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PREFACE

With this forty-third volume the Society, founded in 1938 as the Records Branch of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society, and becoming independent in 1967, has reached its fiftieth year.

The editing of this Commonplace Book was first suggested to Dr Freeman by Ralph Pugh, the late President of the Society. She would like to express her thanks to the Wiltshire Record Office for allowing the manuscript to be deposited in London to enable her to work on it, and to her colleagues of the Wiltshire Victoria County History for helpful suggestions on various points.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used in footnotes:

<i>Cal. S. P. Dom.</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers Domestic</i>
<i>Cal. Pat.</i>	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i>
<i>Complete Peerage</i>	G. E. Cokayne and others, <i>Complete Peerage</i> (1910–40)
<i>D.N.B.</i>	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>Endowed Char. Wilts.</i>	<i>Endowed Charities of Wiltshire</i> , H.C. 273 (1908), lxxx (northern division)
<i>Hist. Parl., Commons, 1660–90</i>	<i>History of Parliament, Commons, 1660–90</i> , ed. B. D. Henning
P.R.O.	Public Record Office
<i>V.C.H. Wilts.</i>	<i>Victoria County History of Wiltshire</i>
<i>W.A.M.</i>	<i>Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine</i>

INTRODUCTION

The volume entitled 'the Commonplace Book of Sir Edward Bayntun of Bromham'¹ is not a commonplace book in the accepted sense; few of the entries are extracts from works of literature or scholarship. It was, however, compiled chiefly, if not solely, by Sir Edward Bayntun (1618–79); the majority of entries concern his estates, his family, and his part in local and national politics.

Sir Edward Bayntun

Writing in the mid 17th century Algernon Sidney set the Bayntuns among those families 'that are now called commoners who in antiquity and eminency are in no way inferior to the chiefs of the titular nobility. . . . And if the tenures of their estates be considered, they have the same and as ancient as any of those that go under the name of duke or marquess.'² The family had been established in Wiltshire since the mid 15th century. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries they added greatly to their estates and in the 17th century their lands lay chiefly in north Wiltshire, in Bromham, their home since the earlier 16th century, and in the surrounding parishes.³ (7, 31, 92, 101)

Sir Edward Bayntun (d. 1657) (18), father of the compiler of the Commonplace Book, lived in the great 16th-century house at Bromham which John Leland had compared with the palace of Whitehall.⁴ A man of arrogant and uncertain temper, he was often at odds with his neighbours, and his public career, both in county government and as an M.P., was fraught with disputes. He commanded a force for parliament in the early part of the first Civil War, but withdrew from active soldiering after a quarrel with his neighbour and fellow commander Sir Edward Hungerford. His withdrawal and subsequent approaches to the king⁵ did not save Bromham House from destruction by royalist troops in 1645.⁶ By 1654 a new house, 'of 2 low storeys on the precipice of an incomparable prospect . . . like a long barn', had been built north of Bromham village. That house, Spye Park,⁷ was to be

¹ The spelling 'Bayntun', used by Sir Edward throughout the Commonplace Book, has been retained in this edition, in preference to 'Baynton' used e.g. *V.C.H. Wilts.* vii. 179–80.

² A. Sidney, *Works*, ed. J. Robertson, *Discourses Concerning Government*, 426.

³ *V.C.H. Wilts.* vii. 179.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.* v. 132–41; *W.A.M.* xv. 322.

⁶ *V.C.H. Wilts.* vii. 179.

⁷ *W.A.M.* xv. 321–4.

the home of his son and heir, who came to be known as Sir Edward Bayntun of Spye Park.

The younger Edward, born in 1618, is recorded as attending St. John's College, Oxford, in 1636, and Lincoln's Inn in 1638. Returning to Wiltshire, he was elected in 1640 to the Short Parliament and subsequently to the Long Parliament as a member for Devizes. Like his father he joined the parliamentary army; he held the rank of captain of horse in 1642, that of major in 1644. He combined with his military duties service on parliamentary committees and local commissions. In 1647 he was forced to withdraw from the House of Commons, and, although readmitted in June 1648, was again excluded, this time with the majority of the members, at Pride's Purge in the following December. Unlike his father, he played no later part in the Rump Parliament. He did, however, continue to hold local office, and was elected as M.P. for Devizes in the Protectorate parliament of 1654, and as member for Calne in those of 1659 and 1660. (5-6, 8)¹

On 18 April 1661 Bayntun, with 67 others, received the knighthood of the Bath, in preparation for the coronation of Charles II. (20-1)² The honour was perhaps accorded in recognition of the position which Bayntun had occupied since his father's death three years earlier, as head of one of the county's most important families. It may also have represented an attempt to woo a distinguished former adherent of the parliamentary cause to the new regime. Just over a month later, on 29 May, Sir Edward married Stuart or Stuarda, daughter of Sir Thomas Thynne of Richmond, Surrey.³ By 1670 they had two sons, Henry and Thomas, and two daughters, Ann and Lucy. By then, however, husband and wife had become estranged. In his will, drawn up in January 1670, Bayntun made no commendation of or bequest to Stuarda. She was mentioned only in the closing stages of the document, when he appointed guardians for his children; 'I do hereby declare that it is my desire that neither my wife nor any of her relations . . . shall have anything to do with the education of my children or the intermeddling with any of their estate.' There was no later alteration of these terms, although he added a codicil in September 1678.⁴

Bayntun's public career, like his family life, met with difficulties in the 1660s. He stood again for election as M.P. for Calne in 1661 but was defeated, and did not return to parliament for 14 years.⁵ He remained active in local affairs, but found himself at odds with the authorities on at least one issue, that of nonconformity. (54-7) His sympathy with the dissenters was part of a general hostility to the government of Charles II which the knighthood conferred in 1661 apparently did little to modify. The lampoons on the king and his ministers which Bayntun copied into the *Commonplace Book* are described below. After he was re-elected to parliament, as M.P. for

¹ *Hist. Parl., Commons*, 1660-90, i. 607-8; D. Underdown, *Pride's Purge*, 367.

² H. Nicholas, *Hist. Orders of Knighthood*, ii. 34.

³ *Hist. Parl., Commons*, 1660-90, i. 608; R. C. Hoare, *Mod. Wilts.* Heytesbury, 60.

⁴ P.R.O., PROB 11/361, ff. 100-1.

⁵ *Hist. Parl., Commons*, 1660-90, i. 608.

Devizes, in 1675 he criticised the court and ministries consistently and harshly. His comments in a debate on foreign policy in 1677 prompted a fellow member to accuse him of sedition. His record of opposition caused his removal from the Wiltshire commission of the peace in the same year. He succeeded, nevertheless, in winning a contested election for Devizes in 1679. By then he was probably ill; he was noted as absent from the Commons in the spring of that year, and on 26th July he died. He was succeeded by his elder son, Henry.¹

The Commonplace Book

i. *Description and history*

The book is bound in brown leather over boards and measures 18.5 cm. × 24 cm. It contains 186 pages; most of 105 pages, numbered from the front of the volume, and 62, numbered from the back, bear entries certainly or probably by Bayntun. There are 12 pages before the first of Bayntun's entries in the front of the volume; 5 are blank, 7 carry 19th-century annotations. At the back of the volume, preceding Bayntun's entries, are 6 pages, of which 4 are blank and 2 carry 19th-century annotations. Between front and back sections a page has been cut out and another page is blank.

The volume came into the hands of William Cunnington (1814–1906), a member of a notable family of Wiltshire archaeologists and antiquarians, and one of the founders of the Wiltshire Archaeological Society.² The first page bears the following note:

‘From the Diary of Moore, the poet

“1832, July 28. To Watson Taylor's sale.

29th. A curious journal of Sir Edward Bayntun's has fallen into Salmon's hands, of which I glanced through a few pages.”

Several years after Mr. Salmon left Devizes, Mr. John Ellen, who had been his managing clerk, brought this book to me.

W. Cunnington’

Salmon was presumably W. S. Salmon, who became clerk of the borough of Devizes in 1832.³ The entry quoted by Cunnington does not appear in the published edition of Thomas Moore's diary.⁴ Amongst other additions and annotations, most of which are discussed below, Cunnington gave the volume a title page in which it was described as a commonplace book, the name by which it was thereafter known. The book was presumably among his

¹ *Hist. Parl., Commons*, 1660–90, i. 608–9; J. Burke, *Hist. Commoners*, iv. 684. A memorial in Bromham church gives the date of his death as 2 Sept. 1679.

² *W.A.M.* xxxiv. 324–5; lv. 226–7.

³ J. Waylen, *Hist. Devizes*, 535–6.

⁴ T. Moore, *Memoirs*, ed. J. Russell.

many gifts to the Wiltshire Archaeological Society¹ and in 1979 was transferred to the Wiltshire Record Office.²

ii. *Compilation*

Most of the entries in the Commonplace Book date from the years 1657-79, when Bayntun was the head of his family and master of a large estate. The volume was perhaps chiefly intended as a record of the manner in which he discharged the responsibilities of his position. Its first use, however, seems to have been for notes taken in the course of reading. The first ten numbered pages at what is now the back of the volume bear extracts from and comments on Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Art of War*. (99) William Cunnington, in a note to the list of contents, suggested that the entry was not made by Bayntun. The hand in which it is copied differs slightly from that of the rest of the volume, but the two have many characteristics in common. A comment by the copyist, referring to 'our war in Ireland', indicates that the entry was probably made between 1649 and 1653 during Cromwell's Irish campaigns. If, as the similarity of the hands suggests, the copyist was Bayntun, he presumably set aside the volume for some years before bringing it back into use for a slightly different purpose.³ Of the remaining entries, those at the front of the volume cover the whole period 1657-79 and include some earlier material; those at the back, excluding the notes from *The Art of War*, were probably added near the end of Sir Edward's life and include rentals for the years 1659-79.⁴

Bayntun presumably selected material for inclusion in the book from documents already in his possession. That he kept careful records of his personal and business affairs is suggested by his reference, in a note to a document dated 1670, to 'my first copybook of letters'. (68) The orderliness of his archive is indicated by his ability to gather together documents, drawn from different dates, relating to a single theme. Nos. 13-17, for example, concern presentations of rectors of Bromham in the years 1657, 1660, and 1668; nos. 60-3 relate to the maintenance of highways in Chippenham. Not all related documents were grouped together; lists of old rents received from Bremhill and other manors in the years 1659-62, 1663-74, and 1674-9 are widely scattered. (7, 31, 92)

The Commonplace Book itself was carefully kept. The entries were generally made in full, without abbreviations except Wilts. for Wiltshire and E.B. instead of the compiler's name. Most were separated by ruled lines; rentals were tabulated. The pages of both the front and the back of the volume were numbered.

All but a few of the entries fall into four, fairly general, categories. The

¹ The date of the volume's acquisition by the Society has not been traced.

² Inf. from the Librarian, the Museum, Devizes. The volume has the Wilts. Record Office call mark 1553/22.

³ The extracts from *The Art of War* are discussed below, p. xx.

⁴ Hereafter 'first pagination' refers to enumeration from the front of the volume, 'second pagination' to enumeration from the back.

largest group, of 46 entries, is of material relating to local government. Another 38 entries refer to Bayntun's estates. Documents more directly concerned with the personal affairs of his family account for only 9 entries; 9 items relate to national politics. There remain 5 entries which belong to no distinct group, some of which have been added at a later date. The choice of entries within each of these categories illustrates the mixture of *aide-mémoire*, precedent book, and record of events of personal significance, which characterises the whole volume.

iii. *Content: family affairs*

The relatively small proportion of the Commonplace Book devoted by Bayntun to the personal affairs of his family has been mentioned. He did, however, give pride of place to one of the family's lasting memorials, the almshouses at Bromham known as the College of the Poor, founded by his grandfather Sir Henry Bayntun. A full transcription of the statutes laid down by Sir Henry for their government is the first item in the volume. (1)

Bayntun also included a copy of his father's will. (18) Other references to his parents and siblings are few and occur chiefly in estate records. He made no direct reference to his marriage, although he did include a copy of the bond entered by Sir Thomas Thynne and his brother Sir James of Longleat on the day of the marriage for payment of £1,000 to Bayntun after Sir Thomas's death (59); the payment was made on 14 August 1661.¹ In addition to the promise of this settlement the marriage brought an alliance with another of Wiltshire's great families. There is, however, no other mention of the Thynnes in the volume; they do not feature as witnesses to documents or as agents in any of Bayntun's affairs. The omission presumably stemmed from the estrangement between Bayntun and Stuarda.

On the evidence of the Commonplace Book, much closer relations than those with the Thynnes were maintained with the Osborne family. Bayntun and Sir Thomas Osborne, lord treasurer from 1673 (created earl of Danby in 1674, duke of Leeds in 1694), were related through their paternal grandmothers, Lucy and Elinor Danvers, sisters of Henry Danvers, earl of Danby (d. 1644).² The grandsons shared an interest in estates in Northamptonshire and Yorkshire which had been devised by Henry jointly to Lucy, Elinor, and three other sisters. (22, 42, 103–6) The only letter included in the volume which refers solely to personal matters is addressed by Bayntun to the lord treasurer's wife Bridget. It dates probably from late February 1674. The overt purpose of the letter is to accompany a gift of lampreys; its real purpose was to report the pleasure of Bayntun's son Henry, 'when amongst twenty it was his good fortune to draw your pretty daughter, My Lady Sophia, for his valentine.' (53) Plans for a marriage between Henry, then perhaps twelve, and Sophia, aged ten, may already have been in hand; in June 1674 they were betrothed. Bayntun presumably excepted Lord Treasurer Danby from his condemnation of the king's ministers, at least

¹ Longleat Ho., Thynne Papers, Box XC (Book 174), f. 34v.

² *Complete Peerage*, iv. 48–9; for Osborne, see *D. N. B.*

temporarily and in pursuit of a valuable family alliance. The marriage, however, did not take place. In July 1678 the earl of Sunderland was negotiating for Sophia's marriage to his son,¹ and in August of that year Henry probably left England with his tutor Dr. Brunel for an absence of perhaps three years. (89) He later married Ann, daughter of John Wilmot, earl of Rochester.²

Far more space than that given to the affairs of his immediate family was devoted by Bayntun to the ceremonial attending his knighthood. The longer of the two documents relating to the ceremony which he included is a copy of the requirements of dress and furnishings for each knight and his attendants, a list drawn up with careful regard for precedent.³ (20) Following it is a copy of the lord chamberlain's summons to Bayntun, as a member of the order of the Bath, to attend the king at his entry into the city of London and at the coronation. (21)

iv. *Content: the Bayntun estate*

Approximately a third of the entries in the Commonplace Book are copies of estate papers. Bayntun made no attempt to present a systematic record of his estates or of their management. There is, for example, no survey of his holdings. A handful of deeds is included, most, apparently, as memoranda. (e.g. 39, 68, 77) A group of entries has the character of precedents, for future reference. Two are orders for summoning courts for Bromham Bayntun, Bromham, and Stanley manors. (41, 43) A third is headed 'What to endorse upon leases when they are surrendered.' (44)

The longest entries relating to the estates are rentals. The accounts of receivers of old rents due from the manors of Bromham, Chittoe, Clench, Bremhill, Stanley, and Rowden are noted for the years 1659-62, 1663-74, and 1674-9. (7, 31, 92) Rentals of the demesne lands of Stanley, Bromham Bayntun, Bromham, and Bremhill manors for the years 1659-79 also occur in three groups, for 1659-60, 1661-2, and 1663-79, but have been calendared as a single item in this edition. (101) The dating of both sets of rentals from 1659, almost two years after Bayntun succeeded his father, may indicate that there was some delay before he entered into full possession of his estate. He was certainly in possession in October 1658, however, when he confirmed leases granted by his father. (3)

Both sets of rentals were entered by Bayntun in tabular form. For those of the demesne lands the name or description of the holding, the tenant, and the rent due were given for each year. The transcription of such records, covering a period of 20 years, must have been a peculiarly laborious task. The consistency of the hand indicates that the entries were made over a relatively short period. There are many annotations, concerning changes in the value of lands, payments in kind, and the identities of tenants; some were inserted in

¹ A. Browning, *Thomas Osborne, Earl of Danby*, i. 287 n.

² Pedigree at back of Commonplace Book.

³ Nicolas, *Hist. Orders of Knighthood*, ii. 34; W. Segar, *Honor, Military and Civill* (London, 1602), 69-72.

the margins, some interlineated. Their presence and number suggest that the rentals were compiled from rough notes rather than being transcriptions of existing fair copies.

A few items refer to the estates inherited jointly by Bayntun and his cousins from the Danvers sisters. The heirs held between them 655 a. in Northamptonshire (103); the extent of the Yorkshire holding is not recorded. Although in 1662 Bayntun attorned John Ely of Chippenham to administer his share of the estates (22), it was also the cousins' practice to appoint local agents in Yorkshire and Northamptonshire to manage their joint interests. (42, 49, 103-6)

The selection of papers relating to Bayntun's estates in the Commonplace Book is too inconsequential for it to be possible to identify his regular officers and agents. One name does, however, stand out. George Johnson, a lawyer, acted as steward of Stanley manor in 1667 (41, 43), and witnessed various transactions recorded in the volume, including Henry Bayntun's betrothal. (76) As 'my loving friend' he was appointed by Bayntun as an executor of his will and guardian of his children.¹ John Clarke, by contrast, appears only twice in the volume. As Bayntun's servant he paid money due under a bequest to George Joye in 1666 (19), and c. 1671 he witnessed the endorsement of a deed. (50) These two appearances demonstrate the shortcomings of the Commonplace Book as a record of Bayntun's circle, whether of friends or servants. In his will Bayntun left Clarke an annuity of £20 from Bromham manor, 'not doubting but that he and his wife will be very useful in the managing of my estate and looking to my children.'²

Also among the estate papers are entries relating to the advowson of Bromham rectory. In June 1657 Richard Franklyn was presented as rector by the lord protector; age or infirmity perhaps prevented the elder Sir Edward Bayntun, who died a few months later, from making a presentation. (16-17) The vacancy resulted from the death of Mr. Richards, presumably Robert Richards, who had been rector since 1600.³ The younger Edward apparently ignored Franklyn's appointment, or anticipated his expulsion from the living when, in May 1660, he nominated Timothy Richards to the rectory, then described as vacant by the death of Robert Richards. In the confusion of the months preceding the restoration of Charles II, Bayntun was apparently uncertain to whom presentation should be made, and he therefore claimed the right to treat the living as a donative. (13, 15) Richards's tenure of the rectory seems to have been unchallenged, and on his death in 1668 Bayntun presented, in the customary fashion, Thomas Wyatt. (14) Wyatt was to become a trusted friend, and Bayntun appointed him overseer of his will.⁴

1 P.R.O., PROB 11/361, f. 100v.

2 *Ibid.* f. 101.

3 *Institutiones Clericorum in Comitatu Wiltoniae*, ed. T. Phillippis (priv. print. 1825), ii. 1.

4 P.R.O., PROB 11/361, f. 100v.

v. *Content: local government*

Entries relating to local government comprise the largest group, numerically, in the volume. Like other groups of entries, it includes items clearly intended as precedents or memoranda. Among them are a copy of a printed hearth-tax certificate, with personal and place names omitted (12); a certificate, left similarly blank, of the administration of the sacrament of Holy Communion according to the usage of the Church of England to a justice of the peace (85); and a table of the divisions of the county of Wiltshire. (22)

Other entries illustrate some of the wide range of duties of a justice of the peace. Bayntun was a member of the Wiltshire commission of the peace from 1650 to 1654 and from 1660 to 1677.¹ He included no direct reference to his work within quarter sessions in the volume. There are, however, many instances of tasks undertaken by him, alone or in company with fellow justices, as a result of orders given in quarter sessions or at assizes. He recorded two occasions on which he arbitrated in suits which had been referred to him from the assize courts. (24, 46) The duties imposed by orders given in sessions were usually administrative; for example, those required to sort out the affairs of Calne in 1674, when, presumably by mistake, two sets of overseers of the poor had been appointed. (71-3) One group of orders given by the county justices in concert is copied out in its entirety; they were issued in January 1666 in an attempt to prevent the spread of the plague, then current in London and Southampton. (32) Among the few letters copied into the volume are several concerning the extent of nonconformity in Wiltshire in 1669-70, which make it clear that Bayntun and his fellow justices were far less energetic in the prosecution of dissent than either the bishop of Salisbury, Seth Ward, or the national authorities desired. (54-7)

A large proportion of the entries relating to local affairs refer to some form of taxation. Several, in which Bayntun appears as a justice, concern levies made for the payment of pensions to injured soldiers and sailors, and for the maintenance of gaols; accounts of the collectors of these levies are scattered through the volume. (26, 64-7, 93-4) Others illustrate the process of collecting national taxes. For the royal aid of 1665 Bayntun noted the summons of a general meeting of the commissioners for the county, of whom he was one, and the detailed orders to constables of Chippenham hundred for assessment and collection of the aid. (28-9)

As well as justice and tax-gatherer, Bayntun also appears briefly in the volume as soldier. Two items refer to a militia regiment, to be raised in 1677 from the Marlborough division of the county and commanded by him. (90-1)

vi. *Content: national politics*

A few entries relate more directly to national than to local or county affairs; most arise from elections for or proceedings in parliament. Four entries concern Bayntun's own candidacy. He records precepts issued for the

¹ *Hist. Parl., Commons*, 1660-90, i. 608.

elections of burgesses for Calne under which he was returned in 1659 and 1660. (6, 8) An entry dated 1676, which gives the form of a certificate exempting an M.P.'s servant from arrest while on his master's business, may have been copied from one issued soon after his eventual return to the Commons as a member for Devizes. (88)

He made no entry in the Commonplace Book concerning affairs of state during the period in which he served as an M.P. From the years in which he was out of parliament, however, he records several items indicative of his distrust of Charles II and his ministers. Two are extracts from parliamentary proceedings; the king's speech of prorogation of July 1667, in which he denied any intention of creating a standing army, and the Commons' address of October 1673 opposing the marriage of James, duke of York, to Mary of Modena. (36, 86) Also noted is the text of a proclamation against conventicles issued in July 1669. (40) He perhaps received copies of these documents from friends or relatives who attended parliament. The M.P. most nearly related to him, his brother Henry, M.P. for Chippenham, does not, however, seem to have shared Edward's hostility to the court.¹

Some measure of this hostility is given by the inclusion of scurrilous verses attacking king and ministers. Bayntun copied out in full George Wither's *Vox & Lacrimae Anglorum*, published in 1668, and *A Prophetick Lampoon*, attributed to George Villiers, duke of Buckingham, and published c. 1675. (47-8) Wither addressed members attending the parliamentary session of 1668, cataloguing in some 400 lines the faults of Charles II's government and especially of the recently fallen earl of Clarendon; his targets included extravagance and high taxes, the enrichment of courtiers and ministers at the nation's expense, inadequate military and naval provision, and the liberty and influence allowed to Roman Catholics, whom he blamed for the great fire of 1666. Another target, and one apparently in keeping with Bayntun's attitudes expressed elsewhere in the volume, was the Anglican church; he called for greater freedom for Protestant dissenters and the restoration of the ministers ejected in 1662. The lampoon attributed to Buckingham is a much shorter piece, 40 lines only, in which the king's conduct, government, and motives are caricatured. The version quoted by Bayntun differs in a few words, and in the sequence of several lines from the published version seen by this editor; either he acquired a manuscript copy of the piece, or there were minor differences between published editions.

There was originally a third entry, similar in tone, immediately preceding *Vox & Lacrimae Anglorum*. A note on page 51 of the first pagination states 'a leaf is taken out here, which contained about 60 lines of exceedingly obscene verse, of a very antimonarchical tendency. It was in the same handwriting as the adjoining pages, by Sir Edward Bayntun 1666.' The note is signed by William Cunningham.

¹ *Hist. Parl., Commons, 1660-90, i. 609-10.*

vii. *Content: mad dogs and Machiavelli*

Outside any of the categories of entry in the Commonplace Book so far discussed is a recipe for a cure for hydrophobia. (4) Defiant of categorisation, too, are two blocks of quotation and notes from the writings of Niccolò Machiavelli. The shorter of these consists of four excerpts, each of no more than a sentence or two and bearing references to the book and chapter from which they were taken, from Machiavelli's *Discourses*, in the translation by E. Dacres published in 1636. (87) The subjects are the need for a new ruler to identify and immobilise his potential enemies immediately, and for action to displace those who have grown rich through corruption and so endanger the state. Such themes harmonise well with the less judicious political writings of his contemporaries which Bayntun also quoted.

The second sequence is that drawn from *The Art of War*, in the translation by Peter Whitehorne first published in 1560–2, which occupies the first ten numbered pages at the back of the volume. (99) The excerpts are from the translator's epistle, the author's preface, from Book 1, concerning the superiority of a citizen army to a mercenary one, and Book 2, a discussion of weaponry and military training. They are summaries of arguments, with references to the folios of the published translation, rather than direct quotations, and have the appearance of notes taken in the course of reading. Most follow the order of the original, but sometimes the copyist has looked back to an earlier part of the work and interpolated additional notes out of sequence. In a number of places he added the marginal heading 'observation of mine own'. Most of these observations are headings or brief summaries of the subject under discussion. Twice, however, the author's arguments are applied to contemporary affairs. Where Machiavelli points out the need of mercenary armies to perpetuate war, the copyist notes the employment by France and Spain in his own time of Swiss mercenaries whom they dare not antagonise. The author suggests that rather than being allowed to return to cause trouble in their native country on the conclusion of peace, professional soldiers should be re-employed in some new war. It is a solution which the copyist favours for England; 'so soon as we have ended our war in Ireland', joint action might be taken with other enemies of Spain, 'because they will not suffer any to trade with them in the West Indies or for the Palatinate etc. Better to do anything than let disbanded soldiers stay long in your country.' The second contemporary application is more specific. In the discussion of cavalry training the use of wooden vaulting horses is commended; a marginal note observes that 'our dragoons' would also do well to be expert in this exercise.

viii. *Additions and annotations*

All the alterations and additions to the volume made after Bayntun's time date, apparently, from the late 19th century or the early 20th; most of them are in William Cunnington's hand. The title which he entered at the beginning of the volume reads 'Commonplace Book of Sir Henry Bayntun Kt., (Sheriff of Wilts. 1600), Sir Edward Bayntun Kt., (Sheriff of Wilts.

1637), and Sir Edward Bayntun Kt. of the Bath (Sheriff of Wilts. 1664). From 1614 to 1679.' At the end of the volume, before the second pagination, is the title, also in Cunnington's hand, 'Common-Place Book of Sir Edward Bayntun of Bromham (end of book) 1659 to 1678.' For both paginations he supplied lists of contents, citing the pages on which entries begin; most of the entries are described by the headings given within the text of the volume by Bayntun.

The text itself bears occasional annotations by Cunnington. The most substantial of these are the reference to the removal of verses following 46, mentioned above, and another directing the reader from the letter to Lady Danby (53) to the contract between Sophia Osborne and Henry Bayntun. (76) Cunnington may also have inserted the note, apparently original, of an election to the almshouses at Bromham in 1726 (2) and the cutting from *Leisure Hour* concerning Sir Theodore Mayern's prescription for a cure for hydrophobia which follows Bayntun's entry on the subject. (4) Elsewhere his additions are limited to marginal notes such as that identifying the subject of 33 as 'plague' or the explanation 'plough = waggon' beside 64.

In addition to the title pages and contents' lists, at each end of the book there are a few pages of notes made mainly by Cunnington but also in two other hands. They refer to people or places mentioned in the volume and sometimes to particular entries. Among them are rough workings for, and a completed copy of, a pedigree of the Bayntun family covering the period from the late 15th century to the early 18th. Cunnington noted that it 'has cost a great deal of trouble. The late Revd. E. Wilton, who is an exceedingly clever herald, agreed with it, as it now stands, and Canon Jackson made two or three additions . . . It should be compared with Hoare's in *Modern Wilts*.¹ The vol. which contains it is not among my books.' Also included is an unidentified newspaper cutting which quotes from a letter of Lady Essex Cheke concerning a duel between her son and Sir Edward Bayntun.

ix. *Editorial method*

Much of the content of the Comonplace Book has in this edition been summarised. Where an entire entry has been transcribed the heading is followed by the note [*Text given in full*]. Most entries are given in the order in which they occur in the volume; those paginated from the front of the volume are given before those paginated from the back. No. 101 is a compilation of three rentals which are separated by a few pages in the volume. The number of the page on which each entry begins is given. Entry numbers have been supplied by the editor. Headings or titles have usually been given where they were included by Bayntun. Where his heading or the text contains a date this has been supplied at the beginning of the entry; all dates have been converted to the new style. Editorial notes concerning the full text of an entry or a substantial part of it have generally been supplied in square brackets after the entry. Explanatory material is given and marginal notes are

¹ Hoare, *Mod. Wilts*. Downton, 7.

described in footnotes. Spelling and punctuation have been modernised, with the exception of the spelling of place names and surnames, the forms of which given by Bayntun are retained in the text; place names are given in their modern form in the index.

THE COMMONPLACE BOOK OF SIR EDWARD BAYNTUN OF BROMHAM

1 [p. 1] 18 July 1614. Statutes and ordinances made by Sir Henry Bayntun of Bromham for the College of the Poor at Bromham.¹ [*Text given in full*]

1. First, I ordain that the plot of ground beneath the chantry being part of my manor of Bromham containing by estimation an acre or less shall remain to the use of six poor people of the parish of Bromham for ever in such manner and sort as is herein contained.

2. Item, that the house newly erected by me upon the said parcel of ground containing six partitions, every partition having a room above and another beneath, shall remain to the use of six poor people for ever. Every one to enjoy a several partition.

3. Item, my will is that the said parcel of ground which is divided into six parts shall remain unto the use of six poor people for gardens for each one of them.

4. And for their maintenance I allow them £20 by the year of current English money to be divided amongst them; that is to every of them yearly £3 6s. 8d., to be paid unto them every quarter day by even portions, to wit on the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle [21 December], the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin St. Mary [25 March], [Nativity of] St. John the Baptist [24 June], and St. Michael the Archangel [29 September].

5. Further, my will is that the said pensions shall be paid to them within fourteen days after the said feast days in one of the houses of the said poor people in the presence of the said parson of Bromham and churchwardens of the said parish church, governors of the said college.

6. If any of the said poor happen to die before the quarter day is, the money due to him or her shall be paid to the next successor if he or she be chosen at the time appointed for payment, otherwise to be kept in the hands of the governors to be delivered to him or her at the time of election.

7. Item, my purpose is during my life to give unto every of the said six poor people every second year two yards and an half of cloth at the price of 5s. the yard at the least to make them gowns against the feast of All Saints [1 November], the same gowns to be made plain. And I trust that my heirs after me will continue the said gift of gowns unto the said poor people and their successors for ever, although I bind no lands for the maintenance thereof, it being a charitable work and acceptable unto God as to feed the hungry and to clothe the naked.

8. When any of those poor people die, they shall leave their gowns to their next successors.

9. As for the persons that shall be chosen, my will is that they shall be such poor people as have been born in the parish of Bromham or else there have inhabited for the space of three years. And for defect of such, out of other places where my lands are.

10. For the avoiding of strife and contention which doth usually arise where children of diverse parents are, my will is that such poor persons be chosen as be single and unmarried, if such conveniently may be had in the said parish, but for defect of such, aged married folk may be chosen, such as be fittest for relief of the said parish.

11. None are to be chosen but such as are poor and impotent; that is such as by their own labour are not able to maintain themselves without being burdensome unto others.

12. None to be chosen but such [as] are aged fifty years or upwards, unless good reason appear to me and my heirs after me, advice being taken with the governors.

13. None to be chosen but such as fear God and are of honest conversation, neither such as are not able to rehearse the Lord's Prayer and the Articles of the Faith and Ten Commandments, neither such as have not carefully frequented the church to hear God's word read and preached, neither such as have any infectious disease or loathsome unto others.

14. My will is, if it may be, that there be chosen four poor men and two poor women, but always such as may be fit for the ease and relief of the said parish.

15. My will is that when any of the poor men shall be sick and diseased that then the women shall do their best endeavours to keep and attend them, which if they shall refuse to do then to be removed. And when any of the women chance to be sick then the other women [sic] to attend them. And if need be the poor men shall desire the help of their neighbours too and the women in time of their sickness. And the said poor men to bestow their labour in fetching things necessary for them.

16. When any place shall happen to be void by death or expulsion or howsoever, my will is that the power to place others in their room shall be in myself during my life and after my decease in my heirs, provided always that they shall take advice of the governors concerning the fitness of the persons to be chosen, so as four shall be nominated by them out of the parish of Bromham (if conveniently they may be had), of which I and mine heirs after me for ever shall choose one.

17. Item, I ordain that if either I myself or mine heirs after me shall within one month after the vacancy of any place or places fail to elect one of those four, three, or two, that shall be nominated by the said governors, then it shall be lawful for the said governors to elect such as is aforesaid to fill up those rooms and their election shall stand firm and lawful.

18. And for the better ordering of the said poor people that they may behave themselves as Christians ought to do, my will is, first that every one of them shall duly and orderly come to church every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, and other times as occasion shall serve, to hear God's word read and

preached. And for the manner of their coming they shall come all together in their gowns, the men by themselves and the women by themselves, where they shall sit all together in some fit place, and there shall continue until prayer be ended. Which done they shall repair to their houses as before. And if any of them fail herein unless hindered by sickness, then that person shall forfeit for every such default 12d. to be deducted out of their stipend at the quarter's end.

19. Item, every one of those poor folks that shall be able to come to church shall receive Holy Communion four times in the year at least, under pain of the former penalty, except hindered [*sic*] by sickness or some other lawful cause allowed by the parson.

20. Item, that none of them shall offend by swearing or ungodly talking under pain of forfeiting for the first offence 4d., for the second offence 8d., for the third offence 12d., to be deducted as before.

21. Item, my will is that none of them shall give any reproachful words against their fellows or any of their neighbours under pain to forfeit for the first offence 4d., for the second 8d., for the third 12d., as before.

22. Item, that none of the said poor people shall give any blow to any of their fellows upon pain to forfeit for the first offence 5s., for the second 10s., for the third offence to be expelled for ever, advice being taken of the governors.

23. Item, I ordain that for the avoiding of idleness they shall arise betimes in the morning and shall give themselves to some honest labour.

24. Item, that none of the said poor people shall frequent alehouses or places of unlawful game otherwise than about their necessary business, neither shall they play at any unlawful games themselves or keep evil company upon pain to forfeit for every such offence 6d.

25. Item, that none of the said poor people shall live upon begging or go to any house to crave alms or beg an alms of any passenger under pain to forfeit 6d. for every offence.

26. Item, that none of the said poor people shall in the night time lodge out of the said house without good cause and licence first gotten of the parson of the parish church of Bromham or, in his absence, of one of the churchwardens there under pain to forfeit 6d.

27. Item, that none of the said poor people shall take any into their house to lodge them under pain to forfeit 12d.

28. Item, that none of the said almsfolk shall break or steal hedges, rob orchards, spoil frith in coppices, or steal corn at harvest under pain of forfeiting for every such offence 2s.

29. Item, I ordain that if any of the poor of the said house shall commit fornication, adultery, drunkenness, or any horrible sin which God forbid or shall fall into any gross heresy denying any of the articles of our Christian faith, that person to be expelled the house for ever and never to be received again.

30. Item, I ordain that none of the poor people shall under pain of expulsion take upon them without special licence from me the founder or

mine heirs after me to break any part of the stonework, tilework, or cut any of the timberwork of the roofs, floors, or partitions of the said almshouse under colour to amend their lodging or for any other cause or pretence whatsoever.

31. Item, no tipping or victualling of ale, beer, or other victuals shall be kept in the said almshouse under pain of expulsion of such person as shall keep it.

32. Item, I ordain that all such forfeitures as shall arise upon the breach of these ordinances shall be by the governors kept back at the quarters and an account thereof to be registered in a book kept by the parson of the said parish; the same money to be employed towards the reparations of the said house when occasion shall serve, and if there be no occasion then to be equally divided amongst the rest of the poor of the said college.

33. Item, my will is that when any part of the house or bounds shall decay, that the same shall be repaired at the proper costs and charges of the almspeople; viz out of the yearly stipend of £20, which being deducted out of their portions proportionably to defray the said charges of reparations, the whole shall the next time be paid unto them as before.

34. Item, when any shall fall into such crimes before specified which shall deserve expulsion, my will is to leave it in my own power and my heirs' after me to elect so to expel, provided that advice be taken with the governors concerning the truth of such crimes committed and, the truth being known either by confession or lawful witness, that then a warning to depart the house by a day appointed shall suffice without any further proceeding.

35. Item, my will is that if any of the said almsfolks after their election shall happen to have any land, living, or yearly pension fall unto them during life to the value of £4 yearly or more, that then such shall be warned by the governors to depart the house by a day appointed and removed from it and their pensions to be paid no more to them.

36. Item, my will is that if any strife or contention shall arise among the poor people, that they shall refer the same to the governors for the pacifying thereof. And if the contention be such as cannot be decided by them, then to be referred to me and mine heirs after me.

37. Item, whereas I have built in six partitions and every partition hath two rooms, my will is that the poor men to be elected into this house shall have the uppermost partitions next the chantry if it may be and the poor women to have the lower partitions.

38. Item, I ordain that the men shall not come into the houses of the women nor the women into the houses of the men except it be upon necessary occasions as to visit them in the time of their sickness; neither shall the men by night lodge in the houses of the women nor the women in the houses of the men under pain of expulsion for ever.

39. Item, I desire the parson of Bromham that now is and his successors after him to have a care of the said poor people, to visit them in their sickness and at other times when his leisure shall best serve to instruct them in the points of religion, specially in the Articles of Faith, the Lord's Prayer, and

Ten Commandments, and to exhort them to live holily and righteously in this present world.

40. And to the end that ignorance may not excuse them or cause them to go awry that are willing to live in order, my desire is that the said parson of Bromham that now is and his successors after him would at two several times in the year, viz. at the feast[s] of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin St. Mary and St. Michael the Archangel, being days appointed for the payment of their pension, in some convenient place in the church after prayer or else at the said college in one of their rooms read these ordinances distinctly in the hearing and presence of them all.

41. Lastly, if it shall please God to put into the hearts of mine heirs or any other person or persons whatsoever to add any more either annuities, pensions, or lands unto the said college and hospital or poor people, I leave it unto their discretions to bestow it either upon the said six which are of the first foundation and their successors for the increase of their maintenance or else, which I think more meet, for the relief of some other which upon a new erection may be added to the said college and those out of the parish of Bromham or at least half of them. If any new erection be made for the augmentation of the said house I think it meet it be done at the west end, next my tenement now in the tenure of Richard Hunt.

¹ The statutes are printed in part, with an account of the College of the Poor, in *Endowed Char. Wilts.* 146–7.

2 [p. 7] 15 Feb. 1726. Nomination by Thomas Selfe, rector, and Walter Gaby and Henry Hicks, churchwardens of Bromham, to Lord and Lady Sommerville¹ of Henry Sumner and William Webb, one of whom is to be elected to a place in Bromham College vacant by the death of Edward Sidney.

[The nomination is on a loose page inserted in the volume at an unknown date.]

¹ Ann, daughter and heiress of Henry Bayntun (d. 1691), son of Sir Edward (d. 1679), married first Edward Rolt and secondly, in 1724, James Somerville of Drum, Lord Somerville.

3 [p. 8] 15 Oct. 1658 to 1 Apr. 1659. Confirmation by Edward Bayntun of leases granted by his father

15 Oct. 1658: 3 leases to Thomas Stubbs, clerk; 27 Oct. 1658: 4 leases to James Crampe, clerk; 20 Dec. 1658: 1 lease to Geoffrey Sympkins, clerk; 22 Dec. 1658: lease to Robert Jenkins of Bremhill for his living at Hazeland which was Jefferye's; 1 Apr. 1659: lease to George Lewes of Spirthill for his living there.

4 [p. 9] Dr. Wright's¹ medicine for the biting of a mad dog. [*Text given in full*]

Imprimis, of the leaves of rue clean picked 6 oz., of pilled garlic 4 oz., of mithridate or London treacle 4 oz., of the shavings of pewter 4 spoonfuls,

and a pottle of strong ale. Put these into a vessel that will hold a third part more than the ingredients, let it be a stone jug or glass, and boil these close stopped in a kettle of water four hours on a gentle fire, then strain it, give nine spoonfuls nine days together, more or less according to the patient's age. Bathe the part with some of the decoction and bind the dregs upon it.²

- ¹ Perhaps Laurence Wright, 1590-1657, physician in ordinary to the Charterhouse 1624-43. *D.N.B.*
² There follows a cutting from *Leisure Hour*, Apr. 1888, concerning a cure for hydrophobia very similar to Dr. Wright's, given by Sir Theodore Mayern in a paper 'Of the Diseases of Dogs . . . ' published in 1720 in the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*, no. 191, p. 408.

5 [p. 10] 3 Jan. 1659.¹ Bremhill. Bond in £500 by Edward Bayntun to Benedict Browne and John Maye, mercer, burgesses of Calne

Bayntun is to attend as M.P. for Calne the parliament of 27 January 1659 and to acquit the borough from any cost arising from his default or negligence there. Witnesses: Gabriel Goldney, junior, Samuel Horsington

- ¹ The text gives the date of the bond as 31 December 1658.

6 [p. 11] 18 Dec. 1658. Precept from the sheriff to the [burgesses] of Calne for election of two burgesses to parliament

By virtue of a writ from Richard [Cromwell], lord protector, Isaac Burgess, sheriff of Wiltshire, requires the burgesses to proclaim that a parliament is to be held on 27 January 1659, to elect two burgesses for the borough, to enter the names of those elected in indentures to be made between the sheriff and those present at the election securing the powers of the elected burgesses, and to return the indentures for certification in the court of Chancery.

7 [p. 12] 1659-62. Old rents received from Benjamin Webb for Bromham, Chittoe, and Clench manors, and from Robert Jenkins for Bremhill, Stanley, and Rowden manors

Date	Property	Rent	
1659	7 Sept	Bromham etc.	£29 2s. 10d.
1660	21 Apr.	Bromham etc.	£44 14s. 9½d.
	22 Sept.	Bromham etc.	£29 14s. 10d.
	Michaelmas [29 Sept.]	Widow Tidfall of Chittoe Heath owes 10s. for 6 months rent.	
	Lady Day [25 Mar.]	Chittoe tithing owes 2s. tithing silver	
	27 Oct.	Bremhill etc.	£61 15s. 4½d.
1661	13 Mar.	Bremhill etc.	£68 9s. 9½d.
	30 Mar.	Bromham etc.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	7 Sept.	Bromham etc.	£29 9s. 11d.
	15 Sept.	Bremhill etc.	£61 15s. 4½d.

1662	12 Mar.	Bremhill etc.	£68	4s.	4½d.
	15 Apr.	Bromham etc. and 2s. due from John Tidfall of Chittoe for 18 months rent due at Michaelmas 1661	£44	15s.	3½d.
	12 Sept.	Bremhill etc.	£62	12s.	3½d.
	26 Sept.	Bromham etc.	£29	9s.	11d.

8 [p. 14] 29 Mar. 1660. Precept from Isaac Burgess, sheriff, to the burgesses of Calne for the election of two burgesses to serve in a parliament to be held on 5 April 1660. Edward Bayntun notes that he entered into a bond for £500 on his election.

9 [p. 14] 22 Sept. 1663. Certificate sealed by Walter Ernle, William Yorke, John Kent, and Robert Chaloner, that Sir Edward Bayntun is taxed for an estate of £40 in lands for payment to the first and second of four lay subsidies granted in 1663.

10 [p. 15] 17 Mar. 1664. Certificates as **9** for the third and fourth subsidies of 1663, sealed by Walter Ernle, John Kent, and John Long, commissioners.

11 [p. 15] n.d. Certificate of exemption from tax under an Act concerning Fire-hearths and Stoves, 14 Charles II [c. 10], of Ann Williams, widow, and Hugh Powell. Their houses are worth no more than 20s. p.a. improved rent and have no more than two hearths; Williams and Powell do not occupy lands valued at 20s. or more p.a. or hold or have held in trust for them property valued at £10 p.a.

[*In margin*: Lacock]

12 [p. 15] Michaelmas [29 Oct.] 1670. Copy of a printed certificate for exemption as in **11**, omitting names, places, and date, to be completed by the minister of the parish and presented to the justices of the peace. The certificate was given to Sir Edward Bayntun and his fellow justices at the Michaelmas quarter sessions at Marlborough by Mr. Levett.

13 [p. 16] 25 May 1660. Presentation to or donation of Bromham rectory by Edward Bayntun

As rightful patron of Bromham rectory, vacant by the death of Robert Richards, and in the absence of the ordinary or other authorised person to whom presentation should be made, Bayntun invokes the ancient right of patrons to collate and to induct clergy into their churches, employed in donative livings, and confers the rectory on Timothy Richards M.A.¹

¹ See **15-16** and introduction, p. xvii.

14 [p. 16] 6 May 166[8].¹ Presentation to [Seth Ward], bishop of Salisbury, by Sir Edward Bayntun of Thomas Wyatt D.D. to be admitted to Bromham rectory, vacant by the death of Timothy Richards.

[*Latin*]

¹ Wyatt was instituted to the rectory in 1668: *Institutiones Clericorum*, ed. Phillipps, ii. 29.

15 [p. 17] 22 May 1660. Letter from Edward Bayntun attorning John Lavington and Henry Scott to put Timothy Richards in possession of Bromham rectory in accordance with his presentation of the same date.¹

¹ The presentation was made on 25 May: see 13.

16 [p. 18] 16 June 1657. Whitehall. Presentation, endorsed as a true copy by John Ny, registrar [of Salisbury diocese], of Richard Franklyn to be approved and admitted by the commissioners for the approbation of preachers to Bromham rectory, vacant by the death of Mr. [Robert] Richards, of which the lord protector is patron by lapse.¹

¹ From 1654 patronal rights, which would formerly have passed by lapse to the episcopate, passed after a vacancy of six months to the lord protector: W. A. Shaw, *The Church under the Commonwealth*, ii. 265.

17 [p. 19] 17 June 1657. Whitehall. Approbation, endorsed as in 16, by the commissioners of Richard Franklyn to be [rector of Bromham] and notification of his admission as if he had been instituted and inducted according to former laws and customs.

18 [p. 20] 31 Oct. 1657. Will of Sir Edward Bayntun (d. 1657).¹ [*Text given in full*]

In the name of God, amen. I, Sir Edward Bayntun of Bromham in the county of Wiltshire, knight, being weak in body but sound in memory and perfect in mind (praise and thanks be given to God therefore) do hereby and herein make this my absolute last will and testament in manner and form following. And first I bequeath myself into the hands of my maker, hoping to be saved and redeemed only by the death and passion of his son, my saviour Jesus Christ, beseeching God now and at all times hereafter to prepare my heart by faith in him for evermore. And when it shall please God to call me to his mercy, grant that I may be then and at all times ready and willing to render up myself unto life everlasting. And first for my body, I commend it to the earth from whence it came, there to remain until the resurrection. And as for those worldly goods and estate [*sic*] which it hath pleased God to bless me withal, I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following. First, whereas I have by some former deed (which I cannot now find) settled on my second son Henry an annuity of £200 by the year to be issuing, levied, had, received, and taken out of my manor of Bromham for and during his natural life, my will is and I do hereby desire my eldest son Edward to confirm the same annuity unto him that he may enjoy the same according to my intent. Item, I give to my son Nicholas £500 to be paid within three months of my decease. Also I desire my eldest son Edward to take care of my daughter Mary and to provide for her and not to suffer her to want such things as shall be necessary for her. Also I make and ordain my well-beloved wife and my

son Robert to be the executors of this my last will and testament. Witnesses: William Johnson, Peter Arnault, Samuel Horsington

¹ A copy of the will is in P.R.O., PROB 11/272, f. 19. A summary is printed in *Genealogical Abstract of Wills, Register 'Wootton' 1658*, ed. W. Brigg, i. p. 29

19 [p. 21] 6 July 1666. Bond in £100 by Sir Edward Bayntun to John Trethewy of Ditchat (Som.)

Bayntun has received £50 appointed to be paid by Trethewy to the heir of the late Sir George Joye, kt., according to a codicil to the will of James Ley, late earl of Marlborough, on behalf of George Joye, Sir George's grandson and heir and Bayntun's servant, and is to indemnify Trethewy and to obtain for him a release for the same from George Joye within six months of the latter's majority or from George's executors in the case of his death before then. Witnesses: George Union, William Newman, George Joyce, John Tooker

Endorsement: 14 July 1669. George Joye was paid £51 10s. by John Clarke, Bayntun's servant, and the bond cancelled. Joye's mother spent 30s. of the money at Oxford wherefore George Joye . . . [*illegible*]

[Bond in Latin]

20 [p. 22] 5 Mar. 1661. Preparations for each knight of the Bath. [*Text given in full*]

Imprimis, a mattress or feather bed, as also a bolster, pillow, blankets, sheets, coverlets, and covering of red rag or say with a demi-tester to the same of red say without curtains or with his arms with his crest or supporters if a nobleman.

For his first habit

Item, coarse cloth of frieze russett to make a long gown, with wide sleeves and hood thereunto in form of an hermit's weed, tied close about the middle with a cordon of ash coloured and russett silk (made round of fingerwork and knit full of knots before reaching down almost to the knees) and a white napkin or handkerchief hanging thereat.

Item, a pair of stockings of black kersey called *chausse-semelle*, soled with black leather sewed to them; they using with them no other shoes but sometimes wearing a pair of black slippers to keep them from taking cold.

For his second habit

Item, a mantle and surcoat of red taffeta, edged with white taffeta or sarsenet and thereto two long strings of white silk, with buttons and tassels of red silk and gold and a pair of white gloves tied to them, which hang about the middle of his back. Also a coif of white lawn for his head with a white hat and a white feather.

Item, a sword, the pommel whereof and the cross hilt to be gilt, the scabbard of white leather, girdle and belt of the same, with buckles of iron or metal, gilt.

Item, white boots and a pair of gilt spurs with white leathers.

Item, four horses saddled (*viz.* for himself, his two esquires, and one page), that for himself having a black leather saddle bordered with white leather, the arson white, no cropper but a pectoral having a cross patre [part?] gilt thereon, and on the forehead another. Also black stirrup leathers with gilt stirrups.

Item, a black bridle of leather having a broad rein and a small long rein. Note that the horse for the page and horses for the two esquires are to be furnished as the knight himself pleaseth.

For his third habit

Item, to have a long gown of purple satin, the sleeves turned up at the hands half a yard deep with white taffeta (after the manner of a doctor or bachelor of laws [arts *added above the line*]) edged with white taffeta and sometimes lined throughout, with a hood to the same purpled with the like taffeta about half an inch deep. On his left shoulder a small lace of white silk, which lace ought to have a tag or tags.

Item, two escutcheons of his arms with crest, and if he be a nobleman to be with supporters, one whereof is to be placed over the place where he is to sit at table and the other over his bed.

Item, a table and his mess of meat or rather one or two tables for all knights to sit at in the inside, the esquires standing in the outside and the page behind them.

Also every knight to provide an angel in gold for his offering in the chapel.

The proportions of cloth and silk for the robes before specified.

Imprimis, three yards and a half of grey coarse cloth for his gown and cap.

Item, thirteen ells of crimson taffeta for the robe and surcoat.

Item, sixteen yards of purple satin for the robe and hood.

Item, three ells of white taffeta to edge and face the silk robes.

Item, cordels or strings with great tassels and crimson silk and gold for the crimson robe, and a small one of purple and gold for the purple robe. The robes were not only edged and faced with white taffeta but lined.

Note that the esquires and page are to be richly habited and that every knight to have two footmen.

21 [p. 23] 5 Mar. 1661. Whitehall. Notification [from [Edward Montagu,] earl of Manchester, lord chamberlain of the King's Household, to Edward Bayntun that, as one of those advanced to the order of the Bath to attend the king at his entry into the city of London and at his coronation on 22 and 23 April next, he is to appear at the royal palace of Westminster on the afternoon of 18 April duly prepared to receive the order.

22 [p. 24] 1 Aug. 1662. Letter of Sir Edward Bayntun attorning John Ely of Chippenham to receive profits from, make leases of, and appoint officers to a fifth part of lands and leases in Northamptonshire and Yorkshire, which formerly belonged to Lady Elizabeth Carye and in accordance with her

wishes were devised in the will of her son Henry [Danvers], earl of Danby, in equal portions to her daughters Lady Ann Porter, Lady Lucy Bayntun, Elinor Walmersley, Lady Catherine Gargrave, and Lady Dorothy Osborne. The property has passed to the daughters' heirs, including Bayntun, son of Lady Lucy's son Sir Edward.

23 [p. 25] ? 18 Aug. 1662. Certificate to Sir Robert Foster, chief justice of the King's Bench, that, by an order of the Salisbury assizes of 17 July 1662, the writer on 18 August 1662 heard allegations from John Townshend plaintiff and Walter Coleman defendant in an action depending in King's Bench for a footway which the plaintiff claims to have through a ground, orchrd, and backside of the defendant in Tytherton Lucas, and found that the plaintiff had no such right.

24 [p. 26] 27 Jan. 1664. Order of Sir Edward Bayntun in a dispute between Thomas Bayly and Ralph Bayly of Marlborough

On 1 August last Sir Matthew Hale, chief baron of the Exchequer, and Sir John Archer, a justice of Common Pleas, sitting as justices of assize at Salisbury, ordered that matters in controversy between Thomas Bayly plaintiff and Ralph Bayly defendant, excluding those arising from their executorship of the will of Thomas Bayly, clerk, Ralph's father, should with the consent of the parties be referred to arbitration by William Glanvill and Geoffrey Daniell, and, if not determined by them on or before the first day of next term, to Sir Edward Bayntun as umpire for determination before 1 February next. Bayntun has today heard testimony in the presence of both parties and has judged that Ralph Bayly should pay Thomas £5 and that each should seal to the other releases of all debts arising from these matters on or before 28 February next.

25 [p. 27] 1666. Marlborough. Wiltshire justices of the peace, named below, at quarter sessions and at the request of the lord lieutenant rate the divisions of the county for raising money or men at the following proportions of £100 or 100 men.

Salisbury division with Salisbury

city	25	
Warminster division	20	
Marlborough division	17	
Devizes division	15	
Chippenham division	15	
Trowbridge division	8	
Sir Francis Seymour		Sir John Ernle
Sir William Eyre		Sir Anthony Hungerford
Sir Walter Vaughan		Sir George Joye
Sir Henry Poole		Edward Long
Sir John Dauntsey		

Note that the same rate was offered in Queen Elizabeth's time during the Irish wars and since.

26 [p. 27] 1672. Quarterly payments due from the northern hundreds of Wiltshire to maimed soldiers and mariners, to Fisherton Anger gaol, and to the King's Bench and Marshalsea prisons

	Maimed soldiers etc.	King's Bench and Marshalsea	Fisherton Anger gaol
Calne	£2 12s.	11s. 11d.	7s.
Chippenham	£6 9s.	£2 3s. 4d.	19s. 7½d.
North Damerham	£1 9s. 8d.	8s. 8d.	3s. 6d.
Highworth, Cricklade, and Staple	£5 7s. 8d.	18s. 4½d.	14s. 4d.
Kingsbridge	£2 12s. 8d.	10s. 4d.	8s.
Kinwardstone	£4 4s. 6d.	14s. 1d.	12s. 6d.
Malmesbury	£7 4s.	£2 6s. 8d.	15s.
Potterne and Cannings	£1 13s.	5s. 6d.	4s.
Devizes borough	6s. 8d.	-	-
Ramsbury	13s.	2s. 6d.	3s. 6d.
Selkley	£3 5s.	10s. 10d.	7s. 4d.
Swanborough	£6 10s.	£1 1s. ½d.	8s.

Note that the payments were made at the Easter sessions at Devizes.

27 [p. 28] Undated. Table of the six divisions of Wiltshire, including 29 hundreds and 100 equal parts

Salisbury division	9 hundreds
Salisbury city	4 parts
Amesbury	4 parts
Branch and Dole	4 parts
Elstub and Everly	3 parts
Alderbury	2 parts
Cadowne and Cadworth	2 parts
Downton	2 parts
Chalke	2 parts
Underditch	1 part
Frustfield	1 part
Total	25 parts
Warminster division	6 hundreds
Dunworth	4 parts
Mere	2¾ parts
South Damerham	2¼ parts
Hatsbury	3¾ parts
Warminster	3⅝ parts
Whoresdowne	3⅝ parts
Total	20 parts

Marlborough division	4 hundreds
Kingsbridge	5 parts
Selkely	4 $\frac{1}{3}$ parts
Highworth	6 $\frac{1}{3}$ parts
Ramsbury	1 $\frac{1}{3}$ part
Total	17 parts
Devizes division	3 hundreds
Kinwardstone	6 parts
Swanborough	6 parts
Potterne and Cannings with Devizes borough and Bromham and Rowde liberty	3 parts
Total	15 parts
Chippenham division	4 hundreds
Chippenham	6 parts
Malmesbury	6 parts
Calne	2 parts
North Damerham	1 part
Total	15 parts
Trowbridge division	3 hundreds
Milksham and Trowbridge liberty	5 parts
Bradford	4 parts
Westbury	3 parts
Total	8 parts [<i>sic</i>]

28 [p. 28] 6 Mar. 1665. Swindon. The Wiltshire commissioners, named below, for the levying of a royal aid of £2,477,500 give notice of a general meeting of all commissioners for the county to be held at Devizes, the usual place for such meetings, at the sign of the George at 9 a.m. on Thursday 9 March next. The undersheriff is to notify the commissioners by the bailiffs of the hundreds. Walter St. John, Edward Poole, John Ernle, George Bond, Edward Goddard, Richard Southbye, Ralph Freke, Thomas Benett, Edmund Webb, John Norden, William Sadler, Neville Massenbie, William Levett, Edward Warneford, Robert Hipplesley

29 [p. 29] 14 Mar. 1665. Chippenham. Order to constables of Chippenham hundred arising from the meeting of 9 March [*see 28*] to issue warrants for the assessment by pound rate or otherwise of £354 due from the hundred. The constables are to appoint two or more assessors from every parish and tithing who will report to the undersigned commissioners at William Stevens's house in Chippenham at 9 a.m. on Thursday 30 March. Duplicates of the assessments will then be made and sub-collectors appointed on the constables' nomination by the commissioners. The sub-collectors will make payment on or before 18 April to the high-collector for the hundred appointed by the commissioners. Payment will be made by him to the

receiver general so that the contributions may be paid into the Receipt of Exchequer on or before 1 May. Constables neglecting their duty are liable to fines not exceeding £20 each. George Hungerford, William Duckett, John Estcourt, E[dward] B[ayntun], John Wild, George Ayliffe

30 [p. 29] 1668. Form of nomination and appointment of sub-collector as in **29**. The persons from whom collection is to be made are to be named in the appointment; the sub-collector has power to distrain for non-payment.

31 [p. 30] 1663-74. Old rents received from Robert Jenkins and William Wilcox for Bromhill, Stanley, and Rowden manors, and from Benjamin Webb for Bromham, Chittoe, and Clench manors

Date	Property	Rent
1663	28 Mar. Bremhill etc. ¹	£68 10s. 0¾d.
	1 May Bromham etc. John Tidfall then owed 10d.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	30 Sept Bremhill etc.	£62 16s. 5¼d.
	15 Oct. Bromham etc.	£29 10s. 11d.
1664	30 Mar. Bremhill etc.	£68 13s. 3¾d.
	5 Apr. Bromham etc.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	26 Sept. Bremhill etc.	£62 16s. 4¾d.
	8 Oct. Bromham etc.	£29 10s. 11d.
	R. W. agrees to pay for tithing silver owing to Bayntun ²	
1665	27 Mar. Bremhill etc.	£63 11s 9¾d.
	18 Apr. Bromham etc.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	15 Sept. Bremhill etc.	£62 9s. 9¾d.
	21 Oct. Bromham etc.	£29 10s 11d.
1666	26 Mar. Bremhill etc.	£68 12s. 10¾d.
	12 May Bromham etc.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	28 Sept. Bremhill etc.	£62 9s. 9¾d.
	15 Oct. Bromham etc.	£29 10s. 11d.
1667	29 Mar. Bremhill etc.	£68 12s. 10¾d.
	20 Apr. Bromham etc.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	2 Oct. Bremhill etc.	£62 9s. 9¾d.
	18 Oct. Bromham etc.	£29 10s. 11d.
1668	20 Apr. Bromham etc.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	7 May Bremhill etc.	£68 12s. 10¾d.
	19 Oct. Bromham etc.	£29 10s. 11d.
	Dec. Bremhill etc.	£63 1s. 11¾d.
1669	31 May Bremhill etc. ³	£69 10s. 8¾d.
	4 June Bromham etc.	£44 15s. 3½d.
	18 Oct. Bromham etc.	£29 10s. 11d.
1670	24 Feb. Bremhill etc.	£63 2s. 6¼d.

	2 Apr.	Bremhill etc.	£70	5s.	11 ¾d.
	20 June	Bromham etc.	£44	15s.	3 ½d.
	22 Oct.	Bromham etc.	£29	6s.	11d.
	11 Nov.	Bremhill etc.	£64	1s.	10 ¾d.
1671	20 Apr.	Bremhill etc.	£70	6s.	5 ¾d.
	8 May	Bromham etc.	£44	15s.	3 ½d.
	25 Oct.	Bromham etc.	£29	10s.	11d.
	15 Nov.	Bremhill etc.	£64	1s.	10 ¾d.
1672	30 Apr.	Bromham etc.	£44	15s.	3 ½d.
	1 May	Bremhill etc.	£70	6s.	5d.
	28 Oct.	Bromham etc.	£29	10s.	11d. ⁴
	2 Nov	Bremhill etc.	£64	1s.	10 ¾d.
1673	19 Apr.	Bremhill etc.	£70	6s.	6d.
	28 Apr.	Bromham etc.	£44	15s.	3 ¾d.
	25 Oct.	Bromham etc.	£29	10s.	11d. ⁴
	1 Nov.	Bremhill etc.	£64	1s.	10 ¾d.
1674	20 Apr.	Bremhill etc.	£70	6s.	6d.
	8 May	Bromham etc.	£44	5s.	3 ½d.

¹ Robert Jenkins makes payments for Bremhill etc. from Mar. 1663.

² Note crossed through.

³ William Wilcoxe makes payments for Bremhill etc. from May 1669.

⁴ In margin: 1 lb. cumin seed.

32 [p. 36] 9 Jan. 1666. Orders of the justices of the peace for Wiltshire to prevent the spread by the carriage of goods or by wandering beggars of the plague which infected London, Westminster, Southwark, and Southampton. [*Text given in full*]

1. First, that no tradesman or other person whatsoever living in this county after publication of these orders receive into their house any wares or goods from London, Westminster, Southwark, Southampton, or other towns infected, unless the persons that bring the wares or goods bring also with them an authentic certificate to be allowed by the chief magistrate of every town corporate or the minister and one constable at least of the villages respectively that the same are free from infection, and in case of doubt to advise with the next justice of the peace, upon pain that the houses of such as shall offend in the premises and their family shall be shut up by the constables or other officers of the place and not to be opened again but with the consent and allowance of the two next justices of the peace.

2. And that no innkeeper, alehousekeeper, or victualler receive such goods other than of travellers for one night, upon pain of every such innkeeper and alehousekeeper or victualler doing contrary to be suppressed from further entertaining and victualling and also have their houses shut up as aforesaid.

3. That in case any persons shut up as aforesaid shall refuse to submit or resist the officers in doing their office in the premises, such persons shall be by the officers compelled to keep in the said house or shall be committed to the

gaol if they be free from infection or, if danger be of infection, then when danger of infection is over then to be committed to the common gaol there to remain till the next sessions of the peace.

4. That no pedlars, petty chapmen, tinkers, fiddlers, beggars, or other vagabonds be permitted to pass or wander up and down the county from place to place and none beg out of their own towns or parishes upon the penalties that by statutes of the realm are to be inflicted as well upon them as upon the constables and other officers that neglect their duty herein; and in order hereunto, that watches and wards be duly kept according to law.

5. If any house or person be infected or suspected to be infected, it shall be lawful for the constables of the place or some of them by and with the consent of one justice of peace to shut up such house and person as aforesaid, the same not to be opened again but by the allowance of two next justices as aforesaid, and in case of resistance or refusal to submit such persons to be compelled as aforesaid.

6. That these orders be published in every market town within this county, not exempt from the county, some market day within one month after the date hereof, and copies thereof be taken by the sheriff and by him delivered to the respective chief constables, they to send copies thereof to the petty constables of each township and parish in their respective divisions.

7. That copies of these orders be sent by the sheriff to the several towns and boroughs of this county that have justices of the peace by charter and are exempt from the county at large, who are desired to make the like orders within their several limits and jurisdictions.

Ex par[te] Francis Sambrooke, deputy clerk of the peace for Wiltshire

33 [p. 38] 4 Jan. 1666. Devizes. Commissioners, named below, order that £1,960 17s. 7d. a month and £1,488 9s. 6½d. a month be levied from the divisions of the county over the next two years, under two Acts, granting a Royal Aid 16 & 17 Charles II c. 1, and for Further Supply 17 Charles II c. 1. Sir John Weld, high sheriff, Edward Howard, Sir Walter St. John, Bt., Sir George Hungerford, Bt., Sir Edward Bayntun, Sir William Calley, Francis Wroughton, John Pleydell, Henry Hungerford, Henry Bayntun, Henry Clerke, William Yorke, Geoffrey Daniell, John Nordern, John Kent, John Long, James Ash, Giles Eyre, William Levett, Richard Greene, Thomas Hunt, Robert Chaloner

The sums to be raised in the following proportions

Division	Royal aid (quarterly payments)	Supply	Total
Salisbury 24¼ parts	£1,430 18s. 1¼d.	£1,082 17s. 4d.	£2,513 15s. 5¼d.
Warminster 18¾ parts	£1,106 7s. 4¼d.	£837 5s. 4½d.	£1,943 12s. 9¼d.
Trowbridge 8 parts	£472 1s. 0¼d.	£357 4s. 8¼d.	£829 5s. 8½d.

Marlborough 17 ½ parts	£1,032 12s. 2¾d.	£781 9s. 0¼d.	£1,814 1s. 3d.
Devizes 15 ½ parts	£914 11s. 11¼d.	£692 2s. 10¼d.	£1,606 14s. 10d.
Chippenham 16 parts	£944 2s. 0½d.	£714 9s. 4¾d.	£1,658 11s. 5¼d.

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34 [p. 40] 2 Oct. 1666. Marlborough. Order made at quarter sessions in a dispute between Lacock and Chitway parishes over the maintenance of Philip Hunt, an idiot. The court finds that Hunt's last legal place of settlement was Lacock, where he had lived with his mother, and that he should be returned thither.

Ex parte Francis Sambrooke, deputy clerk of the peace

35 [p. 40] 8 Oct. 1666. Marlborough. Order made at quarter sessions on complaint from the county treasurers of the collections for the relief of maimed soldiers and mariners and prisoners in the King's Bench and Marshalsea gaols that money due to them at quarter sessions is detained by high constables, tithingmen, parish constables, or churchwardens. On complaint by the treasurers to any justice that a high constable is in arrears, the constable is to be summoned and if he or the parish officers are found negligent they are to be bound over to answer at the next quarter sessions.

Ex parte Francis Sambrooke, deputy clerk of the peace

36 [p. 41] 29 July [1667]. The King's speech in the House of Lords.¹ [*Text given in full*]

My lords and gentlemen,

I summoned you by proclamation when we were in great straits. The business is now over; and I cannot tell how to oblige you better than sending you into the country at such a time as this. I wonder which thing I have done since I came into England that should give occasion of jealousy that I intended to govern by a standing army? I am more [an] Englishman; and if others do but as well observe the law as I shall do, there shall be no need of any such thing. And for the forces which w[ere] lately raised, I did grant no one commission till the enemy was landed and I am sure the officers themselves are desirous to be disbanded; as the last summer, when I raised my troops, as soon as the danger was over I caused them to be disbanded. There is now a peace concluded that will speedily be published, which will be great satisfaction to Christendom. I hope we shall meet the 10th of October to restore [the] nation to its ancient splendour, and I trust I shall do my part. No[w], lord chancellor, do your duty.

The lord chancellor's speech

His Majesty hath ordered me to prorogue this parliament till the 10th of

October next, and it is prorogued till the 10th of October.

¹ A longer version of the speech is in *Lord's Journal*, xii. 114.

37 [p. 41] 12 July 1669. Authorisation from Sir Edward Bayntun to churchwardens of Calne to distrain and sell goods of those refusing payment of a rate which on 7 June 1669 he had ordered to be levied for gaols, the Marshalsea, mariners, and maimed soldiers.

38 [p. 41] 12 Jan. 1669. Salisbury. Order made at quarter sessions that pensions now paid by the county treasurers are to cease at Michaelmas [29 September] next and that only those having a certificate from one or more justices of the peace will thereafter receive pensions. Justices are desired to give certificates only to the truly poor and deserving.

Ex par[te] Thomas Dennett, deputy clerk of the peace

39 [p. 42] 18 Feb. 1661. Indenture between Robert Henley of the Middle Temple and Edward Bayntun

By indenture of 30 June 1646, confirmed by the dean and chapter of Salisbury 6 July 1646, Brian [Duppa], bishop of Salisbury, granted to Richard Chaworth D.C.L. a lease for 21 years of the manor, lordship, and hundred of Bishops Cannings and of all his lands etc. in Bishops Cannings, Chittoe, Horton, Burton, Easton, Cote, Roundway, Nusteed, Weeke, Highway, Bedborough, Bupton, and Cleeve, at a yearly rent of £180 and 24 *qr.* of wheat. Henley, to whom Chaworth's interest has been conveyed, assigns to Bayntun for the remainder of the term at a yearly rent of £3 19s. 4d. premises in Chittoe, reputed possessions of the bishopric and parcel of Bishops Cannings manor, now or formerly in the tenure of Bayntun, Henry Rawlins, Joan Baily, Robert Stone, John Elms, Sarah Leigh, John Sloper, Andrew Jennings, Elizabeth Collett, Dorothy Pierce, James Pierce, Richard Baily, Benjamin Francombe, Prosy Chiver, Elizabeth Lanfer, Francis Leigh, Benjamin Hobbs, William Baily, Henry Young, Ann Young, John Jennings, Thomas Hobbs, Edward Way, Ann Baily, Ann Wilkins, and Francis Sparrow, or their assigns, including the following customary and copyhold lands; 140 a. and 60 a. formerly parcel of the Heath or Chittoe Heath, 20 a. formerly parcel of Richard Bailey's copyhold tenement, 1½ a. formerly parcel of the tenement of Joan Baily, widow, all impaled within Spye Park, now held by Bayntun or his assigns. Henley covenants to convey to Bayntun within three months his interest in the premises and that of his brother Sir Andrew Henley, Bt.

40 [p. 46] 16 July 1669. Whitehall. Royal proclamation against conventicles. [*Text given in full*]

Forasmuch as information hath been given to us from several parts of the kingdom that those who separate themselves from the established worship do meet in greater numbers than formerly, to such a degree as may endanger the public peace, with which we cannot but take notice also how far our

known and still avowed easiness to indulge tender consciences is abused thereby; wherefore by the advice of our privy council we have thought fit to issue this our proclamation, straitly charging and commanding our justices of the peace within the limits of their several jurisdictions, where they shall find any such meetings to be held, that they put the laws in execution for suppression thereof, and particularly proceed against the preachers, according to the statute made in the seventeenth year of our reign, entitled an Act of restraining nonconformists from inhabiting in corporations [17 Charles II c. 2].

41 [p. 47] 21 Mar. 1667. Order from George Johnson, steward of Stanley manor, to the bailiff or reeve of the manor and the tithingmen of Stanley and Nethermore to summon the court leet or lawday and the court baron to meet at the accustomed place at 8 a.m. on 1 April next.

42 [p. 47] 25 Nov. 1668. Appointment by Sir Edward Bayntun, Dame Elizabeth Derham of Derham Abby (Norf.), John Osborne of Chicksands (Beds.), John Dutton Colt of Hereford, and Richard Walmsley of Dunkin-hall (Lancs.), of William Gray of New Malton to receive rents etc. from 1 inge or parcel of meadow commonly called the Castle Inge or How Inge in Pickeringlyth (Yorks.), previous letters of attorney to Richard Derham being revoked. Witnesses: Charles Danvers, John Horton

[pp. 48-9 missing or not included in numeration]

43 [p. 50] Mar. 1667. Orders from George Johnson, steward, to the bailiffs or Reeves of Bromham Bayntun and Bromham manors, to summon meetings of the court baron of Bromham Bayntun on 30 March at 2 p.m., and of the court leet or lawday and court baron of Bromham [no date or time given].

[The bailiff of a third manor, the name of which is torn and illegible, is ordered to summon a meeting of the court baron and halimote on 30 March at 2 p.m.]

44 [p. 50] 21 Oct. 1668. Form of endorsement for a surrendered lease, giving as example a surrender by Henry Tugwell to Sir Edward Bayntun. Witnesses: George Johnson, Thomas Stevens

Note that the surrender of the old should be dated a day or more before the date of a new lease.

45 [attached to p. 51] n.d. Fragment concerning a dispute between Thomas Mompesson of Corton and Thomas Lambert of Boyton, over flooding meadows in Boyton and Sherrington, referred from assizes held before Sir [John] Archer, a justice of the Common Pleas, on 21 February last to Sir Henry Co . . . and others for determination.

46 [p. 51] 9 Oct. 1675. Order made by Sir Edward Bayntun in a dispute between John Tyck and Edith Whitlock plaintiffs and John Webb defendant, referred to him from the assizes held at Salisbury on 10 July last before Sir Francis North, chief justice of the Common Pleas, and Stephen Vere Bertie,

a baron of the Exchequer, that Webb pay the plaintiffs 2s. 6d. in damages and 2s. 6d. in costs before 20 November next.

47 [p. 52 [V]ox & Lachrym[ae] Angl[orum] or the True English-[mens] Complaints to their representatives in Parliament, 6 Feb. 1668

[There follows the text of *Vox & Lacrimae Anglorum*, by George Wither, an attack in verse on Charles II's government, published anonymously in 1668.]

48 [p. 56] When the plate was at pawne and the fobb at an ebb . . .

[There follows the full text, with some lines rearranged, of *A Prophetick Lampon made anno 1659, relating what would happen to the government under King Charles II*, attributed to George Villiers, duke of Buckingham (d. 1687), and published c. 1675. The lines are preceded by the words 'Eikon Basilici Charles II' perhaps added afterwards by Bayntun.]

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49 [p. 58] Second copy of **42**

50 [p. 58] n.d. Endorsement on a lease, noting that the deed was delivered to Robert Jenkins as an escrow, to come into effect on payment of £250 by Thomas Frowde to Sir Edward Bayntun before 21 March 1671. Witnesses: James Crumpe, John Horton, Geoffrey Primell, John Clarke

51 [p. 58] 5 Mar. 1666. Authorisation from Sir Edward Bayntun to John Roman of Goatacre, clothier, and Daniel Frearne of Gloucester, husbandman, for the surrender to John Wallis of Castle Combe of their estate in a tenement and appurtenances in Stanley which Bayntun granted by indenture of 1 March 1666 to John Bryant, clothier, deceased.

52 [p. 59] 11 Apr. 1672. Licence from Sir Edward Bayntun to Thomas Seagar or Parsons of Compton Bassett, yeoman, to let for Seagar's life all or part of the lands in Bremhill manor which he holds of Bayntun by a lease of 9 April 1672.

53 [p. 59] n.d. Letter from Sir Edward Bayntun [to Bridget Osborne, countess of Danby]. [*Text given in full*]

Madam,

Could I have gotten any sooner I should not have stayed till now. I think they are become more scarce than heretofore, yet lampreys taken in February (when the spring is not very forward) do not abate of their esteem in our parts. John Wiltshire our carrier hath promised carefully to carry and to leave on Thursday morning next at Wallingford House with some servant there a lamprey pie directed to your ladyship, which I hope you will be pleased to accept as coming from one that will always be ready thankfully to acknowledge his obligations received, though I despair of ever being able to make any return answerable. We all enjoy health here in the country (praise

be God) and are as glad to hear the like of all our noble friends and relations with your ladyship. Harry seemed transported the other night when amongst twenty it was his good fortune to draw your pretty daughter, My Lady Sophia, for his valentine.¹ With my humble service to My Lord Treasurer and all your noble family and a blessing upon My Lady Sophia, I rest, madam, your ever obliged kinsman and very humble servant. E. B.

[The letter is on a separate sheet attached to p. 59.]

¹ A contract of marriage between Bayntun's son Henry and Lady Sophia was drawn up, apparently on 12 June 1674, but the marriage did not take place; see 76 and introduction pp. xv-xvi.

54 [p. 60] 12 June 1669. Sarum. Letter from Seth [Ward], bishop of Salisbury, to the rural dean of Malmesbury. [*Text given in full*]

Reverend sir,

Whereas upon occasion of the great and general complaint of open conventicles and unlawful meetings under pretence of religion I have received an order dated 8 June 1669 requiring that by the assistance of archdeacons and all and every parochial minister, parson, vicar, curate, and by all other persons and means I should make a speedy inquiry within the diocese of Salisbury as well in the places of peculiar and exempt jurisdiction as in those under ordinary charge and jurisdiction,

1. What and how many conventicles are held in every town or parish and at whose house or in what places they are usually held?
2. What are the numbers that usually meet at them, and of what condition or sort of people they consist?
3. Who are their ministers, teachers, heads, or governors, and who are the principal persons frequenting and abetting those meetings?
4. What authority they pretend and from whom and on what grounds they look for impunity?

These are therefore in obedience to the said order to require and enjoin you that you forthwith acquaint all and singular the parsons, vicars, and curates within your deanery of Malmesbury with the injunctions above written and with this my letter, and at some time before 10 July next ensuing you give unto me or cause to be given in writing at the palace of Salisbury an account of all such unlawful meetings under pretence of religion as are or of late have been within the deanery according to the particular articles of inquiry above written.

Furthermore, you are to acquaint the said ministers, parsons, vicars, and curates that, if such conventicles happen to be in any of their parishes respectively, they are then to give notice thereof and to complain to the next justice or justices of the peace for redress. And if the said justice or justices of the peace refuse to give their assistance, they are forthwith to give notice thereof to my chancellor at Salisbury in writing from time to time, expressing the name and surname of the persons refusing or failing as aforesaid, as also

the time, place, and other circumstances, with the names of some persons who upon occasion may testify such refusal or failing.

Sir, you are to be exceeding careful in the execution of these injunctions and by no means to fail in giving an account thereof within the time and in the manner aforesaid. And so, heartily commending you to the goodness of the Almighty, I remain your affectionate brother and faithful diocesan, Seth Sarum.¹

¹ Answers to these questions were presumably incorporated in the bishop's return of non-conformists in his diocese, 1669, which is printed in G. L. Turner, *Original Records of Early Nonconformity* (1911), i. 106-27.

55 [p. 60] 19 Sept. 1670. Corsham. Letter from Giles Hungerford to Sir Edward Bayntun. [*Text given in full*]

Sir,

I was on Saturday with Sir Edward Hungerford at Chafield, where I received this enclosed,¹ left (it seems) with Mr. Eyre² and by his sudden journey unto Hampshire forgotten to be sent.

Sir Edward Hungerford prevailed with his son to dispatch a messenger to him on Saturday and by him a letter from himself, entreating him not to fail of being at Corsham on Thursday next with an account of those matters mentioned in the bishop's letter, but in case he could not possibly be there, then to transmit the examinations by some person able to give the history of all that hath proceeded. Sir Edward Hungerford desired me to present you his service and to let you know he will wait on you at the George in Corsham Thursday next 'twixt 10 and 11 of the clock in the morning.

Sir, I am your most humble servant, Giles Hungerford.

¹ i.e. 56.

² See 56.

56 [p. 61] 7 Sept. 1670. Sarum. Letter from Seth [Ward], bishop of Salisbury, to Sir Edward Bayntun. [*Text given in full*]

Noble and much honoured sir,

His Majesty having been informed that since the late Act for Suppression and Prevention of Unlawful Conventicles [22 Charles II, c. I] divers great and outrageous meetings upon pretence of religion had been kept within this diocese, especially within the divisions of Warminster and the Devides in the county of Wilts., to the hazard of the public peace and in open affront of His Majesty's laws and government, he was pleased (upon August 17) to give me in express command,

1. That I should in His Majesty's name earnestly call upon the justices of this county that they should with all care and diligence put the said Act against Conventicles in execution,
2. That I should make a particular enquiry concerning the grounds of that information which His Majesty had received,
3. That I should likewise enquire what course had been already taken (in

those parts) for the execution of that Act and with what success,

4. And that having informed myself concerning the particulars I should give an account thereof to His Majesty.

In obedience therefore to His Majesty's command I have endeavoured to inform myself concerning these meetings, and by the letters of several persons taken by John Eyres of Chaldfield esq., one of His Majesty's justices of the peace for this county (to whom I crave leave to refer yourself and other justices for particulars), I find that such unlawful meetings have been lately very frequent and numerous within the limits of your division.

And these are (in furtherance of His Majesty's command) to desire yourself and other justices of that division to be careful for the future to put the aforesaid Act against Conventicles in a true execution, and further to entreat you that (within the space of one and twenty days after the date of these) you will be pleased that I may receive some information what hath been already done towards the suppression and prevention of such unlawful meetings in your division, and with what success, that so I may be enabled to give His Majesty such an account as may be agreeable to the duty of, noble sir, your faithful diocesan and very humble servant, Seth Sarum.¹

¹ A similar letter of the same date, addressed to the justices of Warminster and Devizes, is in *Cal. S.P. Dom.* 1670, 424.

57 [p. 61] 22 Sept. 1670. Corsham. Letter from Sir Edward Bayntun and others to Seth [Ward], bishop of Salisbury. [*Text given in full*]

May it please your lordship,

Since the receipt of your several letters of the 7th instant¹ we have met and made diligent enquiry into the grounds of the informations therein mentioned and cannot find that there hath been any such great and outrageous meetings as were represented. Concerning those that have been complained of, there hath been a due procedure against them according to the late Act *viz.* distresses taken and many of them sold, the rest deposited in safe hands in order thereunto. And for the future there shall be that care taken in these parts that we hope may prevent all colour of the like informations against Wiltshire or any part thereof. Having within the time limited given your lordship this true and faithful account of our country, we hope it may satisfy and that these parts shall not lie under a worse character than any other country, being, we are certain, that none will anywhere be found more ready to serve His Majesty to the advantage of the present government there.

My lord, your lordship's most obedient, very humble servants, Edward Bayntun, Edward Hungerford, Richard Lewes, James Mountagu, Giles Hungerford, George Johnson²

¹ *i.e.* 56.

² This letter is calendared in *Cal. S. P. Dom.* 1670, 417.

58 [p. 62] 3 Aug. 1669. Bond in £600 by Geoffrey Primell of Nash House in Bremhill and his son Henry to Sir Edward Bayntun

Primell, who by an indenture of 2 August 1669 received from Bayntun a lease

of a messuage and 4 yardlands called Nash House in Bremhill for 99 years or the lives of himself, Henry Primell, and Elizabeth Jones, on surrender of his previous lease of the premises and for payment of £300, is to pay that sum to Bayntun on or before 29 September next, or to surrender the indenture and receive at his own cost a new lease for the lives of himself and Henry Primell. Witnesses: Matthew Charles, Timothy Richards

[*Bond in Latin*]

59 [p. 63] 29 May 1661. Bond in £2,000 by Sir James Thynne of Longleat and Sir Thomas Thynne of Richmond (Surr.) to Sir Edward Bayntun

The executors of Sir James or Sir Thomas are to pay £1,000 to Bayntun within two months of Sir Thomas's death. Witnesses: Mervyn Tuckett, Richard Sanger

[*Bond in Latin*]

60 [p. 64] 3 Apr. 1671. Chippenham. Extract from letters patent of 2 May 1554 to the bailiff and burgesses of Chippenham¹ presented by Thomas Neate and others to Sir Edward Bayntun, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Montague, justices of the peace

To aid in the expenses of sending burgesses to parliament and of repairing the bridge over the river Avon and the Causeway on the river bank, Queen Mary granted to the town a close called Inghland, 17 a., a meadow close called Westmead, 30 a., a messuage and ½ yardland called Parrocks in Rowden Down, 120 a., a pasture close called Burleigh's, 4 a., 21 a. arable in the open fields of Chippenham, Rowdens Down Coppice, 21 a., and a pasture called Boltscroft. The signatories to the extract, Thomas Neate, Edward Bailiffe, Henry Gouldney, William Stephens, Jonathan Rogers, Richard Stevens, William Edwards, Gabriel Gouldney, John Scott, William Gale, and John Stevens, allege that they have only 17 a. of the 120 a. in Rowden Down.

Note that the extract was incomplete when presented, and that the signatories dined with the justices that day.

¹ Printed in *Cal. Pat.* 1553-4, 103-5.

61 [p. 65] 25 Mar. 1670 to 25 Mar. 1671. Maud Heath's rents due [from lands] in and about Chippenham for the repair of the Causeway¹

Tenant	Annual Rent
Jonathan Scott	9s. 4d.
John Alford	10s. 8d.
John Elly	£2 10s. 0d.
John Scott	14s. 0d.
George Willis	£1 6s. 8d.
John Fleetwood	10s.
John Gent	[torn]

Jonathan Scott, Alford, Fleetwood, and Gent owe rent for the year, and Elly, John Scott, and Willis for the half year ending 25 March 1671.

¹ Maud Heath's charity, for the maintenance of a causeway between Bremhill Wick Hill, in Bremhill, and Chippenham, is described in *Endowed Char. Wilts.* 266-7.

62 [p. 65] 30 Dec. 1672. Note that the rent roll, **61**, and a deed relating to the lands are now in Abjohn Stokes's hands. The deed, dated 18 February 1668, was apparently executed by Robert King of Bremhill, clothier, and John Harris, and referred to the conveyance of Maud Heath's lands to Sir George Hungerford, Bt., his brother Robert, Abjohn Stokes, Robert Harris, Robert Jenkins of Bremhill, William Goffe, William Hand junior, Henry Bishop, John Harris, John Lewes, George son of George Lewes of Spirthill, Edward Croke, Henry Aland, Hugh Wastfield, and their heirs as feoffees. Livery was given by Thomas Neate. Bishop, John Lewes, and Neate are dead.

63 [p. 66] 1669-70. Chippenham. Accounts of the supervisors of the highways

1669

Receipts

Rate	£21	18s.	4d.
Received from the last supervisors		9s.	2d.
Disbursements			
[To] make the book		1s.	6d.
Thomas Brewer		1s.	0d.
Thomas Hellier, 4 days		3s.	4d.
George Comby, 5 days		4s.	2d.
William Pollard, 4 days		3s.	4d.
William Filldowne, 1 day			10d.
George Comby, 4 days		3s.	0d.
William Pollard, 3 days		2s.	3d.
William Fildowne, 4 days		3s.	0d.
Thomas Hellier, 4 days		3s.	0d.
Mr. Foster's man		5s.	0d.
William Fildowne, 3 days		2s.	0d.
Thomas Hellier, 3 days		2s.	0d.
George Comby, 3 days		2s.	0d.
Robert Witt, 2 days		1s.	4d.
Richard Hood for 5 loads of stones and 1 day's work		2s.	8d.
William Edwards for carriage of stones		5s.	0d.
Thomas Brewer for stones		2s.	0d.
Gabriel Goldney		10s.	0d.
George Comby, 3 days		2s.	6d.
Thomas Hellier, 3 days		2s.	6d.

Edward Tristram for 33 yards of pitching in the ivy [<i>sic</i>]	8s.	9d.
Thomas Pollard, 3 days	2s.	0d.
George Comby, 6 days	3s.	8d.
William Aland for stone and work done in Stanly	13s.	9d.
Nathaniel Bayliffe for taking the parish indictments at Warminster sessions	£1	0s. 0d.
Thomas Hellier. 2 days	1s.	4d.
Thomas Brewer for 3 loads of stones	3s.	0d.
Edward Coly	1s.	4d.
Gabriel Goldney for stones	5s.	0d.
Thomas Godwyn and Isaac Gringell for work done at the wooden bridge		10d.
Thomas Bawne for timber and work done at the same bridge	12s.	0d.
John Holbrow		6d.
Edward Coly		6d.
Richard Kynnton for 18 loads of stones	6s.	0d.
Isaac Gringell for 18 loads of stones	6s.	0d.
Mr. Foster, 8 stones	2s.	8d.
Harry Winkworth for work with his plough	£1	11s. 2d.
John Scott for work with his plough	£1	4s. 0d.
Mr. Bayliffe for work with his plough	£1	10s. 0d.
Mr. Foster for work with his plough	10s.	8d.
Matthew Rose for work with his plough	11s.	8d.
John Sparrow for work with his plough	£3	1s. 6d.
William Pollard, 5 days	4s.	6d.
George Comby, 6 days	5s.	0d.
Arrears		
Anthony Trotman	1s.	4d.
George Willis		4d.
Thomas Lanfer		3d.
William Bedford	1s.	8d.
Thomas Lovell		4d.
Richard Pinchin		4d.
John Mayo		4d.
The tenant for Haywards	11s.	4d.
H. Bayntun for Closewoods	13s.	4d.
Mr. Oldfield for Mr. Ledall's	2s.	8d.
The same for himself	4s.	0d.
Mr. Blake	4s.	0d.
Hugh Godwyn senior	1s.	8d.
Edward Munday	3s.	4d.
Charles Reeves	5s.	8d.
Thomas Hancock	3s.	4d.
More [from] Mr. Trotman	3s.	0d.
The tenant for the parsonage	16s.	0d.

Hammonds hold	1s.	0d.
Escotts hold	1s.	0d.
Richard Gale or [his] tenant		8d.
William Salter		4d.
Robert Norrington		4d.
John Bull or his son	1s.	5d.
Widow Bowyer	1s.	0d.
Robert Baker	5s.	0d.
Wastfields hold	1s.	8d.
William Woodcroft's heirs	2s.	0d.
The tenant for Scotts hold	1s.	0d.
William Kinfick and Manfield for Loxhill farm	£1	4s. 0d.
The tenant for Bushy hold		2s. 4d.
Total	£5	14s. 11d.

1670

Receipts
Rate £33 13s. 4d.

Disbursements		
Edward Coly, 6 days	4s.	0d.
Tristram Gibbs, 4 days	2s.	8d.
Tristram Gibbs, 2 days	1s.	4d.
For making the rate	1s.	6d.
To the clerks for allowing the rate	1s.	6d.
Tristram Gibbs		6d.
Thomas Brewer	2s.	0d.
Tristram Gibbs, 2 days	1s.	4d.
Tristram Gibbs		9d.
Gibbs and his boy, 9 days	5s.	7d.
Coly, 13 days	8s.	0d.
Thomas Hellier, 2½ days	1s.	8d.
Tristram Gibbs, 2 days	1s.	6d.
Edward Coly, 6 days	4s.	0d.
Richard Pinchin for mending the two cow bridges and Causeway	12s.	0d.
Thomas Brewer for stones	2s.	0d.
Thomas Hellier, 1½ days	1s.	0d.
John Weekes		6d.
John Godwyn	1s.	0d.
George Bearnas for carriage	6s.	0d.
Thomas Brewer for 31 loads of stones and 1 day's work	11s.	0d.
The same for 2 loads of stones	2s.	0d.
The same for timber work at Stanley bridge	6s.	6d.
Edward Tristram for work	7s.	6d.

Thomas Brewer for stones	10s.	0d.
Richard Stevens and Thomas Brewer for 137 loads of stones	£2	5s. 8d.
For taking out the orders at sessions, for horse hire and diet	£1	14s. 0d.
Nathaniel Baily for taking the presentment to sessions		15s. 0d.
Thomas Brewer for stones		3s. 8d.
Mr. Bayliffe for work with his plough	£2	6s. 6d.
John Scott for work with his plough		12s. 0d.
William Edwards for work with his [plough]	£3	2s. 6d.
Matthew Rose for work with his [plough]		14s. 0d.
Richard Darke for work with his [plough]		17s. 0d.
Mr. Thomas Hawkins for stones and work with his plough	£3	16s. 0d.
Mr. Foster for stones and carriage with his plough	£1	10s. 0d.
Mr. Henry Winkworth for work with his plough	£4	3s. 4d.
For beer for the ploughmen		9s. 6d.
Total	£27	4s. 6d.

Arrears

Borough and members

Anthony Trotman or his tenant	2s.	0d.
John Jones	1s.	0d.
John Bull's son	2s.	0d.
Samuel Elliott		6d.
Charles Glover	1s.	0d.
Christopher Spencer or [his] tenant	1s.	6d.
Widow Light		6d.
Widow Bowyer or Bartlett	1s.	6d.
Edward Edolls	1s.	6d.
Mr. Power or [his] tenant		6d.
William Salter		6d.
Sir Edward Bayntun for Frogham	1s.	0d.
Thomas Stevens for Westfields	2s.	6d.
The tenant for Blackwellhams	4s.	6d.
Charles Glover for Elcotts hold	1s.	6d.
Widow Molsley for Hammonds	1s.	6d.
William Hulbert	1s.	0d.
The tenant for what was Mrs. Collier's	1s.	0d.
Richard Aland or [his] tenant		6d.
Charles Reeve	8s.	0d.
Thomas Hancock or [his] tenant	4s.	6d.
Widow Aland or [her] tenant	1s.	6d.
Stanly and Nethermoore		
Sir Edward Bayntun	£1	18s. 0d.
William Kinrick and Robert Manfield	£1	16s. 0d.
Jonathan Godwyn or [his] tenant		6s. 6d.
Thomas Jeffery		2s. 0d.
Sir John Talbot or [his] tenant		4s. 0d.

Mr. Blake or [his] tenant	6s.	0d.
The tenant for Bushes hold	3s.	6d.
Mr. Oldfield	6s.	0d.
Nathaniel Godwyn	4s.	0d.
Hugh Godwyn senior	2s.	6d.
Richard Gale or [his] successors	3s.	0d.
William Godwyn	2s.	6d.
Henry Bayntun	£1	0s. 0d.
Mr. Parker or [his] tenant	2s.	0d.
Total	£8	16s. 0d.

Delivered by the supervisors, 3 April 1671	£3	11s.	10d.
Arrears of the 1670 rate	£8	16s.	0d.
Owing to the parish	£5	4s.	2d.

64 [p. 68] 18 June 1672. Account of John Goddard, treasurer in 1671 for the collection in north Wiltshire for the King's Bench and Marshalsea [prisons], taken by Sir Walter Ernle and Sir Edward Bayntun.

Receipts from the hundred constables	£38	10s.	2d.
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Disbursements

To William Croomes, keeper of Harnum hospital <i>alias</i> the spittle house	£5	0s.	0d.
To houses of correction at Fisherton Anger, Marleborough, and the Devizes	£10	0s.	0d.
To William Lovell, keeper of the house of correction in the Devizes, by order of the last quarter sessions	£11	15s.	1d.
To Edmund Draughton of Clatford Park by a similar order	£1	0s.	0d.
To the clerk of the peace for an order granted at Michaelmas sessions to take up the accounts of John Stevens of Rudge and [Samuel] Read, treasurers in 1669 and 1670 respectively	3s.	4d.	
Total	£27	18s.	5d.

Remaining	£10	17s.	5d.
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Received of John Stevens	£18	8s.	11d.
Received of Samuel Read of Yeaton Keynel	£19	0s.	7d.
Paid to Richard Goopy, treasurer in 1672	£48	7s.	3d.

65 [p. 68] 19 July 1672. Devizes. Account of Francis Merriweather, treasurer in 1671 for the collection in north Wiltshire for maimed soldiers and mariners, taken as in **64**

Receipts from the hundred constables

Malmesbury	£28	16s.
Chippenham	£25	

Swanborough	£26		
Highworth, Cricklade, and Staple	£21	10s.	8d.
Kingsbridge	£10	10s.	8d.
Kinwardston	£16	18s.	
Selkeley	£13		
Calne	£10	8s.	
Potterne and Cannings	£6	12s.	
Damerham North	£5	18s.	8d.
Ramsbury	£2	12s.	
Churchwardens of the Devizes	£1	6s.	8d.
Total	£168	12s.	8d.
			[sic]
Remaining from 1670	£96	9s.	4d.
Total	£265	2s.	
Disbursements			
To pensioners by order of the sessions	£134	6s.	2d.
To others by justices' private orders	£4	15s.	
To distressed mariners, having justices' certificates	£2	10s.	6d.
Total	£141	11s.	8d.
Remaining	£123	10s.	4d.

Memorandum that the west side of Selkeley hundred owes £6 4s. for 1666

Note that the account was less clear and careful than Mr. Goddard's

66 [p. 69] 2 June 1673. Account of Richard Guppey, treasurer as in **64** for 1672, taken as in **64**

Receipts

From John Goddard, 18 June 1672	£48	7s.	3d.
From the hundred constables			
Selkeley	£2	3s.	4d.
Damerham North	£1	14s.	8d.
Chippenham	£8	13s.	4d.
Calne	£2	7s.	8d.
Ramsbury		10s.	0d.
Highworth, Cricklade, and Staple	£3	13s.	8d.
Pottern and Cannings	£1	2s.	3d.
Kingsbridge	£2	1s.	4d.
Swanborough	£4	7s.	2d.
Malmesbury	£9	6s.	8d.
Kinworthstone	£2	16s.	4d.
Total	£87	3s.	5d.
			[sic]

Disbursements

To the undersheriff, due to the lord chief justice for two years	£2	2s.	0d.
To the keepers of the three houses of correction	£10	0s.	0d.
To the spittle house	£5	0s.	0d.
To Robert Prior by order of the sessions	£1	0s.	0d.
For repair of the house of correction near Marleborough	£9	4s.	1d.
Towards the repair of Lacock bridge, and 3s. 4d. for the order	£3	3s.	4d.
Total	£30	9s.	5d.
Remaining	£56	14s.	0d.

67 [p. 69] ? 1673. Account of Henry Franklyn, treasurer as in **65** for 1672

Receipts from the hundred constables

Malmesbury	£28	16s.	0d.
Chippenham	£25	0s.	0d.
Calne	£10	8s.	0d.
Damerham North	£5	18s.	8d.
Swanborough	£26	0s.	0d.
Highworth, Cricklade, and Staple	£21	10s.	8d.
Kingsbridge	£10	10s.	8d.
Kinwardstone	£16	18s.	0d.
Selkely	£13	0s.	0d.
Potterne and Cannings	£6	12s.	0d.
Ramsbury	£2	12s.	0d.
Churchwardens of the Devizes	£1	6s.	8d.
Total	£168	12s.	8d.
Remaining from 1671	£123	10s.	4d.
Total	£292	3s.	0d.

Disbursements

By public order of the sessions remaining in pensioners' hands, and by the justices' private orders in the treasurer's hands	£148	9s.	2d.
In prosecuting Alexander King, constable of Kingsbridge hundred, for non-payment	£1	0s.	10d.
Total	£149	10s.	0d.
Remaining	£142	13s.	0d.

Memorandum that the west side of Selkely hundred owes £6 4s. for 1666

68 [p. 70] 1 Oct. 1670. Mortgage by William Eyre of Neston in Corsham to Sir Edward Bayntun of Spy-parke of 150 a., enclosed by a stone wall and called the Parke, in Woodlands tithing in Corsham for 31 years on payment of £1,000. The mortgage may be cancelled by payment by Eyre of £1,120 to Byntun within two years.

Note by Bayntun that, as appears in letters to Eyre dated 15 and 16 October 1670 in Bayntun's first copybook of letters, the mortgage was made worthless by an entail created on Eyre's marriage. Though he might have compelled the performance of covenants attached to the mortgage by calling an early meeting of Corsham court, for kinship's sake Bayntun took no action until a court held the following April,¹ and allowed Eyre to keep the £1,000 for the term of two years.

¹ See 69.

69 [p. 72] 10 Apr. 1671. At a court held for James Long lord of Corsham manor, by Jonathan Rogers, steward, William Eyre surrendered copyhold lands, including a messuage and 1 yardland called Eyres in Neston, a messuage and ½ yardland called Collins, a messuage and ½ yardland called Derriants, a messuage and ½ cotticell [*sic*] called Copies, a messuage and ½ cotticell called Cummins, a messuage and ½ cotticell called Littles, 3 pasture closes called Furlongs, containing 30 a., a pasture close called Farley Slade, 5 a., and 6s. 8d. p.a. rent from a close called Doddishill or Rye Croft in the possession of Anne Ducks, all of which lay in Woodlands tithing of Corsham, to the use of William Bushnell, who was then admitted. William Chapman successfully challenged Bushnell's title, was admitted to the holding, and surrendered it to the use of Eyre, who was readmitted.¹

¹ See 68.

70 [p. 76] 5 July 1670. Warminster. Order made at a general session empowering William Gale and Humphrey Ford, surveyors of highways for Chippenham parish, to levy an additional rate not exceeding 6d. in the pound, under an Act for the Better Repairing of Highways, 22 Charles II [c. 12] and requiring them to render an account of the rate before two justices on or before 21 December next.

Ex par[te] Thomas Dennett, deputy clerk of the peace

71 [p. 76] 28 Apr. 1674. Devizes. At a general session John Parker, James Bartlett, Stephen Orrell, and Michael Hood are found to have been properly appointed by Sir Edward Bayntun and James Montagu as overseers of the poor for Calne parish.

Ex par[te] Thomas Dennett, deputy clerk of the peace

72 [p. 76] 6 Oct. 1674. Marleborough. Order made at a general session confirming **71**. Robert Dyer, William Jeffrie, Edward Holloway, and Francis Pierce, who were appointed overseers by Sir James Long, Bt., and George Joye, and whose appointment was found invalid, are to present their accounts to Sir Edward Bayntun, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mountagu, Mr. Eyre, and Mr. Duckett, justices of the peace, or any two of them, and to be reimbursed for any money spent on the poor.

Ex par[te] Thomas Dennett, deputy clerk of the peace

73 [p. 77] 5 Mar. 1675. Salisbury. Order made at a general session before Sir Francis North, a justice of the King's Bench, and Sir Richard Raynesford, a justice of Common Pleas, confirming **71** and **72**. The justices who appointed Dyer, Jeffries, Holloway, and Pierce were found to have acted to avoid hardship among the poor, when wrongly told that Bayntun and his fellow justices had postponed their next monthly meeting at which the appointments should have been made. Dyer and his colleagues are still acting as overseers and have refused to surrender their accounts. They are ordered to desist and to submit claims for reimbursement to Sir Edward Bayntun, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mountagu, and Mr. Eyre, or any two of them, within the next ten days.

Examined by Laurence Swanton, clerk of the assize

74 [p. 78] 26 Apr. 1672. Surrender by Sir Edward Bayntun to John Methwen of lands in Chittoe.¹

¹ The lands were those conveyed to Bayntun by Robert Henley in 1661: see **39**.

75 [p. 79] 17 Apr. 1672. Declaration of trust by George Union, wine cooper, and Francis Greeneway, yeoman, both of Bremhill

By an indenture dated the previous day Robert Bayntun of Kennett and Nicholas Bayntun of Woodstock, his brother, conveyed property in Hillmarton, Catcomb, and Lydiard Millicent to Union and Greeneway as trustees of Sir Edward Bayntun, in return for £1,000 paid to Robert and 5s. paid to Nicholas by Sir Edward. Witnesses: Charles Wilcox, Henry Hayward

76 [p. 79] 12 June 1674. Memorandum of a marriage contract made in the presence of Nicholas Gibbes, rector of Corfe Castle, between Henry, eldest son of Sir Edward Bayntun, and Lady Sophia, daughter of Thomas [Osborne], earl of Danby, lord high treasurer of England, with the consent of the parents on both sides.¹ Witnesses: Charles Bertie, George Johnson

¹ See **53** and introduction, pp. xv–xvi.

77 [p. 80] 29 July 1676. Covenant by Sir Edward Bayntun to assign to Edward Hope junior of the Devizes, grocer, the remainder of a term of 1,000 years in a messuage and house in the Devizes, conveyed to Bayntun by James Davisson, mercer, and John Hughes, saddler, both of the Devizes, by an indenture of 22 January 1676, on payment by Hope of £159 and under the terms of a proviso in the said indenture. Witnesses: John Freerne, Matthew Clarke

78 [p. 81] 28 July 1676. Bond in £300 by Edward Hope to Sir Edward Bayntun for the payment of £159 as in **77**. Witnesses: John Freerne, Matthew Clarke

[Bond in Latin]

79 [p. 84] 23 Apr. 1673. Devizes. Commissioners, named below, order that

£1,966 17s. 7d. a month be levied from the divisions of the county over the next 18 months, under an Act for Supply [24 Charles II c. 1]. Walter Ernle, Edward Hungerford, Edward Bayntun, James Mountagu, William Duckett, Edward Ernle, Henry Hungerford, Giles Hungerford, Geoffrey Daniell, Abjohn Stokes, Michael Ernle, Thomas Bond, John Danvers, Oliver Cawsey, Charles Tucker, Charles Pledwell, William Chapman

The sums to be raised in the following proportions

Division	Quarterly payment
Salisbury 24¼ parts	£1,430 18s. 1¼d.
Warminster 18¾ parts	£1,106 7s. 4¾d.
Trowbridge 8 parts	£472 1s. 0¼d.
Marleborough 17½ parts	£1,032 12s. 2¾d.
Devizes 15½ parts	£914 11s. 11¾d.
Chippenham 16 parts	£944 2s. 0½d.

80 [p. 85] 25 Apr. 1673. Order, arising from **79**, from the commissioners undersigned to constables of Chippenham hundred for the assessment and collection of £377 12s. 9¼d. The procedure is that set down in **29**. The constables are to submit assessments at the Red Lion in Lacock at 9 a.m. on Friday 9 May, and payment is to be made to the receiver general on or before 21 May. E[dward] B[ayntun], J[ames] Mountagu, William Duckett

Note that similar orders were made to the constables of Calne hundred for the assessment of £125 17s. 4d., to those of Malmesbury hundred for £377 12s. 9¼d., and to those of North Damerham hundred for £62 18s. 9¼d.

81 [p. 85] 1673. Form of appointment of sub-collector as in **30** for the levy ordered in **79** and **80**.

82 [p. 86] 10 May 1677. Devizes. Commissioners, named below, order that £983 8s. 9¼d. a month be levied from the divisions of the county over the next 17 months under an Act for Building Ships of War [29 Charles II c. 1]. Sir Walter Ernle, Sir Edward Bayntun, William Eyre, Geoffrey Daniell, William Brouncker, Charles Yorke, Richard Hiller, mayor of Devizes

The sums to be raised in the following proportions

Division	5 quarterly payments	1 payment for 2 months
Salesbury	£715 9s.	£476 19s. 4½d.
Warminster	£553 3s. 8½d.	£368 15s. 8½d.

Trowbridge	£236	0s.	6d.	£157	7s.
Marleborough	£516	6s.	1½d.	£344	4s. ½d.
Devizes	£457	6s.		£304	17s. 4d.
Chippenham	£472	1s.	0¼d.	£314	14s. 0½d.

83 [p. 87] 12 May 1677. Order, arising from **82**, from the commissioners undersigned to constables of Chippenham hundred for the assessment and collection of £188 16s. 5d. The procedure is that set down in **29**. The constables are to submit assessments at the Red Lion at Lacock at 9 a.m. on Monday 28 May, and payment is to be made to the receiver general on or before 10 June. E[dward] B[ayntun], William Eyre

Note that similar orders were made to the constables of Calne hundred for the assessment of £62 18s. 9½d., to those of Malmesbury hundred of £188 16s. 5d., and to those of North Damerham hundred for £31 9s. 5d.

84 [p. 87] 1677. Form of appointment of sub-collector as in **30** for the levy ordered in **82** and **83**.

85 [p. 88] 1673. Form of a certificate, to be presented in accordance with an Act for Preventing Dangers from Popish Recusants [25 Charles II c. 2] by a justice of the peace and subscribed by the minister and churchwardens of a parish, that the justice received the sacrament according to the usage of the Church of England on a stated day. Two witnesses besides the minister and churchwardens are to attend sessions when the justice presents the certificate, to swear to his identity and that they were present when he received the sacrament and when the certificate was signed; the form of their oath is given.

Note that the certificate must be written on parchment for delivery into court.

86 [p. 88] 20 Oct. 1673. Order of the House of Commons that Members who are privy councillors should acquaint the king with the House's desire that the intended marriage [of James, duke of York,] to Mary, duchess of Modena, should not be consummated and that the duke should marry a Protestant.¹

¹ The order is printed in *Commons Journal*, ix. 281.

87 [p. 88] He that undertakes to govern a multitude either by way of Liberty or by way of Principality . . .

[There follow extracts from Niccolò Machiavelli, *Discourses*, in the translation by E. Dacres published in 1636.¹]

¹ See introduction, p. xx.

88 [p. 89] 1676. Form of a certificate for the servant of an M.P., exempting him from arrest or hindrance by mayors, sheriffs, bailiffs, or other officers when engaged in his master's business.

89 [p. 89] 3 Aug. 1678. Whitehall. Licence to Henry Bayntun and Dr.

Brunel, his tutor, to travel beyond the sea for three years. Signed: J. Williamson

90 [p. 90] 13 Sept. 1677. Spy-parke. Warrant to the constables of Selkeley hundred from Sir Edward Bayntun, authorised by Philip [Herbert], earl of Pembroke and Montgomery and lord lieutenant of Wiltshire, to command a regiment of foot militia to be raised in the Marleburgh division of the county, to give notice that the stated number of foot soldiers should be sent from the places named below with two days pay and the muster-master's dues to appear at the Angel in Marleburgh at 10 a.m. on 26 September to be sworn and trained; the constables are to attend to make return of the warrant.

Alborne	10	East & West Kennett	3
Mildenhall	6	Bukhampton	3
Ogborne St. George	8	Winterborne Bassett	2
Preshutt & Clatford	7	Avebury	4
Ogborne St. Andrew	8	Catcombe	2
Winterborne & Mountaine ¹	4	Broadhinton	3
Upper Lockridge	2½	Savernake parke, north	4
Lower Lockridge	1½	side	
West Overton & Shaw	4	Marleburgh town	22
Total 94			

¹ i.e. Winterborne Monkton.

91 [p. 90] 13 Sept. 1677. Precept to the constables and tithingmen of Wroughton from Sir Edward Bayntun, Walter Ernle, and Edward Goddard, to provide ten fit and able men to appear at 10 a.m. on 25 September at the the Angel in Marleburgh to be enlisted in the foot regiment of which Bayntun is colonel and to be instructed what arms they are to bring to the muster. The constables and tithingmen are also to attend to give account of the execution of the precept.

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92 [p. 94] 1674-9. Old rents received from William Wilcoxe for Bremhill, Stanley, and Rowden manors, and from James Hiscock for Bromham, Chittoe, and Clench manors

Date	Property	Rent
1674 7 Nov.	Bremhill etc.	£64 2s. 4¾d.
1675 18 Apr.	Bremhill etc.	£70 7s. 0d.
7 Oct.	Bremhill etc.	£64 6s. 4¾d.
10 Oct.	Bromham etc. for 1½ years rents in- cluding sums received from William son of Benjamin Webb	£89 15s. 4½d.

1676	20 Apr.	Bremhill etc.	£70	7s.	0d.
	1 Sept.	Bromham etc.	£44	15s.	3 ½d.
	25 Oct.	Bremhill etc.	£64	6s.	4 ¾d.
1677	8 May	Bremhill etc.	£70	8s.	0d.
	11 May	Bromham etc.	£29	10s.	11d.
	17 Oct.	Bremhill etc.	£64	6s.	4 ¾d.
	24 Nov.	Bromham etc.	£44	15s.	3 ½d.
1678	29 Mar.	Bromham etc.	£29	10s.	11d.
	20 May	Bremhill etc.	£70	8s.	0d.
	31 Oct.	Bremhill etc.	£64	6s.	7 ¾d.
		For 4 beast leazes in Stockham Ma[r]sh	£1	12s.	0d.
	23 Dec.	Bromham etc.	£44	15s.	3d.
1679	24 Feb.	Bromham etc.	£29	10s.	11d.
	22 Apr.	Bremhill etc.	£70	8s.	9d.

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93 [p. 98] 1674. Account of Thomas Wild, treasurer in 1674 for the collection in north Wiltshire for the King's Bench and Marshalsea [prisons]

Receipts from the hundred constables

Selkely		£2	3s.	4d.
Chippenham		£8	13s.	4d.
Damerham North		£1	14s.	8d.
Calne		£2	7s.	8d.
Ramsbury			10s.	0d.
Highworth, Cricklade, and Staple		£3	13s.	8d.
Potterne and Cannings		£1	2s.	8d.
Kingsbridge		£2	1s.	4d.
Swanborough		£4	7s.	2d.
Malmsbury		£9	6s.	8d.
Kinwardstone		£2	16s.	4d.
	Total	£38	16s.	10d.
Remaining from 1673		£62	11s.	6d.
	Total	£101	7s.	8d.

[sic]

Disbursements

To William Powell, keeper of the house of correction at the Devizes, for half a year's wage	£3	6s.	8d.
To Nicholas Greenway, keeper of the house of correction near Marleborough	£3	6s.	8d.
To Mr. Thorpe, master of the house of correction at Fisherton	£3	6s.	8d.
To Nicholas Greenway towards repair of the bridewell at Marleborough		7s.	0d.
To the lord chief justice for prisoners of the King's Bench and Marshalsea	£1	1s.	0d.

To Nicholas Greenway towards repair of the bridewell at Marleborough	£3 5s. 0d.
For orders of sessions	6s. 8d.
Total	£14 19s. 8d.
Remaining	£86 8s. 0d.

94 [p. 99] 1674. Account of Jacob Selfe, treasurer in 1674 for the collection in north Wiltshire for maimed soldiers and mariners

Receipts from the hundred constables	
Chippenham	£12 10s. 0d.
Calne	£5 4s. 0d.
Damerham North	£2 19s. 4d.
Malmesbury	£14 8s. 0d.
Highworth, Cricklade, and Staple	£10 15s. 4d.
Kingsbridge	£5 5s. 4d.
Kinwardstone	£8 9s. 0d.
Potterne and Cannings	£3 6s. 0d.
Ramsbury	£1 6s. 0d.
Swanborough	£13 0s. 0d.
Selkeley	£6 10s. 0d.
Borough of the Devizes	13s. 4d.
Total	£84 6s. 4d.
Received from Samuel Ash, treasurer in 1673	£81 13s. 0d.
Total	£165 19s. 4d.

Disbursements	
By public orders of the sessions remaining in the pensioners' hands, and by justices' private orders in the treasurer's hands	£136 1s. 8d.
For orders of sessions	13s. 4d.
Total	£136 15s. 0d.

Memorandum that the west side of Selkely hundred, Thomas Baskervill and John Hulett constables, owes £6 4s. for 1666

[pp. 100–3 missing or not included in numeration]

95 [p. 104] 4 Apr. 1674. Devizes. Order made at a general session cancelling that of the last general session at Warminster for a county levy to raise £50 for repair of the great stone bridge at Bradford. When the earlier order was made, it was not known who was responsible for the repairs, but at general sessions at New Sarum records of sessions held at Devizes in the years 1630–2 were found to show that the town of Bradford should repair the bridge. It was then ordered that no more money should be collected until further direction and that the inhabitants of Bradford should attend the next general sessions to show cause, if they could, why the rate should not be cancelled.

As they failed to do so, the treasurer appointed for the rate, Paul Methwin of Bradford, clothier, is ordered to render account for the money he received to Sir Edward Bayntun, William Eyre, William Duckett, and William Trenchard, justices of the peace, or to any two of them, so that the court may order repayment to the county as they think fit.

Ex par [te] Thomas Dennett, deputy clerk of the peace

96 [p. 106] Trin. term, 1676. Bill of John Tounson, D.D., vicar of Bremble or Bremell, to the court of Exchequer for a writ of *sub poena* against Sir Edward Bayntun¹

Tounson, vicar since 1638, alleges that Bayntun has occupied lands in the parish for the last ten years but has paid no tithe. He is said each year to have sown 100 qr. of wheat, the tithe of which was worth £20 p.a., and 100 qr. of barley, oats, peas, and beans, the tithe of which was worth £15; to have occupied 200 a. of meadow and cut 200 loads of hay, the tithe of which was worth £20; to have had stock grazing on 500 a. of pasture, the tithe of which was worth £50; and to have had milk and other produce, the tithe of which was worth £7. Tounson claims that Bayntun and his servants failed to set out the tithes at harvest, although requested to do so. Sometimes the servants promised to set out the tithe shortly, sometimes they claimed that Bayntun had promised to compound with Tounson for grain and other tithes. Tounson accepted the promise and took no detailed note of the harvest or of Bayntun's stock, believing that he would, as a man of great estate and a lover of church and churchmen, set an example of willing payment to other parishioners. Bayntun, however, has denied that he made any such promise, claiming sometimes that no payment was due because an ancient composition existed, sometimes that his lands were exempt by virtue of a dispensation from a former abbey or religious house.

Examined by Thomas Medicott

¹ In margin: Hall v. Saunders.

97 [p. 110] 17 Oct. 1676. Lacock. Answer of Sir Edward Bayntun to **96**

Bayntun states that both the vicarage and the manor of Bremble or Bremell formerly belonged to Malmesbury abbey. The demesne of the manor was held tithe-free by the abbot, after the Dissolution by the king, and subsequently by Bayntun's ancestors. Tithes may be due to Bayntun himself, as the owner, from parts of the demesne which have long been leased out. He offered Tounson satisfaction for vicarial tithes owed from copyhold or leasehold lands temporarily in hand. When the offer was refused, he ordered his servants to set out the tithes in kind, which the vicar then took. Bayntun denies that he discouraged anyone from paying tithes in kind or by composition.

Memorandum that the answer was taken at the time and place given above, before Thomas Wyatt, George Johnson, Abjohn Stokes, John Horton

98 [p. 113] 8 Oct. 1676. [John Tounson's] exceptions to 97¹

1. Bayntun has not declared how long he has held and occupied Bremble manor, nor has he made clear whether the abbot of Malmesbury held the demesne tithe-free time out of mind, or by what agreement, or for how long.
2. He has not declared whether the manor is the only land which he holds in the parish.
3. He has not stated the area of demesne sown with corn or other grain, set to grass, or grazed, and what the value of the tithes was, or what wool, lambs, or other tithable commodities he had in the years in question.
4. He has not said what copyhold or leasehold lands came into his hands or for how long, what tithable produce there was from the lands, and what tithes or payment were offered to the vicar.
5. He has not specified what part, if any, of the demesne was leased, what tithes he received from this, whether in kind or by composition, or from whom.

[Examined by] Thomas Medlycott

¹ In margin: Hall v. Saunders.

99 [p. 1, second pagination] Observations and collections out of Nicholas Machiavell's book called the Art of War

[There follow extracts from and notes on the translation by P. Whitehorne published 1560-2.¹]

¹ See introduction, p. xx.

100 [p. 12, second pagination] 1596-1659. Annotated extracts from court books of Bromham and Bremhill manors

4 March 1659. Widow Stratton of Seagery holds Marlefield by a grant of Sir Edward Bayntun of 23 June 1591. A heriot of £2. 10s. was paid at Henry Stratton's death in 1626-7. The widow holds two other parts of her living by a grant of Henry Bayntun of 17 October 1596. Two heriots were paid at John Stratton's death in 1624-5 and two, of £5 5s. each, at Henry Stratton's death in 1626-7.

1624-5. Grants by Edward Norborne and 'my brother' of their livings and of the ground near the hop house which was taken out of Widow Stratton's living are to be found in one lease.

9 March 1659. It appears from the records quoted above that two heriots may be taken in kind or by composition. For Marlefield it will be best to take 50s., 'which is a third heriot due from her at her death'.

For the heriot due on a widow's forfeiture by marriage, reference is made to an entry of 25 October 1567 in the court book of Bremhill manor and another of 27 October 1581 in that of Bromham manor.

101 [p. 16, second pagination¹] 1659–79. Rentals of demesnes of Stanly, Bromham Bayntun, Bromham, and Bremhill manors from 25 Mar. annually

Stanly

Property	Tenant	Year	Rent
Buddy, Oxenlease, the Lower Park, Watersay	Theophilus King	1659-77	£200 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto with the Abbey House, the Orchard, and the Mill-ham	ditto	1677-8	£180 0s. 0d.
ditto with the Mill-issue	David Langton	1678-9	£200 0s. 0d.
The Abbey House, the Orchard, and the Mill-ham	Theophilus King	1659-60	£20 0s. 0d.
ditto with the Mill-issue	ditto	1660-3	£21 10s. 0d. p.a. ²
The Abbey House, the Orchard, and the Mill-ham	"	1663-77	£20 0s. 0d. p.a.
[For 1677-9 see under Buddy etc.]			
The Abbey Mill-issue	William Long	1659-60	£1 5s. 0d.
[For 1660-3 see under the Abbey House etc.]			
The stocks at the Abbey and the Mill-issue	Michael Fates alias Hughes	1663-71	£12 0. 0d. p.a. ³
[No later entry for stocks at the Abbey. No entry for the Mill-issue 1671-2]			
The Mill-issue	Theophilus King	1672-8	£1 10s. 0d. p.a.
[For 1678-9 see under Buddy etc.]			
Part of Battens Living	John Dagger	1659-60	£20 0s. 0d.
[No later entry]			
Redbreach and Goosey Field	Benjamin Hill	1659-60	£75 0s. 0d. ⁴
[No later entry for Goosey Field]			
Redbreach	Benjamin Hill alias Ellyott	1660-7	£50 0s. 0d. p.a. ⁵
[No entry for 1667-8]			
Redbreach with Botnage Mead and Grove	Adam Goldney	1668-9	£65 0s. 0d.
[No later entry for Redbreach]			
Dunley Mead and the West Closes	John Bennett	1659-60	£66 0s. 0d.
ditto	Roger Warne	1660-4	£58 0s. 0d. p.a. ⁶
ditto	ditto	1664-9	£60 0s. 0d. p.a. ⁷
ditto	Widow Warne	1669-70	£55 0s. 0d.
[No entry for 1670-3]			
Dunly Mead and the West Closes	William Simpkins	1673-4	£50 0s. 0d.
ditto with Little Peverills	ditto	1674-6	£51 10s. 0d. p.a.

Dunly Mead and the West Closes	Mary Gale, widow	1676-9	£50 0s. 0d. p.a.
Redhills and Longdum Mead ditto with Hookes Park, Bushy Lease, Goldnies Pew, Great Pew, Picts, and Peverills	Edward Gale Edward and Robert Gale	1659-64 1664-76	£39 0s. 0d. p.a. £120 0s. 0d. p.a.
Redhills, Longdum Mead, Walter Snells, the Grubbed Parks, Horsecroft, the Lawns, the Fryers Butts, and Stouts Little Ground	Edward Gale	1676-9	£127 0s. 0d. p.a.
Hookes Park, Bushy Lease, and Goldnies Pew [For 1664-76 see under Redhills etc.]	Edward Gale	1659-64	£32 0s. 0d. p.a.
Hookes Park, Bushy Lease, Goldnies Pew, the Great Pew, Picts, Peverills, and Little Peverills	William Simpkins	1676-9	£80 0s. 0d. p.a.
Battens Woodlease, Picts, Peverills [No entry for Battens Woodlease after 1660; no entry for Picts or Peverills 1660-2] Picts and Peverills [For 1664-76 see under Redhills etc.; for 1676-9 see under Hookes Park etc.]	William Aland William Aland	1659-60 1662-4	£30 0s. 0d. ⁸ £13 0s. 0d. p.a.
Walter Snell's, the Grubbed Parks, Horsecroft, the Lawns, Fryers Butts	John Harding	1659-65	£90 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	William Hayward	1665-70	£90 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	ditto	1670-3	£80 0s. 0d. p.a.
[No entry for 1673-4] Walter Snell's, the Grubbed Parks, Horsecroft, the Lawns, the Fryers Butts, and a ground lately Stout's	John Miller	1674-5	£82 0s. 0d.
ditto [For 1676-9 see under Redhills etc.]	ditto	1675-6	£92 0s. 0d.
Both the Woodleases and Milbees	William Barnard	1659-60	£16 0s. 0d.
ditto	ditto	1660-3	£15 0s. 0d. p.a. ⁹
ditto	Richard Gale	1663-9	£18 0s. 0d. p.a. ¹⁰
ditto	Richard Gale's widow	1669-70	£18 0s. 0d. ¹¹
[No entry for 1670-1] Both the Woodleases and Milbees	William Barnard senior, William Barnard junior, Henry Killing	1671-6	£15 0s. 0d. p.a.

ditto	William Barnard junior, Henry Killing	1676-9	£15	0s.	0d.	p.a.
The Aldermoore and ten good loads of hay from Nelands Mead	William Kinfick	1659-61	£6	0s.	0d.	p.a. ¹²
The Aldermoore	ditto	1661-2	£16	0s.	0d.	¹³
ditto and ten good loads of hay from Nelands Mead	"	1662-74	£6	0s.	0d.	p.a. ¹⁴
The Aldermoore	"	1674-7	£21	0s.	0d.	p.a. ¹⁵
ditto and ten good loads of hay from Nelands Mead	"	1677-9	£6	0s.	0d.	p.a.
Chippenham Mills	William Salter	1659-60	£110	0s.	0d.	
ditto	ditto	1660-1	£120	0s.	0d.	
"	"	1661-3	£110	0s.	0d.	p.a.
"	Roger Townsend	1663-4	£110	0s.	0d.	
"	Gabriel Playsteed	1665-6	£110	0s.	0d.	
"	ditto	1666-8	£100	0s.	0d.	p.a.
"	"	1668-9	£80	0s.	0d.	
"	"	1669-71	£90	0s.	0d.	p.a.
"	"	1671-2	£85	0s.	0d.	
"	William Salter	1672-4	£95	0s.	0d.	p.a.
"	ditto	1674-5	£105	0s.	0d.	
"	"	1675-7	£110	0s.	0d.	p.a.
"	Gabriel Playsteed	1677-9	£95	0s.	0d.	p.a.
Stocks at the Abbey Mill	Mr. Cooke	1659-60	£12	0s.	0d.	
ditto	John Webb of Study and Henry Webb	1660-1	£10	0s.	0d.	¹⁶
"	William Medcalfe	1661-2	£12	0s.	0d.	
[No entry for 1662-3. For 1663-79 see under the Abbey Mill-issue]						
Little Peverills	Widow Nash	1659-71	£1	10s.	0d.	p.a.
"	Thomas Nash	1671-4	£1	10s.	0d.	p.a.
[For 1674-6 see under Dunly Mead etc.; for 1676-9 see under Hookes Park etc.]						
Pycroft and Holtrough	Stephen Canaway	1659-60	£15	0s.	0d.	
ditto	Benjamin Hill	1660-1	£14	0s.	0d.	¹⁷
"	William Edwards	1661-72	£14	0s.	0d.	p.a.
[No entry for 1672-3]						
Pycroft and Holtrough	Thomas Melsham	1673-6	£13	0s.	0d.	p.a.
ditto	ditto	1676-7	£14	0s.	0d.	
ditto with Godwins	Henry Aland	1677-8	£26	0s.	0d.	
[No later entry]						
The Little Ground between Close Woods	John Prater	1659-65	£3	0s.	0d.	p.a.
ditto	John Prater alias Hooper	1665-6	£3	0s.	0d.	

''	Widow Prater	1666-9	£3	0s.	0d.	p.a.
''	alias Hooper					
''	ditto (now	1669-70	£3	0s.	0d.	
''	Rosamund Hiscock)					
	John Hiscock	1670-9	£3	0s.	0d.	p.a.
Botnage and Grove	William Wilshire	1659-61	£28	0s.	0d.	p.a.
Botnage Mead and Grove	ditto	1661-6	£28	0s.	0d.	p.a.
[No entry for 1666-8. For 1668-9 see under Redbreach etc.]						
Botnage Mead and Grove	William Barnard	1669-70	£27	0s.	0d.	
	senior, William					
	Barnard junior,					
	Henry Killing					
ditto	ditto	1670-1	£26	0s.	0d.	
[No later entry]						
The Quarry at Hazlebury	John Williams	1660-2	£1	6s.	8d.	p.a.
ditto	ditto	1662-3	£1	6s.	3d.	
''	ditto	1663-73	£1	6s.	8d.	p.a.
[No entry for 1673-4]						
The Quarry at Hazelbury	John Williams	1674-9	£1	6s.	8d.	p.a.
The Abbey Grist-mill	Robert Brookes	1665-6	£15	0s.	0d.	¹⁸
ditto	ditto	1666-8	£13	0s.	0d.	p.a. ¹⁹
''	Michael Fates	1668-9	£13	0s.	0d.	²⁰
''	alias Hughes					
''	ditto	1669-71	£15	0s.	0d.	p.a.
The Abbey Mills	ditto	1671-2	£27	0s.	0d.	
[No later entry]						
Ground lately Widow Stout's	William Hayward	1672-3	£2	0s.	0d.	
[No entry for 1673-4. For 1674-9 see under Walter Snell's etc.]						
Annual totals of rents		1659-60	£764	15s.	0d.	²¹
		1660-1	£689	6s.	8d.	
		1661-2	£723	6s.	8d.	
		1662-3	£714	6s.	0d.	
		1663-4	£727	16s.	8d.	
		1664-5	£733	16s.	8d.	
		1665-6	£748	16s.	8d.	
		1666-7	£708	16s.	8d.	
		1667-8	£658	16s.	8d.	
		1668-9	£703	16s.	8d.	
		1669-70	£672	16s.	8d.	
		1670-1	£588	16s.	8d.	
		1671-2	£572	16s.	8d.	
		1672-3	£545	6s.	8d.	
		1673-4	£526	16s.	8d.	
		1674-5	£633	16s.	8d.	
		1675-6	£649	6s.	8d.	

1676-7	£642	16s.	8d.
1677-8	£564	16s.	8d.
1678-9	£577	6s.	8d.

Bromham

Property	Tenant	Year	Rent
Bromham Park etc.	John Scott	1659-63	£200 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	William Amor and William Smith	1663-4	£140 0s. 0d. ²²
”	ditto	1664-9	£180 0s. 0d. p.a. ²³
”	William Smith	1669-79	£180 0s. 0d. p.a.
Bromham Farm and the Hopyard ²⁴	Robert Tarrant	1659-72	£165 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	ditto	1672-8	£155 0s. 0d. p.a.
”	William Fowls	1678-9	£155 0s. 0d.
Newlease in Chittoe	John Baily	1659-60	£5 0s. 0d.
ditto	ditto	1660-1	£4 15s. 0d. ²⁵
[No later entry]			
Annual totals of rents		1659-60	£370 0s. 0d. ²⁶
		1660-1	£369 15s. 0d.
		1661-3	£365 0s. 0d. p.a.
		1663-4	£305 0s. 0d.
		1664-72	£345 0s. 0d. p.a.
		1672-9	£335 0s. 0d. p.a.

Bremhill

Property	Tenant	Year	Rent
Bencroft, Hanging Breach, and the Shrubbs	Robert Jeffery	1659-70	£80 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Edward Jeffries	1670-3	£80 0s. 0d. p.a.
” with Longlaies	John Eustace	1673-8	£86 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	John Jeffries	1678-9	£100 0s. 0d.
Longlaies	Robert Jeffery	1659-70	£26 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Edward Jeffries	1670-3	£26 0s. 0d. p.a.
[For 1673-9 see under Bencroft etc.]			
Bremhill Grove and the Little Tenement by Charlecott	William Gough	1659-62	£77 10s. 0d. p.a.

ditto	William Gough's widow	1662-3	£77 10s. 0d.
"	Adam Pedington alias Tuck	1663-4	£114 0s. 0d.
"	ditto	1664-5	£100 0s. 0d.
"	Thomas Jones	1665-6	£110 0s. 0d.
Bremhill Grove Grounds	ditto	1666-8	£110 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	ditto	1668-73	£100 0s. 0d. p.a.
"	Philip Reecks	1673-5	£80 0s. 0d. p.a.
"	William Newman junior	1675-8	£80 0s. 0d. p.a.
[No entry for 1678-9]			
Moiety of the Living at Foxham called Gales	William Hayward	1659-62	£42 10s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Roger Frith	1662-4	£42 10s. 0d. p.a.
"	Anthony Sclatter	1664-6	£42 10s. 0d. p.a.
[No later entry]			
The Bullrushes	John Lawrence	1659-72	£2 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Nicholas Baker	1672-9	£3 0s. 0d. p.a.
The Hopyard	Thomas Wilshiere	1659-60	£16 0s. 0d.
ditto with the House, Lower Barken Hill, and Broadlinch	ditto	1660-4	£85 0s. 0d. p.a. ²⁷
The Hopyard, the House, and Lower Barken Hill	"	1664-5	£57 0s. 0d.
ditto	"	1665-6	£53 0s. 0d.
The Hopyard and the House	Robert Jenkins	1666-70	£14 0s. 0d. p.a.
[No entry for 1670-3]			
The Hopyard	Robert Norman	1673-6	£14 0s. 0d. p.a.
[No later entry]			
Weeke Marsh	Mrs. Stratton	1659-66	£10 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Rebecca Stratton of Seagry	1666-78	£10 0s. 0d. p.a.
[No entry for 1678-9]			
Cutlane Close	Mrs. Stratton	1659-66	7s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Ann Stratton, Mrs. Stratton's daughter-in-law	1666-79	7s. 0d. p.a.
Hazeland Mill	Mr. Sheppard	1659-61	£20 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	[tenant not named]	1661-6	£20 0s. 0d. p.a.

Hazeland Mills	[tenant not named]	1666-70	£20	0s.	0d.	p.a.
Hazeland Grist Mill	Gabriel Brabbins	1670-1	£18	0s.	0d.	
ditto	Robert Brookes	1671-2	£22	0s.	0d.	
Hazeland Mills etc.	ditto	1672-4	£42	0s.	0d.	p.a.
ditto	"	1674-5	£47	0s.	0d.	
"	"	1675-8	£50	0s.	0d.	p.a.
"	John Hale	8 Nov. 1678- 25 Mar. 1679	£40	0s.	0d.	
Stocks at Hazeland Mill [No later entry]	John Prater	1670-2	£12	0s.	0d.	p.a.
The Tithe	Robert Davys	1659-63	£6	6s.	8d.	p.a.
ditto	William Baall	1663-6	£6	6s.	8d.	p.a.
"	Geoffrey Primell	1666-7	£6	6s.	8d.	
The Tithe of Broadhedge, Leekeshedge, Marlefield, Le Brech, and Honybeate	Geoffrey Primell	1667-8	[No figure given]			
ditto, grounds now in the possession of Edward Scott of Leekeshedge, John Scott, Fridswith Crump, and Rebecca Stratton	ditto	1668-71	£6	6s.	8d.	p.a.
ditto	Henry Primell	1671-2	£6	6s.	8d.	
" and Geoffrey Simpkins	William Ball	1672-4	£6	6s.	8d.	p.a.
Tithe etc. of grounds in the possession of John Scott, Edward Scott of Leekeshedge, Rebecca Stratton, Thomas Seager alias Parsons, Thomas East in the right of his wife Fridswith, and Geoffrey Simpkins	ditto	1674-5	£6	6s.	8d.	
ditto	William Wilcox	1675-6	£6	6s.	8d.	
Tithe etc. of grounds in the possession of John Scott, Margaret Jeffery, Edward Scott of Leekeshedge, Rebecca Stratton, Thomas Seager alias Parsons, Thomas East in the right of his wife Fridswith, and Geoffrey Simpkins	ditto	1676-8	£6	6s.	8d.	p.a.

Tithe etc. of grounds in the possession of John Scott, Margaret Jeffery, Edward Scott of Leekeshedge, Rebecca Stratton or rather myself, Thomas Seager alias Parsons, Edward East in the right of Fridswith his wife, and Geoffrey Simpkins	ditto	1678-9	£6 6s. 8d.
The Living at Weeke, lately Widow Norborne's [No later entry]	Michael Trimnell	1661-2	£35 0s. 0d.
Waterham and the Pleck, late Mrs. Lucy Peters's	Dr. John Townson	1669-75	16s. 0d. p.a. ²⁸
ditto	Gabriel Church	1675-6	£1 0s. 0d.
"	Dr. John Townson	1676-7	£1 0s. 0d.
"	ditto	1677-9	18s. 0d. p.a.
Bremhill Fields, late part of Widow Shepperd's [No entry for 1673-6]	Anthony Starre ²⁶	1670-3	£11 10s. 0d. p.a.
Bremhill Fields, which Anthony Starre lately rented	Gabriel Church	1676-9	£10 10s. 0d. p.a.
Hamonds, except the House, within Foxham Fields [No later entry]	[tenant not named]	1672-3	£28 0s. 0d.
A Little Ground belonging to Olliffs	William Gough	1673-4	£1 6s. 8d.
Butter Plott, belonging lately to Olliffs	ditto	1674-9	1 6s. 8d. p.a.
A Cottage with its appurtenances in Foxham	Widow Holloway	1674-9	16s. 0d. p.a.
A Cottage between Bencroft and Hanging Breach	John Smith	1674-9	£11 10s. 0d. p.a.
Annual totals of rents		1659-60	£280 13s. 8d. ³⁰
		1660-1	£349 13s. 8d.
		1661-2	£384 13s. 8d.
		1662-3	£349 13s. 8d.
		1663-4	£386 3s. 8d.
		1664-5	£344 3s. 8d.
		1665-6	£350 3s. 8d.
		1666-7	£268 13s. 8d.
		1667-8	£262 7s. 0d.

1668-9	£258 13s. 8d.
1669-70	£259 9s. 8d.
1670-1	£266 19s. 8d.
1671-2	£272 19s. 8d.
1672-3	£307 19s. 8d.
1673-4	£255 6s. 4d.
1674-5	£250 2s. 4d.
1675-6	£253 6s. 4d.
1676-7	£249 16s. 4d.
1677-8	£249 14s. 4d.
1678-9	£162 14s. 4d.

Rodborne

Property	Tenant	Year	Rent
The Farm, the Parsonage, and chief rents, mead silver, and other customs, except old rents from Spackman's and Wilks's tenements	Thomas Hedges	1659-61	£196 14s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Thomas Hedges junior	1661-70	£196 14s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	ditto	1670-77	£143 14s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Edward Hill	1677-9	£144 0s. 0d. p.a.
Spackman's Tenement	William Spackman	1659-62	£2 10s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	John Coles	1662-79	6s. 8d. p.a.
Wilk's Tenement	Thomas Wilks	1659-75	16s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Robert Wilkes	1675-9	16s. 0d. p.a.
Payment by Bayntun to the King on 29 Sept. according to a deed of sale	Edmund Webb	1671-3	7s. 1¼d.
Payment as above to Sir Stephen Foxe	ditto	1673-4	7s. 1¼d.
Payment as above to the King	"	1674-9	7s. 1¼d. p.a.
The Hop-garden	Roger Hayward	1678-9	£14 14s. 0d.
Annual totals of rents		1659-62	£200 0s. 0d. p.a. ³¹
		1662-70	£197 16s. 8d. p.a.
		1670-1	£144 16s. 8d.
		1671-8	£145 3s. 9¼d. p.a.
		1678-9	£159 19s. 9¼d.

Old Rents

Property	Tenant	Year	Rent
Newleases, Goosey Meadow, Rogers Croft, Milsoms Hold, Haywards, and the New Ridings	Lady Bayntun	1659-64	£38 6s. 8d. p.a.
ditto	Robert Bayntun and Nicholas Bayntun	1664-79	£38 6s. 8d. p.a.
Loxhill Farm	Lady Bayntun	1659-64	£13 6s. 8d. p.a.
ditto	Nicholas Bayntun	1664-79	£13 6s. 8d. p.a.
Road Quarter	Henry Bayntun	1659-73	£4 0s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Edward Bayntun ³²	1673-9	£4 0s. 0d. p.a.
Jenkins Mead	Henry Bayntun	1659-73	15s. 0d. p.a.
ditto	Edward Bayntun ³³	1673-9	15s. 0d. p.a.
The Great Pew [No later entry]	Henry Bayntun	1659-61	18s. 2d. p.a.
Annual totals of rents		1659-61	£57 6s. 6d. p.a. ³⁴
		1661-79	£56 8s. 4d. p.a.

Demesnes in Hand

Property	Year	Annual value or last annual rent
The Moore at Bremhill	1659-79	£45 0s. 0d. p.a.
Upper Barken Hill, Middle Barken Hill, Broadlinch, and the two Earthton Meads	1659-60	£100 0s. 0d.
Upper Barken Hill, Middle Barken Hill, and the two Earthton Meads	1660-79	£72 0s. 0d. p.a.
Lower Barken Hill [No entry for 1660-6]	1659-60	£30 0s. 0d.
Lower Barken Hill, now unploughed ³⁵	1666-79	£37 0s. 0d. p.a.
The Abbey Grist Mill	1659-62	£18 0s. 0s. p.a.
ditto with the stocks there	1662-3	£30 0s. 0d.
The Abbey Grist Mill [No later entry]	1663-5	£18 0s. 0d. p.a.
Picts and Peverills [No later entry]	1660-2	£14 0s. 0d. p.a.
Newlease in Chittoe [No later entry]	1661-9	£5 0s. 0d. p.a.
Broadlinch	1664-79	£28 0s. 0d. p.a.

Botnage Mead and Grove [No entry for 1668-71]	1666-8	£28 0s. 0d. p.a.
Botnage Mead and Grove	1671-9	£28 0s. 0d. p.a. ³⁶
Living at Foxham called Gales [No later entry]	1666-7	£90 0s. 0d.
Redbreach [No entry for 1668-9]	1667-8	£50 0s. 0d.
Redbreach [No entry for 1670-1]	1669-70	£50 0s. 0d.
Redbreach	1671-9	£40 0s. 0d. p.a. ³⁷
The two Woodleases and Milbees [No later entry]	1670-1	£18 0s. 0d.
Dunly Mead and the West Closes [No later entry]	1670-3	£55 0s. 0d. p.a.
The Hopyard and House [No entry for 1673-6]	1670-3	£14 0s. 0d. p.a. ³⁸
The Hopyard	1676-7	£14 0s. 0d.
The Hopgarden and Yard [No later entry]	1677-8	£14 0s. 0d.
Chapel Mead, late Peter Gales's ditto [No later entry]	1670-2 1672-5	[No figure given] £3 5s. 0d. p.a.
Withies, late Peter Gales's, held by lease paying 13s. p.a. old rent ditto ditto with tithe for the lives of Peter and William Gale, formerly William Gale's	1670-2 1672-6 1676-9	[No figure given] £9 0s. 0d. p.a. £9 0s. 0d. p.a.
Scotts and Hammonds Livings with the new inclosures in Foxham Fields and Little Parock adjoining ³⁹	1670-2	[No figure given]
Julian Oliff's and Scotts Livings with the new inclosures in Foxham Fields and Little Parock	1672-5	[No figure given]
The new inclosures in Foxham Fields and Little Parock adjoining	1675-9	[No figure given]
Pycroft and Holtrough [No later entry]	1672-3	£14 0s. 0d. ⁴⁰
William Howard's Bargain ⁴¹ [No later entry]	1673-4	£92 0s. 0d.
Bremhill Fields, which Anthony Starre lately rented [No later entry]	1674-6	£11 10s. 0d. p.a.

The two Bailys Copyholds in Chittoe, the Park, and Park Mead	1677-9	[No figure given]
Bremhill Grove Grounds	1678-9	£100 0s. 0d.
The Mills etc.⁴²	1678-9	[No figure given]
Weeke Marsh	1678-9	£20 0s. 0d.
Annual totals of values	1659-60	£193 0s. 0d. ⁴³
	1660-1	£149 0s. 0d.
	1661-2	£154 0s. 0d.
	1662-3	£152 0s. 0d.
	1663-4	£140 0s. 0d.
	1664-5	£168 0s. 0d.
	1665-6	£150 0s. 0d.
	1666-7	£305 0s. 0d.
	1667-8	£265 0s. 0d.
	1668-9	£187 0s. 0d.
	1669-70	£237 0s. 0d.
	1670-1	£228 0s. 0d.
	1671-2	£319 0s. 0d.
	1672-3	£345 5s. 0d.
	1673-4	£355 5s. 0d.
	1674-5	£273 15s. 0d.
	1675-6	£270 10s. 0d.
	1676-8	£273 0s. 0d. p.a.
	1678-9	£379 0s. 0d.
Overall totals of rents and values	1659-60	£1865 15s. 2d. ⁴⁴
	1660-1	£1815 1s. 10d.
	1661-2	£1883 8s. 8d.
	1662-3	£2068 16s. 9¼d.
	1663-4	£2047 15s. 6d.
	1664-5	£2091 14s. 6d.
	1665-6	£2094 14s. 6d.
	1666-7	£2128 4s. 6d.
	1667-8	£1835 8s. 8d.
	1668-9	£1748 15s. 4d.
	1669-70	£1768 11s. 4d.
	1670-1	£1630 1s. 4d.
	1671-2	£1711 8s. 5¼d.
	1672-3	£1735 3s. 5¼d.
	1673-4	£1674 0s. 1¼d.
	1674-5	£1694 6s. 1¼d.
	1675-6	£1709 15s. 1¼d.
	1676-7	£1702 5s. 1¼d.
	1677-8	£1624 9s. 1¼d.
	1678-9	£1670 9s. 1¼d.

- 1 The rentals are on pp. 16-19, 22-5, 30-61, second pagination.
- 2 In margin: £1 10s. for the Mill-issue.
- 3 In margins for 1663-72: the Mill-issue let for £1 10s. more.
- 4 In margin: £10 abated by me.
- 5 In margins for 1660-7: £10 abated.
- 6 In margins for 1660-4: £8 abated.
- 7 In margins for 1664-8: 1 year's ploughing, 2nd year's ploughing etc.
- 8 In margin: £3 abated this year.
- 9 In margins for 1660-3: £1 abated for 1st year, £1 abated for 2nd year.
- 10 In margins for 1663-9: 4 bushels of oats at Christmas.
- 11 In margin: 4 bushels of oats at Christmas.
- 12 In margins: according to his own valuation.
- 13 £10 of the £16 was paid for hay. In margin: according to his own valuation. Much spoiled by Avon's summer floods.
- 14 In margins for 1662-9, 1670-2: according to his own valuation.
- 15 £15 of the £21 was paid for hay.
- 16 In margin: £2 abated 1st year.
- 17 In margin: £1 abated 1st year.
- 18 In margin: my own corn toll free.
- 19 In margin for 1666-7: my own corn toll free. In margins for 1666-8: £2 abated.
- 20 In margin: £2 abated.
- 21 Totals, for 1659-66 only, are given in margins. Figures for later years have been supplied by the editor.
- 22 In margin: £60 abated.
- 23 In margin for 1665-6: £20 p.a. less than John Scott.
- 24 Bayntun's agreement to pay £5 p.a. to the rector of Bromham as composition for tithes from Foremead, part of Broadmead, and sheepslate on Bagdon Hill, is noted for each year.
- 25 In margin: 5s. abated 1st year.
- 26 Totals, for 1659-66 only, are given in the margins. Figures for later years have been supplied by the editor.
- 27 In margins for 1660-2: whereof for Broadlinch £28 p.a.
- 28 In margin for 1670: worth £1.
- 29 In brackets following: he paying the tithe.
- 30 Totals, for 1659-66 only, are given in margins. Figures for later years have been supplied by the editor.
- 31 Totals, for 1659-66 only, are given in margins. Figures for later years have been supplied by the editor.
- 32 Described as: my nephew.
- 33 Described as: my nephew.
- 34 Totals, for 1659-66 only, are given in margins. Figures for later years have been supplied by the editor.
- 35 Note: worth £41 when ploughed.
- 36 Note: the value before improvement.
- 37 Note: when ploughed let for £50.
- 38 Note in 1672-3: usually let for £16 and let last to Robert Jenkins for £14.
- 39 Note: lately taken in exchange with Widow Riley for land in Dolemead.
- 40 Note: heretofore let for £15.
- 41 Note: reputed a good bargain.
- 42 Note: at Hazeland in hand till November 8th.
- 43 Totals, for 1659-66 only, are given in margins. Figures for later years have been supplied by the editor.
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102 [p. 20, second pagination] 1660–1. Rents, compositions, and annuities, paid from Sir Edward Bayntun's estate

Rents

To the king at Michaelmas [29 Sept.] from Stanly manor	£10	1s.	0d.
Similarly from Bremhill manor	£9	2s.	4d.
Similarly from Bromham and Clench	£3	12s.	0d.
For Rodborne manor and rectory	£1	1s.	8¾d. ¹
For Rodborne church		6s.	8d.
To the undersheriff at Michaelmas for assert rent charged on Buddy and ten cottages in Stanly	£1	3s.	0d.
To Lady Beauchamp by equal portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day [25 Mar.] for the ground near Chippenham mills		2s.	6d.
To Mr. Montague at Michaelmas		1s.	8d.

Compositions

To the rector of Bromham by equal portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day for the tithes of Foremead, part of Broadmead, and the sheepslate on Bagdon Hill	£5	0s.	0d.
To the same for Spy-parke and Chittoe	£1	0s.	0d.
To the same for the demesnes belonging to Bromham House		13s.	4d.
To the vicar of Bishops Cannings by equal portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day for Chittoe	£2	6s.	8d.
To the rector of Chippenham at Lady Day for the mill, 13s. 4d., and for the ground near the mill, 6s. 8d.	£1	0s.	0d.
To Mrs. Collier by equal portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day for the house and ground between Closewoods	£4	0s.	0d.

Annuities

To my kinsman Mr. John Anstie's widow by equal portions at Michaelmas and Lady Day out of Bremhill Grove	£20	0s.	0d.
To my brother by equal portions quarterly out of Bromham manor under my father's will	£200	0s.	0d.
To my sister <i>ad placitum</i>	£100	0s.	0d.
To my almshouses by equal portions quarterly	£20	0s.	0d.
To George Union by equal portions quarterly for life	£20	0s.	0d.

¹ In the margin: 10s. too much paid at Michaelmas 1660 comparing the new with the old acquittance.

103 [p. 26, second pagination] 28 Aug. 1662. List of lands in Northants. of which Sir Edward Bayntun holds a fifth part

Houghton Magna and Hawny

Property	Tenant	Acres	Half roods	Perches
Kingcroft, including	Mr. Ward	28	2	10

4a. fenced and growing corn this year				
Woollworth	ditto	71	2	13
Cookes Close	"	4	7	15
Clackswells	"	12	6	19
Common meadow	Richard Gleed	14	4	0
John Eyles's mead	John Eyles and William Walker	8	5	1
Mr. Cooke's mead	Mr. Cooke	16	4	10
Mr. Cooke's Golden Plot	ditto	54	4	5
The Milking Close	Thomas Battison Widow Hatt	35	6	8
Middle Ground	John Eyles and William Walker	37	5	0
Hawny	Giles Willis	19	2	0
The Ley in Houghton	Mr. Wood, the minister	9	6	14
Total		323	1	15 [sic]
Pichley				
Neather cow pasture	Mrs. Wind	22	3	14
Upper cow pasture	ditto	25	2	0
Plot of ground where the house stands	"		7	8
The corn field	"	48	6	16
Stanbury Hill	"	86	3	5
Middle Close	"	49	0	10
New corn field	"	60	0	0
Carre Mead	"	23	0	15
New Mead	"	16	5	4
Total		332	5	12²
Total of Houghton, Hawny, and Pichley		655	7	7[sic]

Rents paid by the tenants are recorded in a paper book by Mr. John Ely

Also in Pichley is a ground called the Osier Bed, 1 a. 3 hr. 10 p.

¹ In the margin: 330 acres.

² In the margin: 334 acres 2 roods 22 perches.

104 [p. 28, second pagination] 27 Nov. 1663. Wrelton. Letter from S. Marshall to Sir Edward Bayntun and others [unnamed], sent as an enclosure with a letter of 10 Dec. 1663 from Sir Thomas Disham to Bayntun. [Text given in full]

Sirs,

When I wrote my last letter in answer to your commands, I was at Malton

and could not pass for waters. At my coming home I have briefly examined my book and have sent a short account. At my coming up, if it be your pleasure, the next term, I shall present you with account at large of every particular sum, how paid, to whom, and for what. I assure you, gentlemen, I have had a troublesome summer and much neglected my own occasions for attending yours, and have been above £100 of my own moneys before I received any of yours. Sirs, I shall discharge the trust you have been pleased to repose in me most faithfully, as becomes your faithful and humble servant, S. Marshall.

Against the next term I shall endeavour to get up the arrears. Your servant, S. Marshall.

105 [p. 28, second pagination] Michaelmas [29 Sept.] 1663. S. Marshall's account, enclosed with **104**

To be accounted for	
Arrears, Michaelmas 1660 to Lady Day [25 Mar.] 1662	£100 19s. 3d.
Remaining in hand and unaccounted for	£24 0s. 0d.
Half year's rent at Michaelmas	£346 17s. 10d.
Total	£471 17s. 1d.

Disbursements, receipts, and arrears to balance above account

For building mills and house, free rents, and Marshall's and Mr. Morice's fees	£165 0s. 0d.
Returned up [<i>sic</i>]	£200 0s. 0d.
Two years' arrears, unpaid	£52 0s. 0d.
Arrears at Michaelmas 1663, mainly from Ebberston	£48 0s. 0d.
Total	£465 0s. 0d.

The house was made an end of last Friday, and there are some things to pay for.

£8 will be due to Sir Edward Bayntun and others for Roxby House and wood.

Note by Bayntun that £114 17s. 1½d. is due in total; due to him, as a fifth part of one half year's rental from lands in Yorkshire, is £67 19s. 3d.

106 [p. 29, second pagination] Michaelmas [29 Sept.] 1663. Mr. Cooke's account for half year's rent from lands in Northants., received by Sir Edward Bayntun with a letter of 5 Dec. 1663 from his cousin John Osborne

Rents due from Houghton	£161 9s. 2d.
Rents due from Pichley	£85 0s. 0d.
Total	£246 9s. 2d.

Disbursements, Lady Day [25 Mar.] to

Michaelmas 1663	
Tax, 22 June	£3 5s. 4d.

Tax, 29 Sept.	5s. 4d.
Charges for trooping, 13 Oct.	16s. 6d.
William Wood, for tithes, 30 Oct.	£13 0s. 0d.
Spent by the tenants paying their rents	6d.
Charges for sending to Pichley	8d.
Total	£17 8s. 4d.
One fifth of total, due to Bayntun	£45 16s. 2d.

INDEX OF PERSONS AND PLACES

Except where stated, references are to entry numbers, not to pages. The following abbreviations are used for forenames:

Alex	Alexander	Jn	John
And	Andrew	Jon	Jonathan
Ant	Anthony	Marg	Margaret
Ben	Benjamin	Mat	Matthew
Bened	Benedict	Mic	Michael
Cath	Catherine	Nat	Nathaniel
Chas	Charles	Nic	Nicholas
Dan	Daniel	Pet	Peter
Edm	Edmund	Phil	Philip
Edw	Edward	Ric	Richard
Eliz	Elizabeth	Rob	Robert
Fras	Francis	Rog	Roger
Gab	Gabriel	Sam	Samuel
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