verie unwillinge) to Certifie that wee know not how to give a Charitable Construccion Of these Accions, hee having not long since sent over twoe of his Sonns into New England, and what his intencions are in thus leaving the Country, his Accompts not any wise perfected, wee know not.

Wee shall therefore desire that if he shall tender any Accompts before you, the same may be sent downe to bee perused and Examined, and that such iust excepcions (fo. 459) as may be taken to them may bee Admitted; and if hee shall not offer an Accompt that now when hee is att London, securitie may be taken by you that hee shall, within some tyme to be lymitted by you, perfect his Accompts and pay in what shalbe found to be in Arrers and due to the State.

Wee shall this next weeke send upp a speciall messenger with the Accompts and shall Endeavour accordinge to our Abillities to doe the Comonwealth that service which may be iustly Expected from

Your Humble Servants

PETER HOLT,
ROBT. CUNLIFFE,
G. PIGOT.

Marginal notes on above document:

"That the Com'rs will transmitt his Accompts when he putts them in and will take care of Securitie."

"That Mr. Ambrose doth informe that the Com'rs doe urge it upon him to receyve the moneyes and Returne that they looke

upon their Instruccions and take care for the same, the act Requiringe it of them."

G. clix, fo. 453; Cal. i, 441.

LETTER FROM PRESTON, 9 MAY, 1657.

Gentlemen,

Wee received yours of the 18 March last and are with all care and dilligence preparinge our accompts which wee will endeavour to perfect as speedily as wee can procure accompts for this last year from Mr. Ambrose. Wee have spent this Two or Three moneths past in lettinge and disposinge of Sequestred Estates, which (notwithstanding all our endeavour) is not yet perfected, many estates beinge yet unlett and (though seuerall tymes posted) yet noe offers have beene made att them but farr under the valewe. Besydes, many that have contracted for estates out of hope to gaine and to make profit thereof, yett afterwards fynedinge that they had bidden a full valewe. And that the owners of those estates, nor any other, would farme them from them att such rates, they have left the same and deny to give security for payement of the rent contracted for. And in particular Leiutenant Jolly, Leiutenant of a foote company in the garrison att Chester, hath farmd the estates of Robert Blundell of Ince, Esq., Thomas Garrard of Ince, Esq., and Mrs. Girlington of Stanworth, and affirmed that hee had offered soe greate a rate for those estates that hee is not able to deale therewith and that hee can not give Securitie for the same; and Quartermaster Gray and others alledginge that they onely offered such rates with an Intencion to advance the publique revenewe and to drawe the Delinquent or papist to an higher rate. Itt appeares in some other contracts they have made benefitt to themselves. Wee humbly desyre your speedy direccions herein,¹ in regard the yeare is farr spent, whether wee shall post them anewe or howe wee shall enforce the Contractours to give Security. But if this dealinge be suffered it will encourage others to deny security in hope of the abatement of their rents.

By yours of the 9th December last you were plesed to acquainte us that Mr. Peter Ambrose, then Agent for Derby Hundred, had engaged himself to bring in his Accompts within two monethes then next comeinge; but although wee have several tymes since the end of the two monethes called upon him for the same wee could never as yett get any thinge from him but dillatorie Excuses;

¹ The following marginal note has been made here: "We conceive that by their contracts they are tyed to their bargaines, but if they will not give what they have bidden then you are to take as much as you can of any other."

and upon his allegacions that the division wherein hee was, was too large for him and that he was overburden therewith and that the multiplicity of his busines there was one cause wherefore hee could not goe on with his accompts as he desired.

Wee for the furtherance of the service (with his consent) gave orders that the two parishes of Wigan and Ormeskirke should bee managed by William Eccleston and Mr. Ambrose eased of his Employment there; and hee seemed to bee well pleased therewith and promised to deliver a particular of the estates in those parishes to William Eccleston to the end they might bee posted and lett accordinge to your instruccions. But at our meeting at Wigan for the letting the estates in that hundred, wee found the estates in those parishes posted at severall rates both by Mr. Ambrose and William Eccleston, which wee perceeing to breed confusion in the Countrie wee desired Mr. Ambrose to desist and leave off his employment in those two parishes according to our former order made by his consent; but att our next meetinge afterwarde att Ormeskirke, upon the like ocation, hee tould us publicly that hee acted not by any orders of ours, nether would hee act further unless hee might proceed in Ormeskirke parish as formerly; which wee conceiveing to be to the greate preiudice of the State, desired and entreated him in a fayre and loveing manner to goe on in his employment. But hee absolutely denyed Except hee might have the whole Employment which hee had formerly complained on as a burden, tellinge us againe that hee nether had nor would act for the Stipend allowed by your order of the 9th December. Whereupon wee nominated Mr. John Case, a respectable and fitt man, to act within that division which hee hath since accordingly done; and wee humbly desire hee may receive orders from you to authorish him to proceed as Agent In part of Darby Hundred, wherein Mr. Peter Ambrose was lately Employed and who hath not acted as Agent since that tyme.¹

Wee make bould further to certifie that Richard Sherburne of Stoniehurst, Esq., and Richard Sherburne, Gentleman, his son and heir aparent, and Richard Walmsley of Dunkinhalgh, Esq., being suspected of Poperie, wee (accordinge to your Instruccions) gave order for the Summoneinge of them to appeare before us to take the oath of abjuration of Poperie; and in regard Mr. Walmsley was beyond the seas wee ordered his estate to bee secured.

¹ Marginal note: "We did formerly appoint agents when Mr. Kinge was in towne and though we nominate all the agents yet they are subordinate to you and are to follow your Direccions in obsr. of the commission [and] acts and ord: [of] P[arliament], and not to act at their own pleasure. Therefore give further notice hereof from us, and sec[ure] his person till hee hath given in his accounts."

But instead of the appearance of Mr. Sherburne and his son we received a letter from Mr. Sherburne the father, that in regard of his many infirmities he was not able to appeare and sent one of his servants to make oath thereof; copies of which letter and oath are herewith sent; but Mr. Sherburne the Sonn beinge Summoned by George Hindley, Agent for Blackburne Hundred, hee tould him hee might have saved that labour for he would not take it, as by the Examination of the said George Hindley herewith sent may appeare.¹ And wee fynd upon the fyle of Informacions taken before the late Committee that the said Mr. Sherburne educated his children in Poperie (copies of which Informacions are inclosed).² And as touchinge Mr. Walmsley, who hath beene Educated in the Popish Religion (as is well knowne to eche of us), his servant hath produced a certificate from Mr. Frost, Secretary to the Counsell of State, to Travell in to Italie (copie whereof is here inclosed). Wee humbly desire your direcions for our further proceedings herein as also your answere to our former letters touchinge Colonell Standish, whereunto (though longe since sent) wee have not received and answere;³ and shall subscribe ourselves.

Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servants,

PETER HOLT,

ROBT. CUNLIFFE,

H. PIGOT.

G. clix, fo. 127; Cal. i, 463.

LETTER FROM PRESTON, 2 JULY, 1651.

Gentlemen,

Wee received yours of the third of June and as touching that part of it concerninge Mr. Ambrose⁴ hee is lately falne upon his Accompts more seriously than formerly and hath promised us faithfully not to leave of the same till they bee perfected, which hee affirmes wilbee within twoe monethes next at furthest. If we shold imprison him it wold bee a meanes to defer his accompts, and therefore we conceive it better to leave him at libertie,⁵ till

¹ Marginal note: "Sequester the son." [Young Sherburne].

² Marginal note: "Prove they are so educated; then we will give further order to seize and secure unlesse they shew cause to the contrarie."

³ Marginal note: "We desire you to advise with Mr. Squib, one of our number, who is in your parts."

⁴ Marginal Note: "Wm. Syddon to be summoned to appeare Tuesday next to bring in the booke of Accompts wherein Mr. Ambrose is concerned."

⁵ Marginal note: "The Comrs. to take good security of Mr. Ambrose for his forthcoming, and thereupon the restraint to be respited."

those bee perfected and then you may dispose of him as you shall see cause. In the meantime wee desire your further direction, and that you wilbee pleased to issue a Commission to Mr. John Case to acte in his roome as Agent for part of Darby hundred and likewise to Mr. Richard Whitehead to act as Agent for Lonsdale hundred, in the roome of Captaine Adam Sands, whoe left off the imployment about six months since.¹

For that concerning Coll. Standish wee have given order to Levy the Arreares due by him, but for making complaint of his actions to the Lord General wee conceive it will not be necessary in regard hee hath beene since discharged and is now at his owne house.²

And whereas you write you have seen a letter from us directed to Mr. Robert Massey, whoe was appointed by you to acte as a Commissioner with us wherein wee signifie unto him that wee will not act with any that shall seeke the place; truly we must acknowledge that that was all the cause wherefore wee refused to Joyne with him which wee expressed in that letter. But wee had some conference with him in private and their shewed him some other reasons which we were not willing to publish in writeinge, in regard they might have tended somethinge to his prejudice, hee beinge a Tradesman and living upon his credit.³

Wherewith wee then conceived hee wold have rested satisfisied But in regard he proceeds on therein wee are resolved not to joyne with him in Commission and desire the business may be respited till some of us may waite upon you (which wee intend to bee very shortly with our accompts). And then wee shall give you further satisfaction therein. And in the meantyme to rest

Your most humble Servants,

PETER HOLT,

ROBT. CUNLIFFE,

G. PIGOT.

Post.—There are some gentlemen that have places of trust in the Ile of Mann under the earle of Darby that were there before the warres and doe continue theire imployment still and have estates in Lancashire. Wee desire your direccions whether wee must not secure their estates, or that they may still enjoy them, notwithstanding their Imployment as aforesaide.⁴

¹ Marginal note: "Johh Case, Rich. Whitehead, in the roomes of the other."

² Marginal note: "Wee approve of what you do concerning Standish."

³ Marginal note: "The Comrs. cannot revoke their order without some reason seene and therefore deserved. That if one of them do not forthwith come, which wee do expect, to write up their accompts, that then they send up the reasons in writing."

⁴ Marginal note: "Ordered to seize and secure under certain conditions."

Adam Sands, one of the Lancashire agents, had complaint made against him in July, 1653 respecting his accounts, but particulars are not given (*Calendar*, i, 646). A year later James Hardman, the agent for Lonsdale Hundred, was found to owe £720 and measures were taken to recover it. (*Cal.*, i, 689, 707, 710, 719).

ROBERT MASSEY.

The objection of the Lancashire Commissioners to receive Robert Massey as a colleague has been stated in the letter just printed relating to Ambrose. Their reasons, with Massey's replies, are set out in the following documents. A sharp letter from the London Commissioners will be found in the *Calendar*, i, 491 (22 Oct., 1651): "Act with Massey or we shall speedily appoint others less refractory." They regarded Massey's reply to the charges as satisfactory (*ibid.*, i, 515). Holt died, whereupon Evan Wall, their clerk, was recommended as his successor but was not appointed. Cunliffe persisted in his refusal to act with Massey and was discharged of his office (*ibid.*, i, 629). Pigott also was dismissed in August, 1652 (*ibid.*, i, 583, 603). Aspinwall, who had at first refused to act with Massey, proved submissive and was restored to office (*ibid.*, i, 592).

LETTER FROM PRESTON, 10 APRIL, 1651.

G. ci, fo. 827.

Sir,

As itt pleased our good God to give us a Calle to this place before any of us either thought of or sought the same, soe wee are Resolv'd untill wee bee discharged to goe on with it without Joyninge our selves with any whoe shall seeke the place; and shalbe readie to give an Accompt hereof to the Com'rs above unto you when thereunto called, if you thinke not fit to Acquiesse in this our Answeare to your lettre, which this meetinge came to our hands. Noe more att present but that wee are

Your Lo. Friends,

PETER HOLT,

ROBT. CUNLIFFE,

G. PIGOT.

To our verie Lovinge Friend

Mr. Robert Massey att

Warrington,
these.

LETTER FROM WARRINGTON, 20 APRIL, 1651.

G. ci, fo. 849; *Cal.* i, 435.

May itt please your Honours

That whereas it being your pleasure to Isue forth a Comision

unto mee to ackt as a Comisioner for Sequestrassion within the Countie of Lancaster which at my returne from London I did adress my selfe to the Comissioners in being in ordar to that service. But what there answer was (in wordes) I shall forbear to incerte being Large, only there owne Letter I have sent up which they referred mee unto for there Answer to myne sent them 7 dayes before. My humble desire therefore is your Honours will be pleased to voutsefe two lynes unto mee what your pleasure is as to the premises, for I would not willingly ethar doe or leave undone aney thinge which may contradickt aney Rule whereby I ought to walke in ordar to the service of the Comonwelth, nethar am I cansious to my selfe that I have geven aney ocasson to the Comissioners or aney person whatsoevar whereuppon the can justly bottum such a reiection of my service at by there lettur to mee is aparant the have done. Onelie I conceive my Cuming in amongst them will sumthing eclips there sallerie. Nevarttheless what the will aledge I knowe not, but if the can make aney thinge out agenst mee provided I may have libartie to make my Just defenc to there Charge that may seem vallid in your Honours Judgments to suspend my acktinges as to the said sarvic, I shall without the least hint of Complaint willingly submit. Otharways I hould it my duttie to vindicatt your Honours ackt, which I doe aprehend to bee much slighted by them, and to Cleare my owne inocensie therein. In which I am Cansious to my selfe and doubt not but wilbe by your Honours soe aiudged, not knowinge aney thinge wherefore I should have this occasion to applie my selfe unto you otharwayes then what I have here incerted for the verie well knowe howe great my sufferinges have beene for my good affexion to the Parliament, which integritie I hope to hould out and make Cleare agenst aney that shall seeke to Eclips it. Thus Craveinge pardon for my bouldnes I take leave and am

Your Honours most Humble sarvant

Warrington the
20th Aprill
1651.

RO: MASSEY.
1651.

Addressed: For the Hon'bl the Com'rs for Compounding with
Delinquantes or to aney of them at Haberdashares
hall

these

present

N.B. The body of the letter is not in His handwriting.

G. cxxvii, fo. 121; *Cal.* i, 478.

Gentlemen,

It hath pleased God to take forth of this life Peter Holte, Esqr., late one of your Com'rs for Sequestracions for this Countie, a verie pretious instrument in the service of the Comonwealth; which occasioneth us according to the trust reposed in us by our Cuntrie to tender to you an other whom wee iudge fit to bee employed in the foresaid Service in the roome of Mr. Holte—to wit, Mr. Evan Wall, a gentleman whoe (upon a verie large experience) wee have founde and iudged faithfull in the Service of the Comonwealth in Generall, And in the particular imployment for Sequestracion (wherein he haith for manie years been employed as a Clerke). Wee must needs give him our testimonie that hee haith beene verie able and faithfull. Upon conference with the other two of your Comissioners, wee perceive that yow have Comissionated Mr. Massie of Warrington for the same ymployment. Trulie, Gentlemen, wee doe verie well know that hee is unable in pointe of experience and iudgment for that imploymt and that hee hath not anie estate responsible to the Comonwealth for that truste. That which moves us to move yow to electe the one and reiecte the other, [is] meerelie the abilitie fidelitie and fitnes of the one to that worke, wherof wee are not alike assured in the other. And that herein wee maie bee serviceable to the comonwealth is the sole aime of, Gentlemen,

Your verie affectionate freinds and servants

Warrington in Lancs.

THO. FELL.

the 29 of Aug. 1651.

THO. BIRCH.

Superscription:

“ Four our honored freinds the Comissioners
for Compounding at Haberdashers' Hall these
present.”

Memo. on back: “ These to be looked further into.”

LETTER FROM PRESTON, 7 Nov., 1651.

G. ci, fo. 859, etc.; *Cal.* i, 499.

Sir,

Wee have seene your last lettre to Mr. Wall, and not meet[ing] till this presente wee can not retorne you soe full an Answer to that touching Mr. Massey as wee desire and you may iustly expect from us. Butt wee desire that if it be still pressed by the Com'rs that hee must act with us you wilbe pleased to present unto [them] these ensuing reasons for our not acting or ioyning with him.

First, it is commonly reported that not long since hee compounded his Debts with his Creditors, and therefore wee Conceive it will not only be a prejudice to the service if such be ymployed, Butt the vote of the countrey wilbe that the business is carried on by men of broken fortunes; which wilbe a scandal to us all if wee shall act with him.

Secondly, wee conceive that if wee shall ioyn with him wee shalbe made responsible for any summe or summes of money which shall come to his hands or which hee shall happen to receive out of any the profitts of the Sequestracions during his ymployment; and our Instruccions directing us that one of ourselves must be Treasurer, for which wee must be responsible, wee dare not engage our Estates upon such a hazard as by ioyning with him Wee shalbe enforced unto, if it shall fall upon him to be Treasurer, as it must of necessitie doe if wee shall take that Office upon us in our courses ass it shall happen.

Thirdly, wee humbly conceive that if the Com'rs for Compounding doe authorize him to act with us out of their sence of some defects in us—that three are not able to carry on the worke; that then they would be pleased to add two more to us rather than one, that so, if at any time wee happen to differ in Judgment (as probably wee may) the businesse of the County may nott be retarded by opposing two vots against two, butt that there may be a casting vote which may determyne and putt a period to any buisnes which may soe happen.

Fourthly, upon the late advance of the Scots' King with his forces into this County hee was conceived to be very averse and backward in the service, insomuch that hee denied to pay or provide such men or money as was iustly charged upon him for the furtherance of that service by the Com'rs for the Militia in that Hundred wherein he lived; and hee being nominated by the said Com'rs and authorized by them to raise a foote company for the Defence of the Country [in] that straight that the Country was driven into by the enemies' sudden approach, and had a Commission sent him for that purpose, hee not onely absolutely denied the ymployment But returned his Commission backe to the Com'rs, alledging that hee could not leave his trading; it being att such a time when that any man was well affected to the service of the Commonwealth could not posibly make any benefit of their trade nor scarcely durst open their shoppes.

Fifthly, at the Scots' Comming to Warrington his wife and family was seene openly to reioyce and be glad of their Comming and many of the Commanders upon the Enemies' parte were very

well enterteined there and were taken by most to be rather friends than Enemies to them.

If not with standing all that hath byn alledged the Com'rs will authorise him to act with us, that then you will move them that our Accompts may be presently audited and that wee may bee discharged of our ymployment, for wee are resolved either to ioine with such with whome wee may cordially act and as may be most for the benefitt and advantage of the Commonwealth, or otherwise to give a good Accompte for the time wee have byn employed and leave the same to such as they shall please to appoint.

What further you shall think fitt to be done herein wee shall leave to your discretion to mannage as you shall see cause, And ever remayne

Your assured friend to serve you

EDW. ASPINWALL,

G. PIGOTT.

For our honored friend Mr.

Robert Cunliffe at the Bell

in Fridaye streete.

hast, hast.

REPLY, DATED 25 NOV., 1651.

G. ci. fo. 855; Cal. i. 499.

To the honorable Commissioners for Compounding.

The humble petition of Robert Massey of Warrington, Mercer.

Most humblie shewing—

That your petitioner had a commission graunted to him by your honours January 1650[-1] to act as one of the Commissioners for Sequestracion in the countie of Lancaster;

That your petitioner hath reaped noe fruite of the said Commission; the commissioners there yield not obedience;

That upon this contempt of the said Commissioners and to vindicate your honours' power, your petitioner was forced upon a tedious Journey backe to London, when your honours were pleased to renewe his Commission and to empower him a second time; and yet your power as contemptuously laid by the second time, and the doore of their Committee shutt upon it, highly resolved amongst themselves that your petitioner should have nothing to doe in that business of Sequestracion;

That, notwithstanding all this abuse of your power and patience, your honours were pleased to direct your letters to the said Commissioners signifying your further pleasure of their enterteynment of your petitioner at a joynte commissioner with them;

That the answer to the said Lettre holds forth nothin gof trueth, but malice, scandall and as much as in them lyeth to make your petitioner a Traytor to the State and so incapable of Publique trust or ymployment within this Commonwealth. And not so satisfied, but doe blast your petitioner with compounding his debts and a man of broken fortune, purposely to take away his good name, creditt and lyvelyhood, and thereby seeke the utter ruyne of him, his wife, children and famylie. And the said Lettres doth further expresse that rather then they would have your petitioner ioyned in Commission with them they would breake up, give over all and worke noe longer on the publique score, As appears by their letter subscribed by Mr. Aspinwall and Mr. Pigott hereunto annexed, together with your petitioners' reply unto it.

The premisses considered, your petitioner humblie prayes your honours' protection against the dark machinations of the said Commissioners and for the Commission so freely and favourably graunted to your petitioners that you wilbe pleased to contynue it, appointing such to ioyne with him as will Cordially act in your service, men of known trust and integritie, or otherwise as shall seeme good to your honours' wisdomes.

And he shall pray etc.

Ro. MASSEY.

G. ci, fo. 863; Cal. i, 506.

The Answer of Robert Massey to a lettre subscribed by Edw. Aspinwall and Geo: Pigott, wherein they give fyve reasons (as they call them) of their refusall of the saide Robert Massey to ioyne with them in the busines of Sequestracions for the County of Lancaster.

1. That the said Robert Massey compounded for his debts and so is a man of broken fortunes.
2. That hee is not a responsible man and so not in a Capacity to hold their place of Treasurer or Cash-keeper for the County.
3. That if the Commissioners for Compounding, possibly for some defect in the County Committee, will needs add to the number (Consisting att presente of Three) that then they will make them if rather fyve then (butt) foure, because of a Casting vote, if need be. This is their 3rd reason that Robert Massey should not be in Comission with them.
4. That he is no friend to the Parliament, for first hee refused to pay taxes; secondly hee had a Commission not long since sent him to be a Captaine, and hee would none: *Ergo*, not fitt to be a Comissioner, because not fitt to be a Captaine.

5. That his wife and familie were observed to reioyce much [as though] it pleased them very well to see the Scottish King and his forces come marching into Warrington. Robert Massey's wife was glad of this; the husband at the very time gone to Chester, fled thither for his life, and the good woman meanwhyle and her Company making merry att home with her husband's enemies.

These are the 5 reasons that Mr. Aspinwall and Mr. Pigott present to the Commissioners for Compounding (by the hands of Mr. Cunliffe) why they stand off and cannot submit to their Commission for Robert Massie's communication in the business of sequestracion.

1. First, for that of Compounding for his debts, Robert Massey denies it, And lett the two subscribers of the Lettre prove it. Hee denies that ever hee did it, denies that ever hee desired such a thing. They say tis commonly reported. Hee saies hee will stand or fall to the proove of the thing. And surely the two subscribers have ill provided for themselves to reporte a thing upon a reporte and tell abroad of a Tradesman, a man of broken fortune, and cannot prove it.

2. For that of his irresponsiblnes [by] cause of debts and incapacity for their Treasurer's place or publique ymployment, Robert Massey conceives (by the Subscribed loane) his debts in this case should plead for not against him, because contracted (most of them) upon the publique score. Butt yett for all his now responsibilities and as broken as hee is, if 10,000*li.* will sett him together againe there are friends in London will serve the State in such a proporcion on his behalfe. And that is his answer to their 2nd reason.

3. Thirdly, for the 3rd reason, hee sees noe reason in it (as to the busines in hand) so hee says nothing to it; As, put a case (as they please to prescribe in their lettre) that the Commissioners for Compounding should add to (*sic*) more to the presente Three in the County, yett Robert Massey hopes, that wilbe noe reason that hee may not be one of them, if the ho'ble Commissioners think fitt in their wisdoms.

4. Fourthly, the subscribers of the lettre insinuate him no friend to the Parliament upon a double account: first, that in the late invasion of the Scots hee refused to pay his proporcion assessed him by the Commissioners for the Militia; 2ndly, hee refused the place of a Captain and commaund of a foote Company; tho' a Commission [was] purposely sent him by the said Commissioners yett hee returned it back, preferring his trade to the

Countrie's peace and his particular gaine to the good of the publique.

Thus he subscribes For answer to all this: first, Robert Massey still calls to the subscribers to make prooffe of the thing. Their bare wordes will not be taken; they must produce honest men to Witnesse to it. By the way note one thing, to wit, that these same Commissioners of the Militia the Lettre points att, that had the Chiefest hand in Robert Massie's assessment in the late troubles And in his Commission for Captaine, were none other then Mr. Aspinwall and Mr. Pigott, the Two subscribers of the Lettre; whoe from that very time (which was many monethes before the last Comming in of the Scots) that Robert Massey applied to them with his Commission to sitt with them (which they put back with scorne enough) have overlooked upon him with an evil and disdainfull eye. It is to tedious to relate all the circumstances, Butt lett all the Neighbourhood say what unworthy advantages these Two gentlemen have made of their power to revenge themselves of Robert Massey, both in the business of Assessments in the late confusions of the Country And in his Commission for Captaine. As if a man of broken fortune, as themselves say why then a Captaine? or if altogether unskilful in the service of soldierie, as all the Country knowe, Why a Captaine? Or if other men in Lancashire more fitt (as there were many) and better laid in for that service every way, why not they rather than hee? why must hee be taken and they passed by? Surely the meaning is not good where a private Lettre must be sent to place honest Uriah (probably none of the best soldiers) in the forefront of the hottest battel. It is an ill omen when [men] in power that should serve their Country with it, shall keepe it by them to serve (most what) a particular turne. Butt see farther. The Subscribers tell of sending Robert Massey a Commission for Captain, but they should have told withall the time when; that it was after the Earl of Darby was routed. And they tell of his sending backe their Commission, but they should have told withall of a Lettre sent att that time for satisfaccion. And they tell of his backwardness to act in the late publique disturbance, but they should have told withall of his forwardness to furnish them with match and powder, when the Scots were marching into the Country, to the value of £18. And they tell a dark tale of his refusing to pay Assessments, but Mr. Aspinwall should have told withall (for hee best knowes) that Robert Massey at the Scots' coming in, besides his owne charge, did bare the charge of divers others in Warrington (equally charged with

himselfe, that is, as well as himselfe) and that by Mr. Aspinwall's own order, with a promise hee should be repaid all againe; but never saw penny to this day.

Besides many honest men [can testify] that after the generall rout at Worcester Robert Massey voluntarily commanded a score of Musketeers upon Warrington Bridge, resolving to lose their lives rather than one Scot of them should passe backe that way. The two subscribers and Mr. Cunliffe knewe nothing of this. And who so blind as hee that will not see?

5. Fiftly, they have another Argument to render Robert Massey incapable of a Commissioner's place with them, An Argument taken from his wieve's malignancy—that shee reioyced at the Scot Comming in, nay the subscribers have it in their lettre she reioyced openly.

Certainly the poore woman shall have the hands of all the godly, both men and women, not onely in Warrington butt all the parts thereabouts, to cry shame of this passage. Ah! what an unlymited thing is Malice; how wildly does it lay about like a pott over the fire—where it falls a seething it never leaves till it boiles over, or as a man in his frantick fitt, it strikes whoever stands next. And nowe Robert Massey Can pittie the Subscribers to see that men that pretend to the publicke should have such narrowe spiritts, and speake and wright so much beneath the trueth and followe a nighbor with revilings that Desires to live peaceably by them, and slander even to the ruin of his name and Estate and wife and family and all. Surely this is not the way of God, and hee will not prosper it.

And for the conclusion of their Lettre Robert Massey medles not with it, because it Concernes not him so much as the Commissioners for Compounding. And to that ho'ble board hee humbly submits both himselfe and his case.

RO. MASSEY.

A FURTHER REPLY.

G. ci, fo. 853; Cal. i, 506.

A true informacion of the deportment of Robert Massey of Warrington, upon the marching of the Scots' forces into Lancashyre, in answer to the comissioners' lettre of the 7th of 9'ber last.

1. That the sayd Robert Massey (when the Scots' Army march'd into Lancashire) fled to Chester for his life (the Earle of Derby, his publicke and much professed enemy, being then in the Countrey).

2. That the sayd Robert Massey during his Abode in Chester did hire a constant messenger at his owne charge to bring in intelligence every day from Warrington to Chester.

3. That the sayd Robert Massey voluntarily with the aid of Serieant Booth, Thomas Walstoncroft and about 20'tie Muskietiers) did secure Warrington brydge and did at his own charg furnish them with about 12*li.* of powder and match proporcionable, and did iointly resolve, rather than any one of the enemy should passe that way, to losse every man his life upon the place.

4. That the sayd Robert Massey at the time that the Scots' forces marched thorough Warrington had but one man-servant in his house of known integrity to the present Government, And that 2 other of his servants fled away for their lives, who yet after the Scots were routed pursued after them some 16 miles and took divers men and horse.

5. That the sayd Robert Massey had not one man of the Scots' Army entertain'd at his house upon their marching thorough Warrington.

6. That the sayd Robert Massey did sett forth a man compleate in Armes upon his own single score; notwithstanding others wer ordered to ioine in the charge, yet hee did bear all himself; and this soldier was upon the service at Worcester.

7. That the said Robert Massey had not a commission sent him to be a Captaine till after the Earle of Derby was routed; And he craves the lettre may be produced which hee sent in answer to the sayd Commission.

And further, for his faithfulness to the parliament all along and sufferings, hee referrs to the Certificates of the choicest gentrie and best affected in the parliament of the Counties of Chester and Lancaster, which hee has by him ready to produce.

And the sayd Robert Massey fears not to speak that his losses and sufferings in the Cause of the parliament are more, much more, than the present Commissioners for Sequestracions in Lancashyre were worth before these times.

RO. MASSEY.

OTHER NOTES OF THE MATTER.

G. c, fo. 347; Cal. i, 583.

By the Com'rs for Compounding etc., 1 mo. Junij 1652.

Having this day resumed the Debate touching the business between the present Com'rs of Lancashire and Mr. Robt. Massey; and Mr. Pigott, one of the said Com'rs, being asked whether he and his fellow Com'rs had considered of the business touching Acting in Commission with Mr. Massey, answered that he did not

desire to act with him and further sayed that he had received Letters lately from his fellow Com'rs, who said they would not act with Mr. Massey in Commission though they were necessitated to beg their bread.

Resolved—

That the said now Comissioners of Lancasheir be layed aside; yet neverthesse they are to Act in matters of Sequestracion till further order from us.

G. c, fo. 345; Cal. i, 621.

The following jottings appear to have been a minute taken down when Col. Birch gave the information.

Col. Birch his information 17 Decr., 1652.

The Com'rs of Lanc'r broke up their meetings; not appointed further.

Gervase Clifton.

Joane Banister: the Depositions . . . cannot be sent up because of the breaking up of the 14 Dec'r, 1652.

Coll. Birch acquainteth that Mr. R. Cunliffe is not satisfied to act with Mr. R. Massy in regard Mr. M. hath accepted of the management of the Treasury Accounts and hath not given Security here; soe that the rest of the Com'rs, if Security be not taken will be lyable to his miscarriage or neglecte; and therefore Mr. C. desires that either Mr. M. or himself may be discharged from his employment.

I am by or before this day 7-night to acquaint the Com'rs herewith and they doe, that I shall send notice to Col. Birch what is their resolution.

Col. Birch Lodgeth at Mr. Searle's a Chirurgeon in Martyn's lane near the Church and between that and Charing crosse.

G. c, fo. 349; Cal. i, 626.

By the Com'rs for Compoundinge etc., 25 January, 1652[-3].

Upon consideracion had of the present difference amonts the Com'rs for Seq'ns in Lancasteir, It is ordered that two Comm'rs; more be added to them now in Commission and that they be desired to Act; and if the present Com'rs. Doe stand upon Security to be given by any of the persons named then they are all to give Security.

And those that refuse to give Security are not to Act.^{1]}

SAM. MOYER.

EDW. WINSLOW.

RIC. MOORE.

WILL'M MOLINS.

¹ Added in a different ink.

PETER HARRISON.

Peter Harrison was solicitor to the first Committee of Sequestrations in Lancashire. It was reported that in 1651 he joined the Earl of Derby in the rising which ended at Worcester (see above, iii, 166; iv, 34), and he refused to give evidence against Capt. Samuel Birch, implicated in the same attempt. His estate was not sequestrated,¹ and he released his arrears of salary (at 6*d.* in the pound on the sequestrations made in his time of office) to John Wigan, who made claim for them in July, 1653 (*Cal. i*, 645).

G. xc, fo. 303; *Cal. i*, 569.

Wee formerly Acquainted your honours that Mr. Peter Harrison, late Sollicitor for Sequestracions, being summoned to give evidence against Capt. Birche for some Acts of Delinquencie committed in this last warre (for proofs whereof wee had only one witness, which wee certified to your Honnours; but hee appeareinge desired to bee excused, and wee pressing him to it, hee absolutely denied. To which you were pleased by yours of the 19th of Aprill last to Returne Answere that as to Capt. Birch, whoe denied to bee Examined against Mr. Harrison, wee had power to imprison him; which wee fynding to be a mistake, and that it should have beene that Mr. Harrison denying to be examined against Capt. Birch hee should have been imprisoned, wee conceived wee could not rightly proceed in it, and therefore wee again summoned Mr. Harrison, who hath since again denied. And therefore wee now desire Directions (as formerly) how to proceed against Mr. Harrison.²

G. cxxxix, fo. 73; *Cal. i*, 645.

Petition of John Wigan addressed to the Council of State showed that Peter Harrison, gent., then late solicitor for the sequestrations in the county of Lanc'r, as well in consideration of a certain sum of money owing by him to petitioner as also for other weighty reasons, assigned to him all arrears of salary due to the said Harrison. Petitioner prayed that the Council would require the Com'rs (at Haberdashers' Hall) forthwith to state the accounts of the said Harrison and to pay to petitioner what was due.

1st July, 1653—"Ref: Com'rs Hab: Hall."

"20 July. Ref'd to the Co'rs in Lanc. to ex: and cert: for how many yea: Har: was sol'r when dismissed, what sallery he was to have, how much paid and give us a speedy acc't Upon ret. whereof it is ref'd to Mr. Auditor to state the Acc't."

¹ A formal discharge was granted on 22 Nov., 1652. See *Cal. Com. for Advancing Money*, iii, 1446.

² Marginal note: "He must lay in prison till conformity."

G. xc, fo. 297; Cal. i, 664.

Gentlemen,

Whereas by your order of the 20th of July last, made upon the Petition of John Wigan presented to the Right Ho'ble the Counsell of State and Referred by them to your honnours, wee are Required to Examine and Certifie for how many years Mr. Peter Harrison (mentioned in the said Peticion) was Sollicitor for Sequestracions in this County before hee was dismissed, and what Sallerie was appointed him and howe much was paid him: In observance whereof wee humbly certifie that wee have seene his Commission for that imployment under the hands and Seales of the then Committee of Lords and Commons for sequestracions, dated the 12th of June, 1643; from which tyme hee Acted as Sollicitor for Sequestracions in this County till the 25th of Januarie, 1649-50, and for his payns therein hee had allowed him six pence in the pound out of all Sequestracions by Instruccions of Parliament in 1643. Wee have likewise summoned all the Agents (now living) which were imployd to bringe in their Accompts, And so many as have brought in any wee have herewith sent the Abstract thereof. The rest, as they are brought in, wee shall immediately Return them, And in the meantime Rest.

Your honnours' humble Servant

Preston 22 10^{ber}

E. ASPINWALL,

1653

RO. MASSEY.

To the ho'ble the Com^{rs} For Compoundinge with Delinquents
att Haberdashers' Hall.

These present.

Abstracts of Agents' Accounts.

fo. 295. William Kindsley and John Hampson, Agents within the Parishes of Wigan, Winwicke, Leigh and Warrington, Acknowledged that they received from the first of March, 1646[-7] till the first of March, 1647[-8] out of the Sequestracions in that Division

£1571. 13s. 2d.

Whereof Mr. Harrison or some for his use have received as appears by Acquittances parte of his Sallarie

£27. 8s. 0d.

Jeoffrey Birchall and William Kindsley, Agents for the same parishes, acknowledged to have received from 1st March 1647[-8] to 1st January, 1649[-50] out of the Sequestracions in those parishes

£2504. 7s. 9d.

Whereof to Mr. Harrison

*£33

George Hindley, Agent for partes of Blackburn hundred, acknowledged to have received from 1 March 1647[-8] to 25 January 1649[-50]

£1906

¹ Portion of the document torn off.

Whereof paid to Mr. Harrison as above £27. 8s. *od.*
 fo. 296. William Eccleston, one of the Agents for Leyland Hundred, acknowledged that he together with Thomas Jackson (the other Agent) had received out of the Sequestracions in that Division from 5th of September, 1643 till 25 January, 1649[-50]

£16705 17s. 2d.

Whereof paid to Mr. Harrison £353 os. *od.*

James Smith, one of the Agents for Amoundernes Hundred, acknowledged that he had searched the accounts of himself and Capt. William Pateson, Tho. Robinson, William Swarbreke, William Tomlinson, William Robinson and Jeoffrey Woods, then formerly Agents in several parishes of the said Hundred, and he found that from the year 1643 till January 1649[-50] they stood charged with the Receipt of

£17843. 16s.

Whereof paid Mr. Harrison £295. 11s.

IV. MINISTERS' AUGMENTATIONS.

In arranging compositions the officials bore in mind the necessities of small benefices or chapels of ease without proper maintenance, and as far as their opportunities went endeavoured to correct the abuse by which Henry VIII had diverted ecclesiastical revenues into lay hands, for sequestered lay rectors, as a condition of making peace, were usually required to settle part of their rectorial income on the minister of some church in need. In the end it came to be the rule that the compounders' fine should be reduced by £100 for each £10 a year settled on a Minister.

G. cxliv, fo. 319.

In a letter, dated 12 Nov., 1645 and signed by Gilbert Millington, it is mentioned that the House of Commons by several orders had directed the Committee for Plundered Ministers to consider of some way to increase the maintenance of small benefices; and they, according to these directions, resolved upon several allowances to be made out of impropriations of delinquents under sequestration. But fearing lest the said delinquents should compound, and thus frustrate their intentions, they commanded Mr. Millington to certify out of what impropriations they had made any dispositions.

The list of which the following extracts form a portion seems to have comprised all they had done, and they desired the several Committees who dealt with the compositions of the delinquents named to consider some way for the preservation of the allowances made until they could be secured in some other way.

G. cxliv, fo. 314, etc.

In a list of rectories, etc. sequestered the following relate to Lancashire:

The rectory of Chilwell, sequestered from — Anderton.

Charged with £50 to Chelwell, and £36 to Hale, a chapel annexed to Chilwell.

The rectory of Hyton, sequestered from Lord M'onoex. Charged *per annum* with £50 to Hyton.

The rectory of Kirkham, sequestered from Thomas Clifton, esq. Charged *per annum* with £50 to Kirkham, and £40 to Lunn, annexed to Kirkham.

The rectory of Leigh, sequestered from — Urmston £50 to Legh, and £40 to Atherton annexed to Legh.

The rectory of Holme Church [Ormskirk] sequestered from the Earl of Derby. Charged *per annum* with £50 to Holme Church.

The tithes of Goosenaragh, sequestered from Thomas Tildesley. Charged *per annum* with £40 to Goosenarsh.

The tithes of Broughton, Sequestered from Edward Worlington. Charged *per annum* with £20 to Broughton, being a Chappell annexed to Preston.

The tithe corne of Ditton and Widnes, sequestered from the Earl of Derby, who held it by lease. Charged *per annum* with £50 to Farneworth, annexed to Ditton and Widnes.

ECCLESIASTICAL FEE FARM RENTS.

G. cxliii, fo. 125, etc.

By the Trustees for Sale of Fee Farm Rents.

Whereas a Contract was made with us by Thomas Fell, Esq., upon the 15th day of July, 1651, and the Conveyance thereof since past in the name of the said Thomas Fell and of Thomas Birch, Gilbert Ireland, William West, John Sawrey, Robert Cundliffe and Adam Sandes, Esq., For

The Fee Farme of the Rectory of Huyton and of the Tythes in Huiton, Roby, Woollfall, Knowsley and Tarbeck in the said parish of Huyton and of other Lands <i>per annum</i>	xxili. iijs. xjd.
The Annual Pencion issuing out of the church of Wynwick <i>per annum</i>	cs.
The Fee Farme of the Rectory of the Parish Church of Ormeskirke <i>per annum</i>	xlviijli. vijs. yjd.
The Fee Farme of the Rectory of Mellinge <i>per annum</i>	xxxvii.
The Fee Farme of Tythes within the Wapentage of Loansdale <i>per annum</i>	xlii. viijs. viijd.
The Fee Farme of the Rectory of Garstang <i>per annum</i>	xlii.
The Fee Farme of Tythes in Great Pulton, Little Pulton and others <i>per annum</i>	xxiiijli. xixd.

The Fee Farme of the Rectory of Tunstall <i>per annum</i>	xxjli. vjs. ijd.
The Fee Farme of Spiritualls of the Manour of Alkar, <i>per annum</i>	vjli. xiijs. iiijd.
The Rent or Tenth reserved for the Rectory of Leigh <i>per annum</i>	lxxviijs.
The Annuall Pencion issueing out of the Church of Leigh <i>per annum</i>	vjs. viijd.
The Fee Farme of Tythes within the Wapen- tage of Amoundernes <i>per annum</i>	xxiiijli. xixs. viijd.
The Fee Farme of the Rectory of Dalton <i>per annum</i>	xxxjli. xiijs. iiijd.
The Fee Farme of the Rectory of Ponsonby [Cumberland] <i>per annum</i>	iiiijli. vijs.
The Fee Farme of Tythes in Overborough <i>per annum</i>	iiiijli.

All lyeing and being in the County of Lancaster and the whole purchase money due upon the said Contract is payd into the Treasury, As may Appeare by Certificate under the hand of Thomas Andrewes and John Dethick, Aldermen of London, Treasurers appoynted by the Act to receive the same.

fo. 126. It is this day Ordered That the severall and respective Owners, Occupyers and Tennants of the premisses doe pay the aforesaid Rents which did grow due and payable upon the xxixth day of September, 1651 unto the said Thomas Fell, Thomas Birch, Gilbert Ireland, William West, John Sawrey, Robert Cundliffe and Adam Sands, their Assignee or Assignes, and soe from thence forward to continue the payment thereof unto them, their Assignee or Assignes, att such usual dayes or tymes as the same shall from tyme to tyme growe due and payable, and not to the former Receevour or Collectour of the premisses. And a copy of this Order left with the said Owners, Occupyers and Tennants of the premisses shall be their sufficient warrant and discharge for their paying the said Rents unto the said Thomas Fell and other the persons before nominated, their Assignee or Assignes, accordingly.

And further Ordered that Mr. Auditor Launce and Mr. Auditor Leigh discharge the said premisses in their Rentalls and Records from paying the said Rents unto the State which did grow due and payable upon the said xxixth of September, 1651 and soe from thence forward for the tyme to come. And that they give notice hereof unto the Receivours, Bayliffes or Collectours of the premisses that they demaund not nor Distreyne for the said Rents

which did grow due and payable upon the said 29th of September, 1651 or which shall from thenceforward growe due and payable, but that they leave the same to be received by the said Thomas Fell and other the persons before nominated, their Assignee or Assignes, according to this Order. And the said Auditours are hereby to take notice that

the Pension of ccli. payable to Isaac Ambrose, Hugh Gunn, William Doune, and William Bell, fowre Itinnerant Ministers for the tyme being in the said County of Lancaster, (that is to say) to every of them lli. *per annum* a peece;

the pencion of cxs. viijd. *per annum* payable to the Schoole-master of the Free Schoole of Middleton;

the Stypend of iiijli. xxjd. *per annum* payable to the Schoole-master of Manchester;

the Stypend of xls. *per annum* to the Curate of Pillinge, payable out of the aforesaid Fee Farme Rent of xlli. *per annum* yssueing out of the Rectory of Garstang;

the Stypend of xiiijli. vjs. viijd. *per annum* payable to the Schoolmaster of Walley out of the aforesaid Rent of xxjli. vjs. ijd. *per annum* for the Rectory of Tunstall;

the Stypend of xxjli. *per annum* allowed to the Minister of Ormeskirke;

And the several Stypends hereafter following (that is to say)—

To the Incumbent att Newton lvjs. vijd. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent of Farneworth lxxijs. xd. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent of Blackrodd *per annum* iiijli. id. ob.

To the Incumbent att Padiham vjli. xixs. ijd. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent att Harwood iiijli. vjs. vjd. ob. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent att Beconsall lvjs. vd. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent att Rufford xlijs. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent att Hollingfare iiijli. xijs. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent att Leyland lxxvijs. xd. *per annum*.

To the Schoolemaster at Blackburne iiijli. vjs. ijd.

To the Incumbent at Cliderowe lxixs. id. ob. *per annum*.

To the Incumbent at Burneley iiijli. viiijjs. xjd. *per annum*.

And to the Incumbent of West Derby lxxvjs. viijd. *per annum*.

are all Reprized out of the aforesaid Contract, And the Said Rents to be charged with the payment thereof accordingly.

RI. SYDENHAM
N. LEMPIRER
EDW. CRESSETT
JAMES STOCALL
COR. COOKE

Humphrey Kelsall, Gent., maketh Oath that hee hath examined this with the originall Order And that it is a true coppie agreeinge there with HUMFREY KELSALL.

Sworne before the Com'rs this 4th of Aprill, 1654.—R.W.

BISHOP OF CHESTER'S RECTORIES.

G. cv, fo. 47, etc.

A particular¹ of the rectories, tithes and rents (*inter alia*) claimed by the Trustees for Ministers' Maintenance and charged to have been received by the Com'rs for Sequestrations in the respective Counties where the same lie, and due and payable to the said Trustees 6th January, 1649[-50]; the same being vested in the said Trustees by two severall Acts of Parliament, one of 8 June, 1649, the other of 5 April, 1650, and by an Ordinance of his Highnesse 2 Sept., 1654

Lancashire. The Improprate Rectory of Boulton on the More, parcell of the possessions of the late Bishop of Chester. 23 Jan. 7^o Jac. [1609/10] demised to James Anderton, Esq., for lives at 26*li.* a yeare, besides a pencsion of 5*li.* 4*s.* 9*d.* and 10*li.* yearly to the vicar; 2 yeares due Mich'as 1651.

The Improprate Tythes of Chipping parcell of the same possessions. 20 Sep. 40 Eliz. [1598] let to Rt. Swindlehurst for lives at 25*li.* 1*s.* 2*d.* a yeare; 2 yeares due Mich'as 1651.

The Improprate [Rectory] of Childwall, parcell of the same possessions. 7 Augt., 1652 let to James Anderton for lives at 57*li.* 14*s.* 4*d.* yearly, La[dy day] and Mich., 3 yeares Mich'as 1652.

fo. 49. Wharton, parcell of the late Bishop of Chester. Let to — Middleton and Penning 20 Nov. 16 Car. [1640] for lives, at 70*li.*; one year due Mich'as 1650.

fo. 81. Gentlemen,

There being due unto the Trustees out of the Improprate tithes of Childwell in the County of Lancaster the yearly rent of 57*li.* 14*s.* 04*d.* which Mr. Farmer, Receivor, complayning hath bin received by the Commissioners of Sequestracions in the said County. Wee have thought fitt in this as in other cases of this nature of which hitherto noe returne hath bin given, to certify thus much unto you and desire that you will thinke of some expedient whereby as well what is due to us out of these tithes as out of any other tithes sequestrated from any the Tenantes thereof

¹ Endorsed—"Northern Ministers. *ve Coll. Baines.*"

may be duely stated and paid unto us, and this Inconvenience for the future prevented. Wee are,

Gentlemen,
 September 23, 1653. Your very humble Servants,
 RIC. MARTYN JOHN THOROWGOOD,
 RICHARD YONG.

"To the Hono'ble the Commissioners for Compounding with Delinquents."

Endorsed. "Rec'd 4 Nov., 1653."

fo. 95. Gentlemen,

Wee have lately beene much importuned by Mr. Farmer, Collectour of the Bishopp's rents within this countie for a rent of 57*li.* 04*s.* 04*d.* due out of the Improprate rectorie of Childwall, under Sequestracion for the Recusancy and Delinquency of James Anderton of Birchley, Esq., and in arrears for Two yeares by past; And alsoe a rent of 25*li.* 01*s.* 08*d.* yearly issuing out of the improprie Rectorie of Chipping, Part whereof is att present under sequestracion for the Recusancy and Delinquency of Christopher Harris and the whole was lately sequestred, but discharged by your order; and there hath beene Ainciently Paid to Mr. John King, Minister at Chippinge, a stipend of 10*li.* *per annum* on to it; which rent of 25*li.* 01*s.* 08*d.* is demanded for two yeares and a halfe past. But wee haveinge received Instruccion from your honours not to paie any such untill an allowance thereof bee first obtained from you, wee thereupon denied to paie the same or to suffer the said Mr. Farmer to distreyn for the same; and att his request doe make bould to acquaint your honours herewith, and alsoe that wee beleive the rents aforesaid have beene aunciently Paied and are in Arreare as is alleged; which wee leave to your consideracion, and rest

Your very humble Servants,
 JOHN SAWREY,
 ROBT. CUNLIFFE.
 Preston, 22nd October, 1652.

G. clx, fo. 97, etc.; Cal. i, 703.

Letter from Preston, dated 22 September, 1654, signed by E. Aspinwall and Ro. Massey, referring to an order of 16 May, 1654 touching several improprie rectories and tithes mentioned in the said order and claimed by the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers. They were required to certify what they found touching the sequestration of the said tithes and why the said Trustees should not enjoy the same or the rents thereupon reserved, with the arrears since 6 January, 1649[-50].

In observance thereof they certified the account within written,

whereby the Com'rs might perceive what was claimed by Mr. Farmer, receiver general for the said Trustees; how much had been received by them (the Lancs. Com'rs); what had been paid out, and when the same were discharged from Sequestration; to which they referred the Com'rs above.

fo. 94. Mr. Farmer, Receiver Generall of the Revenues of Bishoppes, deaness and Chapters, demandeth for the use of the Trustees for Mayntenance of publique Ministers these Summes followinge, due and in arrear for the yeares under-written, vizt.—

Claymeth out of the Rectory of Bolton in le Moors, sequestered For the Poperie and Dellinquency of Christopher Anderton of Lostocke, Esq., a papist delinquent *per annum* 26*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

Rec' [by the Lancs. Commssrs] out of this

Rectorie for the year 1650 prescription tythe rents to the first of May

11*li.* 06*s.* 05*d.*

Rec'd for the Glebe Rents the first May in the year 1650 abovesaid

02*li.* 06*s.* 09*d.*

Paid [by the Commissions to] Mr. Harper, Minister of Bolton a Stipend of 10*li.* *per annum*

I say

10*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

The rest of the Tithes set out in kind to the Minister and not accompted to the Commonwealth, by order dated 26 June, 1651.

Claymeth out of the Improprate Rectory of Chippinge, Sequestered for the poperie and delinquency of Christopher Harres, Gentleman, a papist delinquent, For 1650—25*li.* 01*s.* 08*d.* 25*li.* 01*s.* 08*d.* for the year 1651.

Rec'd [by the Commissioners] out of the said

Rectorie for 1650 for tythes

80*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

Rec'd the same year for Glebelands

02*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

Rec'd for the year 1651 for tythes

85*li.* 05*s.* 00*d.*

Rec'd the same year for Parsonage House and Glebelands

3*li.* 10*s.* 00*d.*

[Total]

175*li.* 15*s.* 00*d.*

[Paid [by the Commissioners to] Mr. John Kinge, Minister at Chippinge for his Augmentacion in 1650

50*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

Paid him for his Augmentation in 1651

50*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

Paid him for 1650 His Stipend out of the Bishoppe's Rent of 25*li.* 01*s.* 08*d.*

10*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

Paid him the said Stipend for 1651

10*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.*

Paid Mrs. Harris, the delinquent's wife, a 6th parte	33 <i>li.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 00 <i>d.</i>
[Total]	153 <i>li.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 00 <i>d.</i>

This Rectorie discharged from Sequestracion by Order dated 6th November, 1651, as belonging to Mr. Hugh Curree.

Claymeth out of the Improprate Rectorie of Childwall seques-tered for the poperie and delinquency of James Anderton, Esqre., a papist delinquent, 54*li.* 14*s.* 04*d.* for 1650, 54*li.* 14*s.* 04*d.* for 1651, 54*li.* 14*s.* 04*d.* for 1652, 27*li.* 07*s.* 02*d.* due 25th March, 1653. Rec'd [by the Commissioners] out of the Im-

propriate Rectories afforesaid for the years afforesaid	450 <i>li.</i> 01 <i>s.</i> 04 <i>d.</i>
Paid [by the commissioners] 16 May, 1651 to Mr. John Whitworth, Receivour of the said Rents for the Trustees afforesaid	54 <i>li.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 04 <i>d.</i>
Paid the 13th July 1650 to the said Mr. Whittworth for the said Trustees	54 <i>li.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 04 <i>d.</i>
Paid Mrs. Anderton a 5th parte	66 <i>li.</i> 18 <i>s.</i> 06 <i>d.</i>
Paid several Ministers in Augmentacions	267 <i>li.</i> 14 <i>s.</i> 02 <i>d.</i>

Discharged from Sequestracion by Order dated 14th September 1650.

There are diverse other summes of this Rectorie in arreare, which are not yet levied of the farmers.

ECCLES.

G. xcvm fo. 170, etc.

To the Hon'ble Com'rs for Compounding with Delinquents.

The humble petition of John Jones, Viccar of Eccles in the County Pallatine of Lancaster.

Sheweth,

That the maintenance belonginge to the Viccarage is onely 13 acres of Gleab land or thereabouts and 18*li.* *per annum* yearly Stipend out of the Improprate Rectory of Eccles aforesaid, being worth about 200*li.* *per Annum*, and now sequestred from Christopher Anderton, Esq., papist and Delinquent, and the payment of the said 18*li.* *per annum* lately withheld from your petitioner by the Agents for Sequestracion, who say they cannot pay the same without your honours' order and Direccion therein.

Your Peticioner therefore humbly prayes your honours will bee pleased to give order the payment of the said 18*li.* *per annum* as formerly with the arreares thereof.

And your petitioner shall ever pray, etc.

JOHN JONES.

May the 7th, 1651; "The Com'rs in the Contry are to paie the said Stipend or shew cause to the contrary.—R.M., E.W."

fo. 182. Petition, which showed that the Rectory of Eccles, then lately under sequestration for the delinquency of Christopher Anderton, Esq., deceased, was worth £200 by the year, out which there was anciently allowed and paid to the Minister of Eccles a Stipend of £18 by the year, together with 13 acres of Glebe land; which was all the allowance made towards the maintenance of the parish church of Eccles. Petitioner further shewed that in regard to the largeness of the parish the Committee of Plundered Ministers were pleased by an order of 21 Decr., 1646 to allow petitioner an augmentation of £50 by the year. But the said stipend of £18 a year was detained by the Com'rs for Sequesterations so that there was due to petitioner and in arrear before 24 June, 1651 (at which time Francis, son of the said Christopher Anderton, cleared the estate from sequestration) the sum of £36; and there was due of the augmentation at 24 June, 1651 the sum of £27; so that altogether there was due to petitioner £63. The Lancs. Com'rs refused to pay petitioner, because (as they alleged) all the monies received from the said Rectory had been paid into the Treasury at Haberdashers' Hall; and as the Lancs'. Com'rs had no more monies to receive out of the estate, petitioner in his old age was likely to be exposed to much want. He therefore prayed that the arrears should be paid to him, especially as so much money arising out of that rectory had been paid into the Treasury at Haberdashers' Hall; or that an order might be made for him to receive the sum out of such other public money as the Com'rs above should see good.

4 Aug., 1652 "The Com'rs are to certify what they have recd.; and if they have recd. it, then to pay the same according to their owne order of 21 May 1652. Any cause to shew to the contrary."

fo. 183. At Manchester, dated 21 May, 1652; order to pay petitioner referred to above, signed by Edwd. Aspinwall, Robt. Cunliffe, G. Pigot.

fo. 186. Att the Committee for Plundered Ministers.

21st Decemb. Anno Dom. 1646.

By virtue of an Order of both houses of Parliament of the 2nd of May last past Itt is ordered that the yearly sum of Fiftie pounds be payed out of the profitts of the Improprate Rectory of Eccles in the countie of Lancaster Sequestred from Christopher Anderton of Lockstock, Esq., Papist and Delinquent, to and for increase of the maintenance of the Minister of the Parish church of Eccles aforesaid, the Vicaradge thereof being worth but Thirtie

pounds *per annum*; and the Sequestratours of the premisses are required to pay the same accordingly att such times and seasons of the yeare as the said profitts are due and payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.¹

At foot: James Jones off White Friers, London, doth sware that he hath examined this order, by the originall order off the Com'tee off Plundered Ministers.—JAMES JONES.

Sworne before the Com'rs for Comp. July 1, 1652.—W. M.

LITTLEBOROUGH.

G. c, fo. 395.

At the Committee for Plundered Ministers, March 12, 1649[-50].

Whereas this Committee have the 14th of June, 1647 graunted fourty pounds a year out of the tithes and profitts of the Improprate Rectory of Rachdale in the County of Lancaster, sequestred from Sir John Biron, Knt., Delinquent, Farmer thereof under the Arch Bishopp of Canterbury, for increase of the maintenance of the Minister of the Chappell of Litleborrough within the parish of Rachdale aforesaid; And the Inhabitants of the said Chappelry complaine that by reason of a Statute extended of the premisses to the use of Sir John Tracye, Knt., and his Assignes upon a debt to the said Sir John Tracy by the said Sir John Biron, the said Augmentation is detained although it is alledged that the said debt is only pretended:

It is therefore Ordered that the same be recommended to the Commiss'rs for Compounding with Delinquents, who are desired to take consideration thereof and to give [such] direccions as to them shall seeme meet to the Comm'rs for Sequestracions in the said County to examine the truth of the premisses and the value of the said Impropraiacion.

GILB. MILLINGTON.

OLDHAM.

G. cviii, fo. 685; see above v, 167.

To the Hon'ble the Committee att Gouldsmiths' Hall.

The humble petition of the Inhabitants within the Parish of Ouldham in the County of Lancaster.

Sheweth—

That your petitioners are credibly informed that only *soli. per annum* is reserved by this Hono'ble Committee to the said church of Ouldham out of the Tythes of the said Parish belonging to Edmund Assheton, Esqr.; and the said Church havinge noe

¹ Harbottle Grimston was appointed on 8 Dec., 1646 to look after the business of the impropriations in the hands of delinquents (*Cal.* i, 50).

other maintenance belonging to it, we are out of all hope therewith to procure any Godly and learned Minister to settle amongst us:

Now forasmuch as your petitioners, who have alwayes bin faithfull and well affected to the Parliament, and many of them freely ventured their lives in the Parliament's Service, would be very sorrie that Mr. Assheton, who is sequestred for Desertinge the Parliament, should enioy any part of the said Tythes and your petitioners be without a Minister for want of Maintenance; and that they have hope the said Tythes should be quietly gathered and Devided soe long as the said Mr. Ashton hath one part, the Minister of Ouldham another and the Minister of Shawe Chapell another part.

Your petitioners therefore humbly prayes that both for the setting of peace amongst us, and cheefly for the setlinge of a Godly able Minister at the said Church of Ouldham, this Hono'ble Committee would be pleased to except all the Tythes of the said Parish out of the Composicion of the said Edmund Asheton and settle them upon the said Church of Ouldham out of which the Minister of the said Church of Ouldham may pay 4*oli. per annum* to the Minister of Shawe Chappell in the said Parish.

And your petitioners shall ever pray, etc.

Ordered: That if he shall settle the residue of the said Rectory and Tythes to the Church of Oldham the whole fine to bee allowed (10 Dec. 1646).

PRESTON.

G. clix, fo. 464.

To the worshipfull the Commissioners of Sequestrations for this Countye, the humble petition of Isaac Ambrose, Minister of Preston.

Sheweth—

Whereas your petitioner is indowed with a Vicarage, to which is annexed an Augmentation of £50 *per annum* by the State; but the Vicarage consistinge of small tythes, which the people now generally withdraw, and the Augmentation issuinge out of Sequestrations which for this year and half hath wholly beine deteyned, hee is left destitute of Subsistence and present livelihood. And whereas the onely cause (as far as hee understands) of deteyninge the Augmentation is because hee cannot subscribe to the ingagement, Hee doth therefore protest as in God's presence that (soe far as he knowes anything of his owne breast) it is not of stubbornesse or peevishnesse of spirit or any ends of his owne, but purely and mearly out of Conscience.

And yet that he may withall keepe his conscience voyd of

offence towards God and towards men, and cleare up his innocencye and quietnes and harmlesnes in these iealous tymes, hee doth freely declare for further satisfaction that as a Minister of Christ hee doth looke upon himselfe as a Messenger of peace and that hee is bound in waye of dutye both to practise peace in himself and to procure peace (as much as lyes in him) unto others; that it lyes heavy on his soul to heare those invectives usually cast on Ministers that they should be actors and abettors of state differences and controversyes and therefore he should thinke it as his dutye soe his happines if by any meanes in his place hee knewe how to compose the differences in Church or State.

Howsoever for himself hee is willinge to give the present powers this assurance; that he will not anywayes betray or disturbe the publick welfare but doe all dutyes (as God shall inable him) which relate to the Commonwealth and safety of all and that hee will submitt to the powers over him requireinge good and lawful thinges and that in such case he will not dispense with matters of dutye in themselves commendable and profitable to common edification because of any worldly respects. And if this be the whole, direct and playne matter and end of the ingagement (as some writing for it doe confidently averre).

Hee prayes that this may satisfie without any further pressinge of the lettre of it, humbly mindinge you of that golden axiome, that 'Moderate counsell conduce much more to an happy settlement then such as are high and rigid.' And if hereupon hee shall receyve the incouragement of his formerly granted Augmentation, he shall bee more obliged to pray etc.

ISAAC AMBROSE.

Gentlemen,

Wee have Received the Peticon inclosed from Mr. Isaac Ambrose, minister at Preston, and doe verily believe the contents to bee true But in regard wee are not enabled (as we conceive) to continue his former Augmentacion (hee not having subscribed the Ingagement), Although wee knowe him to be a Godly man and Orthodox minister, wee have made Bold to commend the same to your Consideracion And shall desire your Resolucion and directions therein. And doe subscribe ourselves

Your most humble Servants

(Syned) PETER HOLT,

ROBT. CUNLIFFE.

Manch'r, 26 April

1651.

In margin: "We cannot continue the Augmentation without taking the Engagement."

UPHOLLAND.

G. lxxxii, fo. 851, etc.

A printed copy of the Act of 1643, creating the chapelry of Upholland into a parish quite independent of the mother church of Wigan, is followed by some papers respecting prescriptive rent of 19 marks in lieu of tithes anciently paid to the minister there. The act has been printed in the late Canon Bridgeman's *History of the Church of Wigan* (Chetham Society N.S.), pp. 437-439.

fo. 860. Petition (11 Aug. 1652). fo. 862. Petition (3 March, 1651-2).

fo. 863. Report by Mr. Peter Brereton (dated 30 March, 1653). He stated that he had examined the petition of Samuel Boden minister of Holland, desiring an allowance of 19 marks a year out of the tithe corn of Holland and Dalton, sequestered for the delinquency of the then late Earl of Derby, and he found that the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, by an Ordinance dated 28 Sept., 1643, for several reasons set forth therein, ordained that Mr. Richard Whitfield, then minister of the church or chapel of Holland within the parish of Wigan, and the Minister of the said place and successively should have, hold, receive and take all tithes, lands, rents, duties and profits whatsoever within the ancient precincts of the said church or chapel of Holland; that is to say, the yearly rent of 19 marks anciently paid for the corn tythes of the several towns of Holland and Dalton, and all other tithes and profits whatsoever within the said towns and of the town of Orrell, and such several parts of the towns of Billing and Winstanley as are within the known or reputed precincts of the said church or chapelry of Holland, which the rector of the said church of Wigan had received, or thertofore enjoyed in right of the said rectory or parish church of Wigan, as by the said ordinance (produced in print) appeared.

The Commissioners of the County of Lancaster in answer to an order of 11th July, Certified (20 Oct.) that the said 19 marks was never sequestered; only the same being payable out of the tithes of Holland and Dalton, sequestred in 1643 for the delinquency of the Earl of Derby, the payment thereof was stayed in regard of all Annuities and rent-charges out of any sequestered estate, were, by instructions from above, to be stayed, until the same might be allowed by order.

Certificates of the register and auditor of the Commissioners in London were produced. Mr. Leeche certified that the petitioner had had certain examinations taken against him touching his

joining with the Earl of Derby in 1651, but Mr. Dallison found that upon hearing the case (11 Aug., 1652) he was discharged.

So he submitted to judgment whether the said rent of 19 marks ought not to be paid to petitioner according to the Ordinance of Parliament.

fo. 865. Certificate signed by Jo: Leech. fo. 866. Petition (copy 19 Feby, 1652-3). fo. 867. Order referring the case to Lancashire Commissioners to examine and report (copy 11 Aug., 1652). fo. 868. Communication, dated at Preston 20 Oct., 1652, signed by Ed. Aspinwall, John Sawery, Ro. Massey, mentioning as to the 19 marks a year never having been sequestered. fo. 870. Certificate, signed E. Dallison, stating that he had searched the books and could not find any order granted for sequestrating the tithes of Holland.

V. LANCASHIRE RECUSANTS AND DELINQUENTS REMAINING UNDER SEQUESTRATION IN 1655.

G. cclxi, fo. 47 etc.; *Cal.* i, 741.

The names of all such persons whatsoever, two third partes of whose Estates in the County of Lancaster the day of the date of the said Writt [14 Sept., 1655] were under Sequestracion for Popish Recusancy, and the times when such persons were Sequestred in the said County of Lancaster by the Respective Committee or Commissioners for Sequestracions in the said County of Lancaster thereunto authorized by Parliament, as followeth; that is to say—

*James Anderton of Clayton in the said County of Lancaster, esq., sequestered for Popish Recusancy the 24th day of March, 1647(-8). And soe remayneth.¹

Ellen Aspinwall of Lidiat, widdow, 24 March, 1651(-2).

Margaret Adamson of Goosnargh, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).

*Richard Ashton of Croston, esq., 23 March, 1643(-4).

Isabell Anderton of Pendle Hall, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).

William Abbott of Houghton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Edward Ashton of Maudsley, yeoman, 6 Feb., 1645(-6).

Ann Audland of Penwortham, widdow, 30 Jan., 1645(-6).

p. 48 Edward Ambrose of Bickersteth, gent., 24 March, 1650(-1).

Edward Aspinwall of Bickersteth, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).

John Aspinwall of Downholland, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).

Nicholas Abram of Thornton, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).

William Arnold of Little Crosby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Richard Arnold of Greate Crosby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Richard Atherton of Great Crosby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Roger Ashton of Newton, yeoman, 23 March, 1648(-50).

*William Allanson of Woolton, yeoman, 25 Jan., 1649(-50).

John Ambrose of Woodplumpton, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).

¹ The other entries are in the same form. The asterisks in the following list indicate those sequestered also for delinquency.

- *Robert Adamson of Broughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- p. 49 Richard Ashton of Ashton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Robert Artwright of Broughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
- *Henry Ashton of Blackrode, gent., 24 March, 1649(-9).
- Ann Ash of Dutton, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Allathea Anderton of Horrockford, widow, 1 Feb., 1650(-1).
- Anthony Ayre of Chippinge, yeoman, 24 March 1648(-9).
- Thomas Alker of Samlisbury, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- Katherine Arrowsmith of Gouburne, widow, 21 Dec., 1651.
- *Robert Blundell of Ince Blundell, esq., 24 March, 1645(-6).
- *John Browne of Standish, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
- *Gilbert Burscough of Aughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
- Jennett Ball of Windle, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 50 Hugh Barton of Claughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
- *Thomas Barnes of Goosnargh, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
- Mary Barnes of Goosnargh, widow, 24 March, 1645(-6).
- John Bispham of Lea, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
- Thomas Butler of Clayton, gent., 2 Feb., 1650(-1).
- *William Boteler of Myerscough, gent., 23 March, 1643(-4).
- *Henry Butler of Goosnargh, gent., 2 Feb., 1650(-1).
- *John Berry of Houghton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- Dorothy Backhouse of Maudsley, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- Margaret Booker of Maudsley, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- Edward Booker of Bretherton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- *Roger Breeres of Walton, gent., 24 March, 1648(-9).
- p. 51 Anne Bannister of Ecclestone, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- Margery Baron of Ecclestone, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- *Richard Billinge of Bickersteth, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
- *Alexander Barker of Dalton, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
- Thomas Burscoe of Lathome, yeoman, 24 March, 1649(-50).
- *George Boydall of Scarisbrick, yeoman, 24 March, 1651(-2).
- Thomas Bulling of Bickersteth, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- *Robert Barton of Skelmersdale, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Ellen Butchard of Aughton, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Hugh Barnes of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Alice Barnes of Sutton, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 52 Thomas Barton of Parr, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
- Joan Bolde of Bold, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- James Barker of Sutton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- Thomas Bullinge of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- John Bootle of Knowsley, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- William Ballard, of Speake, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Raph Bordman of Garston, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- William Blevine of Formby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Robert Blundell of Crosby, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
- Richard Bryanson of Litle Crosby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Margarett Brough of Litle Crosby, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 53 Henry Bootle of Litherland, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Richard Booth of Wooston, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- Christopher Bate of Croft, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- Margarett Bushell of Morehouse, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- John Blanchard of Moorehouse, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

- Elizabeth Butler of Rawcliffe, widdow, 3 Feb., 1650(-1).
 William Bamber of Westby, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Barrow of Weeton, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Jane Brewer of Woodplumpton, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 William Brand of Myerscough, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Richard Backhouse of Myerscough, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
- p. 54 Nicholas Bourne of Wyersdale, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 William Baynes of Wyersdale, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Ellen Bee of Wyersdale, widdow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 John Browne of Bilsborow, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 John Barton of Claughton, yeoman, 3 Feb., 1650(-1).
 Edward Blackburne of Out Rawcliffe, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *Edward Butler of Out Rawcliffe, gent., 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Richard Blackburne of Ecclestone, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 John Blackburne of Ecclestone, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 *Thomas Brockholes of Heaton, gent., 3 Feb., 1650(-1).
 James Beesely of Goosnargh, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
- p. 55 John Barton of Goosnargh, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Ann Bradley of Elstone, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Henry Blacow of Broughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Ellen Balshawe of Fullwood, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Richard Baynes of Wyersdale, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 William Bonney of Broughton, labourer, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 James Barker of Blackrode, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Lambert Berry of Tildsley, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Richard Bradshawe of Astley, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *John Baynes of Cellett, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 56 *Thomas Backhouse of Warton, labourer, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Maudline Blackburne of Caponwray, widdow, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Edward Bradley of Chippinge, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Alexander Bleasdale of Dinckling Greene, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 James Bradley of Aughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Alice Bateson of Walton in the Dale, widdow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Henry Brewer of Walton, labourer, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 Robert Bolton of Samlisbury, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Thomas Blacoe of Samlisbury, yeoman, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 Ann Blacoe, of Samlisbury, widdow 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Elizabeth Broxopp of Walton, widdow, 23 March, 1643(-4).
- p. 57 Thomas Bannister of Walton, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Christopher Bannister of Brockall, yeoman, 3 Feb., 1650(-1).
 John Bastwell of Bickersteth, labourer, 24 March, 1652(-3).
 Thomas Culcheth of Culcheth, esq., 24 March, 1648(-9).
 William Cowban of Plumpton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Izabell Cowban of Plumpton, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 James Clarkeson of Alston, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *John Cansfeild of Robert Hall, esq., 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Ann Charnock of Leyland, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Critchloe of Clayton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 58 James Critchlowe of Withnell, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Edward Chamberline of Standish, gent., 1 Febr., 1650(-1).
 William Critchlowe of Charnock Richard, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Richard Croke of Brindle, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).

- William Chadwicke of Wigan, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 William Crosse of Wigan, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Lawrence Cowdock of Ormeskirke, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Cooper of Lydiate, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 John Cliffe of Ecclestone, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Thomas Cooke of Speake, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Isabell Chawner of Garston, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 59 Robert Cowley of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *William Chawner of Garston, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ann Chawner of Garston, widdow, 29 June, 1650.
 James Copeland of Fornby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Dame Dorothy Clifton of Westby, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 John Collie of Westbie, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Margery Collie of Westbie, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 George Cowban of Plumpton, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Oliver Chornley of Woodplumpton, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Thomas Crompton of Ribbie, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ann Cottam of Bilsborow, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Oliver Cottam of Bilsborow, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
- p. 60 Katherine Cottam of Bilsborow, widdow, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Richard Cottam of Claughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Thomas Clarke of Up Rawcliffe, labourer, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Thomas Clarke *alias* Maudsley of Rawcliffe, labourer, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Hugh Chornley the Elder of Haighton, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Alice Crosse of Goosnargh, widdow, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Hugh Chornley the younger of Haighton, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 William Crooke of Broughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Richard Crooke of Broughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Thomas Cutler of Alston, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Cicely Carter of Barnaker, widdow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Ann Cosnoe of Grimzargh, widdow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- p. 61 Elizabeth Cosnoe of Grimzargh, widdow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Richard Clarkeson of Elston, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 John Crooke of Preston, Taylor, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Robert Core of Wyersdale, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Cansfeild of Ellell, yeoman, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 Blanch Cansfeild of Robert Hall, spinster, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Meriell Cansfeild of Robert Hall, spinster, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Joseph Carter of Furnes, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Leonard Clarkeson of Chippinge, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *Richard Cottam of Dilworth, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 John Cooper the elder of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- p. 62 John Cooper the younger of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *George Conwell of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 John Cowpe the younger of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Evan Catterall of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Richard Charnley of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 George Cowpe of Cuerdale, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Richard Cowpe of Cuerdale, tanner, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Elizabeth Cowpe of Cuerdale, widdow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 John Conwell of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).

- Elizabeth Catterall of Walton, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Robert Catterall of Clayton, yeoman, 1 January, 1648(-9).
- p. 63 *Thomas Clifton of Lytham, esq., 24 March, 1643(-4).
 Edward Ditchfield of Ditton, gent., 25 September, 1643.
 Jane Dandy of Croston, widow, 25 Sept., 1648.
 William Danson of Esbrick, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Henry Dickenson of Myerscough, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Alice Dickenson of Claughton, widow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Dillworth of Broughton, labourer, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Ellen Dickenson of Aspull, widow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 *Hugh Dickenson of Wriesholme, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Robert Dillworth of Chippinge, webster, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 William Duddell of Walton, labourer, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- p. 64 Elizabeth Dawson of Walton, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Margaret Euxton of Clayton, widow, 24 June, 1650.
 William Ecclestone of Maudsley, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 William Eaton of Brindle, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Egerton of Windle, gent., 24 June, 1650.
 Thomas Ellome of Sutton, labourer, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Ecclestone of Woodplumpton, labourer, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Raphe Eyves of Fishwicke, gent., 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Thomas Eyves the Elder of Fishwicke, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Formby of Formby, gent., 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Thomas Finch of Maudsley, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- p. 65 Robert Foster of Charnock Richard, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 James Fish of Brindle, yeoman, 1 Febr., 1650(-1).
 Edmond Fairehurst of Wigan, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *John Fletcher of Burscough, yeoman, 1 June, 1650.
 Ann Fletcher of Burscough, widow, 1 January, 1653(-4).
 John Fletcher of Darbie, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ann Farrar of Downeholland, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Foster of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Foard of Whiston, labourer, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Fisher of Fazackerley, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Formby of Formby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 66 James Formby of Formby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Formby of Ince Blundell, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Francis Fleetwood of Ince Blundell, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Hugh Farrar of Little Crosby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Alice Faireclough of Alston, widow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Robert Faireclough of Alston, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Robert France of Ingall, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Grace Faireclough of Chippinge, widow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Christopher Fishwicke of Wheelton, labourer, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 Richard Garrard of Walton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Thomas Garrard of Ince, esq., 24 March, 1647(-8).
- p. 67 *Henry Garrard of Newton, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Oliver Garrard of Brindle, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Edward Garrard of Broughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Oliver Garrard of Copple, yeoman, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 William Garrard of Houghton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Elizabeth Gorsuch of Gorsuch, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).

- Margaret Goodale of Speake, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Garstang of Brindle, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Elizabeth Girlington of Stanworth, widow, 1 January, 1649(-50).
 Ellen Garstang of Litle Crosby, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Garse of Wigan, husbandman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 p. 68 Margery Garse of Litle Crosby, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Christopher Gregson of Woodplumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 James Gregson of Broughton, watchmaker, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Jennett Gregson of Elston, widow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 George Gregson of Walton, webster, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Edmond Gregson of Walton, webster, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Grace Gregson of Fullwood, widow, 24 June, 1650.
 Edward Gill of Scarisbrick, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Thomas Gilbertson of Formby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ellis Glover of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Jane Golden of Widnes, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Golden of Winwicke, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 p. 69 Henry Gellibrand of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Guest of Culcheth, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *James Grason of Salwick, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Richard Grason of Ashton, labourer, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Ellen Gorton, of Greate Crosby, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Alice Grundy of Aysleby, widow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 George Greene of Woodplumpton, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Richard Greene of Clevelly, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Roger Greene of Myerscough, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 George Glave of Goosnargh, labourer, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Thomas Glave of Broughton, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 p. 70 Jennett Graddell of Broughton, widow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 *Thomas Grimshawe of Clayton, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *Nicholas Grimshawe of Clayton, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *Robert Grimshawe of Clayton, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 William Greenehals of Grimzargh, yeoman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Robert Gardner of Blackrode, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Goodwyne of Little Bolton, esq., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Grimshawe of Clayton, esq., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Elline Grimshawe of Clayton, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *John Gregson of Lathome, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Dame Jane Houghton of Maudsley, widow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 p. 71 Jennett Houghton of Exton, widow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Edward Houghton of Exton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *Gabriell Hesketh of Goosnargh, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *Robert Hesketh of Dunderdale, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Katherine Hesketh of Rufford, widow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Cuthbert Halsall of Burscoe, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Katherine Halsall of Alker, widow, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 George Helme of Goosnargh, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 John Helme of Lea, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Thomas Holme of Downholland, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ellen Hankinson of Ecclestone, widow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 p. 72 John Hodgkinson of Goosnargh, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).

- Thomas Hothersall of Hothersall, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Robert Hodgson of Exton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 James Holme of Shevington, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 George Hilton of Brindley, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Elizabeth Hilton of Brindley, widow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Holliwel of Wroughtington, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Ellen Hulme of Wiggan, widow, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Richard Holcroft of Lowton, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Mathew Hurlestone of Scarisbricke, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Hale of Bickersteth, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Raphe Hey of Bickersteth, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 p. 73 Peter Hurdes of Skilmersdale, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Cicely Hunt of Aughton, widow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 John Holme of Downeholland, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Edmond Holme of Maghull, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Thomas Wilkinson of Maghull, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 *Raphe Haywood¹ of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ellen Hill of Sutton, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Bryan Hayward of Parr, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Hill of Widnes, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Hawardine of Widnes, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Hunt of Haighton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Harrington of Haighton, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 p. 74 *Richard Holland of Sutton, gent., 24 March, 1649(-9).
 Raphe Holland of Ecclestone, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Alice Hulgrave of Oglett, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Jane Haward of Garston, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Hitchmore of Garston, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 George Hulme of Oglett, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Margaret Harrison of Darby, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Hey of Speake, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Henry Herne of Darby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Holme of Halebanck, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Peter Hurdie of Netherton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Edward Hill of Ince Blundell, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 p. 75 Margery Hutton of Little Crosby, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Margaret Hasty of Garston, widow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 James Hornby of Medler, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Harrison of Ashton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 James Hodgson of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Alice Hall of Kellermargh, widow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Robert Hudson of Woodplumpton, husbandman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 William Hothersall of Alston, yeoman, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Jane Hodgkinson of Garstang, widow, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 John Hodgkinson of Ashton under Ribble, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 John Hothersall of Alston, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 p. 76 Ann Hodgson of Claughton, widow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Richard Hodgson of Holme, yeoman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Richard Harrison of Conystone, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Mary Houlden of Worsthorpe, widow, 24 March, 1646(-7).

¹ Or Hayward.

- William Hollinghead of Ashton, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Edmond Hogheard of Kellett, husbandman, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 Elizabeth Hall of Wilpsheire, widdow, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Margery Herritage of Cloughton, widdow, 23 March, 1653(-4).
 Roger Hesketh of Tarniker, gent., 24 March, 1644(-5).
- *Edward Hayworth of Totwell, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Heighton of Garstang, blacksmith, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Robert Hubbesty of Wyerdale, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
- p. 77 Thomas Hothersall of Alston, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Robert Hothersall of Hothersall, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Holland of Ecclestone, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Ince of Ince, gent., 24 March, 1644(-5).
- *Margaret Ireland of Lydiate, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Johnson of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Bartholomew Jackson of Sowerby, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Thomas Jameson of Cornoe Roe, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Richard Johnson of Lathome, labourer, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Margaret Johnes of Bold, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Isabell Jameson of Bold, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 78 *Christopher Jackson of Bold, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Lawrence Johnson of Moorehouse, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Johnson of Little Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Henry Johnson of Kirkham, husbandman, 23 March, 1653(-4).
 William Ireland of Meller, webster, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Adam Knolles of Parr, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *John Knolles of Parr, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).¹
 John Knowles of Westby, labourer, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Thomas Knowles of Ashton, labourer, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Margaret Kirkby of Westby, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Margaret Kirkham of Warton, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
- p. 79 Anthony Kirkby of Westby, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Mathew Kenion of Sutton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Knight of Burblethwayte, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Knipe of Ramside, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Alice Latham of Bispham, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Henry Latham of Mosborough, esq., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 William Latham of Holmes, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 John Lascelles of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Robert Lawrenson of Westby, blacksmith, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Roger Lockwood of Leyland, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Roger Livesey of Houghton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
- p. 80 *Richard Lucas of Houghton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Elizabeth Lineaker of Allerton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *John Linaker of Upton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Henry Lineaker of Woolton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Latus of Woodplumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Alexander Leigh of Wigan, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *Nicholas Leigh of Ormskirke, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Alice Long of Burscoe, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Richard Leyland of Rainford, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Lidyatt of Lydiatt, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

¹ On p. 209 (delinquents) this date is given as 24 March, 1647(-8).

- Elizabeth Livesey of Alker, widdow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
- p. 81 Elizabeth Livesey of Sutton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Litherland of Widnes, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 George Leyland of Greate Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Lunt of Greate Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Lovelady of Alker, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Henry Lovelady of Alker, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Livesey of Alker, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Jane Lowton of Ashton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *John Lawrenson of Haughton, labourer, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Andrew Lewtie of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Robert Lund of Westby, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
- p. 82 Ann Latus of Plumpton, widdow, 1 February, 1650(-1).
 Robert Lowson of Claughton, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Ellen Lund of Myerscough, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *William Lambe of Thurnham, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *William Layfeild of Wyersdale, husbandman, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 *William Laburne of Wytherslake, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 John Laburne of Wytherslake, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Cuthbert Lowe of Wiswall, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 *John Latham of Heighton, gent., 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Thomas Latham of Allerton, gent., 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *Robert Molyneux of Wood, esq., 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 83 Elizabeth Mollineux of Walton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Moore of Exton, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 William Mellinge of Exton, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Elizabeth Martinscroft of Standish, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Jane Massey of Standish, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Thomas Marsh of Winstanley, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Edward Mosse of Dalton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Morris of Heigh, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Richard Mosse of Latham, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Mary Maudsley of Scarisbrick, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Richard Mosse of Skelmersdale, dyer, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Mosse of Skelmersdale, skinner, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 84 *Henry Mosse of Skelmersdale, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ann Mosse of Windle, widdow, 23 March, 1640(-50).
 Thomas Miller of Allerton, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Peter Miller of Garston, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Henry Moone of Speake, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Moone of Speake, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Andrew Mercer of Darby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *William Moore of Darbie, gent., 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Margery Mathewes of Formby, widdow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 John Marcer of Little Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Anthony Marcer of Litherland, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Marrowe of Greate Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 85 Thomas Marrowe of Litle Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Edmond Mollineux of Ince Blundell, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *John Mellinge of Ince Blundell, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Ellen Magghull of Ayntree, widdow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Dorothy Massey of Rixon, widdow, 24 March, 1644(-5).

- Thomas Mollineux of Halewood, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Margery Micklowe of Halebank, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Marcer of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Mary Myerscough of Barnecerr, widdow, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 John Miller of Nateby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Roger Marsh of Goosnargh, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 James Mellinge of Fishwicke, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 p. 86 Margery Mellinge of Ashton, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Richard Martinscrofte of Manchester, joyner, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 *Henry lord Morley and Mounteagle, 23 March, 1643(-4).
 Dorothy Mashiter of Heaton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 John Moore of Samlisbury, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 John Marcer of Barniker, yeoman, 2 Febr., 1649(-50).
 *William Naylor of Croston, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Michael Nelson of Maudsley, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Henry Norrice of West Darby, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *William Norris of Blackrode, gent., 1 Febr., 1650(1).
 *William Norris of Adlington, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *Nicholas Newsham of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 p. 87 *Phillipp Norris of Formby, yeoman, 20 March, 1649(-50).
 *Andrew Newsham of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *Richard Nicholls of Hapton, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Ellen Orton of Lathome, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Katherine Osbaldstone of Osbaldston, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-9).
 Alice Osbaldestone of Grimzargh, widdow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Alexander Osbaldeston of Sunderland, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *Thomas Osbaldstone of Greenehurst, yeoman, 1 Febr., 1650(-1).
 Alexander Osbaldeston of Osboldeston, esq., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *Robert Osboldeston of Osboldeston, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Thomas Osbaldeston of Walton, gent., 2 Febr., 1653(-4).
 p. 88 Thomas Plombe of Garston, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Perpointe of Goldburne, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Henry Perpointe of Goldburne, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Richard Pike of Sutton, husbandman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 Thomas Porter of Mawdesley, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Ellen Parkinson of Barniker, widdow, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 James Parkinson of Upp Rawcliffe, labourer, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Prescott of Heskin, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Richard Parr of Aughton, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 James Pennington of Parr, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Edward Pendleton of Oglett, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ellen Parte of Halebanck, widdow, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 p. 89 Hugh Pilkington of Speake, yeoman, 24 March, 1644(-5).
 Anthony Pennington of Sephton, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Garrard Potter of Ashton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Oliver Potter of Ashton, labourer, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Randall Platt of Warrington, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Peter Plumpton of Speake, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Plombe of Garston, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Porter of Brininge, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Richard Parker of Ribbie, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Laurence Parkinson of Myerscough, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).

- Margarett Parkinson of Barniker, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Anthony Pickeringe of Catterall, gent., 24 March, 1646(-7).
- p. 90 Thomas Parkinson of Rawcliffe, labourer, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 John Parkinson of Claughton, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 John Parker of Claughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Robert Plessington of Kirkland, gent., 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Edmond Parkinson of Chippinge, husbandman, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Edward Parkinson of Wiswall, taylor, 24 March, 1648(-9).
 Elizabeth Pilkington of Warton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 James Presall of Dalton, chapman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *Laurence Parke of Walton, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *Thomas Peirson of Myerscough, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).
 *Richard Quick of Woolton Magna, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Francis Rawson of Ditton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
- p. 91 William Richardson of Garston, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Cuthbert Ryner of Hawdon, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 James Rutter of Uneswalton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *John Rigbey of Standish, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Grace Rigbey of Langtree, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 William Roscoe of Charnock Richard, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Richard Rainsford of Lathome, husbandman, 24 March, 1650(-1).
 William Rigmaden of Lathome, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *George Rigmaden of Lathome, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Margery Rainford of Rainford, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Ann Romsbotham of Sutton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Joane Richardson of Formby, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 92 William Rymer of Formby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *James Rice of Ince Blundell, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Rydeinge of High Towne in Crosby, husbandman, 23 March 1649(-50).
 John Rydeinge of Little Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Robert Ridgate of Thornton, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 *Edward Rice of Little Crosby, yeoman, 24 March, 1648.
 Jane Ridgate of Little Crosby, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Richard Reynold of Greate Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Rice of Little Crosby, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Robertson of Little Crosby, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 Elizabeth Rogerson of Ashton, widdow, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Thomas Rothwell of Glasbrooke, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Valentine Richardson of Darbie, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 93 Richard Riley of Westbie, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 George Riley of Plumpton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Cuthbert Riley of Plumpton, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Rossell of Ecclestone, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Margarett Richardson of Plumpton, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 William Richardson of Plumpton, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).
 Thomas Richardson of Catterall, yeoman, 24 March, 1645(-6).
 John Robinson of Claughton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 Thomas Rogerson of Grimzargh, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Mary Rogerson of Grimzargh, widdow, 24 March, 1646(-7).
 Clemence Rogerson of Goosnargh, widdow, 24 March, 1645(-6).

- Katherine Rushton of Micklehay, widdow, 23 March, 1649(-50).
- p. 94 Raphe Rishton the younger of White Ash, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
James Richmond of Chippinge, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
*Thomas Singleton of Stayninge, esq., 24 March, 1647(-8).
Richard Sherburne of Newton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
Dorothy Singleton of Todderstaffe, widdow, 24 March, 1648(-9).
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 George Wilson of Goosnargh, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).
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 William Wright of Exton, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
 *John Whittle of Hoghton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).
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times when such persons were sequestred in the said County of Lancaster, by the respective Committee or Commissioners for Sequestracions in the said County of Lancaster, thereunto authorized by Parliament, as followeth; that is to say—

[Most of these “delinquents” have appeared in the list of “recusants” above, being marked there with an asterisk. The following are those who were “delinquents” only.]

James Brand of Catterall in the said County of Lancaster, yeoman, sequestred for delinquency the 24th day of March, 1647(-8) and so remayneth.

Anthony Beesly of Latham, yeoman, 1 Jan., 1653(-4).

John Bond of Dinkling-green, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).

John Beswick of Manchester, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).

Henry Chamley of Fernes, labourer, 1 January, 1653(-4), 1651(-2).

William Darwine of Wavertree, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Richard Duckeson of Scotford, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).

Thomas Gerrard of Anlesargh, yeoman, 24 March, 1644(-5).

Ratcliff Gerrard of Halsall, esq., 24 June, 1650.

William Greene of Torresholme, labourer, 25 January, 1649(-50).

George Hornby of Langtree, yeoman, 24 March, 1647(-8).

William Hurst of Tildesley, husbandman, 24 March, 1645(-56).

Henry Hearne of Darby, yeoman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Nicholas Harrison of Blackroade, husbandman, 24 March, 1650(-1).

Francis Hamer of Edinfield, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Thomas Kirkby of Rawcliffe, gent., 24 March, 1647(-8).

John Kay of Banklane, labourer, 24 March, 1645(-6).

Robert Leigh of Worsthorne, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Ellis Leyland of Firmehead, husbandman, 24 March, 1646(-7).

William Melling of Chorley, yeoman, 24 March, 1646(-7).

Nicholas Leigh of Ormskirk, gent., 24 March, 1645(-6).

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Oliver Nabb of Bury, yeoman, 24 March, 1644(-5).

Christopher Nicholson of Tatham, husbandman, 24 March, 1644(-5).

Humphrey Orte of Skelmersdale, husbandman, 23 March, 1649(-50).

Laurence Parkinson of Goosnargh, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).

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George Robinson of Brotherton, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).

James Rigby of Coppall, husbandman, 24 March, 1647(-8).

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Vol. 94. Cheshire Quarter Sessions Records, 1559-1760. Edited by J. H. E. Bennett, F.S.A. and J. C. Dewhurst, F.R.I.B.A. (Ret.), and presented by the Cheshire County Council.

This volume consists of a Calendar of the records and a large number of extracts from them which throw much light on a variety of subjects about which little had been known.

The compilation was made possible by the general restoration and classification carried out in the County Records Office by Mr. Dewhurst at the instigation of Major G. C. Scrimgeour, D.S.O., M.C., Clerk of the Peace, and the County Records Advisory Sub-Committee. The Council and Members of the Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire as well as the general public, owe a debt of gratitude to Major Scrimgeour and the Cheshire County Council for their generous and public spirited action in making an interesting series of records accessible.

For the year 1940-1 the sixth and final section of Royalist Composition Papers relating to Lancashire will be issued. It will be in two parts. These volumes are in the press and only await the completion of the index. The work has been edited by the President, Mr. W. F. Irvine, M.A., F.S.A., and Mr. F. A. Bailey, M.A., has kindly undertaken the onerous work of compiling the indexes.

Another volume of South Lancashire and Cheshire Marriage Licence Bonds is also in hand. This is being edited by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. H. Lawson, F.S.A., A.R.I.B.A., and will form a continuation of the lengthy series already published by the Society.

It is hoped that a volume of early Aston Hall Charters relating to Cheshire will be printed at no distant date. Transcripts of the bulk of these charters have been made by Mr. J. H. Lumby, M.A. Some slight further transcription remains to be done and there is some difficulty in arranging for this in existing circumstances.

The late Mr. Robert Gladstone expressed his intention of presenting this volume, as well as the final portion of Lancashire Royalist Composition Papers, but died before the volumes could be completed. Mr. Gladstone's trustees, with great fairness and consideration, recognized his wishes and have made a grant of £300 from the estate. This, together with a payment in advance of £100 made to the printers by Mr. Gladstone in his lifetime, towards the printing of the Royalist Composition volumes will, even with the higher cost of printing due to the war, go a long way towards defraying the cost of the three volumes.

The Council are pleased to state that they have received an offer from Mr. R. Sharpe France, F.R.Hist.Soc., to provide material and edit a volume of extracts from the records in the possession of the Lancashire County Council.

Another member of the Council, Mr. F. A. Bailey, has made a full transcript of the Churchwardens' Accounts of the Parish of Prescott from 1523 to 1607. These are of more than usual interest as they commence at a date which is probably earlier than any other surviving similar accounts in the counties of Lancaster and Chester. The existence of these accounts was not generally known until they were discovered among some family records in 1939. Mr. Bailey has offered his transcript for publication by the Society and he will edit the work.

During the period under review the Society record with the deepest regret the deaths of three old members of the Council, and staunch supporters of the Society.

T. H. Davies-Colley, Lt.-Col., M.A., joined the Society in 1896 and was elected a member of the Council in the same year. He resigned his membership of the Council in 1909 but was a member of the Society up to the date of his death on 1 August, 1939 after an illness of many years' duration.

Robert Gladstone, B.C.L., M.A., became a member in 1902, and was elected a member of the Council in 1912. He was honorary secretary from 1922 to 1933. Mr. Gladstone died on 15 March, 1940. His interest in all that concerned the history and welfare of Lancashire and the city of Liverpool in particular, will always be remembered. The scope of his learning was of the widest character, and his enthusiasm for collecting and placing on permanent record manifold subjects to which he had devoted much time was only limited by the very high standard he set himself in all the work which he undertook. Mr. Gladstone was a most generous benefactor of the Society and, in addition to many lesser gifts, defrayed the total cost of the production of three volumes in addition to the three others mentioned earlier which have yet to be issued.

Ronald Stewart-Brown, M.A., F.S.A., died on 11 Jan., 1940, after a long illness. He joined the Society in 1907, was elected a member of the Council in 1909 and was Honorary Secretary from that year until 1922.

Mr. Stewart-Brown was a learned and indefatigable writer and he was recognized in all quarters as an antiquary of the first rank. A large number of the publications of this Society were edited by him and the Society has to thank him also for valuable financial aid towards the cost of printing. Many obituary notices of Mr. Stewart-Brown have appeared

in antiquarian and other publications; the most comprehensive being the one which was included in Vol. 91 of the *Transactions* of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. This gives a long list of the works of which Mr. Stewart-Brown was author or editor.

The strength of the Council has been further depleted by the resignation of Mr. J. P. Smith, of Barrow, who feels that he cannot now take an active part in the conduct of the Society. This resignation has been received by the Council with much regret, but they convey to Mr. Smith their great appreciation of the many services he has rendered to the Society, and they are pleased to state that Mr. Smith will continue to be associated with it as a member.

The following gentlemen have been elected as members of the Council.

Mr. R. Sharpe France, F.R.Hist.Soc.

Mr. Arthur J. Hawkes, F.S.A.

An examination of the Statements of Accounts shews that the income of the Society is hardly sufficient to cover the issue of one volume each year, but the substantial balance of £534, to which must be added the amount of the subscriptions in arrears, and the benefaction received from the estate of the late Mr. Gladstone shew that a very considerable sum is available for a regular, if modest, issue of volumes for some years to come.

The Council have to thank Mr. E. B. Royden for acting as Honorary Auditor, and also Mr. F. A. Bailey who kindly agreed to act jointly in the same capacity in the place of the late Mr. R. Stewart-Brown.

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| | 2. Wills printed by Chetham Society. |
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| | 4. WILLS in Harl. MSS. 1991 British Museum. |
| 1879-80. | 3. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period. Part I. 1603 to 1613. |
| 1880-81. | 4. Index to WILLS at Chester, 1621 to 1650, and Index to Lancashire and Cheshire WILLS and Admons. in P.C.C., 1650 to 1660. |
| | 5. Register of Prestbury, co. Chester, 1560 to 1636. |
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| | 7. Lancashire and Cheshire Records. Part I. |
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| | 9. Preston Guild Rolls, 1397 to 1682. |
| 1883-84. | 10. Index to Lancashire WILLS proved at Richmond, 1457 to 1680, and Index to Abstracts in British Museum. |
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| | 12. Miscellanies, Lancashire and Cheshire Vol. I. |
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| | 2. Loans, Contributions, Subsidies, and Ship-Money paid by the clergy of the Diocese of Chester, 1620-1639. |
| | 3. Three Lancashire Subsidy Rolls, 1541, 1622, and 1628; and a Recusant Roll, 1628. |

- 1884-85. { 4. Obligatory Knighthood; List of
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16. Lancashire Inquisitions. Stuart Period.
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