

Thomas Charles, son of Thomas Charles, executor of the same T., hath not carried out the last will of the said Thomas, because he retaineth sixpence left to the hospital of the blessed Thomas at Canterbury, and sixpence to the hospital of poor priests.

Dñs Wiffr capellanus de Stanford tenet in domo sua Aliciam de Werchorne.

*Verso.* Joñs fil' Edya notatur super adulterio commisso cum Joñna . . . .

The rector is not in priest's orders, nevertheless he saith he obtained institution before the council of Lyons.

Capellanus de Stanford tenet concubinam suam ut prius dicitur, hoc adiecit quod eam tenuit per x annos et amplius.

Dom de Leeche keepeth back all the tithe of the wind-mill, and hath retained for a year and a half three bushels of barley, ten shillings.

A missal is lacking in the chapel of Stanford, which the parishioners are bound to find.

Vicarius tenet filiam propriam domo sua de qua notatur dictus Joñs capellanus socius suus, et satis est apta ad viriles amplexus.

Things lacking in the chapel of Paddlesworth.

A psalter and legendary are lacking; the Body of the Lord is kept in a very unseemly pix; the font has no lock or cover; the chrismatory has no lock. Wherefore the Sir J., chaplain there, is suspended from celebrating divine service, and the parishioners should be warned to repair the defects before the feast of St. Michael under penalty of twenty shillings.

[A membrane attached to the above contains a list of persons excommunicated or suspended during the vacancy of the see, as follows:] Dunstan, vicar of Sellenge, Simon, rector of Boninton, John, parish chaplain of Heryngsselle (? *Hinxhill*), Adam, vicar of Eghethorne (*Eythorne*), dean of Sandwich, Master John de Moningham, rector of the same, Richard called domine, chaplain of the Church of Ridelingwealde (*Ringwold*), excommunicated; Master Richard, rector of the Church of Ripple, Stephen, rector of Waldweressare (*Waldershare*), Stephen, Godfrey, Matthew and William, vicars respectively of Colrede, Tilmanstone, Norbourne, Wodnisburg, suspended; John, rector of Horton, dean of Elham, suspended, and after repeated contumacy excommunicated, Geof-

frey, vicar of Chileham, dean of Bregge, Robert and Richard, vicars of Preston and Pelham et William de Stodmersse . . . . ? . . . . *verso*, John Boxley, dean of Wesbere, excommunicated; Peter, vicar of the Church of Menstre, suspended; John de Watton, vicar of the Church of Kingston (*blank*), Master Matthew, rector of the Church of the blessed Mary Magdalene in Canterbury, suspended; John, vicar of the Church of Monkstone, excommunicated.

*Brookland.*

[Roll XI.]

The church is badly covered, the gutters (*stillicidia*) and timber are rotten. Wherefore the parishioners are summoned, and because it is said that they are liable, it was enjoined on the wardens that they should cause all the said defects to be repaired before the next visit of the lord (? *commissary*) to the marsh under pain of twenty shillings.

The rents assigned to the fabric and lights of the church are not paid nor can they be levied except by the rector, whose duty it is to levy such dues. Adjourned.

*Fairfield (Feyrefeld).*

Roger of Kenardintone, clerk of the church, is married, and he carrieth the blessed water, and it is believed that he married a widow. He appeared and swore that he would no longer serve about the altar.

The present chaplain pastureth lambs in the churchyard and alloweth a young woman (*juvenculam*) to minister to him at the altar. He appeared and swore that on three or four occasions he was served in the manner aforesaid, and he swore that in future that he would do so no more, nor would he pasture lambs in the churchyard except in gathering time (*tempore collectionis*).

Simon quondam capellanus ibidem nunc manens apud Romene notatur de Nutekina filia Hugonis ate Walle, vir comparet et confitetur quod aliquo tempore deliquit cum ea super quo fuit correctus sede vacante, et negat recid' . . . ., super quo supposuit se inquisitioni, etc.

\*The visitation of brother R. de Clyve, Commissary of Canterbury, *sede vacante*, made in the Church of Feyrefeld on the

\* This is from another document [F 29], but it probably was once part of the roll.

(*Challock*), and Sirs Thomas, Thomas, Ralph Thomas, and Reginald of the churches of Wy and Crundale. Sir John, rector of Hortone, dean of Elham, who had refused to summon the jury, was suspended from entering a church or performing divine service.

*Wickham.*

Proceedings to inquire into the vacancy in the Church of Wycham. In accordance with his instructions, Geoffrey, vicar of Chilham, had summoned the following clerks to inquire into the matter: John, rector of Chilendenne, Nicholas, vicar of Wycham, Henry, vicar of Littleburne, Robert, vicar of Prestone, Clement, vicar of Bekesburne, Richard, vicar of Petham, William, parochial chaplain of Stodmershe, and William, parochial chaplain of Sturmuth. On the day appointed at first appeared only John Amys, who asserted that he was acting as proctor for several of the clergy of the deanery. After some delay the Rector of Chylendenne and the Vicars of Wycham and Littleburne appeared in person; the absentees were pronounced contumacious, and were suspended from entering a church or performing divine service. Later, on the same day, Clement, vicar of Bekesbourne, appeared, and excused himself on the ground that he had been hindered from coming by a fit of bleeding, and humbly sought to be restored to his former condition, which, after he had sworn to obey the commands of the church, he obtained.

*Sarre.*

Proceedings in the Church of Westbere. The Dean of Westbere, John called Cutteler, had been instructed by the commissary to summon a jury consisting of Master Walter, rector of Westbere, Peter, vicar of Minster, Thomas, vicar of Sesaltre, and others not named, to inquire into the cause of the vacancy in the Church of Serre. After a long wait neither the dean nor any of the clergy put in an appearance; they were accordingly suspended for their contumacy. Thomas, vicar of Sesaltre, appeared later, made his submission, and was restored to his former condition.

*Upper Hardres.*

1293. Monday after the octave of St. Luke, in the Church of Wymelyngeswelde. Proceedings before the Commissary to inquire into the vacancy in the Church of Heghardres through the alleged

default and neglect of the Archdeacon. The said Archdeacon being abroad (*in remotis*) the following clergy were summoned: Master Anselm, rector Eastry, Master Martin, rector of Icham, Thomas de Upton, rector of Adesham, and Sirs John, Thomas, Richard, Ralph, Richard, Stephen, and Robert, parish priests respectively of Wengeham, Nonyntone, Godwynestone, Esse, Staple, Estry and Wymelyngeswelde, and Sir John de Wattone, rector of Kyngestone. On the day appointed none of the said clergy appeared, and they were thereupon declared contumacious and suspended from their office. Afterwards Robert, parish priest of Bregge (*Bridge*), came running in great haste into the hall of the lord bishop of Herford (dñi Eþi herford) at Wymelyngeswelde,\* and asked to be restored, and since he offered a legitimate excuse, namely, that he had a corpse to bury, the aforesaid sentence was relaxed, and the said Robert gave evidence on the said vacancy.

*Barfreston.*

In the same year, day and place, an inquiry was held into the vacancy of the Church of Berfreystone (*no particulars given*).

*Eastwell.*

Tuesday next before the feast of SS. Simon and Jude 1293 an inquiry was held as to the vacancy of the Church of Estwell. The clergy were summoned to the inquest but did not appear, and thereupon they were suspended from office, viz., Sir Richard, rector of Broke, William, vicar of Chering, John, vicar of Bocton juxta Blen, and sundry parish chaplains. The same sentence was pronounced also against Master John de Ravelingeham, rector of Kenyntone (Kenington), and Sir John, vicar of Tentirdenne, for a like default.

Friday after the feast of St. Martin in the year abovesaid another inquiry was held as to the vacancy of the church by the following incumbents: Master Peter, rector of Kenardintone, Sir Bartholomew, rector of Hastingeleghe, Sir Thomas, vicar of Newentone next Folkestane, and several parochial chaplains.

*Lenham.*

On the same day,† etc., an inquiry was held into the vacancy of the vicarage of Lenham (*no particulars given*).

\* How it came about that the Bishop of Hereford had a house at Wymingswold I have been unable to discover.

† Tuesday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude, 1293.