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PREFACE

The Branch is much indebted to the Mayor and Corporation of the Borough of Calne for allowing the present abstract to be made and to the Town Clerk for extending many courtesies to the editor during the course of his work. Thanks are also due to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Calne for enabling the editor to examine the churchwardens' accounts for the period 1527 to 1670 which are bound up with the first volume of the parish registers.

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INTRODUCTION

The *Guild Stewards' Book*, sometimes described as the *Burgus Book*, is a large volume in the custody of the Town Clerk of Calne. The volume consists of 505 numbered folios of laid paper measuring $13\frac{1}{2}$ by 10 inches, and is bound in what appears to be its original cover of limp vellum. It is made up of 32 sections each of 8 double pages which are sewn to 3 leather bands. The vellum cover, now much cracked and insecurely stitched, was originally attached by 3 similar bands tacketted to the outside; one of the bands is now missing. The cover has a wrap-over flap which was originally tied with a leather thong to secure the book when closed. This thong has been replaced by a piece of ordinary white tape. Several folios have been removed both before and after numeration, and a large number of folios throughout the volume are blank. On the back cover is written '*Burgus de Calne*'. In front of the first folio have been inserted two original letters together with printed copies of them ¹ relating to a fruitless search made in 1810 in the records of the Duchy of Cornwall for references to a borough charter. A printed version of the burgesses' oath ² is similarly inserted after the last folio.

The book contains accounts, orders, resolutions, minutes, and other miscellaneous memoranda relating to the borough for the period 1561 to 1814. The first entry was made in 1584 when Philip Rich, vicar and town clerk, entered the guild stewards' accounts from 1561 to 1584. From 1585 until 1814, with only a few omissions, successive town clerks entered the annual accounts shortly after each pair of stewards had ended their year of office and had rendered their accounts. At first only the accounts appear, but by the end of the 16th century the book was being used to an increasing extent for the recording of other information. After about 1600 admissions of burgesses, disburgessings, and appointments of guild stewards, together with minutes and memoranda concerning a diversity of municipal affairs are entered. Elections of burgesses to represent the borough in parliament are recorded occasionally from 1605, and regularly from 1660. For some years between 1644 and 1677 the separate accounts of some of the constables and tithingmen are entered to supplement the stewards' accounts to which they are charged. In the back of the volume will be found such entries as the oath of the burgesses, the 'orders and constitutions' of the borough, lists of armour, and notes of the distribution of poor relief.

¹ *Wiltshire Archaeological Magazine*, XXIV, 207.

² *Ibid.*, 208, 209.

The book is the only surviving record of the borough earlier in date than 1835, and for the period that it covers is the main source for the administrative history of Calne. Its interest is essentially domestic, for its chief purpose is to record the receipts from letting the two borough commons and the payments made out of those receipts to meet the administrative expenses of the borough. Only rarely are we privileged to look beyond the borough boundaries.

The Manors and Borough of Calne

Many aspects of the manorial and municipal history of Calne have been discussed in A. E. W. Marsh's *A History of the Borough and Town of Calne*, (Calne [1903]), in which many extracts from the guild stewards' accounts and minutes are printed. It is not proposed in this necessarily brief Introduction to attempt a comprehensive history of Calne, or to supplement in any but a few essential details the information available in that book.

Before the Norman Conquest it is most probable that Calne, as a *villa regia*, one of the local administrative centres of the Old English kingdom, was a place of no small importance. From Domesday Book it is evident not only that in 1086 Calne was held by the king, but also that it had been held earlier by Edward the Confessor, and that it was therefore one of those widely scattered estates of the pre-Conquest kings which by later legal doctrine were to become known as ancient demesne of the Crown. The church of Calne is stated in Domesday to be held of the king by Niel, who claimed also a parcel of the church lands then held by Alfred of Spain. From this division of the land in Calne between what was held directly by the king and what belonged to the church developed two distinct manors which may be described as the lay and the prebendal manors. The borough of Calne, with which this account is chiefly concerned, developed from the urban settlement which lay within the boundaries of both these later manors; and for this reason it is proposed briefly to recount the details of their descent.

Early in the reign of John, probably in 1201, the lay manor was alienated from the crown by a grant to Fulk de Canteloupe¹. In 1274 following the death without issue of his successor George de Canteloupe a partition of Fulk's lands was made, the manor of Calne being among those which passed to George's sister Millicent and her husband Eudo la Zouche. An inquisition *post mortem*² taken in that year identifies the Canteloupe holding in Calne with a third part of the borough together with the foreign hundred and other profits. From that time until the middle of the 16th century, except for occasional reversions to the Crown, the manor remained in the hands of the Zouche family. In inquisitions and

¹ *Pipe Roll Society, New Series, XVIII, 248.*

² *Calendar of Inquisitions Post Mortem, II, p. 17.*

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other documents later than about 1400 the property is usually described as 'the hundred of Calne with a water-mill in Calne', and it is frequently associated with the manors of Calstone and 'Bowers' or 'Bowars'. Unfortunately no extents or surveys are known to exist, and the relationship of Calne to this later manor cannot be stated. In 1554 the Calne properties passed to Thomas Long, but by 1579 they had been acquired by Sir Lionel Duckett, whose successors continued to hold Calne until its purchase by the Earl of Shelburne, later to become the first Marquess of Lansdowne.

From the lands belonging to the church of Calne in 1086 evolved the prebendal manor which for over six centuries was held by successive treasurers of Salisbury Cathedral. Two-thirds of the borough was included in this manor. A grant of the church, its lands, tithes, and other appurtenances appears to have been made to the bishop of Salisbury shortly before the death of William the Conqueror, for in 1091 the church is named in the large number of churches and temporalities with which Bishop Osmund endowed his foundation of the cathedral¹. Moreover, a charter of about 1158 confirming an earlier grant of the church of Calne *in prebendam* describes it as one of the prebends which had been given by William². In about 1226 the prebend was granted to the treasurer of Salisbury³; and it remained in the hands of his successors until the latter part of the 19th century when the manor passed for a brief period to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners before its purchase by the Marquess of Lansdowne.

The borough of Calne, which lay one-third within the lay manor and two-thirds within the prebendal lands, possibly derived its early borough status from its pre-Conquest local importance as a *villa regia*. In Domesday Book it is described as a *burgus*, and is one of the eight places in Wiltshire in which tenants in burgage (*burgenses*) are then found; from 1295 burgesses were summoned to represent the borough in parliament; in the *Nomina Villarum* compiled in 1316 it is called a *burgus*; it is usually styled a borough in the accounts of tallage entered in the 12th century Pipe Rolls. All these are some of the common attributes of those urban communities to which the description 'borough' is loosely applied, although a precise definition of burghal status is impossible until a much later date⁴. Little is known of the early history of the borough of Calne, and even in the 16th and 17th centuries it is difficult to assess how much municipal autonomy the burgesses had achieved. No charters of incorporation earlier than the late 17th century

¹ *Register of St. Osmund*, (Rolls Series), I, 199.

² *Ibid.*, I, 205.

³ *Ibid.*, II, 25.

⁴ For a general account of the characteristics of early boroughs see R. B. Pugh's Introduction to *List of Wiltshire Borough Records . . .*, W.A.S., Records Branch, Vol. V, (1951).

are known to have existed, and the effect of those granted then is extremely uncertain. Calne was in fact a borough by prescription; and although in many respects it appears to have achieved the characteristic independence of a borough some fundamental requisites of corporate existence appear to be lacking. In particular, although it seems probable that the medieval borough of Calne had acquired a large measure of corporate jurisdiction, by the 16th century at least there is no evidence of the existence of any borough court which lay within the control of the elected officers of the corporation. Its burgesses were sworn at the manorial court of Ogbourne St. George; its constables in the hundred court of Calne.

Between 1566 and 1674 several payments are recorded in the *Guild Stewards' Book* for renewals and confirmations of 'charters'. On 25 June 1569, following a journey to London by two burgesses to search 'the rolls of Henry the seventh', letters executory¹ were issued granting to the inhabitants of Calne certain privileges some of which were peculiarly characteristic of tenants in ancient demesne: freedom from toll, pannage, murage, and passage; exemption from contributing to the expenses of the knights of the shire; quittance from suit at all courts and from all juries and assizes outside the borough. It seems likely that other charters referred to by the guild stewards were not in fact grants of corporate rights, but were confirmations of privileges similar to those obtained in 1569. In other words, it is probable that the only grants of privileges were those accorded not to the members of a corporation but to the 'men and inhabitants' of a manor on ancient demesne. Support for this proposition may perhaps be found in the entry in the account for 1674 for 'renewing the charter'²; for in that year, although no enrolment of a charter is found in the Records of the Chancery, an exemplification of a charter *ad requisicionem inhabitancium ville de Calne* was issued³. This grant to the 'inhabitants' and not to the burgesses suggests a charter similar to that of 1569 rather than one confirming corporate rights to the borough.

The only charters of incorporation known to have existed are those granted during the reign of James II. These followed the *quo warranto* proceedings which had been instituted in the court of King's Bench against the borough in 1683 as part of the general attack on the corporations made by Charles II in his attempt to control the parliamentary representation of the boroughs. In March 1685, one year after judgment had been entered against the borough, a charter was granted constituting a corporation of one guild steward and twelve burgesses, all specifically named in the charter⁴. A subsequent charter in the following month

¹ P.R.O., Chancery, Confirmation Roll (C. 56), 96, no. 18.

² 130.

³ P.R.O., Exchequer and Audit Office, Accounts, Various, (A.O.3), 425.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Signet Office, King's Bills (S.O.7), 78.

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increased the number of burgesses to thirty¹. Of the political rivalry within the borough, and of the interventions of the Crown to secure a corporation of suitable political complexion, there is no evidence in the *Guild Stewards' Book*. It is significant, however, that from 1684 until 1688 there are only two entries² in the book; and these add confusion by suggesting that after the parliamentary election in April 1685 burgesses other than those named in the March and April charters continued to act in the administration of the internal affairs of the borough. In December 1687 the Privy Council reconstructed the corporation by an order to remove from office sixteen burgesses. Only six months later, in June 1688, a similar order was made for the removal of twenty-two burgesses³. In September a new charter⁴ was granted in terms not substantially different from those of 1685, but naming a corporation of one guild steward and thirty burgesses, most of whom have names not found in the earlier lists of burgesses and many of whom were drawn from the Quaker community of the town⁵. The proclamation of James II in the following month restoring the corporations to their status before 1679 specifically excludes Calne because it was one of the boroughs against which judgment had been entered. But the flight of James and the accession of William made the legal position most obscure, and Calne seems simply to have reverted to the constitution it had assumed before 1683. From 1689 until 1835 the government of the borough continued in the hands of two guild stewards and a variable number of burgesses. After the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 the ancient governing body was replaced by a mayor, four aldermen, and twelve councillors. In 1832 the borough lost one of its two parliamentary seats; in 1885 it lost entirely its separate representation to become part of the parliamentary division of Chippenham.

The Guild Stewards and Burgesses

The origin of the office of guild steward is no less obscure than the early history of the borough, and no mention of these officers has been found earlier than 1561, the date of the first entry in the *Guild Stewards' Book*. There is little doubt that at some time before the middle of the 16th century the government of the borough had become identified with the authority of a craft or the merchant guild of the town, a process not uncommon in the development of a municipality⁶. All that can be stated with certainty is that from at least 1561 until the Municipal

¹ P.R.O., Signet Office, King's Bills (S.O.7), 79.

² 143, 219.

³ P.R.O., Privy Council Registers (P.C.2), 72.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Chancery, Patent Rolls (C.66), 3314, no. 1.

⁵ The names of many of these burgesses appear in the lists of Quakers in *Wiltshire Notes and Queries*.

⁶ C. Gross: *The Gild Merchant*.

Corporations Act of 1835 the chief executive power of the corporation was vested in the two guild stewards serving for a term of one year. The office was occupied by all the burgesses in turn, many serving several times during a lifetime. Until 1579 the year of office began on St. Mark's day [25 April], but in that year the day was changed to St. Mathias' [24 February] as was confirmed in the Orders and Constitutions of 1589. At first the election of guild stewards took place at a meeting of the burgesses held in the church house on the Sunday before St. Mathias' day, the nomination of the new stewards being announced to the congregation at evening prayer on the same day. Such a breach of the Sabbath was not tolerated for long, and in 1599 an amendment to the Orders altered the day of election to the Monday following the Purification [2 February], although some later minutes of election reveal considerable variations from this day. By the early 18th century the election day had become fixed at 2 February, the term of office beginning on the same day.

The Municipal Commissioners in 1835 protested that 'the guild stewards have no municipal functions whatever to discharge beyond electing themselves and nominating two constables' ¹. Even in the 16th and 17th centuries it cannot be pretended that the responsibilities of the guild stewards were commensurate with those of the officers of a borough of greater political and economic importance and with a larger measure of corporate jurisdiction. Indeed, the greater part of their duties was connected with the administration of the Alders and Portmarsh commons; and these duties disappeared after the inclosure of the commons in 1814. During the year of their office, however, the stewards acted on behalf of the burgesses in the conduct of all municipal business within the control of the corporation: management of borough property and finance, including presumably the custody of the town stock; return of writs for parliamentary elections; custody of the borough seal; *ex officio* trusteeship of certain charitable bequests. In these and in all other respects the stewards enjoyed the full dignity and authority afforded to the chief burgesses of the borough, the senior of them no doubt presiding at meetings of the burgesses. Although an order of 1657 suggests that the stewards had originally enjoyed the benefit of '20 sheep lease' they do not appear to have received remuneration in cash until 1648 when an order was made for the payment of 6s. 8d. to each of them. Regular payments to the guild stewards do not however appear in the accounts.

The number of burgesses who together with the two guild stewards formed the governing body of the borough seems to have varied considerably. Only rarely is a complete list of burgesses recorded, and the

¹ *First Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Municipal Corporations . . .*, Appendix, Part II, 1232. [Parl. Papers H.C. 116 (1835), XXIV].

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lists of signatures appended to orders and minutes frequently include the names of commoners who were not burgesses¹. There is, however, some indication that during the 16th and 17th centuries the number of burgesses was probably never more than twenty, whereas in the following century there seem sometimes to have been nearly twice as many. Qualification to serve is similarly undefined. Complete discretionary power to elect a new burgess or to disburgess any of their number lay with the existing burgesses. It is therefore instructive to examine the composition of a typical corporation, and for this purpose the burgesses named in the *quo warranto* proceedings in 1683 may be considered². Of these 17 burgesses it is not surprising that 8 are clothiers and others engaged in the various processes of the local woollen industry on which the economic life of the town so largely depended; 2 are described as 'gentlemen' and 2 as 'yeomen'; the remainder comprise an innkeeper, a baker, a tanner, and 2 chandlers. This marked preponderance of the industrial and commercial interests of the town was a constant feature of earlier and later corporations. A complete list of the burgesses would include the names of several representatives of the families of Allen, Blake, Forman, Swaddon, Noyse, and other prominent Calne families of the period.

Following his election a new burgess was required to attend a swearing ceremony held before the steward or deputy-steward of the manorial court of Ogbourne St. George. Here the burgess was admitted upon taking the corporation oath and any statutory oaths which were required. From about the end of the 17th century it was the practice for the guild stewards to take the town book to Ogbourne so that the steward of the court could sign a certificate of admission entered in the book. Until 1540 the manor of Ogbourne St. George, as a member of the honour of Wallingford, was parcel of the Duchy of Cornwall. By a statute of that year the honour of Wallingford was disannexed from the Duchy and its members attached to the honour of Ewelme. But the origin of the connexion of Calne with the manor of Ogbourne, which existed at least as early as 1520, still cannot be explained; and it is difficult to understand why a borough which in many respects assumed the full privileges of corporate status should have its burgesses sworn in the court of a manor more than 14 miles distant. However, such was the practice even in 1835, by which time the visit to Ogbourne had become a convivial excursion which was a heavy charge on the finances of the borough.

Several meetings of the guild stewards and burgesses were held each year either in the guildhall, which until 1829 was the ancient church house, or on less formal occasions in the congenial surroundings of one of the inns of the town. The meeting which became fixed at 2 February

¹ e.g. 162.

² P.R.O., King's Bench, Coram Rege Rolls (K.B. 27), 2033, m. 4.

for the purpose of electing the new stewards has been mentioned. Of the other meetings the most important was that held annually on 1 November. At this gathering arrangements were made for the winter grazing of the commons, the accounts of the constables were examined and allowed, distribution was made of the interest on the town stock to poor tradesmen of the town, and other general business was discussed. At some meetings at which the management of the commons was discussed commoners who were not burgesses appear to have participated in the proceedings, and add their signature or mark to resolutions made at such meetings.

The Constables and Tithingmen

In some respects no less important than the guild stewards were the constables, who, although primarily charged with keeping the peace within the borough, had a large number of administrative duties to perform. From the Orders and Constitutions of 1589 it appears that the burgesses annually elected two of their number to serve as constables. These were sworn at the next court leet held within the borough after Michaelmas. Between 1669 and 1673, however, the minutes of election show that at that time the burgesses were electing only one of the constables, the other being chosen by the lord of the manor of Calne. It cannot be stated when this custom originated, or whether it was a right regularly exercised by lords of the manor. Elections of constables are not entered after 1673. But in 1835 the Municipal Commissioners reported that one constable called the 'borough constable' was elected annually at Michaelmas by the guild stewards and burgesses, who also nominated two other men from whom one was chosen by the jury of the Hundred court to serve as 'town constable'. The duties of the borough constable, who seems always to have been a burgess, were actually performed by his lesser colleague. During the greater part of the 16th and 17th centuries, however, there is no reason to suppose that the two constables were not in fact sharing their responsibilities equally. The delegation of duties explained in the Report of 1835 probably developed early in the 18th century.

The duties of the constables both as officers of the peace and as those responsible for the many local administrative responsibilities imposed by Tudor and Stuart legislation are far too numerous to mention here ¹. In general the main evidence of the activities of the constables is to be found not in borough archives but in the records of assizes, quarter sessions and other courts in which they made their presentments. Between 1644 and 1677, however, a number of separate accounts of the constables

¹ For a general account of the duties of constables see W. E. Tate: *The Parish Chest*, 174 *et seq.*

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entered in the *Guild Stewards' Book* provide interesting details of their responsibilities. Payments to the constables for their expenses are also frequently recorded in the guild stewards' accounts, as well as notes of money distributed by them to the poor. Lists of borough armour are also entered. Much of the expenditure recorded in the constables' accounts is concerned with their duties under the statutes relating to vagrancy and poor relief, particularly the responsibility for providing assistance to travellers passing through the borough. Their expenses in attending assizes, quarter sessions, petty sessions, and monthly meetings of the justices of the peace are recorded, as are expenses incurred on the militia and the maintenance of law and order in the borough.

For a few years between 1655 and 1677 some accounts of the tithingmen are also entered, which relate mainly to the relief of travellers. It is not possible, however, to learn anything of the full duties and responsibilities of these officers who seem simply to have acted as junior constables.

The Alders and Portmarsh

The Alders and Portmarsh, with which so much of the *Guild Stewards' Book* is concerned, were the two borough commons situated respectively to the west and east of the town. The guild stewards and burgesses had full manorial rights in these commons, and were alone responsible for their administration. In 1589 right of common was said to belong to 'every chief householder that doth watch and ward', a new inhabitant being allowed to enjoy his 'beast lease' on payment of a small fee known as an 'income' when exercising his right for the first time. Before the end of the 17th century the growth of the borough seems to have made it necessary to restrict the right of common to certain ancient houses; and a list made in 1711 of those claiming a total of 144 beast leases appears to have been intended to limit for all time the number of commoners. It was possible by this time to dissociate the right of common from the house to which it belonged and to lease or sell it separately. In both commons summer grazing began on 3 May when upon payment of the necessary dues commoners were permitted to put their cattle, horses and sheep into the commons. Winter grazing began on St. Martin's day [11 November], but it was only in the Portmarsh that the commoners were allowed to winter their sheep and horses; the Alders was let for the winter for a lump sum to the highest bidder. Regulations for the administration of the commons were made from time to time by the guild stewards and burgesses, who levied fines on those acting contrary to their orders. From these orders can be derived particulars of the continually varying amounts payable for each beast and the several restrictions imposed to prevent the abuse of the commons.

The Accounts

The accounts which are entered in the *Guild Stewards' Book* were compiled from the bills, docketts, receipts, and other documents which formed the actual working account of the stewards, and which were handed in by them together with the remaining balance of cash at the end of their year of office. Some accounts record complete details of all individual transactions represented by these documents; others take the form of a simple statement of total receipts and expenditure together with a note of the balance due to the succeeding guild stewards. The earlier accounts follow a fairly rigid pattern: a statement of 'arrears' or 'first receipts', being the balance handed over by the preceding stewards; the 'foreign receipts' which include all items of income; the 'deductions', giving the payments in varying degrees of detail; and finally the 'allowances' or 'remainder' in which the balance is declared. By the middle of the 17th century the accounts are simplified by the entering of all amounts under two headings — 'receipts' and 'disbursements'. Complete transformation to a modern type of simple account in two parallel columns is apparent in the accounts of the early 19th century. Roman numerals are used exclusively to express amounts of money in all accounts before 1579. For several years after both arabic and roman numerals were used indiscriminately, but from about 1650 only arabic are found.

By far the largest source of borough income was the annual revenue from the grazing of beasts in the Alders and Portmarsh, but this regular income was frequently supplemented by casual receipts from such items as the sale of timber from the commons, gifts and loans from the burgesses, and, for a few years only, the tolls of the fair and market. Borough expenditure was more varied. Upkeep of hedges, ditches, gates, and pools, and the general maintenance of the Alders and Portmarsh usually accounted for the largest portion of the total expenditure in each year. Maintenance of the town bridge, which was a constant source of trouble in the 16th century; the purchase and repair of borough armour; the cost of the militia; expenses for administration of the poor law; charges for the issue from the Chancery of charters and confirmations; legal expenses at Ogbourne, at quarter sessions and assizes; entertainment expenses at borough meetings: all these were all constant charges on the sources of the borough.

The whole of the balance remaining in the hands of the retiring guild stewards was usually handed over to their successors, although in a few cases part of the balance was put into the town stock. Of the amount of this capital sum there is no information in the accounts, which of course concern only the annual transactions of the stewards. To the town stock were added several sums given as charitable bequests. Some was lent free of interest to poor tradesmen of the borough; some was lent on

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bond and the interest annually distributed to the poor; in 1635 some was invested in land in Baydon; and in 1708 the whole of the remaining town stock was invested in securities. After 1610 notes of the distribution of the interest money to the poor are occasionally entered in the *Guild Stewards' Book*; after 1695 a separate detailed account of the distribution was entered annually.

Method of Editing

Although the *Guild Stewards Book* covers the years 1561 to 1814, only the entries to the end of 1688, a date significant in the constitutional history of the borough, have been abstracted here. This treatment has been dictated by considerations of cost; perhaps it may be hoped that at a later date the remaining entries will appear in another volume in this series. As a specimen of the complete form of a typical account the first entry, for 1561, is printed in full. The account for the following year is dealt with similarly, except that the lengthy list of commoners putting beasts to graze in the commons is omitted. Such lists which record the names of commoners, the number of their beasts, and the payments made by them are entered in the accounts until 1588. To economise space the names in these lists have been arranged in an alphabetical list of commoners¹ which omits details of the number of beasts grazed by each person and indicates only the first and last year in which the names appear. After 1563 the remaining accounts have been abridged by the omission of lengthy headings and other insignificant detail, though the form and substance of the original accounts have been retained. After the first two accounts spelling has been modernised. Only words and passages of particular significance, of particular interest, or of ambiguous interpretation have been retained in their original spelling; and such are distinguished by the use of single quotation marks. Christian names are given in a modern spelling, but surnames and place-names are left in their original form. Roman numerals have always been converted into arabic; sums of money are expressed in the conventional *l. s. d.* notation. Particulars of account, which appear frequently in columnar form in the original document, have been printed in continuous paragraph formation. No attempt has been made to correct even the more obvious arithmetical errors which seem usually to be the result of faulty copying of the amounts from the vouchers and other documents from which the accounts were prepared.

Although some of the minutes, resolutions, and other entries which are not accounts were sometimes entered with the account for the same year, more frequently they appear in chronological confusion at the back of the volume. To reproduce this disorder would have served no

¹ See p. xxiv.

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useful purpose, and accordingly all entries have been arranged in two sections. The first part (nos. 1—144) consists of an arrangement in chronological order of all accounts of guild stewards, constables, and tithingmen, together with the occasional supplementary items of receipt and expenditure relating to such accounts which are found at the back of the volume. In the second part (nos. 145—221) are collected all orders, minutes, resolutions, lists of borough armour, and other miscellaneous memoranda. The position of all entries in the original document is signified by a reference in square brackets to the folio on which it appears. Where necessary in entries dated earlier than 25 March in any year the date has been amended by the addition in square brackets of the historical year reckoned from 1 January.

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1561-1688

The year is that in which the guild stewards began their year of office.

1561	William Swaddon, Roger Nycholas
1562	Thomas Fowler, Henry Gye
1563	Richard Nycholas, John Loove
1564	William Dodson, Robert Norman
1565	Robert Blaake, Henry Woodrooffe
1566	William Swaddon, William Were <i>alias</i> Broune
1567	William Forman, Roger Nycholas
1568	Henry Gye, Thomas Bruer
1569	Thomas Fowler, Edward Chambers
1570	Robert Perham, George Braye
1571	Anthony Goddarde, William Alleyne
1572	Robert Blake, William Forman the elder
1573	Thomas Brewer, William Heskyns
1574	Thomas Fowler the elder, Henry Gye
1575	Robert Norman, William Bedforde
1576	William Swaddon, Henry Whyte
1577	John James, William Heskyns
1578	William Forman the elder, Thomas Fowkes
1579	Henry Gye, Robert Perham
1580	John Were <i>alias</i> Broune, Robert Norman
1581	John Curteys, William Heskyns
1582	Robert Segar <i>alias</i> Parsons, George Braye
1583	Henry Gye, John Dashe
1584	Thomas Whyte, Richard Edwardes
1585	John Noes, John Perham
1586	John Brewar, William Bedforde the elder
1587	William Forman the elder, Robert Norman
1588	William Swaddon the elder, Robert Seager <i>alias</i> Parsons
1589	Henry Gye, Thomas Whyte
1590	John Woodrooffe, Richard Edwardes
1591	John Were <i>alias</i> Broune, Oliver Girdler
1592	} <i>unknown</i>
1593	
1594	Thomas Fooukes, Thomas Whyte
1595	Henry Gye, William Bedforde the elder
1596	Benedick Allen, Robert Forman
1597	Thomas Fowke, Thomas Swadden
1598	Oliver Gyrdler, Francis Twigdden
1599	John Noyes, John Parham
1600	Thomas Whyte, Richard Edwardes
1601	William Swadden, Robert Seager
1602	Robert Forman, Walter Nycholas

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- 1603 William Forman, William Bedforde
 1604 Thomas Foulke, Philip Swadden
 1605 John Browne, Thomas Swadden
 1606 }
 1607 } Oliver Gyrdeler, Walter Nycholas
 1608 Robert Parsons, Richard Edwardes
 1609 Robert Forman, John Brown
 1610 Thomas Swaddon, Thomas Folke
 1611 Benedick Alleyn, Robert Parsons
 1612 Philip Swadden, John Jones
 1613 John Noyes, Walter Nycholas
 1614 John Were *alias* Browen, Nicholas Gyrdeler
 1615 Thomas Fooke, Henry Peeres
 1616 Philip Swadden, Robert Jefferye
 1617 Mr. Alleyn, Robert Forman
 1618 John Noyes, Thomas Fooke
 1619 Walter Nycholas, Robert Jeffery
 1620 William Segar, Humphrey Tounzende
 1621 John Weekes, John Hannand
 1622 John Noyes, William Harkewode
 1623 Robert Jeffery, William Seager
 1624 Robert Forman, John Forman
 1625 John Weekes, Thomas Page
 1626 John Noyes, William Harkewood
 1627 Edward Seager, William Seager
 1628 Robert Jeffery, John Mayo
 1629 Robert Forman, Benedict Browne
 1630 John Weeks, John Noyes
 1631 William Harkwood, Arthur Estmeade
 1632 Thomas Page, Henry Forman
 1633 Edward Seager, William Seager *alias* Parsons
 1634 John Mayo, Robert Jefferye
 1635 Robert Forman, William Forman
 1636 John Weeks, William Jefferyes
 1637 Arthur Estmeade, William Harkewood
 1638 Benedict Browne, Walter Forman
 1639 Edward Seager, William Seager
 1640 Robert Jefferye, John Parker
 1641 John Mayo, Henry Haswell
 1642 Robert Forman, Humphrey Townsend
 1643 John Weekes, William Jeffery
 1644 William Harkwood, Arthur Estmeade
 1645 Walter Forman, Benjamin Browne
 1646 *unknown*
 1647 John Mayo, Henry Haswell
 1648 John Weekes, Humphrey Townsend
 1649 William Jeffery, Anthony Pierce
 1650 Arthur Estmeade, Edward Seager
 1651 Walter Forman, Henry Haswell
 1652 Robert Forman, John Parker
 1653 Benedict Browne, Thomas Synnett
 1654 John Mayo, William Jeffery
 1655 William Silke, Humphrey Townsend
 1656 Anthony Peirce, John Pile
 1657 William Jeffery the elder, Arthur Estmeade

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- 1658 Walter Forman, Henry Haswell
 1659 Robert Forman, John Parker
 1660 Benedict Browne, William Jefferies the younger
 1661 Humphrey Townsend, William Silke
 1662 }
 1663 } John Pile, Anthony Pearse
 1664 Arthur Estmead, John Norman
 1665 William Jeffery the elder, Oliver Browne
 1666 John Forman, Henry Haswell
 1667 Walter Forman, John Parker
 1668 John Pile, William Jeffery
 1669 John Norman, Humphrey Townsend
 1670 Oliver Browne, Henry Haswell
 1671 Walter Forman, Anthony Peirce
 1672 John Parker, Robert Forman
 1673 Robert Hungerford, Robert Dyer
 1674 Walter Norborne, Walter Nicholas
 1675 George Henlow, William Jeffery
 1676 Humphrey Townsend, Thomas Swaddon
 1677 Robert Wheeler, Moses Seager *alias* Parsons
 1678 Robert Dyer, Walter Forman
 1679 }
 1680 } *unknown*
 1681 Thomas Swaddon, Robert Wheeler
 1682 *unknown*
 1683 Barnabas Horsington, John Landyck
 1684 *unknown*
 1685 Stephen Blake, Roger Harding
 1686 }
 1687 } *unknown*
 1688 Henry Somers, Walter Dolman

LIST OF COMMONERS 1561-1588

Abeare, Aber, Abre:	
Elizabeth	1575
Robert	1562-1574
Allen, Alleyn, Alleyne:	
Benedict	1569-1588
Mary	1575-1581
William	1562-1583
Andrewes, William	1580-1581
Apowell, Robert	1562
Baker, John	1575-1579
Barnes, Robert	1588
Barowe, Barrow, Barrowe, Thomas	1575-1583
Bartlett, Bartley, John	1562-1569
Bawden, Richard	1567-1570
Baylye, Christopher	1566
Bearde, Berde, Thomas	1562-1569
Beare, Margaret	1577-1579
Beache, Beech:	
Nicholas	1577
William	1576
Bede, Thomas	1583
Bedford, Bedforde:	
John	1581
William	1562-1588
Beeryman, Richard	1579
Bevis, Bevys, William	1562-1565
Blaake, Blake, Robert	1562-1579
Boldrey, Thomas	1563
Boorne, Thomas	1577
Brabant, Brabante, Brabantes:	
Isaac	1577-1588
Roger	1564-1579
Braker, John	1562-1564
Braye:	
Agnes	1566
George	1563-1588
Brewer, Brewere, Brewre, Bruar, Thomas	1562-1588
Broke, Thomas	1581-1588
Broune, Browne:	
John	1577
Richard	1565-1581
William	1574-1577
Brouninge, Elbright	1567-1575

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Bryant, Bryante, Thomas	1575-1588
Brydgmán, Brygman, Burgman, Walter	1562-1583
Bucher, Booche, John	1572-1583
Butler, —(<i>blank</i>)	1583
Butt, Robert	1581
Byshopp, Byshoppe, Busshoppe, John	1568-1583
Caddle, John	1562-1581
Chambers:	
Edward	1566-1568
William	1572
Chapman, Cheapman, Chepman:	
Richard	1570-1578
Roger	1576-1583
Chevers, William	1566
Chylvester, Thomas	1588
Clarcke, Clarke:	
John	1576-1579
Robert	1588
Clyfforde, Philip	1578
Cobbeley, Cobley, Coby, Thomas	1562-1569
Cole, John	1562-1588
Colle, William	1575
Collymore, Collyore, Coollemore:	
Maud	1563-1564
Thomas	1562
Come, Coome, William	1576-1577
Comton, Compton, Roger	1577-1579
Cooley, —(<i>blank</i>)	1567
Coppe, Copper:	
Bartholomew	1562
William	1572-1578
Cote, Cootte, Cotte:	
Alice	1572
John <i>alias</i> Baker	1574-1588
Cowlson, John	1579
Curteis, John	1579
Dashe:	
John	1562-1588
—, the younger	1575-1579
Deane, Dene, William	1562-1567
Denmead, William	1578
Dodson, Dodsonne, William	1562-1570
Doleman, Dolman, William	1573-1588
Dunckerton, Dunkerton:	
Joan	1577-1579
William	1562-1576
Eduarde, Edwardes, Richard	1565-1588
Elbright the smith	1573
Etheredge, Richard	1564-1588
Evans, Evance, Evence:	
John	1562-1573
Sybil	1574

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Fayrefylde, Ferfylde, John	1570-1574
Forman:	
Robert	1581
William, the elder	1563-1588
—, the younger	1562-1588
Forte:	
Agnes	1562-1563
Robert	1564-1574
Foulke, Fowke, Fowkes, Thomas	1568-1588
Fowler, Fowlere:	
Clement	1572
Mildred	1568
Richard	1583
Thomas	1563-1583
Frayllinge:	
Humphrey	1583
William	1583
Fynche, —(<i>blank</i>)	1572
Gale, Geale, Walter	1562-1583
Gawbie, Gawbye, William	1562-1563
Gawen:	
John	1576-1588
William	1572-1583
Goddarde, Anthony	1569
Goldere, Goldrey, Thomas	1562-1568
Grainger, Graunger, Graynger:	
John	1569
William	1562-1588
the herd	1576
Grey, Stephen	1569-1577
Gryffen, Gryffyn:	
Agnes	1562-1588
Anne	1576
goody	1573
John	1566-1588
Robert	1581
Thomas	1562-1588
William	1568-1588
Gunter, Alexander	1577
Guylden, Guyldone, Gylden, Gyldon:	
John	1562-1583
Oliver	1577
Richard	1572-1574
William	1562-1575
Gye:	
Henry	1563-1581
John	1570-1583
Richard	1581
Gyles, Thomas	1569-1573
Gyrdler, Gyrdlere:	
John	1566-1576
Oliver	1579-1588
Hannam, Hanname, John	1567-1580

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Hannolde, Hanolde, Hanowlde, John	1562-1588
Harckwood, William	1579-1588
Hardinge:	
Ingram	1564-1567
John	1562-1563
Harvarde, Harverde, William	1569-1579
Haulde, Robert	1588
Haywarde, Heywarde, Agnes	1562-1567
Hellyer, Giles	1564-1588
Heskyns, William	1564-1588
Hobbs:	
Ralph	1575-1583
William	1575
Horte, Thomas	1588
Hosyar, Ralph	1588
Hulcote, —(<i>blank</i>)	1577
Ilse, Edmond	1572
Ilsey, Ilsye, Richard	1565-1576
James, John	1562-1583
Jeffery:	
John	1573
Robert	1579
Jevens, John	1563
Jones:	
Fey	1563-1566
John	1562-1588
—, bailiff	1579
—, surgeon	1578-1579
Thomas	1562-1572
Kengelowe, Oliver	1562
Kynsecke, Kynssicke, Agnes	1563-1568
Ladd, Ladde:	
Edward	1581-1588
John, carpenter	1576-1588
Lamborne:	
John	1579-1588
Robert	1574-1583
Lanfyer, Roger	1575-1577
Longe:	
Margery	1567-1569
Thomas	1563-1569
William	1562-1569
Loove, Love:	
John	1562-1577
Margaret	1567-1569
Marchaunte, Roger	1562-1565
Masye, Henry	1572
Mathewe, Thomas	1578
Mellerde, William	1575

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Melton, Ann	1575
Montene, Mountayne:	
John	1573-1583
—, the elder	1575
Mountegew, Mountegue, John	1578-1588
Mychell:	
Ann	1568
Edward	1562-1566
Myler, Myllarde, Myllare, Myller:	
Francis	1562-1568
Walter	1562
Myles, —(<i>blank</i>)	1577
Nicholas, Nycholas:	
Agnes	1565-1575
Alice, widow	1569-1583
Ann	1567-1576
John	1562-1588
—, tailor	1562-1564
Katherine	1572
Richard	1562-1579
Robert	1562-1573
Roger	1562-1581
Thomas	1562-1581
William	1573
—(<i>blank</i>), smith	1583
Noble, John	1577-1581
Norman, Robert	1562-1588
Norrys, William	1562-1570
Norton, Valentine	1570-1571
Noyes, Noes, John	1575-1588
Ocford, Ocforde, Ockforde:	
Bartholomew	1563-1576
George	1567-1573
Richard	1562-1576
Thomas	1579
Odye, John	1563-1580
Olyffe, Olyffe:	
Richard	1564-1588
Thomas	1576-1581
Olyver, George	1588
Packer:	
Nicholas	1578-1588
Richard	1577-1578
Page, William	1565-1573
Parham, Parhame, Parrome, Perham, Perhame:	
John, butcher	1573-1588
Robert	1562-1583
Parsons, Robert	1581-1583
Pearce, Pears, Pers, Perse:	
John	1574
Richard	1567-1588

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Phillyps:	
Robert	1569-1581
Thomas	1573
Pollerd, Powlarde, John	1562-1563
Pontynge, John	1580
Powell, Robert	1562-1567
Prater, Robert	1581
Pullen, John	1583-1588
Quarrell, John	1563-1565
Rawlyns, Thomas	1574
Rede:	
John	1588
widow	1588
Reve, Richard	1563
Rich, Ryché:	
Philip	1562
William	1562-1565
Robenson, Richard	1579
Russell:	
Alice, widow	1574-1583
Robert	1562-1573
Sampford, Alexander	1588
Sawyer, James	1562
Scote, John	1567
Segar, Robert	1581
Selman:	
John	1562-1573
Richard	1562-1581
William	1578
Sevacre, Edith	1564
Sley, Slye, William	1562-1564
Smalwell:	
John	1563-1565
Robert	1563
Walter	1563-1567
Smarte, William	1565
Smyth, Smythe:	
Roger	1562-1579
Thomas	1577-1581
Sommers, William	1562-1563
Sparke, Sparkes, William	1562-1568
Stockes, Stokes, John	1574-1588
Stronge, John	1562-1579
Stroten, Stroten:	
Davith	1562
John	1566-1579
Katherine	1563-1568
William	1576-1577
Suckett:	
Henry	1562-1566
William	1567-1568

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Suter:	
Agnes	1565-1579
John	1579
Swaddon, William	1562-1583
Sylcke, Sylke:	
John	1562-1577
Thomas	1578
Synett, Synett, Roger	1563-1566
Taylor, Tayllor:	
John	1562-1564
William	1581-1588
Tayte, Teyte, John	1562-1565
Toggell, Thomas	1573
Townsende, William	1567-1568
Tyler, Tylere, Charles	1562-1583
Tynne, Tynnye:	
Edith	1574
John	1570-1573
Thomas	1569
Walker:	
John	1562-1566
Richard	1566-1588
William	1562
Watkins, Henry	1583
Wayllande, Waylonde, Weylonde:	
Hugh	1573-1574
William	1562-1577
Weare, Were:	
John	1578-1579
Richard	1576-1580
William	1564-1572
Webbe:	
James	1579
William	1581-1588
Weekes, William	1564
Welsted:	
George	1581
Isaac	1576-1588
John	1574-1575
Margaret	1569-1579
William	1562-1568
Westbee, Westbye, Andrew	1575-1588
Whood, Whoode:	
George	1564-1573
Thomas	1583
Whore, Thomas	1583
Whyte, Whytte:	
Henry	1569-1578
Thomas	1576-1583
Whythorse, Richard	1578-1583

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Wickwarde, Wyckwar, Wyckwarde, Wyckwarre:	
Alice widow	1583
John	1563-1588
Robert	1575-1583
Wodroofe, Woodroffe, Woodrooffe:	
Henry	1562-1579
John	1572-1581
Wooder, Thomas	1577
Woodwarde, Thomas	1577-1583
Wyate, Wyatt, Thomas	1562-1588
Wythye, John	1574-1583

HEARTH TAX RETURN, 1662

The many personal names which occur in the *Guild Stewards' Book* are confined in general to three classifications of the population of the borough and its surrounding districts: the burgesses, the commoners, and those employed regularly or casually by the guild stewards. For one year at least this rather restricted picture of the town population may be supplemented by a document which is preserved in the Public Record Office¹. In 1662 a tax was imposed² of 2s. a year payable half-yearly on every hearth or stove by the occupier of each dwelling-house. Persons paying no church or poor rate were exempt; certain other poor people could be certified as unable to pay by the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor. For Wiltshire there exists a portion of the Return for the first assessment of the hearth tax at Michaelmas 1662. It is much decayed, but that part which relates to Calne is almost complete and only partly illegible, and it has therefore been decided to print the Return for the borough in this volume. This may be taken not only to contain a fairly complete list of the occupiers of all houses in the borough not exempt from the tax, but also to some extent to indicate their relative prosperity.

Calne Borough

Benedict Browne gentleman, [?]; William Forman, 4; Katherine Forman widow, [3]; John Tayler, 2; Luke May, 2; John Townsend, 9; Robert Huskins, 2; John Seller, 2; Richard Okeford, 1; John Saunders, 1; Mathew Huskins, 3; Samuel [? Cocke], 2; Thomas Tayler, 4; Robert Looker, 1; William Hule, 3; Richard Hule, 2; Arthur Eastmead, 3; Barnabas Horsington, 2; Roger Norman, 4; John Jones brasier, 2; Thomas Peters, 2; Robert Parsons baker, 4; Solomon Tyler, 2; —[*blank*] Clarke widow, 5; John Tibbold, 3; Joan Lundicke widow, 2; Henry Tucker, 2; Anthony Peirce, 3; Anthony Smith, 4; John Carter, 4; John Poulton, 2; Robert Bull, 5; Richard Seager linendraper, 5; Thomas Barret, 6;

¹ P.R.O. Exchequer, King's Remembrancer, Subsidy Rolls (E. 179), 259, 29, part 2, m. 58.

² By statute 14 Car. II, c. 10. It was abolished in 1689 by statute 1 Wm. and Mary, c. 10. For a detailed account of the administration of the hearth tax see C. A. F. Meeking's Introduction to *Surrey Hearth Tax, 1664*, Surrey Record Society, vol. XVII (1940).

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Thomas Rily, 4; John Phrephence, 5; Thomas Clarke, 3; James Bartlett, 7; Robert Dyer, 4; John Norman, 11; Richard Little, 4; John Mayo, 4; William Silke, 3; William Nicholas butcher, 2; John Jefferyes, 3; Peter Bird, 8; John Pile, 4; Mathew Smith, 6; Edward Ladd, 3; Benjamin Norrington, 3; Roger Seager *alias* Parsons, 3; Humphrey Townsend, 4; Henry Smith gentleman, 2; Mary Norborne widow, 12; Robert Weekes,; Brook; Nicholas,; William Cloud, 2; [? Prinell], 4; John Sommers the elder, 2; Robert Duck, 2; William James, 3; Robert Wheeler, 2; Henry Beare, 2; John Elliott, 3; John Parker, 7; William Pillis, 3; Henry Huswell, 7; —[*blank*] Ladd widow, 3; Robert Keey, 12; John Gent, 2; John Watts, 4; Edward Mortimer, 8; John Scott tanner, 2; Thomas Page tanner, 2; John Clothier, 4; John Franklin, 4; Edward Parker, 3; George Forman, 6; Israel Noyes, 3; Peter Tidcombe, 2; Charles Perkin, 2; Edward Seager, 2; John Parsons the younger, 2; Arthur Robence, 3; Thomas Sinnatt, 3; Richard Clarke, 2; Thomas James, 1; William Richman, 4; Mathew Swayne, 3; William Brooke, 2; Humphrey Barnett, 2; Christopher Guly, 2; Bridges Leader, 3; Margery Hicks widow, 1; Sir George Hungerford, 4; George Love esquire, 5; Thomas Hunt clerk, 3; John Tomkins, 3; Thomas Leach, 2; —[*blank*] Piett, 3; John Holly, 2; Joan Pearse, 3; William James, 3; John Morrell, 3; Robert Tayler,; Mr. Staples 'for Stiles his house', 3; William Huskins, 1.

[Total] 430

—[*blank*] Browne }
 Walter Forman } constables

GUILD STEWARDS' BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF CALNE

Accounts

[1r.] *Calne Booroughe.* The booke of thacompptes of the Burges Stuardes there, and newlye drawn owte and regestred by Phyllippe Ryche clercke the fifthe daye of Maye *Anno Domini* 1584 and in the 26th yere of the raigne of owre Soveraigne Elyzabeth, by the grace of God Quene of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Defender of the Faithe, etc. as followeth.

1

1561/2 [1561]. *And fyrste* the accomptes of Willyam Swaddon and Roger Nycholas burges stuardes there *Anno Domini* 1561 for one whole yere ended *Anno Domini* 1562.

Tharrerages. Tharrerages for this yere was nothings . . . *nihil.*

The receiptes for the sommer lease. The saide stuardes have received and gathered on the thurde daye of Maye *anno predicto* 1561 at the Alders gate for the cattall of the saide boorough there taken yn the soom of 53s. 4d.

Summa . . . 53s. 4d.

Receiptes for the wynter lease. Received for the winter leaze of the Alders of John Nicholas thelder, 13s. 4d. *Item* received of William Norrys for the wynter of Portemarshe leaze, 40s.

Summa . . . 53s. 4d.

The soome of the whole receiptes is 5l. 6s. 8d.

The deductyons. Deducted and leyd owte in forren paymentes in repayreinge of the saide commons as in the partyculers thereof appeareth, 3l. 3s. 4d.

Soe all thinges deducted and allowed they owe 43s. 4d. which they have delyvered into the handes of Thomas Fowler thelder and Henry Gye burgess stuardes for this yere 1562.

The partyculers. The partyculers of the cattal taken into the commons aforesaid and of whome as followeth ¹.

Willyam Alleyn gentleman, 3 bullockes; Robert Blake gentleman, 3;

¹ The beasts listed here are all kine with the exception of the three bullocks of William Alleyn.

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Edwarde Mychell, 3; Richarde Nycholas, 3; John Nycholas, 3; Willyam Dodson, 3; Willyam Bedforde, 1; Henrye Gye, 2; Willyam Swaddon, 3; Thomas Fouler, 3; [1v.] Willyam Barrette, 1; Willyam Sommers, 2; John Jones, 3; John Stronge, 3; Thomas Nycholas, 2; John Selman, 3; John Bruar, 1; John Braker, 3; Thomas Collymor, 3; Phyllyppe Ryche, 3; Ignarum Hardinge, 2; mother Heywarde, 3; Thomas Gryfen, 1; Henry Suckett, 1; Davye Stroten, 2; Charles Tyler, 3; Agnes Gryfen, 2; Robert Aber, 3; John Love, 2; John James, 1; Richarde Bawden, 3; Roberte Nycholas, 2; Willyam Norrys, 3; Roger Brabante, 3; Robert Russell, 2; Roger Nycholas, 3; Thomas Wyatt, 2; Joane Miller, 1; Willyam Dunkerton, 1; Walter Gale, 1; William Sty, 1; William Guyldon, 3; Willyam Cheverton, 2; Willyam Byges, 1; John Duffylde, 3; John Walker, 3; Willyam Sparke, 1; Richarde Etherage, 1; John Barley, 3; Robert Wrene, 3; John Gyldon, 2; Willyam Waylonde, 3; [2r.] Thomas Bearde, 1; Agnes Forte, 3; Thomas Cobley, 1; Willyam Longe, 3; Willyam Galbye, 2; John Cole, 2; Willyam Forman, 3; John Teyet, 2; John Caddell, 3; Henrye Wodroffe, 3; Fey Jones, 1; Willyam Welstede, 1; Thomas Shomaker, 2; Robert Norman, 3; Robert Perham, 2; Joane Hannolde, 2; Walter Brydgmán, 3; Joan Cole, 1; Richarde Okeforde, 3; John Sylke, 3; Willyam Bevys, 2; James Fawer, 1; Frances Mylerde, 2.

*Summa totallis . . . 53s. 4d.*¹

The deductyons and paymentes leyd owte by the saide stuardes within theyr aforesaide yere as followeth. 1561.

For owre expences at Ogborne cowrte, 4s.; to Penbroke for 13 dayes woorkce in mendynge of the hedges and castynge of the Porte Marshe and the Alders pooles, 9d. a daye, 9s. 9d.; [2v.] paide to Smarte for twooe dayes woorkce abowte the poole in Porte Marshe, 18d.; paid to Walter Smalwell for mendinge of Porte gate, 4½d.; paide to William Welstede for mendinge of the twystes of the Marshe gate, 2d.; paide to John Bartlett for mendinge of the towne bridge, 4d.; paid to John Russell for nayles, 2½d.; paid to Busshope for 600 plantes, 2s.; paide to John Sylke and Walter Brydgmán for makeinge of 42 logge of hedge, 14s.; paide to Willyam Chepnam and Richard Beare for makeinge of 71 louge of hedge, 23s. 8d.; paide to them for fyllinge of fryethe to healpe make the hedge and for earneste, 20d.; paide to John Walker for draweing of frythe to Chepnam and Beare to helpe make the hedge, 2s.; paid to John Sylke and Walter Brydgmán for makeinge of the dyche at the Marche Gate, 2s. 4d.; paid to William Welstede for a staple and a locke for the pounce gate in the Alderes, 12d.; paid for a quyver of paper, 4d.

Summa totallis . . . 3l. 3s. 4d.

¹ The charge was 4d. per beast.

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Soe there remayneth all thinges deducted and accompted 42s. 10d. and delyvered ynto thandes of Thomas Fowler and Henrye Gye the burges stuardes for this yere chosen, *Anno Domini* 1562.

Et sic quieti sunt
P. Ryche, 1562.

2

1562/3 [1562]. *Calne*. The accomptes of Thomas Fowler and Henrye Gye, burges stuardes there from the daye of St. Marcke yn the fowerth yere of the raigne of owre Sovereaigne Ladie Elyzabeth etc. 1562 unto the same daye of Saynte Marcke the Evangelyst in the fyfthe yere of the raigne of owre sayde Sovereaigne Ladie *Anno Domini* 1563.

Tharrerages. In *primis* received of Willyam Swaddon and Roger Nicholas as appeareth yn the foote of their accompte laste made and examyned, 42s. 10d.

Summa . . . 42s. 10d.

[3r.] *Forreyne receyptes*. Of the proffettes of Portemarshe and the Alders for the soomers leaze, 3*l.*; of and for the wynter leaze of Portemarshe, 22s. 2d.

Soome 4*l.* 2s. 2d.

Item receyved of sundrye persons for goeynge of their ploughes over the Alders with carryage of wood owte of Coome Grove as appeareth, 2s. 3d.

Summa . . . 2s. 3d.

The summe of the whole receyptes are 6*l.* 7s. 3d. whereof leyd owte in forreyne payementes and necessarye expences as yn a byll of accompte therof made and examyned more playnelye appeareth, 3*l.* 18s. 3d.

Summa . . . 3*l.* 18s. 3d.

Thalloowaunces. The sum of the alloowaunces ys 3*l.* 18s. 3d. and soe they owethe 49s. which they have paide unto Richarde Nycholas thelder and John Looove thelder nowe guyld stuardes for this yere chosen 1563.

Et sic quieti sunt.

It ys to bee noted that the saide Richarde Nycholas had the wynter leaze of thawlders withe the condycent of the burgesyes there yn conyderacion of tenne shyllinges which the burgesies owed unto hym for his chardges yn the highe Cowrte Parlyament yn full contentacion of all suche chardges that was due unto the sayde Richarde.

P. Ryche, 1563.

[3v.] Here followeth the partyculers of the said accomptes of the sommer lease for the cattall goeing in the Alders and Portmarsh 1562,¹

[4r.] *Summa . . .* 3*l.*

[4v.] Receyved for the wynter lease of the Marshe for shepe and horse beastes withe kyne, and as it followeth, 1562¹

¹ From this year hence the names of commoners grazing cattle in the commons are abstracted in the Table on p. xxiv.

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Receved of William Colmane towarde the makynge of the bownddes in the Marche, 2s. *Summa . . . 21s. 10d.*

What have benn leyd owte yn necessarye expences yn this yere 1562 by the sayde Thomas Fowler and Henry Gye as followethe.

Leyd owte at Ogborne cowrte, 2s.; paid to Richarde Beare for one dayes hedginge in the Marshe, 6d.; paid to Roger Brabantes for twoe dayes hedginge the same tyme, 10d.; paid to Robert Davys for foure dayes worcke upon the newe waterynge poolle in the Marche, 3s. 2d.; [5r.] to Richard Bere for 4 dayes worcke on the same waterynge poolle, 3s. 2d.; paid to Morgayne Shepperde for foure dayes worcke upon the same waterynge poolle, 3s. 2d.; paid to Roger Brabant for three dayes worcke upon the same watering poolle, 2s.; paid to William Somers for twoo dayes worcke upon the same waterynge poolle; 19d.; paid to Thresshere for twoo dayes worcke upon the same waterynge poolle, 16d.; paid to Rycherde Heller for three dayes worcke upon the same poolle, 2s. 4d.; paid to John Normaayne for three dayes worck upon the same poolle, 2s. 3d.; paid to Davith Hiller for three dayes worck upon the same poolle, 2s. 3d.; paid to Edwarde Wethered for foure dayes worcke upon the same poolle, 3s.; paide to Morgayne Shepperde for one dayes worcke upon the same watering poolle, 9d.; paid to John Stronge for the mendynge of the Marche gate, 4d.; delivered to 6 men the which wente forthe into the Quenes warres into France, 2s.; paid at the Devise for Mr. Alen, Mr. Robert Blake, John Love and Thomas Fowleres dynere, 21d.; paid to the shrewe for the sealyng of our indenture, 4s. paid for the heyre of one horse for Mr. Alen to ryde unto the shrewe, 2s.; paid for his costes thither and home agayne, 4s. 6d.; paid for three hundred and a halfe of planttes, 14d.; paid for the hedginge and dychinge of 52 luggues upon Beversbrocke, 17s. 4d.; paid to Morgayne Shepperde and to Roger Brabants for 31 luggues of diche and hedge makynge in the Marche upon Powtenneys grownde of Chrell, 10s. 4d.; paid to William Colmane for one dayes hyre of his plowgh to drawe Rowe to the same hedge, 4s.; paid to Morgayne Sheppard for the makinge of 7 luggues of dech and hedge in the Alders, 2s. 4d.; paid to William Welstede for the makinge of eyrones for the Marche gate, 12d. *Summa . . . 3l. 18s. 3d.*

[5v.] What the saide stuardes hath receyved of sundrye persons for goynge of their ploughes over the Aulders whose names followe.

John Pope of Bysshoppes Cannynge, 4d.; William Edwardes of the same Cannynge, 4d.; Thomas Smythe of the same Cannynge, 4d.; John Annattes of the same Cannynge, 3d.; John Hyscoxe of Calston, 4d.; John Glye of Cheryell, 1d.; Walter Stapulforde of Cheryell, 1d.; Ambrose Pontyng of Cheryell, 1d.; John Powtheney of Cheryell, 1d.; John Parker of Cheryell, [blank]; William Dawngerfyld of Cheryell, 1d.; John Craneche of Cheryell, 1d.; William Fernell of Cheryell, 1d.; Walter Browne of Cheryell, 1d. *Summa . . . 2s. 3d.*

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Note that on the 15th daye of May *Anno Domini* 1562 and yn the fyveth yere of the raigne of owre Sovereaign Ladye Elyzabeth etc., came one Thomas Clercke of Stretleye in the countie of Bark' husbandman to challenge tooe strayers cowltes of the cowlers of baye and lyte heare that were taken strayers in Calne in the countye of Wiltshire within the booroughe there on the 6th daye of Apryll laste paste by Thomas Fowler and Henrye Gye yeld stuardes of Calne aforesaide; and the saide Thomas Clarcke bryngeth to testefye with him that the saide cowltes are his owne good Richarde Hygges, Leonarde Warde, John Daye, and Edwarde Welmote, and payeth for the vervage of the same cowtes, 4*d.* and were delyvered to the said Thomas Clarcke by the saide Thomas Fowler and Henrye Gye the aforesaide 15th daye of Maye in the presentes of Roberte Blacke gentleman, Robert Norman, William Were, Roger Nycholas, John Looove burgesses there and Richarde Etherredge with others.

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[6*r.*] 1563/4 [1563]. The accounts of Richard Nycholas the elder and John Looove the elder burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Thomas Fowler and Henry Gye, 2*l.* 9*s.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portmarsh, 2*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of Portmarsh, 1*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders from Master Robert Blake, 13*s.* 4*d.*; from John Caddle for wood, 7*s.* 4*d.*; from Anthony Hales for a trespass in the Alders, 6*d.*; from the town chest, 16*s.*

Sum . . . 6*l.* 2*s.*

Sum of the whole receipts, 8*l.* 11*s.*

Foreign payments. In foreign payments and necessary expenses as below, 5*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 5*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* and so they owe 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* whereof they have paid to William Dodson and Robert Norman burgess stewards for 1564/5, 2*l.* 5*s.*; and 7*s.* 6*d.* is 'to bee receyved as in a dockett thereof made more playnelie appeareth'.

P. Ryche, 1564.

[6*v.*-7*v.*]. Receipts for the summer lease of the Alders and Portmarsh, 2*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of Portmarsh, 1*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*; from Master Robert [Blake] for the winter lease of the Alders, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Receipts for the sale of wood in the Alders.

John Braker, 3 'bruses', 4*s.*; John Quarell, 3 'bruses', 3*s.* 4*d.*; Roger Brabantes, 'the chypes of three tres', 8*s.*; William Ryche, 'tooe browses with the chippes of the same and one litle scrube', 4*s.* 4*d.*; [8*r.*] Thomas Bruer, '2 brouses wythe the chippes of the same', 5*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Fowler, 3 'brouses', 5*s.*; William Welsteed, 4 'brouses', 5*s.*; Thomas Payne, 1 'brouse', 1*s.* 8*d.*; William Swaddon, 3 'brouses', 3*s.* 8*d.*; Merycke

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Thomas, 3 'browzes', 4s. 4d.; Henry Gye, 3 'brouzes', 3s. 4d.; William Galbye, 1 'brouse', 1s. 8d.; Christian Playter, 'one toppe', 8d.; William Somers, 1 'brouse', 2s. Sum . . . 2l. 12s. 4d.

Laid out in necessary expenses.

To Morgan Shepeherde for mending the gate and hedge, 8d.; for charges at Ogbourne court, 6s. 4d.; to William Welstede for 2 locks for the pounds, 1s. 6d.; to Thomas Saweyer for 7 days' work in the Marsh at the pool, 5s. 10d.; to Thomas Glover for 7 days' work in the Marsh, 5s. 10d.; to John Bartlye for one day's work hewing the posts for the pool and rails for the pound, 10d.; to Morgan Shepeherde for 2 days' work in the Marsh at the pool, 1s. 6d.; to William Colman and Roger Sygnet for carrying 12 loads of stones, 8s.; to Morgan Shepeherde for 2 days' work at the pool in the Alders, 1s. 8d.; to Thomas Saweyer for 2 days' work at the pool in the Alders, 1s. 8d.; to John Sylke for diking and planting the hedge at the gate, for felling 4 trees in the Alders, and for mending the hedge, 4s. 8d.; laid out of the stock for setting out the soldiers to Newhaven, 2l. 1s.; to John Danyell for drawing timber to the saw pit, 1s. 8d.; to John Stronge for building the house in the Alders, 1l. 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Weale in part payment for sawing timber, 6s. 8d.; for charges at Ogbourne court 22 April, 4s. Sum . . . 5l. 18s. 6d.

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[8v.] 1564/5 [1564]. The accounts of William Dodson and Robert Norman guild stewards.

Arrears. From Richard Nycholas and John Love the elder, 5l. 4s. 10d.

Foreign receipts. The profits of Portemarsch and the Alders for the summer lease, 2l. 18s.; for the winter lease of Portemarsch and the Alders, 1l. 14s. 5d.; for wood sold from the commons, 1l. 5s. 10d. Sum . . . 5l. 18s. 3d.

Sum of the whole receipts 11l. 3s. 1d.

Foreign payments. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 6l. 2s. 2d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 6l. 2s. 2d. and so they owe 5l. 0s. 11d. which was paid to Robert Blaake gentleman and Henry Woodrowe.

Receipts for the summer lease of the Portemarsch and the Alders, 3 May 1564 [9r.], 2l. 18s.

Receipts from the sale of wood.

William Bedforde, a lop of a tree, 3s. 4d.; John Taylor, 2 'shrudes', 3s. 4d.; Francis Myllarde, 2 shrouds, 4s. 8d.; John Sylke, 2 shrouds, 1s. 10d.; Richard Nycholas, the ends of the pieces left of the bridge, 10d.; the same, one post, 4d.; the same, for chips, 6d.; the same, for chips of 5 trees, 1s. 8d.; Charles Tyler, 4 planks, 1s. 10d.; William Norris, a post, 6d.; [9v.] Thomas Bearde, a post, 4d.; William — [blank] the younger, 3 planks, 8d.; John Looove, a post and a plank, 1s.; Robert Norman,

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2 planks, 1s. 4d.; John Barlett, the chips of 4 trees, 2s.; the same, the top of a tree, 1s. 8d.

Sum . . . 1l. 5s. 10d.

Receipts of the winter lease of Portemmarsh, 1l 14s. 5d.

Deductions and expenses.

To Thomas Wayle for sawing, 5s.; to Mistress Blake for a load of straw, 4s.; for 150 board nails and 300 lath nails, 1s. 3d.; to Roger Brabant for mending the Marsh gates, 2d.; to Thomas Cobley for 'breddinge of the Alders and for yelmeinge of thatche', 2s. 4d.; to Graunger and Hatherrell for loading straw, 4d.; to William Guylden for a load of rods, 1s. 8d.; to John Wilcoxe for carriage of the same rods, 1s. 8d.; to George Whopper for making laths and for lathing a house in the Alders, 2s.; to Mistress Blake for another load of straw, 4s.; for paper, 1d.; to Francis Myllerd for 2 days' thatching, 200 spikes, and a load of binding rods, 2s. 1d.; [10r.] to Graunger and his wife for 2 days' yelming and sewing thatch at the Alders, 2s. 4d.; to William Welsted for hooks and twists for the doors of the house in the Alders, 1s.; to Francis Myllar for thatching and for spikes, 1s. 2d.; for carrying 4 loads of stones from Munckhill, 3s. 4d.; to John Tayler for 1½ day's work to underpin the house in the Alders, 1s. 6d.; to Pears for 1½ day's work in the Alders, 1s. 2d.; to Henry Mascye for carrying 4 loads of timber for the bridge from the Alders, 4s. 8d.; to the clerk of the peaces' man for staying of process, 2s.; to Welstede for a lock and a 'snytesbyll', 1s.; to Mountayne for felling and kibbling trees in the Marsh, 2s. 10d.; to Walter Burgeman for 6 days' work in the pool in the Marsh, 4s.; to Sylke for 5 days' work in the said pool, — [blank]; to Henry Mascye for carrying 5 loads of timber from the Marsh, 5s.; to Mountayne for 3 days' work at the said pool, 2s.; to Robert Hatherrell for 4 days' work there, 2s. 8d.; to Walter Burge for 4 days' work there, 2s. 8d.; to Sylcke for 2 days' work there, 2s.; to Mountayne for 2 days' work at the bridge, 1s. 4d.; to Hyller for one day at the pool, 8d.; for 1½ day's work with a plough for drawing timber to the said pool, 4s.; for the Alders gate, 3s. 4d.; for the fine of the town for an indictment concerning the town bridge, 5s.; to the clerk of the peace for his fee, 2s.; for the dinners of William Dodson, William Forman, and John Looe, 1s. 6d.; for horse meat, 3d.; to Mountayne, Walter Burge and Robert Hatherrell, for 6 days at the pools in the Marsh and the Alders, 4s. each; to Sylcke for one day's work there, 8d.; to Welsted for 2 clamps of iron, 10d.; to Henry Bartlett for making the bridge in the town, 19s.; to Thomas Cobley for seeing to the Marsh in winter time, 1s.; to Thomas Griffyn for felling and kibbling a tree in the Alders, 4d.; to Thomas Cobley for 'the pynninge and makeinge of a strayer' in the Marsh, 3d.; to Thomas Kyllinge for 'the cryeinge of the same colte', 1d.; to Hatherrell for 4 days' hedging in the Marsh, 2s. 8d.

Sum . . . 6l. 2s. 2d.

P. Ryché, 1565.

[10v.] 1565/6 [1565.]. The accounts of Robert Blaake gentleman and Henry Woodrooffe burgess stewards.

Arrears. From William Dodson and Robert Norman, 5*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*

Foreign receipts. The profits of Portemarsh and the Alders for the summer lease, 2*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the commons, 1*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*; from William Dodson for a stray colt, 3*s.* Sum . . . 4*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*

The sum of the whole receipts 9*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

Foreign payments. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 3*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 3*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*; and so they owe 5*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, which was paid to William Swadden and William Were *alias* Broune.

Received for cattle in the Portemarsh 3 May 1565, [11r.] 2*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*; for horse beasts taken into Portemarsh, 13*s.* 8*d.*; for horses taken in the Alders before St. Martin's day [11 Nov.], 12*s.*; [11v.] for cattle and sheep in the Portemarsh after St. Martin's day, 14*s.* 5*d.*

Payments by Robert Blake and Henry Woodrooffe.

Expenses at Oggborne court, 4*s.*; to the 'kynge of harrolde' for the brobatyon of the armes of owre boorrouge at the Devysez' ¹, 1*l.* 5*s.*; for expenses there, 4*s.*; to Edward Goldsmyth of Marlebooroughe for the new engraving of the seal, 12*s.*; to Thomas Cobley for mending the gates and for hedging, 6*d.*; to William Welsted for making 2 pikes for the constables' staves, 8*d.*; for 2 black staves for the constables, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to William Welsted for the gemmals, staples and lock for the stocks, 4*s.* 4*d.*; for the justices' dinner at Mr. Fynamor's, 2*s.*; to Mr. Lusome our schoolmaster for defending our charter at the lawday kept by Mr. Curteiss, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for a quart and a half of sack for the justices' dinner, 9*d.*; to Thomas Mathewe for hedging, grafting, and ditching in the Portemarsh, 3*s.* 4*d.* Sum . . . 3*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.*

Payments by Henry Wodroffe.

To Teyte for nails and 'snytebeles' for the Portemarsh and Alders gates, 9*d.*; to Thomas Cobley for two rails, 4*d.*; for the timber for the stocks, 3*s.*; to Bearde for making the stocks, 1*s.* 10*d.* Sum . . . 5*s.* 11*d.*

To William Forman for making up the Queen's money, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to Henry Gye, 1*s.* 0*d.*; to Thomas Cobley, 1*s.* 0*d.*; to Robert Hatherrell of the Alders for 3 days' work at the pool there, 1*s.* 6*d.* Sum . . . 10*s.* 2*d.*

Sum total 3*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*

P. Ryche, 1566.

¹ The visitation of 1565 when the arms 'belonginge and apperteynyng to the the Guylde and stewards of the towne and borough of Calne and Burgesses of the said towne and borough' were ratified.

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[12r.] 1566/7 [1566]. The accounts of William Swaddon and William Were *alias* Broune burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Robert Blaake gentleman and Henry Woodroffe, 5*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*

Foreign receipts. The profits of the Alders and Portemarsh for the summer lease, 2*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the said commons, 2*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*; given by the town towards the confirmation of the charter, 4*s.*; from Elbright Browneyng in part payment for his freedom, 3*s.*; for a colt in the Marsh, 3*d.*; for shrouds sold in both commons, 4*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 9*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.*

Sum of all receipts 15*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses 13*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 13*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* and so they owe 1*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* which was paid to William Forman the elder and Roger Nicholas.

Receipts from cattle in Portemarsh 3 May, 1566, [12v.] 2*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

Money given by the inhabitants towards the confirmation of the charter. John Bartlett, 4*d.*; Henry Suckett, 4*d.*; Walter Burgeman, 4*d.*; John Dashe, 2*d.*; John Gyrdler, 3*d.*; Michael Beeryman, 3*d.*; William Scott, 2*d.*; [13r.] William Heskyms, 4*d.*; George Ockforde, 2*d.*; John Sylke, 2*d.*; Giles Hellyer, 4*d.*; Francis Myller, 2*d.*; John Clarck *alias* Wyckwar, 4*d.*; Charles Tyler, 1*s.*

Sum . . . 4*s.* 4*d.*

Receipts from wood sold in the Alders.

William Gryffyn, 2¹, 4*s.*; William Welsted, 1, 4*s.*; William Bedforde, 3, 5*s.* 4*d.*; William Page, 3, 7*s.* 6*d.*; John Wyckwarr, 4, 7*s.*; Ingram Hardinge, a dead tree, 1*s.* 6*d.*; John Sylke, 2, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Giles Hellyer, 1, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Michael Beeryman and William Tounsend, 2, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Francis Myller, 1, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Richard Nicholas, 2, 7*s.*; John James, 2, 5*s.*; [John] Gyrdler, 2, 3*s.* 8*d.*; — [blank] Coryor, a dead tree, 2*s.*; William Heskyms, 2, 6*s.*; William Deane, 2, 4*s.* 8*d.*; Thomas Nycholas, 2, 4*s.* 4*d.*; John Gyldon, 1, 2*s.* 8*d.*; Mr. Claye, 2, 4*s.* 8*d.*; William Bevys, 1, 2*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 4*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

Receipts for the winter lease of Portmarsh. Horse beasts, 13*s.*; kine, 2*s.*; [13v.] sheep 1*l.* 4*s.*

Sum . . . 1*l.* 19*s.*

Payments by William Swaddon.

At Ogbourne court for expenses, 2*s.*; for a quire of paper for Mr. Ryche to copy out the charter, 4*d.*; to Bevis for mending the Marsh bounds, 5*s.*; to John Stronge for mending the gate and for timber, 4*d.*; to Burgman and Payne for digging stones for the Marsh pools, 1*s.* 10*d.*; to Mr. Blake's man for carrying stones to the Marsh, 4*s.* 6*d.*; to Mr. Allen when he

¹ The figures in this paragraph represent the number of shrouds sold.

went to London about the town business, 13s. 4d.; for confirming the charter, 2l. 6s. 1d.; to Bevis for steaning the Marsh pools, 5s.; to Bevis for keeping the herd out of Castlefield, 6s.; to Mr. Allen for his last payment about the town business, 13s. 4d.; to William Welstede for a lock for the Marsh pound, 10d.; to Mr. Lyngborowe at the sessions 'for John Love to the shryve there', 10d.; to the sheriff, 1s. 8d.; to the clerk of the market, 6s. 8d.; to Bevis for overseeing the Marsh in winter time, 2s. 6d.; to Mr. Blake and John Love when they went to Salsburie with the charter, 4s.; for a skin of parchment, 5d. *Sum . . . 6l. 7s. 6d.*

To Richard Beare for 'shrudinge', 1s. 8d.; to John Sylke for 'shrudinge', 2s.; to Bevis for 'shrudinge', 8d.; 'more payed of the money made of the woode solde in the commons to sundrye persons as in byle thereof made hereunto anexed', 4l. *Sum . . . 4l. [4s.] 4d.*

Payments made by William Were.

At Ogborne court for expenses, 2s.; for the town, 6s.; for digging and carrying stones, 6s. 5d.; to William Bevys for loading stones, 1s.; to Bevis for mending the pools, 1s. 8d.; to Bevis 'more beefore Christmas', 2s.; to Mr. Alleyn for the town, 1l. 6s. 8d. *Sum . . . 2l. 5s. 9d.*

For a stray colt of William Forman the elder, 8s.; for a stray colt of the said Bevys, 2s. *Sum . . . 10s.*

P. Ryche, 1566.

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[14r.] 1567/8 [1567]. The accounts of William Forman and Roger Nycholas burgess stewards.

Arrears. From William Swaddon and William Were, 1l. 16s. 9d.

Foreign receipts. The profits of the summer lease of Portemarsh and the Alders, 2l. 10s. 0d.; from Thomas Bruer for the winter lease of the Alders, 13s. 4d.; from the townsmen for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 18s. 3d. *Sum . . . 4l. 1s. 7d.*

The sum of the whole receipts, 5l. 18s. 4d.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 2l. 19s. 10d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 2l. 19s. 10d. and so they owe 2l. 18s. 2d. which was paid to Henry Gye and Thomas Bruare.

Receipts for the summer lease of Portemarsh, [14v.] 2l. 10s.; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 18s. 3d.; more for the winter lease for kine, [15r.] 1l. 6s. 9d.

Payments by the stewards.

To William Bevys for seeing to the Marsh in winter time, 2s. 6d.; to John Bartlett for mending the further gate of the Marsh, 6d.; to William Bevys for 2 days' work mending the hedges in Portemarsh, 1s. 2d.; to William Bevys for 2 days' work hedging the Marsh pools, 1s. 2d.; to

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Bysshoppe and Crafte for casting the Alders pool. 1s. 2d.; for making a new pool in the Alders, 10s. 4d.; to Mr. Allen 'at his goeing to London for the subsidy', 15s.; to Mr. Allen for the amplification of the charter, 10s.; to Mr. Snell for the forfeiture of the bushel, 13s. 4d.; to William Bevis for scouring the pound, 4d.; to William Welstede for scouring the harness, 4s.; 'for dystresse for Colman', 4d.; one stray steer taken on St. Margaret's day, 1567, 8s.

Sum . . . 3l. 7s. 10d.

P. Ryche, 1568.

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[15v.] 1568/9 [1568]. The accounts of Henry Gye and Thomas Bruer burgess stewards.

Arrears. From William Forman the elder and Roger Nycholas, 2l. 18s. 2d

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of Portemarsh and the Alders, 2l. 7s. 8d.; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 1l. 18s. 5d.; for the winter lease of the Alders, 10s.; for the sale of trees in Portemarsh, 6l. 12s. 4d.; for the sale of trees in the Alders, 5l. 18s. 1d. Sum . . . 17l. 6s. 6d.

Sum of all receipts, 20l. 4s. 8d.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 20l. 13s. 4d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 20l. 13s. 4d. and so the burgesses owe to the said stewards 5s. 5d.

Receipts for cattle in the Alders and Portemarsh, 3 May 1568, 2l. 7s. 8d.; [16r.] for horse beasts in the Alders, 7s. 8d.; [16v.] for sheep in Portemarsh in the winter, 1l. 19s. 4d.

Payments by Thomas Bruer.

To the clerk of the peace for the copy of the indictment, 6s.; for expenses at Warmester, 1s. 2d.; to William Graynger for wages, 2s. 6d.; to Thomas Brewer and Edward Chambers for expenses in fetching the writ *venire*, 3s. 4d.; to Edward Chambers to go to the assizes at Sarum, 9s.; at the sessions at Warmester 18 April 1568, 7s.; more on the morrow in expenses, 5s.; to Master Staples for fetching the distresser, 2s.; for making bills of indictments, 3s.; at Boowd for expenses homeward, 4d.; to Thomas Gyles bailiff for serving writs, 1s. 6d. Sum . . . 2l. 8s. 2d.

Payments by Henry Gye.

To William Graunger for mending the hedge of Portemarsh against Beverbroke lane, 2s.; at Oggborne court for expenses, 4s. 4d.; to Edward Byshoppe for 2 days' work in bushing young trees in the Alders, 1s. 2d.; for a couple of capons, 2s. 8d.; 'for a replyve to replyve an oke tree which William Coleman wrongfullye dyd fetche owte of Portemarshe', 3s. 6d.; to William Dodson and William Swaddon for business in London about the confirmation of the charter, 3l.; to Edward Byshoppe for felling and cleaving posts and rails for the Alders pound, 1s. 2d.; to John Bartlett

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in part payment for making the Portemarsh gate, 5s. 4d.; for charges and expenses at Wylton court in answering William Colman for the said tree by Thomas Goldrey, 4s. 10d.; for a lock for the Marsh gate, 1s.; to William Gyldon for carrying timber to the Marsh gate, 8d.; for expenses at Wilton court about the said tree, 1s. 4d.; [17r.] more expenses at Wylton court, 15 September, 3s. 1d.; to Walter Burgman for casting the Portemarsh pools, 2s. 8d.; to William Bevys for the same, 2s. 8d.; to William Graunger for the same, 2s. 8d.; to Edward Byshoppe for the same, 2s. 8d.; for 3 boxes for writing, 8d.; for the copy of the plea to Hobbs, 1s.; to William Graunger for mending the Marsh hedge, 4d.; to Walter Segar for drawing the posts to the Alders pound, 6d.

Sum . . . 5l. 8s. 1d.

Payments out of the wood money.

To Thomas Goldrey at Wilton court 12 October, 1568, 2s. 8d.; to William Welstede for mending the lock and irons of the Marsh gate, 1s. 9d.; to the same in part payment for mending and scouring the town harness, 5s.; for expenses at Wilton court of Mr. Robert Blaake, Henry Gye, and Thomas Goldrey, 9 November, 1568, 7s. 2d.; to Thomas Bearde and Barlett for mending the Alders pound, 4s. 6d.; to William Graunger for casting the pool in Portemarshe, 2s. 8d.; to the same for digging holes for the posts at the Marsh gate, 8d.; to John Stronge for making the Alders gate, 5s.; to William Welstede in final payment for scouring the town harness, 4s. 6d.; for expenses and charges at Wilton court by Mr. Robert Blaake and William Swaddon, 6s. 9d.; to Mr. Kingsmyll 'for thattayneinge of his counsayle', 10s.; to Edward Chambres to go to London, 10s. 4d.; to William Bevis for going to the clerk of the peace, 8d.; to the same for his wages and expenses, 1s. 4d.; for the 'entraunces of the travers' to the clerk of the peace, 2l.; to the sheriff, 5s.; for a bottle of sack for him, 1s.; for expenses, 1s. 4d.; to Edward Byshoppe for 3 days' work at the Alders pound, 1s. 6d.; to the same for making the hedge there, 1s.; to Bevis and Graunger for hedging the Marsh against Sloocrafte, 5s. 9d.; to John Danyell for drawing 7 loads of clay to the Alders pound, 1s.

Sum . . . 5l. 19s. 7d.

Laid out at Warmester sessions, 19 April 1569.

To the sheriff for certain men arrested, 16s.; to Mr. Staple for his pleading, 6s. 8d.; for horse meat, 4s.; more horse meat, 1s. 6d.; 'for the drynckinge', 1s. 2d.; to Gyles the bailiff, 4d.; for Mr. Staple's dinner, 1s.

Sum . . . 1l. 10s. 8d.

[17v.] Laid out at London by William Swaddon and Henry Gye, 1568.

To Mr. Bower for seeking the record in the Tower, 2l.; to his man for his pains, 1s.; for his men's dinner at the Tower, 4s.; to Mr. Ryve, 1l. 2s. 8d.; in Mr. Opplegate's office in the Chancery for searching the rolls of Henry VII, 5s. 4d.; for our expenses in London and homewards, 1l. 7s. 8d.; for the writ in the office of Mr. Ryve, 7s. 2d.

Sum . . . 5l. 7s. 10d.

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From the sale of trees in Portemarsh, 3 May 1568.

William Welsted, 2¹, 6s. 4d.; Robert Forte and William Harwarde, 2, 6s. 8d.; William Gryffen *alias* Dacke, 1, 2s.; William Bevys, 1, 3s. 8d.; William Dunkerton, 2, 5s. 8d.; Thomas Goldrey, 1, 2s. 4d.; Francis Myller, 1, 1s. 8d.; Thomas Fowlkes, 1, 2s. 6d.; William Byshoppe, 1, 3s.; William Lyntche, 1, 2s. 2d.; William Dodson, 1, 5s. 4d.; John Jones, 1, 2s. 4d.; William Sparckes, 1, 2s.; Thomas Bearde, 1, 2s. 6d.; Robert Perham, 2, 4s.; George Braye, 2, 8s.; Richard Bawden, 2, 5s.; William Heskings, 1, 4s.; Thomas Goldrey, 1, 1s. 10d.; George Ockforde, 1, 3s. 8d.; John Gyldon, 1, 3s. 4d.; William Graunger, 1, 3s. 4d.; Robert Russell, 1, 3s. 4d.; Alice Nycholas, 2, 7s.; Walter Brydgmán, 1, 4s.; Richard Etherredge, 1, 1s. 8d.; Roger Smythe, 1, 2s. 6d.; William Suckett, 2, 2s. 6d.; John Mountayne, 1, 1s. 10d.; William Forman the elder, 2, 3s. 8d.; William Were, 2, 9s.; Thomas Brewer, 2, 5s.; Thomas Breuer, bark, 6s.; Roger Brabantes, bark, 6s.; Robert Philyppps 'offell woode', 3s. 4d.

Sum . . . 6l. 15s. 8d.

From the sale of trees in the Alders.

William Bedforde, 2¹, 6s.; Merricke Thomas, 1, 3s. 4d.; Richard Perse, 2, 6s. 8d.; Thomas Wyate, 2, 8s.; William Heskyns, 1, 3s. 8d.; William Swaddon, 2, 5s. 4d.; Thomas Fowler, 2, 8s.; Igram Hardinge, 3, 3s. 10d.; John Gyrdler, 2, 3s.; Richard Ilsey, 1, 3s. 8d.; Thomas Gryffyn, 1, 3s. 4d.; John Stronge, 2, 5s.; Robert Russell, 1, 2s. 10d.; John Hardinge, 1, 1s. 10d.; William Chever, 1, 2s. 4d.; [18r.] William Gryffyn, 3, 2s. 6d.; William Clynthorne, 3, 3s.; Thomas Toghyl, 2, 2s. 4d.; Christian Playter, for wood, 1s. 3d.; Roger Nycholas, 3, 5s.; John Sylcke, 1, 2s.; Thomas Payne, 1, 2s. 4d.; Mary Soomers, for wood, 1s. 10d.; Edward Bysshoppe, 1, 2s. 4d.; Robert Blake, 2, 5s.; Fowke Howell, a load of wood, 2s.; Henry Gye, 2, 5s.; Thomas Brewer, bark, 8s.; Edward Bysshopp, chips, 1s.; and for rent, 10s.

Sum . . . 5l. 18s. 1d.

P. Ryche, 1568.

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1569/70 [1569]. The accounts of Thomas Fowler and Edward Chambers burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Henry Gye and Thomas Brewer, nothing, 'onelye there was owed unto the said Henrye and Thomas fyve shillings and fyve pence, as appearethe in foote of theyr accomptes more playnelye'.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of Portemarsh and the Alders, 2l. 6s.; for the winter lease of the commons, 2l. 9s. 9d.; for sundry 'broussez' sold in Portemarsh, 5l. 6s.; for the same sold in the Alders, 8l. 11s. 4d.

The sum of the whole receipts, 18l. 13s. 4d.

¹ The figures in this paragraph represent the number of trees sold.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 18*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.*

Allowances. The allowances are 18*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* and so they owe 9*s.* which remains to be gathered by the aforesaid stewards.

[18*v.*] Receipts from cattle taken into the Alders 3 May 1570, 2*l.* 5*s.*; from the winter lease of Portemarsh, [19*r.*] 2*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*; for sheep lease in the Marsh and Alders, 1*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

Receipts from the sale of wood or browses in Portemarsh.

Robert Phillipps, 3¹, 7*s.*; William Harforde, 2, 3*s.* 8*d.*; Richard Ockforde, 3, 4*s.*; John Guylden, 1, 4*s.*; Elbright Brouninge, 2, 4*s.*; John Bysshoppe, 1, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Looove, 2, 2*s.* 8*d.*; William Wayllande, 1, 4*s.*; Margaret Bearde, 2, 2*s.*; Margery Longe, 2, 4*s.*; William Heskyngs, 2, 6*s.*; Thomas Wyate, 3, 6*s.*; Thomas Dashe, 2, 6*s.*; Margaret Welsted, 2, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Norrys, 1, 2*s.* 4*d.*; William Nicholas, 4, 8*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Goldrey, 1, 1*s.* 10*d.*; George Ockforde, 1, 2*s.*; John Mountayne, 1, 2*s.* 6*d.*; William Dodson, 3, 6*s.*; Robert Blake, 4, 7*s.*; John Russell, 2, 1*s.* 10*d.*; Richard Etherredge, 1, 1*s.* 10*d.*; John Dashe, 2, 2*s.* 8*d.*; Roger Smyth, 1, 2*s.* 4*d.*; Edward Chambers, 3, 6*s.*; Richard Etherredge, 1, 1*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 5*l.* 6*s.*

Receipts from the sale of wood in the Alders.

William Bedforde, 3¹, 7*s.* 4*d.*; George Whood, 2, 4*s.*; Mary Soomers, 1, 1*s.* 8*d.*; John Gyrdler, 1, 2*s.* 4*d.*; Michael Beeryman, 1, 2*s.* 4*d.*; Humphrey Wayte, 3, 8*s.*; William Alleyn, 3 browses and 1 tree, 10*s.*; Henry Gye, 4, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Nicholas Seynye, 1, 2*s.*; Thomas Togghill, 2, 5*s.*; John Hardinge, 2, 2*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Foowkes, 2, 4*s.*; [19*v.*] William Page, 2, 3*s.* 8*d.*; Ingram Hardinge, 1, 2*s.*; Robert Forte, 2, 4*s.*; William Forman, 5, 8*s.*; Robert Parham, 2, 4*s.*; John Jones, 2, 2*s.* 4*d.*; Margaret Welsted, 2, 4*s.*; Richard Selman, 3, 4*s.*; William Heskyngs, 3, 4*s.*; Thomas Bruar, 3, 3*s.*; William Browne, 5, 6*s.* 8*d.*; William Swaddon, 5, 7*s.*; Thomas Payne, 1, 2*s.*; Thomas Gryffyn, 3, 3*s.*; John James, 3, 5*s.*; George Ockforde, 2, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Broune, 1, 2*s.*; William Dodson, 2, 3*s.*; Edward Busshopp, 2, 2*s.* 8*d.*; Robert Blake, 2, 2*s.*; Thomas Fowler, 4, 5*s.*; William Ryche, 1, 2*s.*; John Welsted, 2, 2*s.*; John Quarrell, 1, 1*s.*; Giles Hellyer, 2, 3*s.*; William Gryffyn, 1, 1*s.* 9*d.*; Fowke Howell, 2, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Elizabeth Myller, 2, 2*s.* 8*d.*; William Graunger, 2, 2*s.* 2*d.*; Elbright Brouninge, 1, 1*s.* 6*d.*; Richard Walker, 3, 4*s.* 4*d.*; Richard Ilsley, 4, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Gyles, 1, 2*s.* 6*d.*; John Tynnye, 2, 2*s.*; Robert Aber, 3, 4*s.*; John Dashe, 1, 1*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Nycholas, 1, 1*s.* 6*d.*

Sum . . . 8*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*

Payments by Thomas Fowler and Edward Chambers.

To Thomas Payne for 4 days' ditching and hedging in Portemarsh, 2*s.*; to William Graunger for 4 days' ditching, 2*s.*; to Thomas Payne for 2 days' hedging about the Marsh pools, 1*s.*; for the charges of Robert

¹ The figures in this paragraph represent the number of browses sold.

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Blake and Henry Gye at Oggborne court, 3s.; for carrying a letter to Mr. Eyres by William Bevis, 1s.; to Henry Gye due unto him 'uppon his attorney the laste yere', 5s. 4d.; for a horse lock for the Marsh pound, 8d.; for wine and sugar when we went to Mr. Dover's at Whitsuntide, 2s. 8d.; at the *George* for Mr. Dover's and Mr. Eyre's dinners, 11s.; at the sessions at the *Devis* for the indictments, 2l. 11s. 7d.; to Thomas Fowler, 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Bearde for making the Marsh gate, 10d.; to Phelps for 3 days' 'brueinge' in the Alders, 2s.; to Loffe for 5 days' brewing in the Marsh, 1s. 10½d.; to William Graunger for 11 days' brewing in the Marsh and Alders, 5s. 6d.; to Richard Heller for 3 days' brewing in the Alders and Marsh, 2s.; to John Sylke, Walter Brydgmán, and Richard Beare for one day's brewing in the Alders, 2s.; to Thomas Gryffen for one day's brewing in the Alders, 8d.; to William Graunger for winter wages, 2s. 6d.; a quart of muscadine, 8d.; to William Graunger for 2 days' brewing in the Alders, 1s.; for twists for the Marsh gate, 10d.; to Henry Gye, 3s. 5d.; [20r.] at Oggborne court, 4s.; for 2 twists for the Marsh gate, 8d.; the charges of our letters patent and the 'executorye', 9l. 18s. 4d.; the allowance for our executory before the justices of assize, 7s.; for a bottle and a pint of muscadine, given to Mr. Pyccaringe, 1s. 8d.; for removing John Nycholas' goods 'being a fellowe', 7d.; to Henry Gye for the money he paid to the lottery, 1l.; to Thomas Wyate and William Waylonde constables 29 July 1570 for the town 'crockes', 1l.; to Edward Chambers before Mr. Robert Blake in his house, 1l. 6s. 8d.; to George Bray, 1l.

Sum . . . 18l. 13s. 1d.

P. Ryche, 1570.

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1570/1 [1570]. The accounts of Robert Perham and George Braye burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Thomas Fowler and Edward Chambers, nothing.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of Portemarsh and the Alders, 2l. 18s. 4d.; for the winter lease, 2l. 13s. 6d. Sum . . . 5l. 11s. 10d.

[20v.] *Deductions.* In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 5l. 3s. 4d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 5l. 3s. 4d. and so the stewards owe 7s. 6d. which they have paid to Anthony Goddarde and William Alleyne the younger guild stewards.

Receipts for the summer lease of Portemarsh and the Alders, 1l. 18s. 4d.
[21r.] Sum . . . 1l. 18s. 4d.

Payments by the stewards.

To the bailiff's boy at Wallingforde, 3s. 4d.; to Graunger for 4 days' work, 2s. 8d.; to Graunger for 4 days' work, 2s.; for digging 8 loads of stones, 1s. 4d.; for carrying them, 5s. 4d.; for trenching the Marsh,

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1s. 3d.; to William Graunger for trenching, 2s. 9d.; to Mr. Alleyn the elder, 6s. 8d.; to Robert Perham, 6s. 8d.; to Robert Norman, 6s. 8d.; to John Hannold, 6s. 8d.; to William Nicholas, 6s. 8d.; to William Forman the younger, 6s. 8d.; to Edward Chambers at Michaelmas term, 10s.; to William Broune, 13s. 4d.; 'I tooke up for my selfe', 13s. 4d.; to the clerk of the market, 6s. 8d.; to Graunger for trenching the Marsh, 2s.; to Thomas Jones for one day's work in the Marsh, 6d.

Sum . . . 5l. 3s. 4d.

P. Ryche, 1571.

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1571/2 [1571]. The accounts of Anthony Goddarde and William Alleyn gentleman burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Robert Perham and George Bray, 7s. 6d.

The rest of this account was lost by William Alleyn.

Et sic perditum est.

P. Ryche, 1572.

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[21v.] 1572/3 [1572]. The accounts of Robert Blake gentleman and William Forman the elder burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Anthony Goddarde and William Alleyn gentleman, 4l.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of Portemarsh and the Alders, 2l. 3s.; from Thomas Bruer for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 2l. 6s. 8d.; from Robert Norman and John Clarcke *alias* Wyckwarr for the winter lease of the Alders, 11s.; of Edward Bysshoppe for a year's rent of his house in the Alders, 10s.; 'of the tounshippe as lente of good will for necessarye busyness', 3l. 10s. 8d.; 'of certayne of others of the towne whiche gave it freelye', 18s. 6d.

Sum . . . 13l. 19s. 10d.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 11l. 9s. 1d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 11l. 9s. 1d. and so the said burgess stewards owe 1l. 15s. 9d. which they have paid to Thomas Bruer and William Heskyns.

Receipts from cattle in the Alders 3 May, [22r.] 2l. 3s.

Payments by the stewards.

Expenses at Ogborne court, 2s. 2d.; for sealing wax for the indentures of the burgesses, 1d.; for hedging the 2 pools in the Marsh, and mending the bounds there, 3s. 4d.; for carrying a letter, 10d.; at Ogborne court 12 April, 4s. 4d.; to the clerk of the market for an amercement for the bushel, 13s. 4d.; to John Welstede for scouring the town harness, 8s.; to the clerk of the market for his pains, 7s.

Sum . . . 1l. 19s. 1d.

P. Ryche, 1573.

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[22v.] 1573/4 [1573]. The accounts of Thomas Brewer and William Heskyns burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Master Robert Blake and William Forman the elder, 1*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of Portemarsh and the Alders, 2*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 15*s.* 11*d.*; from Mr. Benedick Alleyne for the winter lease of the Alders, 12*s.*; from Edward Byshoppe for rent of his house, 10*s.* Sum . . . 6*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*

A bullock taken in the Marsh on 3 August 1573 and made strayer was priced by Mr. Robert Blake, Henry Gye, and Roger Brabantes at 7*s.* It is now in the keeping of Thomas Bruare who owes the said sum, in case it be not challenged within a year and a day.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 6*l.* 7*s.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 6*l.* 7*s.* and so the burgesses owe the said William Heskyns, 1*s.*

[23r.] Payments.

To William Swaddon, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Robert Perham, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to John Perham, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Bruer, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Norman, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to John Hannolde, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to William Heskyns, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for paper, 1*d.*; to William Bedforde, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Fowkes, 4*s.*; to John Dashe the younger, 2*s.*; to Thomas Dashe, 3*s.*; to John James, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Robert Aber, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Master Norton, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to John Jefferye for hedging and mending 'shurdes' and for 4 days' work, 2*s.*; for a lock, 10*d.*; to Henry Whyte, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Nycholas, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for ink, 1*d.*; to William Forman, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Charles Tyler, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Henry Gye, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Davys for mending the hedge at Pontynges leaze, 6*d.*; to William Gawen, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to John Wodrooffe, 2*s.*; to John Jefferye for hedging, 6*d.*; to William Jefferye for half a day's work to cast the ponds, 4*d.*; to John Jefferye for the same, 6*d.*; to the sheriff's man for an amercement, 13*s.* 4*d.*; to Robert Forte, 5*s.*; to the same, 8*s.* 4*d.*; to the bailiff of Ewelme, 1*s.* 10*d.*; spent at the *Forge* when he came a second time, 8*d.*; to Roger Brabantes for going to Ewelme, — [*blank*]; to Thomas Bruar for the amercement for the butts, 1*l.* Sum . . . 6*l.* 7*s.*

Receipts from cattle in the Alders 3 May, [23v.] 2*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*; for horses and bullocks for the winter lease in Portemarsh, 1*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.*; for sheep, 16*s.* 9*d.* P. Ryché, 1574.

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[24r.] 1574/5 [1574]. The accounts of Thomas Fowler the elder and Henry Gye burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Thomas Bruer and William Heskyns, nothing.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Portemarsh and the Alders, 2l. 5s. 8d.; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 11s. 8d.; for bullocks there, 6d.; from Benedick Alleyne for the winter lease of the Alders, 15s.; for sheep in Portemarsh in the winter, 13s. 5d.; from Thomas Bruer for a stray bullock, 7s.; from Edward Busshoppe of the Alders for a year's rent, 10s. Sum . . . 5l. 3s. 4d.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 2l. 4s. 4d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 2l. 4s. 4d. and so they owe 2l. 15s. 11d. which was paid to Robert Norman and William Bedforde.

Receipts from cattle taken into the Alders 3 May, [24v.] 2l. 5s. 8d.; for horse beasts in Portemarsh in the winter, [25r.] 11s. 8d.; for bullocks in Portemarsh, 1s. 8d.; from Benedick Allen for the winter lease of the Alders, 15s.; for sheep, 13s. 5d.

Payments by Thomas Fowler and Henry Gye.

To Thomas Paine for 2 days' work hedging and ditching in the Marsh next Beversbrooke, 1s.; at Ogborne for dinners for William Swaddon, Thomas Bruer, and Henry Gye, 3s.; to the 2 bailiffs there, 2s.; to the boy who dressed the horses, 4d.; for horse meat and horse bread, 6d.; at Ogborne court another time for the dinners of William Were, William Swaddon, William Forman, and Henry Gye, 4s.; to the bailiff there, 2s.; to the boy of house there, 4d.; to Hellyer for 2 days' work hedging and ditching, 1s.; to Graunger for 4 days' work hedging and ditching in the Marsh next Beversbrook, 2s.; to John Welsted for mending the market bushel, 2d.; to Henry Gye 'for that hee leyed oute for Bysshoppes Juels dynner', 5s.; to the clerk of the market at Chyppenham, 6s. 8d.; to Roger Brabantes for his winter wages, 2s. 6d.; [24v.] to the constables 'to bringe mother to the goale', 4s. 6d.; to Roger Brabantes for 4 days' ditching in the Marsh, 2s. 4d.; to Henry Phelpes for ditching in the Marsh, 2s. 4d.; to Roger Brabantes for hedging and ditching in the Marsh, 2s. 4d.; to Henry Phelpes for 4 days' work in the Marsh, 2s. 4d. Sum . . . 2l. 3s. 4d.

P. Ryché, 1575.

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[25v.] 1575/6 [1575]. The accounts of Robert Norman and William Bedforde burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Thomas Fowler the elder and Henry Gye, 2l. 15s. 11d.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh,

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2*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders for thorns there, and from Edward Byshoppe for the rent of the house there, 1*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*

Sum . . . 8*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

'Receyved more of sundrye men geven towards the groubinge of thaulders as appeareth', 3*s.* 10*d.* So it makes the total, 8*l.* 7*s.*

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 6*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 6*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* and so they owe 2*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.* which they have paid to William Swaddon and Henry Whyte.

Receipts from cattle taken into the Alders 3 May, [26*r.*] 2*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, [26*v.*] 1*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*; from Henry Macye, 1 load of thorns, 1*s.*; from John Wickware, 3 loads of thorns, 3*s.*; from William Swaddon, 2 loads of thorns, 2*s.*; from Henry Macye, 1 load of thorns, 1*s.*; from Henry Whyte and Benedick Alleyne for the winter lease of the Alders, 1*l.*; from Edward Byshopp for his whole year's rent, 10*s.*

Sum . . . 1*l.* 17*s.*

Given for the grubbing of the Alders and Portemarsh.

John Dashe the younger, 1*s.*; Thomas Fowke, 1*s.*; William Forman the younger, 1*s.*; John Gryffen, 4*d.*; William Heskings, 6*d.* *Sum . . .* 3*s.* 10*d.*

The deductions.

To William Heskings, 2*d.*; to Isaac Welstede for a bond for the Marsh gate, 4*s.*; to William Graunger and John Dashe for grubbing, 18*s.* 7*d.*; to Thomas West for grubbing, 1*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.*; 'to hym that seate in commyshion for bowe and arrowes', 2*s.*; for parchment and wax, 5*d.*; to Roger Brabantes for seeing to the commons in winter, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Elbright Brouneinge for a hook for the yonder gate of the Marsh, 3*d.*; to William Swaddon for the 'burgessies parlement', 3*l.*; to Roger Brabense for hedging in the Marsh, 6*d.*; for wine and sugar given to Sir Edward Baynton, 3*s.*

Sum . . . 6*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

P. Ryche, 1576.

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[27*r.*] 1576/7 [1576]. The accounts of William Swaddon and Henry Whyte burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Robert Norman and William Bedforde, 2*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh 3 May, 2*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease for cattle taken into Portemarsh after St. Martin's day, 14*s.*; for rother beasts, 1*s.* 10*d.*; for sheep, 5*s.* 7*d.*; from Henry Whyte for the winter lease of the Alders, 13*s.* 4*d.*; from Edward Byshoppe for his rent, 10*s.*

Sum . . . 2*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*

The whole receipts 7*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. In payments and necessary expenses, 2*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 2*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* and so they owe 5*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* which they have paid to John James and William Heskings.

[27v.] Payments by the stewards.

For expenses at Ocbourne court, 4s.; to Penbrocke for 13 days' work mending the hedges, casting the pool in the Marsh, and making watering places in the Alders, 9s. 9d.; to Smarte for 2 days' work about the pool in the Marsh, 1s. 6d.; to Walter Mylerde for mending the Marsh gate, 4½d.; to William Welstede for mending the twist of the Marsh gate, 2d.; to John Barlett for mending the town bridge, 4d.; to John Russell for nails, 2½d.; to John Byshoppe for 600 plants, 2s.; to John Sylke and Walter Brydgmán for making 42 'logge' of hedge, 14s.; to William Chapman and Richard Beare for making 71 'looge' of hedge, 1l. 3s. 8d.; to the same 'for fyllinge of frythe' to help make the hedge, 1s. 8d.; to William Were for serving in the Parliament house, 1l. 4s.; at Ogborne court for charges, 2s. 3d.; to the 2 bailiffs there, 2s.; to Graynger and Burgeman for making the bounds of Portemarsch, 3s.; to Isaac Welsted for a hook and twists for the Marsh gate, 1s.; to Pockerredge for hanging the gate, 2d.; for mending the town bridge, 9d.; for a grubbing axe, 1s. 2d.; to John Walker for drawing frith, and to Cheapnam and Beare to help make the hedge, 2s.; to John Sylke and Walter Brydgmán for making the ditch at the Marsh gate, 2s. 4d.; to William Welstede for a staple and a lock for the pound gate in the Alders, 1s.; for a quire of paper, 4d.; to Graunger for casting the pools in the Marsh and Alders, 1s.; to Isaac Welsted for a 'snyttbill' for the Marsh pound, 4d.; to John Welsted for making a new key for the town chest, 6d.; to Olyffe for carrying a load of timber from the Alders to make posts for the market place, 1s. 4d.; to John Meare for sawing the posts, 6d.; to John Sylke for pitching the posts, 1s. 4d.; to Graunger for seeing to the Marsh in the winter quarter, 2s.

Sum . . . 10l. 1s. 4d.

Receipts from cattle taken into the Alders 3 May, [28r.] 2l. 14s. 4d.; [28v.] from cattle taken into the Portemarsch for the winter lease after St. Martin's day, 14s.; for rother beasts, 1s. 10d.; for sheep, 5s. 7d.

P. Ryche, 1577.

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1577/8. [1577]. The accounts of John James and William Heskyns burgess stewards.

Arrears. From William Swaddon and Henry Whyte, 5l. 5s. 10d.

[29r.] *Foreign receipts.* For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsch, and also for the winter lease of the same, 6l. 7s. 9d.

The whole receipts are 11l. 13s. 7d.

Deductions. In payments and necessary expenses, 4l. 7s. 10d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 4l. 7s. 10d. and so they owe 7l. 1s. 1d. 'whereof there is delyvered into the handes of William Forman

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the elder and Thomas Fowlkes guild stewards chosen and elected for this yere 1578, 4*l.*, with a certayne dockett yette to be gathered of 9*s.* 6*d.* as parcell of the saide 4*l.* And the reste of the said totall somme which is in somme 3*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.* is putt into the towne cheste'.

Receipts from cattle taken into the Alders 3 May, [29*v.*] 1*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh, [30*r.*] 19*s.* 2*d.*; from Thomas Page for a 'strayer lease', 2*s.*; from Donmeade for thorns, 1*s.*; from Roger Nycholas for thorns, 8*d.*; from William Forman for thorns, 1*s.*; from William Nycholas, 2*s.*; *incomes*: John Mountayne, 2*s.*, — [blank] Wooddore, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Richard Packer, 3*s.* 4*d.*, — [blank] Hulcotte, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from [Edward] Byshoppe for rent, 10*s.*; for sheep in the Marsh, 4*s.* 7*d.*

Laid out for the town.

To Michael Beryman for scouring the harness, 4*s.*; to Graunger for mending the Marsh bounds, 3*s.*; to bring John Noble to goal, 4*s.*; to Weckware the carpenter for mending the Alders pound, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Graunger for 2 days' work at the pound, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Michael Beriman smith for iron for the Marsh gate, 6*d.*; to John Byshope for a hook for the Marsh gate, 2*d.*; to Graunger for casting the Marsh pools and hedging them, 1*s.* 4*d.*; to John Byshope for casting the Alders pool, 6*d.*; to the constables for a sheaf of arrows, 4*s.*; to the constables to feather a quiver of arrows, and to buy 2 arrows, 2*s.* 4*d.*; to Weste and Byshope for grubbing in the Alders, 1*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*; to the constables for the last account, 4*s.* 2*d.*; to Graunger for a day's work at the Alders pool, 6*d.*; given to Mr. Reves in the name of the whole town, 10*s.*; to Graunger for his winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Graunger for trenching in the Marsh, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to Graunger for raking the ground that was grubbed, 1*s.*; at Oggborne court 19 April, 2*s.* 5*d.*; for horse hire, 6*d.*; at Oggbourne court the first court day, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for mending a gun, 1*d.*; for pay, 1*d.*; for carrying the 'costlet', the pick, the bow and arrows, 10*d.*; for my own dinner, 8*d.*; for a lock which was broken, 1*s.* 4*d.*; for scouring the corslet, 2*s.* 6*d.* *Sum . . .* 4*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*

P. Ryche, 1578.

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[30*v.*] 1578/9 [1578]. The accounts of William Forman the elder and Thomas Fowkes burgess stewards 'from the daye and feaste of St. Marcke the evangeliste . . . 1578, unto the day and feaste of Saynte Mathyas thappostle . . . 1579 . . . as it was agreed upon by and wythe the consente of all the burgesses there'.

Arrears. From John James and William Heskins burgess stewards, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemmarsh, 2*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the same, 2*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.*; from Edith Bysshoppe for the half year's rent of her house, 5*s.*; for thorns grubbed

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in the commons, 6s.; from William Heskyns for a stray mare, 6s. 8d.

Sum . . . 6l. 4s. 7d. whereof
was given back to some of the commoners there, 6s. 8d.

The whole received *9l. 17s. 11d.*

Deductions. In payments and necessary expenses, *4l. 13s.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is *4l. 13s.*, and so they owe *4l. 13s. 9d.* whereof is paid to Henry Gye and Robert Perham, *4l.* And the rest is put into the town chest, which is *18s. 8d.* Philip Clyfford owes for his fine, *2s. 6d.*; John Cowlston for his fine, *3s. 4d.*; John Jones of the Green, *1s.*; and Roger Nicholas, *8d.*

Receipts from cattle taken into the Alders 3 May, [31r.] *2l. 15s. 4d.*; from Busshoppe for his half yeare's rent, *5s.*; for thorns grubbed, *6s.*; from Henry Gye for the winter lease of the Alders, *1l. 2s.*; for the winter lease of the commons, [31v.] *2l. 11s. 7d.*

A mare colt 2 years old (8s.) and a stone colt one year old (6s.) taken as strayers about St. Andrew's day last were priced by Robert Phyllippes and William Wayle, and are in the care of the stewards.

Payments by the stewards.

To Burgeman and Graynger for hedging and ditching between Slowe Crafte and Portemarsh, *4s.*; to the same for hedging and ditching between Beversbroke and Portemarsh, *3s. 9d.*; to the same, *2s. 4d.*; to Robert Kyllinge, *2d.*; to Graunger for felling and kibbling a tree, for a gate and stile at Beversbroke, and for hedging the pool there, *1s. 4d.*; to Weste and his company for grubbing in the Alders, *1l. 6s. 8d.*; for the carriage of 2 loads of stones to the yender gate of Portemarsh, *1s. 8d.*; to Thomas Pece for removing the gates, making posts for the gate, making a new stile at Beversbrooke, and making a post and a rail for the pound there, *1s.*; to Kyllinge and Pollarde for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days' work, and for scouring the pound in the Alders, *2s. 3d.*; to Graunger for casting the old pool in the Marsh, and for hedging between Ponting's lease and the Marsh, *1s.*; to Graunger and Brabantes for digging 9 loads of stones, *2s. 3d.*; to Kyllinge for cleaving a tree for sills for the pools, and for steaning the pool, *1s.*; to Graunger and Brabantes for digging 6 loads of stones, *1s. 6d.*; to Kyllinge for scouring the old pool in the Alders, *1s.*; [32r.] to Brabantes for raking the plot which was grubbed in the Alders, *1s.*; to Hyller and Sylke for scouring the Marsh pool, *2s. 6d.*; to Brabantes for digging a load of stones which was carried to the Marsh, *3d.*; to Kyllinge for steaning the old pool, *6d.*; for carrying 15 loads of stones to the Alders pools, *6s. 3d.*; to the constables 22 January 1579, *2s. 10d.*; to John Welstede for the chest, *14s. 4d.*; to Graunger for his wages, *2s. 6d.*; to Graunger for felling a tree in the Alders, *2d.*; to Isaac Welsted, *10d.*; for making a hook for the Marsh gate, *2d.*; for the chest, and for hewing

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the stock for the same, 6s. 11d.; to the constables 12 August 1579 for the relief of the prisoners in the gaol, 4s. 4d.; to Graynger for 'halinge downe the newe stocke and upp of the old stocke', 6d.

Sum . . . 4l. 13s.
P. Ryche, 1579.

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1579/80 [1579]. The accounts of Henry Gye and Robert Perham burgess stewards.

Arrears. From William Forman the elder and Thomas Fowkes, 4l.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemmarsh, 3l. os. 4d.; for the winter lease of the same, 1l. 19s. 1d.; from Edith Bysshopp for her half year's rent, 5s.; for incomes of sundry inhabitants as in a docket thereof made, 16s. 10d. *Sum . . . 6l. 1s. 3d.*

The whole receipts 10l. 1s. 3d.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 3l. 8s. 8d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 3l. 8s. 8d. and so they owe 6l. 11s. 7d. whereof 4l. is paid to John Were and Robert Norman, the rest, 2l. 11s. 7d., being put in the town chest.

[32v.] Receipts for cattle taken into the Alders 3 [May], 3l. os. 4d.; [33r.] from cattle in Portemmarsh in winter, 1l. 7s. 1d.; for the winter lease of the Alders, 12s.; from Edith Bysshopp for her rent due 25 March, 5s.

Deductions by Henry Gye and Robert Perham.

To John Jones bailiff 'for the prisoner to the goale', 5s.; for sealing wax, 1d.; for wine and sugar for Mr. Ernelyes, 9d.; for a bottle of wine given to Sir Edward Baynton at the parsonage, 10d.; to John Sylke for 2½ days' work in Portemmarsh, 1s. 5d.; to Thomas Sylcke for 1½ day's work in Portemmarsh, 9d.; to William Graunger for one day there, 7d.; for expenses at Ogborne court, 3s. 6d.; to William Graynger for 2 days in the Marsh, 1s. 2d.; for paper, 1d.; to the 'churchemen as the burgesses willed', 2s.; for the irons and for a lock for the gates of the Marsh, and for the pound there, 2s.; for a new gate for the pound in the Marsh, 6d.; for taking a prisoner to gaol, 5s.; for the clerk of the market's supper, 9s. 8d.; to the same in money, 10s.; for his horse meat, 2s. 10d.; to him for the 12 men, 1s.; for training soldiers, 10s. 1d.; to George Welsted for mending 2 'harqabusses' and 2 'moorrens', 2s.; for sealing wax for 'oblygacions towcheinge the towne stocke', 2d.; to Richard Wyckwar for making the Marsh gate, 6d.; to Richard Graynger for casting the Marsh pool, 5s.; to Isaac Welsted for making 2 keys, 7d.; for a lock and a staple, 1s. 2d.; for mending the town bridge, 1s.; to John Welsted for scouring the harness, 1s.; for carrying a tree, 1s. *Sum . . . 3l. 9s. 8d.*

[33v.] Incomes and fines.

George Cowlstone shoemaker, 3s. 4d.; Oliver Gyrdler, 1s.; William Davys, 4d.; John Odye, 2s. 6d.; Isaac Brabantes, 1s.; Roger Coompton, 6d.; John Lamborne, 1s.; John Curteys, 1s.; James Webbe, 3s. 4d.; Thomas Bedforde, 1s. 6d.; William Baker, 3s. 4d. *Sum . . . 1l. os. 6d.*

For a tree out of the Alders, 10s.

P. Ryche, 1580.

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1580/1 [1580]. The accounts of John Were *alias* Broune and Robert Norman burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Henry Gye and Robert Perham, 4l.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh, 2l. 15s. 8d.; for the winter lease of the commons, 17s. 5d.; from Edward Cale for his rent for a half year, 5s.; for trees *etc.*, 2l. 10s.

The whole receipts 10l. 8s. 1d.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 6l. 13s. 4d.

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 6l. 13s. 4d. and so they owe 3l. 14s. 9d. which was paid to John Curteis and William Heskyngs; and there is to be gathered by the said John Were and Robert Norman 1l. 19s. 10d. as appears in a docket thereof.

[Details of this account are noted as lost, but they appear in the account for the next year, as follows.]

[34r.] From William Heskyngs for the ameracements of the clerk of the market, 1l. 9s.; from Charles Tyler for 2 dead trees in the Marsh, 7s.; from Richard Edwardes for a dead tree in the Marsh, 2s. 8d.; from William Coppe for a browse and a small tree in the Alders, 5s.; from Mother Pleadall for wood, 1s.; from Gryffyn for chips, 1s.

Sum . . . 2l. 10s. 8d.

For 167 kine and bullocks for the summer lease of the commons, 2l. 15s. 8d.; for the winter lease, 17s. 5d.; from Robert Segar for his fine, 3s. 4d.; from John Pontynge for his income, 1s. *Sum . . . 10l. 8s. 1d.*

[34v.] Payments by John Were and Robert Norman.

To Graunger for keeping the commons in winter, 2s. 2d.; to John Welsted for scouring the harness and mending the guns, 3s. 6d.; to William Forman and William Bedforde constables for leather for the harness, 2d.; to George Welsted for dressing 5 swords and 6 daggers, 6s. 8d.; for a gallon of wine and sugar given to Sir Edward Baynton at the parsonage court, 3s.; for our charges at Ogborne court, 4s.; to Graunger for hedging, 3s. 4d.; to Thomas for an arrow case, 1s.; for felling 8 trees in the Alders, 2s. 4d.; for gunpowder, points, and bow

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strings for the muster at Chyppenham, 11*d.*; to Graunger for hedging, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Pecocke for mending the Marsh pound, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Sir John Danvers one gallon of wine at the parsonage court, 2*s.*; to Richard Olyffe for drawing timber, 8*d.*; to William Forman and William Bedforde constables, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the same to buy powder, whipcord, and points, 9*d.*; to the same in money, 1*l.*; for mending the town bridge, 1*s.*; to Humphrey Frayllinge and others for hedging and ditching in the Marsh, 1*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*; for 'hawlinge of the rooddz', 2*s.* 4*d.*; to Graunger for seeing to the commons, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Ralph Sloper in earnest for fetching 8 trees in the Alders, 4*d.*; to the constables to give to the clerk of the market at the Devysez, 10*s.*; for paper and ink, 6*d.*

Sum . . . 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

P. Ryche, 1581.

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[33*v.*] 1581/2 [1581]. The accounts of John Curteys and William Heskyns burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Robert Norman and John Were, [34*r.*] 3*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portmarsh, 2*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 16*s.*; from the town chest, 3*l.*; from Edward Cale for his rent, 10*s.*; from John Were, 4*s.*; more from the town chest, 3*l.* 12*s.*; for incomes, bark, and other things as appear in bills thereof made and examined, 1*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of Portemmarsh, 16*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 18*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 16*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 16*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* and so they owe 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* which has been paid to George Braye and Robert Segar *alias* Parsons.

[34*v.*] Receipts for cattle taken in the Alders 3 May, [35*r.*] 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Received from John Were 'of his dockett', 4*s.*; from Edward Ladd for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from Robert Prater for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from the town stock, 3*l.* 12*s.*; from Richard Whythorse for the Alders, 16*s.*

Sum . . . 4*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

The whole receipts of William Heskyns.

From the old stewards, 3*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*; from the town chest, 3*l.*; from Edward Cale for rent, 10*s.*; from Robert Parsons for bark, 4*s.* 4*d.*; from Graunger for wood and chips, 4*s.*; from Richard Walker for wood and chips, 12*s.*; from Michael Smyth for wood, 4*d.*; from Richard James for chips and 'mootes', 8*d.*; from John Clercke for wood and chips, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from William Forman for old timber, 6*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh: horses, 15*s.* 8*d.*, sheep, 19*s.*, and bullocks, 1*s.* 6*d.*

Sum . . . 10*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*

[35^v.] Payments by John Curteis 'for the boorroughe of Calne for the makeinge of brydye there'.

To William Forman for carrying 8 loads of stones and 3 loads of timber from the Marsh to the bridge, 9s.; to the sawyers for their work, 5s.; to John Sylke and his son for digging 15 loads of stones, 5s.; to John Sylke, Thomas Sylcke, William Wythers, John Fayerfylde, John Bente, William Looove, Richard Graynger, — [blank] Pollard, 1l. 2s. 6d.; to Pockerrige the sawyer, 6d.; to William Forman for carrying stones and timber, 11s.; to Edward Ladde and his company, 18s.; to Abraham Tayler mason for 6 days' work, 6s.; for a piece of timber, 7s.; to Thomas Danyell for 2,000 tiles, 1l. 19s.; for meat and drink, 2s.; for bearing tile into William Cope's backside, 3d.; to William Pockerredge the sawyer, 6d.
Sum . . . 6l. 10s. 5d.

So there remains on this account 1l. 0s. 6d.

Payments by William Heskyns.

To Thomas Pecce for mending the Alders pound, 8d.; to make up Mr. Browne's money, 8d.; charges at Ogborne court, 5s. 8d.; to Graynger for mending gaps about the Marsh, 2s. 6d.; to Wyckwar for railing the pool, 3s. 4d.; to Graynger for felling 2 trees and cleaving posts and rails, 2s. 6d.; [36^r.] to Graunger for mending the hedges, 6d.; to Graynger for hedging the lower pool, 2d.; to the same for mending the pound, 3d.; for mending Merrycke's pickaxe, 4d.; to Wyckwarr for mending the Marsh gate and other work, 1s. 2d.; for nails for the same gate, 2d.; for boards to make partitions, 1s. 2d.; to Pockerredge for sawing, 4d.; to Thomas Fowkes for the gate, 1s. 8d.; to John Welsted for mending the stocks, 3d.; for paper, 1d.; for 2 burgesses 'setting into the charter', 1s.; for 'a dusson of crestes for the howse', 2s. 6d.; to Richard Graynger for carrying tile and timber to the church house, 8d.; to the same for one day's work, 6d.; for a lock for the new cage door, 3d.

Sum . . . 1l. 6s. 4d.

For the carpenter's work about the new bridge.

To Edward Ladd for 14½ days' work, 14s. 6d.; to the same for his boys for 9 days, 7s. 6d.; to John Ladd for 13½ days, 13s. 6d.; to Walter Bonde for 12 days, 12s.; to John Ladd for 16 days, 16s.; to Edward Ladd for 10 days, 10s.; to John Ladd for 8½ days, 8s. 6d.; to Walter Bande for 7 days, 7s.; to Edward Ladd for 8 days, 8s. paid to him in chips.

Sum . . . 4l. 8s. 2d.

The sawyer's work.

To Pockerridge 'for 12 hundred saweinge', 16s.; to the same for sawing 600, 8s.; for cutting 2 old 'kyrffes', 2d.; to William Frayllinge for 200, 2s. 8d.; to Hellyer for sawing 9 'kyrffes', 7d. Sum . . . 1l. 7s. 5d.

More laid out by William Heskyns.

To Robert Colman for carrying 4 trees from the Marsh, 11s. 4d.; to Henry Massye's man for carrying 2 pieces from the Green to the

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Marsh 4*d.*; to Richard Graynger for felling 5 trees, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to the same for cutting 11 'kyrffes', 2*s.*; to the same for making the sawpit, 8*d.*; to Hawle for one day's work, 7*d.*; to Robert Gye for watching one night, 2*d.*; for a piece of timber to make rafters, 3*s.*; to Edward Clynthorne for his work, 3*d.*; to Alexander Gunter for tiling the cage and for 1 day's work, 7*s.*; to Graynger for 4 sacks of moss, 9*d.*; to Mr. Bayntun for 100 laths, 1*s.* 4*d.*; to Graynger for 30 laths, 4*d.*; for 2 bushels of hair lime, 6*d.*; to Graynger for fetching the laths, 2*d.*; to the same for one day's work, 6*d.*; to John Dashe for nails, 1*s.* 2*d.*; to John Welsted for 4 pairs of twists, 3*s.* 6*d.*; to the same for a lock, staples, and hasps for the cage doors, 2*s.* 4*d.*; to John Welsted for nails, 1*d.*; for 3 boards for the stocks, 3*s.*; for 2 short boards, 4*d.*; to William Forman the elder for his plough, 3*s.*; to old Wyckwar for covering the cage, 4*d.*; to old Graunger for his winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to the same for trenching the Marsh, 6*d.*; to Isaac Welsted for mending the Marsh gate, 3*d.* Sum . . . 2*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*

The whole sum that the said William has laid out this year is 9*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

And the said William Heskyngs has paid to Robert Segar and George Braye, 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* P. Ryche, 1581.

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[36*v.*] 1582/3 [1582]. The accounts of Robert Segar *alias* Parsons and George Braye burgess stewards.

Arrears. From John Curteis and William Heskyngs, 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh, 2*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 18*s.*; of Edward Cale for his year's rent, 10*s.*; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 1*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*; for the incomes of sundry persons, 7*s.* 8*d.* Sum . . . 8*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 3*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 3*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* and so they owe 5*l.* 15*s.* whereof they have paid to Henry Gye and John Dashe, 4*l.* And 1*l.* 15*s.* 3*d.* was put into the common chest besides certain sums yet to be gathered 'as yn a dockett thereof made to the soome of — [blank] and delivered unto the said Robert Segar and George Braye to bee leveled'. P. Ryche, 1583.

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1583/4 [1583]. The accounts of Henry Gye and John Dashe burgess stewards.

Arrears. From George Braye and Robert Segar, 5*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh, 2*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of Portemarsh for sheep, 1*l.* 19*s.*; for horses there, 9*s.* 7*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders and for timber, tile, and other things, 2*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* Sum . . . 13*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*

Deductions. In foreign payments [37r.] and necessary expenses, 7*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*

Allowances. The sum of the allowances is 7*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.* and so they owe 6*l.* 1*s.* 9*d.* whereof they have paid to Thomas Whyte and Richard Edwardes, 4*l.*

Receipts from cattle in the Alders 3 May, 2*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*; [37v.] for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 2*l.* 1*s.*; for horses, 9*s.* 7*d.*

Received by Henry Gye and John Dashe for timber, tile, and other things.

For timber, 6*s.* 8*d.*; from Rede for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from Thomas Bryant for 350 tiles, 7*s.*; from William Gawen for 350 tiles, 6*s.* 8*d.*; from Margaret Hannolde for the offal of the hedge in the Marsh, 4*s.*; from Thomas Barrowe for the Alders, 1*l.*; from Granger for an old tree, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 4*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*

Payments by Henry Gye and John Dashe.

To Richard Hyller for 2 days' work, 1*s.* 2*d.*; to Thomas Sylke for one day's work, 7*d.*; to Thomas Barrowe for 3 day's work, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to Hyller for carrying thorns, 4*d.*; to Thomas Weste and Benedick Crafte for one day's work, 1*s.*; to Burgeman for 1½ day's work, 9*d.*; for a gallon of wine, 2*s.*; for charges at Ogborne court, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for mending the prison door, 1*s.* 4*d.*; to George Welsted for scouring the harness, 4*s.*; for a lock for the said door, 10*d.*; for mending the Marsh pound and the hedges, 4*d.*; to Isaac Welsted for scouring the harness, 2*s.*; to John Mountegew and William Guyngell for making 31 'lugges' of hedge in the Marsh, 8*s.* 3*d.*; to John Noyes, 1*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*; lent to John Noyes, 1*l.* 10*s.*

Sum . . . 4*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*

P. Ryche, 1584.

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[38r.] 1584/5 [1584]. The accounts of Thomas Whyte and Richard Edwardes burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Henry Gye and John Dashe, 4*l.*

'The rest of this accompte ys not tooe bee founde'.

P. Ryche, 1585.

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1585/6 [1585]. The accounts of John Noes and John Parham burgess stewards.

Arrears. From Thomas White and Richard Edwardes, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. From Edward Cale for his rent, 10*s.*; for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh for 140 cattle or kine, 2*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh of sundry persons, for 167 horses and

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sheep, *1l. 2s. 11d.*; from sundry inhabitants for the town harness and other furniture, *3l. 18s.*; from the same inhabitants for the soldiers' wages, *1l. 13s. 2d.*; from John Dashe, *1l. 16s. 6d.*; from Robert Norman, *5s.*; from Richard Edwards, *5s.* *Sum . . . 12l. 15s.*

The sum of the whole receipts *16l. 15s.*

Received more for ameracements in their constableness, *1l. 17s. 4d.*

Deductions. Whereof is laid out and deducted in necessary expenses as appear in bills thereof; and first for the harness, the furniture, and the reparations thereunto belonging, as follows.

For 2 corslets, *2l.*; for 2 pikes *6s. 8d.*; for a caliver, *10s.*; for a flask and a twitchbox, *2s. 2d.*; for 2 murrens, *4s. 8d.*; for 30 'sheffe arrowes', *3s. 9d.*; for feathering a sheaf, *1s. 3d.*; for a tasse, *10d.*; for 6 sword girdles, *4s. 4d.*; for 5 'bufleather guyrdles', *7s. 2d.*; for lining 4 headpieces and blacking 3 'skuls', *2s.*; for scouring swords and daggers, *1s. 6d.*; for 3 red caps, *2s. 8d.*; for a sword scabbard and making it clean, *8d.*; for 2 dagger handles, *6d.*; for mending the jacks, *1s.*; for cleaning the swords and daggers at the second mustering, *1s.*; for a buckle and 'ryvatinge', *4d.*; [38v.] for a new key for a gun, *4d.*; for keeping the guns clean, *6d.*; for keeping clean the corslets, *2s. 6d.*; for mending the ear of one headpiece, *2d.*; for mending the cock of a gun, *2d.*; for 'stockynge of a calyver', *3s.*; for a horse to carry the armour to Chyppynham for the muster, *6d.*; spent upon the soldiers there, *1s. 3d.*; 'spente uppon our selves at 3 tymes', *3s.*; spent upon the soldiers the second time, *1s. 5d.*; for a horse to carry the furniture, *6d.* *Sum . . . 5l. 3s. 10d.*

Spent at Chippenham for soldiers' wages and other expenses there, *1l. 7s. 6d.*; for the clerk of the market and other things, *3l. 1s. 9d.*; for the restitution of the old ameracements, *1l. 1s. 6d.*

Sum total . . . 10l. 14s. 6d.

Other payments by John Noes and John Parham.

For squaring an oak, *2s.*; for sawing the same oak, *3s.*; for mending the Marsh pound, *4s.*; for my dinner and supper with the clerk of the market, *2s.*; to William Bedford and Thomas Bruer, *4l.*; to Richard Graunger for hedging in Portemarshe, *3s. 8d.*; for charges at Ogborne court, *5s. 1d.*; for paper, *1d.*; to the clerk of the market, *1l. 9s.*; to Robert Parsons for the town business, *13s. 4d.*; to the same, *2s.*; for wine given to Mr. Duckett, *1s.*; for mending the Alders pound, *1s. 6d.*; for dinner and supper with the clerk of the market, *1s. 6d.* *Sum . . . 7l. 8s. 2d.*

'The deductions is leyd owte in the tyme of theyr stewardshyppe as appeareth in the aforesaid particulers, and examyned as playnelye appearethe, *7l. 8s. 2d.*'

'And soe the allowance and remaynder is *5l. 1s. 10d.*; and thereof delivered into the handes of Willyam Bedforde the elder and Thomas Brewer burgess stewardest for this yere 1586 chosen and elected, *4l.*'

P. Ryche, 1586.

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1586/7 [1586]. The accounts of Thomas Brewar and William Bedforde the elder burgess stewards.

Arrears. From John Noes and John Parham, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. From Edward Cale for his rent, 10*s.*; for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh 'for syxe skore and syxe kyne odd', 2*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders from John Hannament, 10*s.*; for the winter lease of Portemarsh for 36 sheep and 28 horses, 1*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

Sum . . . 4*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*

From sundry inhabitants for trees and tops from the Alders, 2*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*; received more of the burgesses' money, 2*l.*

Sum . . . 4*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

Total sum . . . 12*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*

Deductions by the stewards.

At Oggboorne court, 2*s.* 2*d.*; to the gaol, 1*s.*; for winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to William Guyngell, William Graynger, Thomas Goddard, Richard Dyrham, Thomas Sylcke, and [39*r.*] Isaac Brabantes for trenching, 1*l.* 11*s.* 0½*d.*; to William Graynger for mending the Marsh gate, 1*s.*; to the same for winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for hedging, 2*s.* 8*d.*; to the constables towards the Queen's silver, 6*s.*; for wine and sugar for Sir Edward Baynton, 3*s.* 3*d.*; to Alexander Gunter for scouring the pools, 10*d.*; to Isaac Brabantes for hedging, 8*d.*; for digging the new water pool, 5*s.*; to the constables for the Irish people, 3*s.*; to Oliver Guyrdler, 16*s.* 6*d.*; for working at the new pool, 7*s.* 4*d.*; for scouring the armour, 4*s.* 4*d.*; to Robert Colman for carrying stones, 4*s.*; to William Graynger for digging stones, 1*s.* 8*d.*; for a stag, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 5*l.* 1*s.* 1½*d.*

Allowances. The allowance is 5*l.* 1*s.* 1½*d.* and so they owe 7*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* whereof 4*l.* was paid to William Forman the elder and Robert Norman the elder. The rest was paid to the burgesses and put in the town chest.

Richard Perse is dismissed from his common for not paying his duties.

P. Ryche, 1587.

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1587/8 [1587]. The accounts of William Forman the elder and Robert Norman burgess stewards.

The several accounts of the said William and Robert as follows.

William Forman received from Thomas Bruar and William Bedforde, 2*l.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 10*s.*; from Edward Cale for his rent, 10*s.*; from Thomas Bruar for a stray mare, 5*s.*; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 1*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*; for certain trees sold in the Alders as appears in particulars hereafter, 19*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

Sum . . . 23*l.* 14*s.*

Whereof is deducted in necessary expenses, 10*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

So all things deducted and allowed there remains in the hands of the said William, 8*l.* 12*s.* which he has paid to the burgesses.

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Robert Norman received from Thomas Bruare and William Bedforde, 2*l.*
 Received for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh, 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
Sum . . . 4l. 6s. 8d.

Whereof is deducted in necessary expenses, 3*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

So there remains all things discharged 19*s.* 11*d.* which the said Robert has paid to the burgesses.

Trees sold in the Alders by William Forman and Robert Norman.

William Swaddon the elder, 2¹, 1*l.*; Oliver Guyrdler, 2, 16*s.*; Lawrence Jones clerk, 1, 7*s.*; Humphrey Fraylinge, 1, 7*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Bearde, 1, 7*s.*; Henry Gye, 2, 18*s.*; [39*v.*] Michael Smythe, 1, 9*s.*; William Heskyns, 3, 1*l.* 4*s.*; Thomas Brewer, 2, 15*s.*; Master Vycar, 2, 16*s.*; John Woodroffe, 2, 12*s.*; John Were *alias* Broune, 2, 9*s.*; William Bedforde, 2, 15*s.*; John Bedforde, 2, 10*s.*; Giles Hellyer the elder, 1, 6*s.*; Richard Fowler, 2, 13*s.* 4*d.*; William Swaddon, 1, 6*s.*; Robert Person *alias* Segar, 2, 14*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Fowler, 2, 11*s.*; Thomas Cowarde, 1, 6*s.* 6*d.*; Henry Gye, 2, 17*s.*; John Noes, 2, 14*s.*; Thomas Fowler the younger, 2, 15*s.* 4*d.*; Ralph Smyth *alias* Hosyer, 1, 5*s.* 6*d.*; John Poolen, 1, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Benedick Allen, 2, 13*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Forman, 2, 13*s.*; William Fraylinge, 1, 7*s.*; Thomas Bryante, 1, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Stephen Oryell, 2, 13*s.* 4*d.*; William Forman, 2, 13*s.*; for bark of the trees, 1*l.* *Sum . . . 19l. 7s. 8d.*

Payments by William Forman.

To the grubbers in the Alders, 3*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*; for carrying timber to the bridge, 10*d.*; for sawing the timber, 10*d.*; for a lock, 6*d.*; for mending the lock, 1*d.*; to Mr. Vycar for registering our records, 16*s.*; to Whyte for mending the hedge, 6*d.*; to John Noes for armour for the borough, 2*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*; to the cutler for 5 daggers, 10*s.*; to William Heskyns constable, 1*l.* 4*s.*; to John Were *alias* Broune for the muster, 10*s.*; to the same for the clerk of the market, 1*l.*; to William Fraylinge for casting the pools, 12*s.*; for paper, 1*d.* *Sum . . . 10l. 15s. 8d.*

Payments by Robert Norman.

To Whyte for mending the Marsh hedge, 9*s.* 6*d.*; to William Heskyns for going with the soldiers to Marlborough, 10*s.*; to the same at the Devysez for the subsidy, 1*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*; at Ogborne court, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for wine given to Sir Edward Baynton, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for a hook for the Marsh gate, 10*d.*; for a twist for the same gate, 8*d.*; for making the 'harre' of the same, 11*d.*; for the nails of the same, 1*d.*; to John Tyler for a plank, 1*s.*; to Sharpe for mending the bridge, 10*d.*; to Thomas Cobley for labouring, 1*d.*; to William Fraylinge for casting the Alders pool, 4*s.* 8*d.*; to Henry Joyce for mending the pool, 6*d.*; to John Bysshoppe for mending a trench to the Marsh pool, 1*s.* 8*d.* *Sum . . . 3l. 9s. 7d.*

P. Ryche, 1588.

¹ The figures in this paragraph indicate the number of trees sold.

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1588/9 [1588]. The accounts of William Swaddon the elder and Robert Segar *alias* Parsons burgess stewards.

From William Forman the elder and Robert Norman the elder, [40r.] 4*l*.

Foreign receipts. From Edward Cale for his rent, 10*s*.; for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh, 2*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*.; for the winter lease of Portemarsh, 14*s*. 2*d*.; from George Olyver for his fine 3*s*. 4*d*.; from Robert Barnes, 3*s*. 4*d*.; from Thomas Suter, 3*s*. 4*d*.; from William Harckwood, 3*s*. 4*d*.
Sum . . . 4*l*. 12*s*. 2*d*.

So all the receipts come to 8*l*. 12*s*. 2*d*.

Payments by Robert Segar.

To the constables John Were and William Nycholas, 15*s*.; to John Welsted for keeping clean the armour, 2*s*.; at Oggborne court, 1*s*.; to Thomas Sylke for mending the hedge in the Marsh, 3*s*.; to John Were constable for furniture, 1*l*.; for a gallon of wine given to Sir Henry Knyvet, 3*s*. 6*d*.; to John Were constable 17 May, 10*s*.; to Thomas Sylcke for mending the pool in the Marsh, 6*d*.; to the same for stopping cattle 'owt of Wennell', 6*d*.; for expenses in going to the sheriff at Malmesburye, 10*d*.; to the sheriff's clerk, 6*d*.; to the sheriff's [clerk] for wax, 1*d*.; for paper and wax for the burgesses, 2*d*.; to John Woodroffe constable for the soldiers, 11*s*. 8*d*.; to Thomas Sylcke for mending 'shurdes' in the Marsh, 5*d*.; to the same for his winter wages, 2*s*. 6*d*.; to John Browne constable for the muster before Easter, 15*s*.; to Sylke for mending the Marsh hedge twice, 2*s*.; at Ogburne court, 1*s*.; to the bailiff there, 1*s*.; to John Browne for the muster at Chipnam before Whitsuntide, 10*s*.; to Humphrey Townsende, Sir Edward Baynton's man, 10*s*.

Sum . . . 5*l*. 10*s*. 9*d*.

So there remains all things deducted and allowed 3*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*. which was paid to Henry Gye and Thomas Whyte. P. Ryché, 1589.

From cattle in the Alders 3 May 1588, [40v.] 2*l*. 14*s*. 8*d*.; for horses in the Marsh, 7*s*. 4*d*.; for sheep in the Marsh, 6*s*. 10*d*.

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1589/90. [1589]. The accounts of Henry Gye and Thomas Whyte burgess stewards.

From William Swaddon and Robert Segar, 3*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*.

'The partyculers of the reste of this accompt was loste by the sayde Henrye Gye.'
P. Rytche, 1590.

1590/1 [1590]. The accounts of John Woodrooffe and Richard Edwardes burgess stewards.

[41r.] *First receipts.* From Henry Gye and Thomas Whyte, 2*l.*

Foreign receipts and incomes. For rent of the house in the Alders, 10*s.*; for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsch, 3*l.* 6*s.*; for 'shrudes' of trees sold in the Alders, 8*l.* 13*s.*; for the winter lease of Portemarsch, 3*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*; from John Gawen for the winter lease, 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; for the incomes of sundry persons, 17*s.* 8*d.* Sum . . . 18*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

Deductions. In foreign expenses, 4*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*

So there remains all things discharged and levied, 14*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* which was paid to the burgesses and the burgess stewards John Were *alias* Broune and Oliver Gurdler.

P. Rytche, 1591.

The number of cattle in the Alders 3 May 1590 was 200.

Incomes. William Bedforde the younger, 2*s.*; Humphrey Townsende, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Giles Guybbs, 4*s.*; Richard Bowyer, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Edward Guylden, 4*s.*; Benedick Allen, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Rumsey, 4*s.*; John Mountagewe, 5*s.* Sum . . . 1*l.* 9*s.*

Deductions. To Thomas Fowkes, 3*s.*; to John Noes when the clerk of the market was here, 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Fowkes on the same day, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to John Ladd for mending the pound, 1*s.* 2*d.*; to John Noes 13 May, 1*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.*; at Ogborne court, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Sylke for mending the hedge of the Marsh, 2*s.*; to the same for casting the pool in the Marsh, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the same for casting the pool in the Alders, 3*s.*; to the same for keeping the beasts at Chavye Well, 1*s.*; to William Bedforde when he went to Chyppynham, 5*s.*; to Isaac Welsted for mending the lock of the Alders pound, 4*d.*; to Thomas Sylke for keeping the winter lease, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for lining and fringing one head-piece, 10*d.*; for mending the butts, 1*s.*; for half a pound of gunpowder, 8*d.*; 'for defaultes that were fownde with oure soldyers that was sente intooe Irelande', 7*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Sylke for mending the hedge in the Marsh, 3*s.*; at Oggborne court for a dinner, 1*s.*; to the bailiff there, 1*s.*; for horsemeat there, 6*d.*; to the constables, 9*s.* 8*d.*; to John Broune for a gallon of wine, 2*s.* 8*d.*; to the sheriff's bailiff, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to the constables, 10*s.*

A note of the number of sheep and horses in Portmarsh in winter: sheep, 400; horse beasts, 48.

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[41*v.*] 1594/5 [1594].¹ The accounts of Thomas Fouokes and Thomas Whyte burgess stewards.

First receipts. From the stewards for the previous year, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. From John Graunger for the Alders house, 10*s.*; 'at another tyme of the towne mooneye', 10*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; *incomes*: Walter Nicholas, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Wyate, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Pearce, 10*s.*; Thomas Longenam, 10*s.*; — [*blank*] Shryve, 10*s.*; James Mylles, 5*s.*; Francis Welstede, nothing; from George Braye for thorns, 2*s.*; from Thomas Fowke, 1*s.*
Sum . . . 4*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*

From Mr. Allen for the winter lease of the Alders, 1*l.* 2*s.*; for the winter lease of Portemmarsh for horse beasts and sheep (442), 3*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*; for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemmarsh for 156 kine, bullocks, and heifers, 2*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*
Sum . . . 6*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*

Sum total . . . 15*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 9*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

So there remains all things discharged and levied, 5*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*, which was paid to the burgesses and the burgess stewards Henry Gye and William Bedforde the elder.
 P. Rytche, 1595.

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1595/6 [1595]. The accounts of Henry Gye and William Bedforde the elder burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Thomas Fowke and Thomas Whyte, 5*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*

Foreign receipts. From John Graunger his year's rent for the Alders house, 10*s.*; from John Baker for his income, 10*s.*; from Thomas Swaddon for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemmarsh for 132 kine and bullocks, 2*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 1*l.* 10*s.*; for the winter lease of Portemmarsh, 1*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*

Sum . . . 6*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*

Sum total . . . 10*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*

[42*r.*] *Deductions.* In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 4*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*

So there remains all things discharged and cleared 6*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* from which 4*l.* was paid to Master Benedick Allen and Robert Forman, and 2*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.* to the burgesses.
 P. Rytche.

33

1596/7 [1596]. The accounts of Benedick Allen gentleman and Robert Forman 'clotheman' burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Henry Gye and William Bedforde the elder, 4*l.*

¹ Before this account appears a note to explain that the accounts for the years 1591-3 were lost.

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Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh, 2*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*; *fin*es: William Walker, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Chylde, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Ducke, 5*s.*; James — [*blank*], 2*s.* 6*d.*; Robert Nycholas, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from William Bedforde for a stray mare, 15*s.*; from John Broune for 2 jacks, 1*l.*
Sum . . . 4*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*

The sum of all the receipts is 8*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*; the deductions are 5*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*; so there remains 2*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*, which was paid to Thomas Fowkes and Thomas Swaddon.
P. Rytche, 1597.

34

1597/8 [1597]. The accounts of Thomas Fowke and Thomas Swaddon burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Benedick Allen and Robert Forman, 2*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

Foreign receipts. From John Graynger for rent, 10*s.*; for the summer lease of the Alders and Portemarsh, 2*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; for the fines of sundry persons, 3*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*; for horse lease in the winter, 6*s.* 4*d.*; for sheep lease in winter, 17*s.* 6*d.*; for wood sold, 11*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* . . . Sum . . . 22*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 7*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*

So there remains 4*l.* which was paid to Oliver Guyrdler and Francis Twygden.
P. Rytche, 1598.

35

[42*v.*] 1598/9 [1598]. The accounts of Oliver Gyrdler and Francis Twigdden burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Thomas Fowke and Thomas Swadden, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer and winter leases of the Marsh and Alders, for wood sold, and for rent, 16*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*

Sum total . . . 20*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 16*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 3*l.* 19*s.* 11*d.*, which was paid to John Noise and John Parham.
R[ichard] F[owler]

36

1599/1600 [1599]. The accounts of John Noyes and John Parham burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Oliver Gyrdler and Francis Twigdden, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease, 2*l.* 18*s.*; for wood, 15*l.* 16*s.*; for the winter lease, 1*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*; for fines, 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; for John Graunger's rent, 10*s.*
Sum . . . 27*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.*

Deductions. To Thomas Fooke and Thomas Swadden constables at divers times for expenses belonging to the town, 9*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; to the same

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for gunpowder, 4*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; for soldiers' coats, 5*l.*; to Richard Fowler for keeping the register book, 5*s.*; for wine given to Mr. Baynton, 6*s.*; for mending armour, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for casting the yonder pond in the Marsh, 5*s.* 2*d.*; for sundry other expenses about the commons and at Osborne court, 1*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*; [43*r.*] to Oliver Gyrdler constable, 2*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*

Sum . . . 23*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*

Remainder. So there remains, 4*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.* which was paid to Thomas White and Richard Edwards. R[ichard F[owler]

37

1600/1 [1600]. The accounts of Thomas Whyte and Richard Edwardes burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Noyes and John Parham, 4*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease, for fines, incomes, and rent, 7*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease, 5*l.* *Sum . . .* 12*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Deductions. 'As by specyall parteculars dothe shew,' 7*l.*

Remainder. So there remains, 5*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*, which was paid to William Swaddon and Robert Segar. R[ichard] F[owler]

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1601/2 [1601]. The accounts of William Swaddon and Robert Segar burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Thomas Whyte and Richard Edwardes, 5*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease, 3*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*; for the sheep lease in the Marsh, 2*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*; for the horse lease in the Marsh, 12*s.* 7*d.*; from Mr. Alleyn for the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 10*s.*; for wood and rent, 4*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*; for incomes, 1*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* *Sum . . .* 19*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*

[43*v.*] *Deductions.* In foreign and sundry payments, 13*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 5*l.* which was paid to Robert Forman and Walter Nycholas.

39

1602/3 [1602]. The accounts of Robert Forman and Walter Nycholas burgess stewards.

First receipts. From William Swadden and Robert Segar, 5*l.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and the Alders, 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; for Graunger's rent, 10*s.*; *incomes:* Jacob Busshipp, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Edward Ladde, 10*s.*; Richard Coate, 10*s.*; for the winter lease, 2*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* *Sum . . .* 12*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 7*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 3*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* which was paid to William

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Forman and William Bedforde, 'whereof William Forman hathe to his parte 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* and William Bedforde 1*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.*'

'And there is to be gathered by the old steward Walter Nycholas, 8*s.* 6*d.*, and more lefte to gatheringe by Thomas White and Richard Edwardes, 2*s.* 6*d.*'

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[44*r.*] 1603/4 [1603]. The accounts of William Forman and William Bedforde burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Robert Forman and Walter Nycholas, 3*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*

Foreign receipts. From the last stewards, 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; for the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 2*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*; from William Segar for his income, 6*s.* 8*d.*; from Richard Morton in part for his income, 17*s.*; from Richard Bartelett for his income, 1*l.*; from Graunger for his rent, 10*s.*

Sum . . . 7*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*

Laid out of the same to John Browne and Philip Swaddon, 1*l.*

So there remains due upon this account, 6*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*

Received for trees and the bark of the same trees, and for the old planks of the bridge, 2*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. To Bushe for making the bridge, setting up the rails, felling, squaring, and sawing the timber, the chips made thereof and in money, 1*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*; to Walter Parsons and Thomas Reeve for carrying timber for the bridge and the blind house, 2*l.* 14*s.*

Remaining due on this account, 3*s.* 2*d.*

William Bedford's receipts.

In stock, for old trees, the sheep and horse lease in winter, 15*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

Deductions. To Bushe for casting the ponds in the Marsh, and other labourers, 11*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.*

[44*r.*] *The whole receipts.* 24*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*

Deductions. 15*l.*

Remainder. So there remains 9*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* of which 3*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* was paid to Thomas Foolke burgess steward with Philip Swadden.

[503*v.*] John Were and Philip Swadden constables for the last year have given their account to the stewards, and have delivered to Robert Segar and Nicholas Gyrdler constables for this year, 1*l.* 9*s.*

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[44*v.*] 1604/5 [1604]. The accounts of Thomas Foulke and Philip Swadden burgess stewards.

First receipts. From William Forman and William Bedforde, 3*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*

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Foreign receipts. For beast lease in summer, 3*l.*; for incomes, 1*l.* 14*s.*; for shrouds sold in the Marsh and Alders, 6*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*; for trees sold in the Alders, 3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*; for trees sold in the Marsh, 9*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*; for rent in the Alders, 10*s.*
Sum . . . 28*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

Received for horses in the Marsh, 18*s.* 7*d.*; for sheep in the Marsh, 1*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*; for a strayer, 13*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 3*l.* 11*s.*
Sum . . . 7*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*
Total sum . . . 35*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.*

Deductions. For the 'burgesses of parliament', for casting the ponds, and other necessaries about the commons, 28*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

Remainder. The remainder is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* So there remains 4*l.*, which was paid to John Browne and Thomas Swadden.

[505*r.*] Thomas Folke and Philip Swadden have sold the winter lease of the Alders to William Bedforde, 3*l.* 11*s.*

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[45*r.*] 1605/6 [1605]. The accounts of John Browne and Thomas Swadden burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Thomas Folke and Philip Swadden, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. For beast lease in the Marsh and Alders in summer, 2*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; from Walter Massye for an income in the commons, 6*s.* 8*d.*; for rent in the Alders, 10*s.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh and the Alders, 10*s.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh and the Alders, 9*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*
Sum . . . 15*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 10*l.*

Remainder. So there remains to be paid to Oliver Gyrdele and Robert Pettle, 6*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*, but 1*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* was paid back in the presence of the burgesses to Mr. Allen for an old debt. So there now remains in the hands of Oliver Gyrdele and Robert Pettle ¹, 5*l.* 10*s.*

[505*r.*] John Browne and Thomas Swadden have sold the winter lease of the Alders to Mr. Alleyn on All Saints' day, 3*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

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[45*r.*] 1606/7 [1606]. The accounts of Oliver Gyrdele and Walter Nycholas burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Browne and Thomas Swadden, 2*l.* 15*s.*

¹ On 6 July 1606 Robert Pettle having refused to serve as burgess was disburgessed (see 154).

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[45v.] *Foreign receipts.* From Robert Pettle, 1*l.*; from Mrs. Horton, 1*s.*; for the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 2*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses and sheep, 2*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*; for wood and timber in the Marsh and Alders, 35*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*; for Granger's rent, 10*s.*; for a strayer, 8*d.*; from John Summers for beasts penned in the pound in the Alders, 1*s.* 6*d.*

Sum . . . 43*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*

Deductions. To John Noyse for his service in Parliament, 19*l.*; for renewing the charter, 5*l.*; expenses concerning the commons and other necessary business, 33*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 18*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*

'There remaineth the more to the towen which was layed owte for Easteman Stret, 5*s.*; more for the kinge's provisyon, 5*s.*'

44

1607/8 [1607]. The accounts of Oliver Gyrdeler and Walter Nycholas, 'the seconde yere burgess stewardes'.

First receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 2*l.* 7*s.*; for incomes and rents, 2*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*; for horses in the Marsh, 17*s.*; for sheep in the Marsh, 1*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 3*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

Sum . . . 10*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

[46r.] *Deductions.* For mending the bounds of the Marsh and Alders and other reparations, 1*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.*; to Thomas White and Walter Massye, 1*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.*; for grubbing and other necessary payments, 2*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*

So there remains 4*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*

Also received of Walter Nycholas and Oliver Gyrdler the amount left in their hands last year, 6*l.* 1*s.* So the whole receipts are, 11*l.* 1*s.*, whereof is delivered to Robert Parsons and Richard Edwards, 4*l.*, and to the constables Thomas Swadden and Thomas Foolke, 1*l.* 8*s.*

And put up in the chest, 5*l.*

45

1608/9 [1608]. The accounts of Robert Parsons and Richard Edwardes burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Oliver Gyrdeler and Walter Nycholas, 4*l.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 2*l.* 10*s.*; from John Scotte for his income, 4*s.*; from Srive for his income, 6*s.* 8*d.*; 'and 6*s.* 8*d.* is to paye at hollorodde daye next'; from Richard Jones for his income, 6*s.*; for rent for the Alders, 10*s.*; from John Sommers, 1*s.* 1*d.*;

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for wood in the Marsh, 6s. 8d.; for bark, 1s.; for sheep lease in the Marsh, 1l. 6s. 10d.; [46v.] for the horse lease in the Marsh, 15s. 4d.

Sum . . . 11l. 13s. 4d.

Deductions. In foreign payments and necessary expenses, 5l. os. 7d.

Remainder. So there remains 6l. 13s. 4d., whereof was paid to Robert Forman and John Browen, 4l., and to the town chest, 2l. 13s. 4d.

[502r.] 6 May 1608. Mistress Horton paid 1s. for leave to come through the Marsh with wood and timber from Sommer lease.

46

[46v.] 1608/9 [1609]. The accounts of Robert Forman and John Browen burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Oliver Gyrdeler and Walter Nycholas, 4l.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 2l. 17s.; for rent in the Alders, 5s.; from Humphrey Fraylinge for his income, 3s. 4d.; from John Bedforde for his income, 3s. 4d.; from Mathew Shrive, — [blank]; from William Dolman for his income, 3s. 4d.; from Edward Nycholas for his income, 3s. 4d.; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses, 10s. 8d.; for sheep in the Marsh, 3l. 12s. 2d.; from Mr. Alleyn for the Alders, 2l. 1s.

Sum . . . 12l. 3s. 6d.

[47r.] *Deductions.* To Oliver Gyrdeler [for the clerk of the market 2l.; to the younger Prince, 10s.; to John Noyse when he went to Parliament, 2l.; to John Forman constable, 14s.; to the under sheriff, 10s.; to Francis Twigdden, 4s.; in foreign and sundry payments, 10l. 15s.

Remainder. So there remains 1l. 7s. 10d. which was paid to Thomas Swadden and Thomas Folke.

47

1609/10 [1610]. The accounts of Thomas Swadden and Thomas Folke burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Walter Nycholas and Oliver Gyrdeler, 1l. 7s. 10d.; for wood in the Marsh and Alders, 16l. 2s. 4d.; for the summer lease of the Alders and incomes, 3l. 9s. 8d.; from John Cale for his income, 3s. 4d.; from Richard Dolman for his income, 3s. 4d.

Sum . . . 3l. 9s. 8d.

For horses in the winter, 1l. 7s. 11d.; from Mr. Allen for the winter lease of the Alders, 1l. 16s. 8d.; from Robert Busshipp for rent, 4s. 6d.; for sheep in the winter, 2l.

Sum . . . 26l. 8s. 11d.

[47v.] *Deductions.* To John Noyse, 19l.; in foreign and sundry payments, 6l. 1s.; to Thomas Sylke for his wages, 2s. 6d.

Sum . . . 25l. 3s. 6d.

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Remainder. So there remains *1l. 7s. 4d.* which was paid to Mr. Alleyn and Robert Parsons.

[503v.] Richard Edwardes [constable] received for the use of the poor, *2l. 14s.* being the overplus of the town stock.

48

[48r.] 1610/1 [1611]. The accounts of Benedick Alleyn gentleman and Robert Parsons burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Thomas Swadden and Thomas Folke, *1l. 7s. 4d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, and for the income of Walter Hunter, *10s.*; from Edward Bowyes for his income, *3s. 4d.* *Sum . . . 6l. 14s. 7d.*

From John Baker and Nicholas Packer for the winter lease of the Alders, *2l. 19s.*; for horses in the Marsh, *8s. 8d.*; for sheep in the Marsh, *1l. 9s.*

Deductions. For grubbing, trenching, and other necessary payments in the commons, *8l. 1s. 6d.*

To Philip Swadden burgess steward, *6l. 1s. 2d.* whereof he delivered *1l. 0s. 2d.* to the old constables; to John Noyes, *2l.*; to Nicholas Packer, *2s. 6d.*; to Oliver Gyrdler, *4s.* owing for the charges of the clerk of the market.

So there remains to Philip Swadden, *2l. 14s. 6d.*

49

[48v.] 1611/2 [1612]. The accounts of Philip Swadden and John Jones burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Benedick Alleyn gentleman and Robert Parsons, *2l. 14s. 6d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and for rent there, *4l. 2s. 4d.*

Incomes. Barnabas Horsington, *7s. 6d.*; Elbright Gye, *3s. 4d.*; William Perce, *3s. 4d.*

The following have not yet paid their incomes. Walter Webbe, Thomas Ockford the younger, William Wilkoxe (Robert Parsons gave his word for him), — [blank] Brabence.

For horses in the Marsh in the winter, *7s. 4d.*; for sheep in the Marsh in winter, *2l. 5s. 3d.*; 'owr whole receiptes is withe the *4l. 8s.* wee received of Mr. Alleyn for the wynter lease of the Alders', *17l. 16s.*

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Deductions. In necessary payments on the commons such as casting ponds, mending bounds, gates, and pounds, with other charges, 10*l.* 6*s.*

Remainder. So there remains 7*l.* 10*s.* which was paid to John Noyes and Walter Nycholas.

[503*v.*] To Nicholas Gyrdler and Henry Peres constables, 3*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* from the increase of the town stock to be given to the poor at their discretion.

50

[49*r.*] 1612/3 [1613]. The accounts of John Noyes and Walter Nycholas burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Philip Swadden and John Jones, 7*l.* 10*s.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of Portmarsh and the Alders, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; from Awsten for rent, 6*s.*; from Edward Gylden for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for horses in the Marsh, 1*l.* 1*s.*; for sheep in the Marsh, 1*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*; from Mr. Alleyn for the winter lease, 3*l.* 17*s.*

The whole receipts, 17*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 13*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 4*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* which was paid to John Were *alias* Brown and Nicholas Gyrdler.

51

[49*v.*] 1613/4 [1614]. The accounts of John Were *alias* Brown and Nicholas Gyrdler burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Noyes and Walter Nycholas, 4*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*; for the summer lease of the Alders, 3*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*; from Mr. Alleyn for the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh, 1*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*; for trees sold in the Marsh, 9*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*; for trees sold in the Alders, 14*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*; for bark, 2*l.* Sum . . . 40*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*

Incomes. Walter Wayte, 6*s.* 8*d.*; Richard Riche, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Mary Taylor widow, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Dashe the younger, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Tuaker, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Saunders, 5*s.*; Daniel Porter, 5*s.*; Richard Tyllye, 10*s.*; Richard Olyver, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Scott, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 18*l.*

Remainder. And so there remains 2*l.* which was paid to Thomas Folke and Henry Peres; and 20*l.* was put in the town chest.

[503*v.*] To Mr. Alleyn [constable], 2*l.* 9*s.* 5*d.* from the increase of the town stock to be given to the poor.

52

[50r.] 1614/5 [1615]. The accounts of Thomas Fooke and Henry Peeres burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Were *alias* Browen and Nicholas Gyrdeler, 2*l.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the commons, 3*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*; from Mr. Alleyn for the winter lease of the Alders, 3*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*; for the horse lease in the Marsh, 1*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*; for the sheep lease in the Marsh, 1*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*; from Ralph Hurde and John Busshipp for going through the Marsh with their ploughs, 2*s.*; from Richard Dolman for a 'slumpt' tree in the Marsh, 6*s.* 8*d.*; for rent, 8*s.* 10*d.* *Sum . . .* 13*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

Incomes. Mathew Selwodd, 4*s.*; John Perrein, 5*s.*; Thomas Bedforde the younger, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Joseph Smythe, 2*s.* 6*d.* *Sum . . .* 14*s.* 10*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 9*l.* 9*s.*

Remainder. So there remains 3*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* which was paid to Philip Swadden and Robert Jefferye.

[503v.] To Robert Forman constable 2*l.* 4*s.* of the increase of the town stock to be given to the poor.

53

[52r.] 1615/6 [1616]. The accounts of Philip Swadden and Robert Jefferye burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Thomas Fooke and Henry Peres, 3*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 10*s.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 3*l.* 8*s.*; for horses in the Marsh, 1*l.*; for the sheep in the Marsh, 2*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

Incomes. William Forman, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John James, 5*s.*; Thomas Purryer, 3*s.* 4*d.* *Sum . . .* 14*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*

Received 'to the use of the towen', 2*l.*; for old timber of the bridge and chips, 3*l.* 1*s.* *Total sum . . .* 19*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 18*l.* 11*s.* 2*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 1*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* which was paid to Robert Forman and Mr. Allyen.

[503v.] To Walter Nicholas constable, 2*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* of the increase of the town stock.

54

[53r.] 1616/7 [1617]. The accounts of Mr. Alleyn and Robert Forman burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Philip Swadden and Robert Jefferye, 1*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*; from Phillip Swadden for the winter lease of the Alders, 4*l.* 2*s.*; for horses in the Marsh, 17*s.*; for sheep in the Marsh, 2*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*

Incomes. Mr. Fawen, 3*s.* 4*d.*; George Bruer, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Nicholas Gawen, 7*s.*; William Bryante, 7*s.*; Robert Ladd, 3*s.* 4*d.*; widow Tayler, John Dashe's daughter, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Henry Noble, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Henry Thorner, 6*s.*; Elizabeth Wattes, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Richard Hoffer, 7*s.* 6*d.*; William Nycholas, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 2*l.* 10*s.*

Total sum . . . 14*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 13*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 1*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* which was paid to John Noyes and Thomas Fooke.

55

[53v.] 1618/9 [1618]. The accounts of John Noyes and Thomas Fooke burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Mr. Alleyn and Robert Forman 1*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*; from Mr. Alleyn for the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 10*s.*; for horses in the Marsh, 17*s.* 6*d.*; for sheep in the Marsh in the winter, 1*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*; from Philip Swadden for the use of the town, 2*l.*; from John Hannam, 13*s.* 3*d.*

Incomes. William Townzend, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Waylonde, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Lanfere, 7*s.*; Robert Welsted, 6*s.* 8*d.*; William Brooke, 5*s.*; John Bushe, 5*s.*; Charles Vennarde, 5*s.*; Peter Welsted, 6*s.*; Benedict Browen, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 2*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*

Total sum . . . 15*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 15*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 15*s.* 7*d.* which was paid to Walter Nycholas and Robert Jefferye.

[503v.] To Philip Swaddon constable, 2*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* of the increase of the town stock.

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[54r.] 1619/20 [1619]. The accounts of Walter Nycholas and Robert Jeffery, burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Noyes and Thomas Fooke, 15*s.* 7*d.*

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Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 8*s.*; from Mr. Alleyn for the winter lease of the Alders, 5*l.*; for horses in the Marsh, 15*s.* 6*d.*; for sheep in the Marsh, 2*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*; for offal wood and 2 or 3 rotten trees, 2*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

Incomes. Anthony Glide, 4*s.*; John Francklyn, 7*s.* 6*d.*; William Heywarde, 8*s.*; Mr. William Vennarde, 4*s.*; John Ducke, 5*s.*; Edward Landicke, 7*s.*; William Hatherell, 3*s.* 4*d.* Sum . . . 2*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 15*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 6*l.* 4*s.* which was paid to William Segar *alias* Parsons and Humphrey Townzende.

[503*v.*] To Nicholas Gyrdelor and John Forman constables, 2*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*

57

[54*v.*] 1620/1 [1620]. The accounts of William Segar and Humphrey Tounzende burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Walter Nicholas and Robert Jefferye, 6*l.* 4*s.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* from Mr. Alleyn for the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; for wood and trees, 8*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*; for horses in the Marsh, 1*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*; for sheep in the Marsh, 1*l.* 16*s.*

Incomes. William Tayler, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Jent, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Underwodd, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Chilfester, 4*s.*; Stephen Pyrkin, 4*s.*; Philip Griffen, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Spender, 6*s.*; William Wythye, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 1*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Total sum . . . 25*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 20*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 6*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* which was paid to John Hannam and John Weeckes.

[503*v.*] To Robert Jefferye and William Harkewodd constables, 2*l.* 2*s.*

58

[55*r.*] 1621/2 [1621]. The accounts of John Weeckes and John Hannam burgess stewards.

First receipts. From William Segar and Humphrey Tounzende, 6*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 4*l.*; 'received lykewyse a note wherein was lefte to collect by them the sum of 2*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* whereof wee have received, 2*l.*.'; from Mr. Norborne for an old post rail, 6*d.*; Mr. Alleyn the winter lease of the Alders, not paid.

Sum . . . 8*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*

The summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 4*l.*

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Incomes. Thomas Page, 3s. 4d.; John Tomkins, 3s. 4d.; Gabriel Bedford, 3s. 4d. *Sum . . .* 10s.

For horses in the Marsh, 10s. 6d.; for sheep in the Marsh, 19s. 6d.; from Nicholas Gyrdeler for the use of 20l., 2l.

Sum total . . . 16l. 17s. 10d.

Remainder. So there remains 6l. os. 3d.

'Leafte a note wherein is leafte to gatheringe, 5l. 5s. 3d.'

[504v.] Mr. Alleyn constable has received of the overplus of the town stock, 16s. 8d. and Stephen White constable has received 15s. 2d.

59

[55v.] 1622/3 [1622]. The accounts of John Noyes and William Harkewode burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Weeckes and John Hannam, 6l. os. 3d.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3l. 4s. 8d.; for the winter lease of the Alders from Stephen White, 2l. 3s.; for horses and sheep in the Marsh, 2l. os. 7d.; 'by a note lefte by John Hannam and John Weeckes for the last yere' for sheep, 10s.

Incomes. Thomas Signett, 8s.; Thomas Hiller, 8s.; Philip Page, 6s.; Robert Norman, 3s. 4d.; John Jones, 3s. 4d. *Sum . . .* 1l. 8s. 8d.

For the income of John Chelfesteter, 4s.; from Mr. Alleyn on his account for the winter lease of the Alders, 2s. 6d.

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 8l. os. 2d.

Remainder. So there remains 5s. 5d. which was paid to William Segar and Robert Jefferye.

'Also lefte to gatheringe withe them a note wherein is lefte behynde of the old accompte', 1l. 13s. 2d. Also 'severall bandes whiche is for the 20l. remayninge in Nycholas Gyrdelers handes. And by note uppon one of these bonds in all amountinge to the 23l.'

From the 6l. os. 3d. received by Nicholas Gyrdler from John Weeckes and John Hannam '3l. 8s. was delivered presentlye to Robert Jeffery constable for his accompte; the other to and fyfthe shillinges 3d. and the money he received in incomes was levell in his accomptes and in the reconynges of his bands to the towne'.

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[56r.] 1622/3 [1623]. The accounts of Robert Jeffery and William Seager *alias* Parsons burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Noyes and William Harkewood, 5s. 5d.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3l. 5s. 4d.; from the commoners for haining the Alders, 1l. 8s. 6d.; for horses in the

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Marsh, 10s.; for sheep lease of the Marsh, 15s. 6d.; from Henry Bruer for 3 bullocks going in the Marsh in winter, 1s.; from William Allen for the top of a tree, 4d.; from John Harrold for 4 colts made strayers in the commons, 1s.; from James Ballard for a bullock made strayer, 2s.; from Richard Butler for chips when the rails were set up in the Marsh, 1s. 4d.; by an old note left by John Noyes and William Harkwood, 1s. 9d.

Incomes. Robert Forman, 3s. 4d.; John Browne butcher, 8s.; Philip Barrowe, 3s. 4d.; Stephen White, 3s. 4d.; Walter Nicholas the younger, 3s. 4d.; Ralph Welsteede, 3s. 4d.; William Tayler mason, 3s. 4d.; Rebecca wife of William Smyth, 3s. 4d. Sum . . . 8l. os. 2d.

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 6l. os. 6d.

Remainder. So there remains 1l. 19s. 8d. which was paid to Robert Forman and John Forman.

'Alsoe left with them an obligation which is in the hands of Robert Forman for 12l. due from Walter Cowley and his wief which said summe was 20l.; but that the rest with summe use that grewe due thereof was laid out towards the renewinge of the executry writt being a member of our charter for the better mayntenance of our pryviledges'.

61

[56v.] 1623/4 [1624]. The accounts of Robert Forman and John Forman burgess stewards.

First receipts. From William Seager *alias* Parsons and Robert Jeffery, 1l. 19s. 8d.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3l. 9s. 4d.; for horses and sheep in the Marsh, 2l. 2s. 4d.; from an old note left by William Seager and Robert Jeffery, — [blank]; for the winter lease of the Alders, 3l. 1s.; received 'over and above that which paid the clarke of the markt', 3s. 2d.

Incomes. Adam Adams, 6s.; Hugh Sylke, 3s. 4d.; Philip Webb, 3s. 4d.; Andrew Love, 3s. 4d.

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, for setting forth soldiers, for the conveyance¹ of an annuity bequeathed to the borough by

¹ A conveyance dated 8 October 1624 by Elizabeth Swaddon widow to the officers of the cities and towns of Worcester, Winchester, Reading, Calne, and Aylesbury, of certain lands in Great Horwood and Singleborough, co. Bucks. devised to her in trust by William Swaddon, D.D., late Archdeacon of Worcester for the benefit of those towns. Calne received an annuity of 4l. 'for the use of the poor of honest conversation, not common alehouse haunTERS, common gamesters or notorious evil-doers'.

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William Swadon deceased doctor of divinity, and Elizabeth his wife, 14*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*; which is more than the receipts by 17*s.* 6*d.*

Paid to Anthony Glead and John Dashe the younger, which they laid out when constables, 5*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*

'All which forren payments, deductions, and moneys left behynd unpaid as by their severall bylles and note shewen forth were allowed of'.

62

[57*r.*] 1624/5 [1625]. The accounts of John Weekes and Thomas Page burgess stewards.

'Whereas the guild stewardes the yeare before were comonly wont to leave some money of their receipts, nowe there was noe overplus but left the above named guild stewards in debt'.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 4*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*; for horses and sheep in the Marsh, 1*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*; from William Brooke for old timber from the bridge, 8*d.*; from John Ladd for tops of trees, 4*s.*; from Thomas Looker for beast lease, 3*s.*

Incomes. Robert Webbe glazier, 5*s.*; John Ladd, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Jasper Powell, 6*s.*; Walter Cooley, 5*s.*; Richard Pilgrym, 5*s.*; Isaac Rumsey, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Kale, 3*s.* 4*d.* *Total receipts . . .* 10*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 9*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*; to Robert Forman in part payment of 17*s.* 11*d.* which is the amount he paid out in excess of receipts, 12*s.* 8*d.*

Remaining due to Robert Forman for a fine, 5*s.* 3*d.*¹; due to John Weekes when he was constable, 4*l.*¹; due to John Noyes when he was constable, 19*s.* 3*d.*¹.

More incomes. William Massy, 4*s.*; John Mayo, 5*s.*; Henry Gale, 6*s.*

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[57*v.*] 1625/6 [1626]. The accounts of John Noyes and William Harkewood burgess stewards.

There was left from the last account a debt of 5*s.* 4*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease in the Marsh for horses and sheep, 1*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 3*l.*

¹ Struck through and marked 'this is paid'.

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Incomes. John James, 4*s.*; William Allen, 4*s.*; Humphrey Townsend, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Okeford, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Walker, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Anthony Morse, 5*s.*; David Landicke, 5*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Belman, 5*s.*

Total receipts . . . 9*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 8*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* to John Mayo late constable, 15*s.* 8*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 1*s.* 5*d.* which was paid to Edward Seager and William Seager.

Also delivered to the stewards a note of such money as was left un-gathered by the former stewards.

And whereas there was a bond taken by John Noyes and William Harkwoode from Margaret Girdler widow, now wife of Walter Cooley, and John Weekes for payment of 12*l.*; the said John Noyes and William Harkwoode have likewise brought in an account of its disbursement.

To John Dashe for money spent when constable, 4*l.*; to John Killinge for money spent when constable, 3*l.*; to John Mayo and William Seager for money spent when constables, 3*l.* 10*s.*; to John Weekes 'being parte of the use of the foresaid 12*l.* when the executorie writt was received as appeareth by his accompt then layed out about the same', 12*s.*; paid more thereof in full payment of the said 12*l.* to Edward Seager and William Seager at their coming into office as stewards, 2*l.* 1*s.*

So there was in all paid to the new stewards, 2*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*

All which payments as aforesaid are allowed and approved.

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[58*r.*] 1626/7 [1627]. The accounts of Edward Seager and William Seager burgess stewards.

First receipts. From John Noyes and William Harkwood, 2*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders 2*l.* 17*s.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for sheep, 12*s.* 6*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses, 17*s.* 6*d.*; from Thomas Silke for a 'dotterell' tree, 5*s.* 6*d.*; for treesold in the Alders and the Marsh, 22*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

Incomes. Edmund Phyllypps, 5*s.*; William Dyche, 5*s.*; Henry Prater, 6*s.*; William Pyllis, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Townsend, 6*s.*; Anthony Perine, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Henry Forman, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Total receipts . . . 33*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, for setting forth soldiers, and for conduct money paid to the same, 18*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

A particular note of part of the money aforesaid disbursed to soldiers. To Robert Jeffery on 8 January for conduct money to soldiers, 2*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*;

to Thomas Page constable on 26 January last for conduct money, 1*l.*;
to John Forman constable on 8 May 1627 for the soldiers who were
pressed, 3*l.*; to John Forman 30 May when the soldiers went to Amsbury,
2*l.*; to John Forman on 26 June when the soldiers went to Marlebrough,
1*l.* 16*s.* The sum paid to soldiers . . . 10*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 14*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*, whereof was paid to Robert
Jeffery and John Mayo 4*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*; the other 10*l.* remains in the town
chest.

John Forman is to give an account for 1*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.*, which Burwicke is
to pay, whereof he is to pay himself for money owing to him, 9*s.* 11*d.*
This money is received by John Forman and allowed on account.

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[58*v.*] 1627/8 [1628]. The accounts of Robert Jeffery and John Mayo
burgess stewards.

First receipts. From Edward Seager and William Seager, 4*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*;
for the winter lease of the Marsh for sheep, 1*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*; for the winter
lease of the Marsh for horses, 13*s.* 6*d.*

Incomes. John Hynckley, 4*s.*; Henry Parsons, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Cole,
3*s.* 4*d.*; Henry Hasell, 6*s.*; Richard Gent, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas White, 3*s.* 4*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 8*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 2*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, which was paid to Robert
Forman and Benedick Browne gentleman.

Sums ungathered. Richard Browne gentleman for winter lease of
the Alders, 3*l.* 13*s.*; Robert Norman for 6 beasts, 4*s.*; Walter Nicholas
for 2 beasts, 1*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Synnett for 70 sheep, 5*s.* 10*d.*; the same for
2 horses, 1*s.*; William Brooke for 8 sheep, 8*d.*; Henry Beare for his
income which Thomas Tyler promised to pay, 6*s.*; Thomas Sheriffe
for his income which Thomas Page tanner promised to pay, 6*s.*

All which payments as aforesaid laid out are approved and allowed.

Thomas Page tanner late constable of Calne 'his account is not
brought in nor allowed of'.

Payments to the constables by the former stewards not yet accounted
for. Thomas Page, 1*l.*; George James, 2*l.*

The account of Thomas Page was afterwards allowed. George James
has the account of both the last constables Robert Jeffery and Thomas
Page.

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[59r.] 1628/9 [1629]. The accounts of Robert Forman and Benedick Browne gentleman guild stewards.

First receipts. From Robert Jeffery and John Mayo 2*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

Foreign receipts. From Mr. Richard Browne for the winter lease of the Alders for last year, 3*l.* 8*s.*; for the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 4*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*; from Thomas Synnett for the winter lease of the Alders, 4*l.* 6*s.*

Incomes. Henry Horton, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Horton, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Giles Butler, 6*s.*; Peter Tydcombe, 5*s.*; Richard Riche, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses and sheep, 2*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 8*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 9*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* which was paid to John Weekes and John Noyes.

Sums ungathered. William Swadon for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Edward Tyler for his income, 5*s.*; to Edward Okeford for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Synnett for 20 sheep, — [*blank*]; Robert Ladd for 24 sheep, 2*s.*, which was paid to Thomas Tyler for collecting the money left ungathered by the stewards.

A note of money paid to constables by former stewards and not yet accounted for by the constables. George James, 2*l.*; William Harkewoode and Arthur Estmeade were paid on All Saint's Day for the use of the poor, 2*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*

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[59v.] 1629/30 [1630]. The accounts of John Weekes and John Noyes guild stewards.

First receipts. From Robert Forman and Benedick Browne gentleman, 9*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

Foreign receipts. From the town chest from the sale of trees in the Alders, 5*l.*; for the fair and market of Calne, and 'for the pentesoyes and standings as by the Tolsey booke doth appeare', 5*l.* 15*s.* 9½*d.* from Thomas Page for bark in the Alders, 2*s.*; from William Ingram for refuse wood in the Alders in part payment of 10*s.* 4*s.*; from Thomas Synnett for the winter lease of the Alders, 5*l.*; for the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 4*l.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for sheep, 2*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*; for horses, 15*s.*

Incomes. John Somers, 6*s.*; Samuel One, 5*s.*; John Leicester, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Edward Tyler, 5*s.*; Matthew Shepparde, 5*s.*

Sum of the receipts . . . 33*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 28*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; to Arthur Estmeade in full discharge of his constablenesship, 3*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.*; to William Harkewoode in full discharge of his constablenesship, 1*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*

Sum . . . 32*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.*

Remainder. So there remains 8s. 6d. which was paid to Arthur Estmeade and William Harkewood.

Sums ungathered. Henry Ladd for his income, 3s. 4d.; Nathaniel Burchall for his income — [blank]; Thomas Tyler for widow Goddard, 2s. 6d.; for beast lease ungathered: Richard Browne, 1¹, 8d.; John Jones, 1, 8d.; Henry Beare, 1, 8d.; Walter Cooley, 1, 8d.; John Bruer, 2, 8d.; Joan Gent, 2, 8d.; Benedick Browne, 1, 4d.; John Jones, 1, 4d.; William Smyth, 3, 1s.; George James, 1, 4d.; for horses: Walter Nicholas, 1, 6d.; John Jones, 2, 1s.; Humphrey Fraylinge, 1, 6d.; Edward Williams, 1, 6d.; Thomas Gurgefeld, 1, 6d.; for refuse wood in the Alders, 6s.; 'winter leaze for sheep behind': William Forman, 20; Robert Looker, 7; Thomas Synnett, 20; Peter Tidcombe, 29; John Leicester, 9; Paul Dyer, 4.

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[6or.] 1630/1 [1631]. The accounts of William Harkwood and Arthur Estmeade guild stewards.

First receipts. From John Weekes and John Noyes, 8s. 6d.

Foreign receipts. For the fair and market of Calne and for the 'penteseyes' and standings, 7l. 4s. 4d.; from George James, Walter Forman, and Richard Clarke for trees in the Marsh, 1l. 5s.; for the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3l. 16s.; from Robert Ladd for the winter lease of the Alders, 6l.; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses and rother beasts, 12s. 6d.; for the winter lease of the Marsh for sheep, 1l. 12s. 9d.

Incomes. Christopher Thorner, 5s. [Sum] . . . 21l. 4s. 1d.

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 9l. 2s. 7d.; to John Jones for the fair and market of Calne, 8l.; to Edward Seager or Walter Cooley constables, 1l.; to John Dashe, constable, 10s. Sum . . . 18l. 12s. 7d.

Remainder. So there remains 2l. 11s. 6d. which was paid to Thomas Page and Henry Forman.

Sums ungathered. Robert Norman, 6 beasts, 2s.; Richard Browne, 1 beast, 8d.; William Diche, 1 horse, 6d.; William Pyllis, 2 horses, 1s.; Robert Webb glazier, 1 horse, 6d.; Mathew Sheriffe, 2 horses, 1s.; Edward Williams, 2 horses, 1s.; Thomas Synnett, 100 sheep, 8s. 4d.; Thomas Lanfere, 10 sheep, 10d.; John Spunley for wood, 6s.; Thomas Tyler for wood, 8s.;

Account of William Harkwoode for 5l. which he received of 'the rent due out of the landes gyven by Doctor Swadon to charitable uses to buy corne in the deare yeare, 1630, and trusted out to the parties hereafter named and not yet paid for'.

¹ The figures in this paragraph indicate the number of beasts, horses or sheep.

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Thomas Tyler, 6s. 10½d.; Charles Tyler, 2s. 11d. Nicholas Bishopp, 5s.; John Morrall, 1s. 6d.; John Frye, 3s. 2½d.; John Tyler, 5s. 4½d.; William Bedford, 1s. 9d.; John Gorroway the elder, 2s.; Thomas Coleman, 3s. 2½d.; Henry Barnes, 3s. 3d.; William Feild, deceased, 8s.; Robert Hutchins, 3s. 2d.; Goody Bennett, 6s. 1½d.; Peter Tidcombe, 1s.; John Gorroway the younger, 3s. 4d.; widow Smalden, 2s. 7½d.; John Tompkins, 4s.; Thomas Ingles, 2s. 8d.; Walter Cooley, 9s. 9d.; Arthur Weare, 7s. 9d.; John Dashe, the elder, 1s.; Henry Jones, 3s.; John Sharpe to buy a saw for which Henry Peirce stands surety, 9s.

Sum . . . 4l. 16s. 5½d.

The remainder of this 5l. was paid to John Weeks, 3s. 6d.

Edward Seager had from Doctor Swaddon's money when he was constable, 4l. which is not accounted for.

John Weekes had from Doctor Swaddon's money together with the 3s. 6d. paid to him by William Harkewood, 11l. 3s. 6d.

John Weekes has likewise in his hands the money which he received for the poor on All Saints' day, which together with the money held by John Mayo comes to 1l. 3s. 11d.

'For all which moneys remytted to the chardge of the said John Weekes he is ready to bringe in his accompt'.

Robert Forman has his money to account for which he received for the poor All Saints' day 1631, and has paid to John Noyes constable, 9s. 2d.

John Noyes has his money to account for which he received for the poor All Saints' day 1631.

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[60v.] 1631/2 [1632]. The accounts of Thomas Page and Henry Forman guild stewards.

First receipts. From William Harkewood and Arthur Estmeade, 2l. 11s. 6d.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3l. 18s. 8d.; for the winter lease of sheep in the Marsh, 1l. 8s. 8d.; for the winter lease of horses, 11s. 6d.; from Walter Forman for the winter lease of the Alders, 5l. 6s.; from William Harkewood for a stray beast, 1l.

Incomes. Richard Graye, 6s.

Sum . . . 15l. 2s. 4d.

The fair and market of Calne. For the Tolley, 1l. 1s. 11d.; for cribs, 6s. 1d.; from John Williams, 7l. 10s.; from John Riley for standings, 8d.; from John James for his standings for a year ending St. Thomas' day 1632, 10s.; from Edward Tyler for 5 quarters' rent ending Lady day 1633, 12s. 6d.; from Edward Massy for a half year's rent ended Midsummer 1632, 2s.; from Robert Webb glazier for 3 quarters' rent ended Michaelmas 1632, 1s. 6d.

Sum . . . 10l. 4s. 8d.

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Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 12*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*; to John Jones for 5 quarters' rent ended Lady day 1633, 10*l.*; to John Dashe in full satisfaction of his constabship 1632, 2*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* *Sum . . .* 24*l.* 15*s.*

Remainder. So there remains 12*s.* 3*d.* which was paid to Edward Seager and William Seager.

Sums ungathered. Walter Cooley, 1 beast, 8*d.*; William Jeffery, 3 beasts, 2*s.*; William Cole, 3 horses, 1*s.* 6*d.*; Humphrey Townsend, 1 horse, 6*d.*; William Townsend, 1 horse, 6*d.*; Robert Norman, 20 sheep, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Thomas Synnett, 100 sheep, 8*s.* 4*d.*

'The severall and respectyve accountts of those whoe have had the disposing and layeing out of the money to the poore of Calne aforesaid beinge the guift of William Swadon doctor of divinitye deceased beinge 28*l.* for seaven yeares rent ended at the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell, *anno domini* 1633'. [No accounts are entered].

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[61r.] 1632/3 [1633]. The accounts of Edward Seager and William Seager *alias* Parsons guild stewards.

First receipts. From Thomas Page and Henry Forman, 12*s.* 3*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the after lease of the Alders, 5*l.* 1*s.*; on All Saints' day from the town chest, 5*l.*; from William Ingram for wood, 1*s.*; for the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 19*s.*; for the winter lease for horses, 15*s.*; more for the winter lease for sheep, 18*s.* 6*d.*

Incomes. James Davys, 7*s.*; John Carraway, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Francis Combes, 4*s.*
Sum received . . . 17*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. To Thomas Page for the suit which Richard Browne had against him, 4*l.* 12*s.*; in foreign and sundry payments, 4*l.* 5*s.*; to John Noyes and William Jefferye constables in full discharge of their disbursements, 5*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; to John Townsende tithingman in full discharge of his disbursements, 8*s.* 8*d.*; to William Hale for scouring and cleaning muskets, 4*s.* 10*d.*; for writing the town bonds and keeping and entering the guild stewards' account, 5*s.* *Sum paid . . .* 15*l.* 16*s.*

Remainder. So there remains 1*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* which was paid to John Mayo and Robert Jeffery.

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1633/4 [1634]. The accounts of John Mayo and Robert Jefferye guild stewards.

First receipts. From Edward Seager and William Seager, 1*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders, 4*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 4*l.* 10*s.*; for the horse lease of the Marsh, 1*l.* 6*s.*; for sheep lease, 6*s.* 2*d.*

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Incomes. Arthur Robbys, 6s.

The fair and market. John Williams, 6*l.*; on St. Mark's day [25 April] at the Tolsey, 1*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*

Sums unpaid for standings at the market. Edward Tyler for a year's rent 'behind St. Thomas day', 10*s.*; John James for a year's rent, 10*s.*; Edward Massey for a year's rent, 4*s.*

Disbursements. 13*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

Remaining due from John Mayo and Henry Hasell constables, 1*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.*

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[61*v.*] 1634/5 [1635]. The accounts of Robert Forman and William Forman deceased guild stewards.

There was no remainder.

Foreign receipts. From William Forman deceased for the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 1*l.* 1*s.*; for the winter lease of horses and sheep in the Marsh, 1*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders from Robert Ladd, 5*l.*

Sum . . . 7*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. In foreign and sundry payments, 7*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*

'So there is noe remaynder but allowed a just accountp for the said Robert Forman his part'.

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1635/6 [1636]. The accounts of John Weekes and William Jefferyes guild stewards.

There was no remainder.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 2*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*; from Richard Clarke for a tree in the Marsh, 14*s.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses, 6*s.*; the same for sheep, 1*s.* 2*d.*; from Walter Forman for the winter lease of the Alders, 3*l.* 8*s.*; still remaining in the hands of Walter Forman for the winter lease of the Alders, 18*s.* 8*d.*; from Edward Tyler and John James for a quarter's rent for the standings in the market place, 5*s.*; for old planks from the bridge, 3*s.*

Sum . . . 7*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*

Deductions. Laid out by William Jefferye in foreign and sundry payments, 4*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.*

'Hys receipt wherewith he was chardged withall beinge but 4*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*'

Laid out by John Weekes in foreign and sundry payments, 5*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*

Sum . . . 10*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*

So there remains to William Jeffery, 1*s.* 1*d.*; and to John Weekes, 2*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.*

[62r.] 1636/7 [16³/₇]. The accounts of Arthur Estmeade and William Harkewood guild stewards.

There was no remainder.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders 'beinge in the sycknes tyme (in regard Edward Seager and Walter Forman being then constables receyved at the entrance of the cattle into the Alders the most part of the money due for the summer leaze which they are to account for) these particular sommes followinge'. From Robert Ladd, 1¹, 8*d.*; from Barnabas Horsington, 1, 8*d.*; from Robert Page, 1, 6*d.*; from Arthur Estmead, 5, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from William Harkwood, 1, 8*d.*
*Sum . . . 5*s.* 10*d.**

For the winter lease of the Marsh for horses, 7*s.*; from John Stronge for the winter lease of the Marsh for sheep, 2*s.* 10*d.*; from Henry Pleadall for the same, 10*d.*; from Robert Ladd for the winter lease of the Alders, 4*l.* 6*s.*; from Mr. Clarke for 6 trees in the Alders, 3*l.*; from William Cole for wood, 2*s.* 6*d.*; from John Lucas for wood, 2*s.* 3*d.*; from William Ingram for wood, 2*s.*; from John Teyler for wood, 1*s.*; from Thomas Tayler and another for wood, 4*s.*
*Sum . . . 8*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.**

Deductions. To Mrs. Knoyell for the use of 30*l.* for a half year, for which Robert Forman and John Weekes 'standes bound for the use of the poore of the towne and parishe of Calne', 1*l.* 4*s.*; to the said John Weekes for a payment in the suit which Richard Browne gentleman had against Thomas Page when he was steward, 1*l.* 12*s.*; to John Weeks towards his disbursements aforesaid when he was steward (being no part of his charges laid out about the pesthouse in the Marsh), 1*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*; to Robert Jeffery and Anthony Peirce constables, 1*l.*; in foreign and sundry other payments, 3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*
*Sum . . . 8*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.**

A note of those behind for horse lease in the Marsh 1637. Anthony Peirce, 2, 1*s.*; Arthur Estmeade, 2, 1*s.*; William Townsend, 3, 1*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Synnett, 2, 1*s.*; Benedick Browne gentleman, 2, 1*s.*; William Cole, 2, 1*s.*; William Jeffery, 1, 6*d.*; John Whithorse, 1, 6*d.*

A note of those behind for the sheep lease in the Marsh. Thomas Synnett, 160; Walter Forman and Richard Clarke, 70; William Jeffery, 20; John Cale, 20; Robert Forman, 47; Henry Thorner, 40; John Sommers, 28; Anthony Pearce, 9; Robert Sommers, 9; John Jones, 8; Edward Ladd, 19; Philip Mortymer, 8.

¹ The figures in this paragraph indicate the number of beasts.

[62v.] 1637/8 [1638]. The accounts of Benedict Browne gentleman and Walter Forman guild stewards.

First receipts. There was no remainder.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses, 3*s.* 6*d.*; for the winter lease for sheep, 10*s.* 10*d.*; from William Parsons towards the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 10*s.*

Incomes. Roger Little, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Pyle, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Page, weaver, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Lydiard, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Whitehorse, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Nicholas Browne, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Noah Styles, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Peck brazier, 4*s.*; Mathew Swayne, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Bryant, 3*s.* 4*d.* Richard Lyttle, 3*s.* 4*d.*; John Bartlett, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Jonas Jefferye for leave to go from his house in Besbrooke through the Marsh to Calne, 1*s.* Sum . . . 8*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*

Deductions. Paid by Benedict Browne in foreign and sundry payments, 15*s.* 1*d.*; so by Mr. Browne's bill it appears that there remains in his hands 1*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* which he demands for altering and mending arms, but it would not be allowed; to the executors of George James for money laid out for the town, 14*s.*; to Richard Pilgryme tithingman, 5*s.*; to Mr. Weeks to pay the sheriff to free the freeholders of the town from the assizes, 1*l.*; to Anthony Pearce when constable, 1*l.*; to William Harkwood constable, 1*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*; in foreign and sundry payments, 2*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*

Sum with the 1*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* in Mr. Browne's hands as aforesaid is 8*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*

Left in the hands of William Parsons next guild steward with Edward Seager *alias* Parsons being the remainder of 4*l.* 7*s.* for which the winter lease of the Alders was sold for the 'Alholentyde' before, 1*l.* 17*s.*

A note of beast leases unpaid in the Marsh and Alders 1638. William Jeffery, 4, 2*s.* 8*d.*; Henry Hasell, 3, 2*s.*; Mr. Mortymer, 1, 8*d.*; Joseph White, 1, 8*d.*; John Parker, 2, 1*s.* 4*d.*; Henry Pleadall, 1, 8*d.*; Stephen White, 1, 8*d.*; Robert Ladd, 1, 8*d.*; Robert Page, 1, 8*d.*; John Somers, 2, 1*s.* 4*d.*; William Ingram, 1, 8*d.* [Sum] . . . 12*s.* 4*d.*

A note of horse leases unpaid in the Marsh in winter. John Mayo, 2, 1*s.*; William Jeffery, 1, 6*d.*; Thomas Page, 1, 6*d.*; John Lyddall, 1, 6*d.*; William Dich, 1, 6*d.*; Thomas Okeford, 1, 6*d.*; Thomas Cale, 1, 6*d.*; William Pillys, 2, 1*s.*; William Cole, 2, 1*s.*; William Bushe, 1, 6*d.*

Sum . . . 6*s.* 6*d.*

A note of sheep leases unpaid in the Marsh. Thomas Synnett, 240, 1*l.*; Henry Thorner, 20, 1*s.* 8*d.*; William Jeffery, 20, 1*s.* 8*d.*; John Sommers, 20, 1*s.* 8*d.*; Anthony Pearce, 10, 10*d.*; William Parsons, 5, 5*d.*

Sum . . . 1*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.*

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[62r.] 18 July 1638. The accounts of the receipts of the rents due and received from the lands of Dr. Swaddon deceased (being 4*l.* *per annum* for the poor of Calne) were examined and allowed. 4*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* remaining in the hands of John Weeks was paid to Walter Forman. John Weeks was discharged of his account.

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[63r.] 1638/9 [1639]. The accounts of Edward Seager and William Seager guild stewards.

First receipts. From Benedict Browne gentleman and Walter Forman, 4*l.* 7*s.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses, 15*s.* 6*d.*; for winter lease of the Marsh for sheep, 14*s.* 3*d.*; from Anthony Pearce for the winter lease of the Alders 1639, 5*l.* 14*s.*; for chips in the Alders, 4*s.* 10*d.*; from Benedict Browne, 3*s.* 9*d.*

Incomes. Edward Blandford, 3*s.* 6*d.*; John Gage, 4*s.*

Sum . . . 16*s.* 0*s.* 2*d.*

Deductions. To Arthur Estmeade constable, 2*l.*; to Humphrey Townsende constable, 2*l.*; to Henry Hasell constable, 8*s.* 4*d.*; in other foreign and sundry payments, 9*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*

Sum . . . 14*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Left in the hands of John Parker and Robert Jefferyes, 1*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*

A note of horse leases unpaid in the Marsh 1639. Humphrey Townsend, 1, 6*d.*; John Noyes, 1, 6*d.*; Arthur Estmeade, 2, 1*s.*; Anthony Pearce, 2, 1*s.*; Robert Pillys, 2, 1*s.*

Sum . . . 4*s.*

A note of sheep leases unpaid in the Marsh 1639. Thomas Synnett, 200, 16*s.* 8*d.*; Walter Forman, 25, 2*s.* 1*d.*; Richard Clarke, 30, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Edward Ladd the younger, 30, 2*s.* 6*d.*; William Jeffery, 4, 4*d.*; Henry Thorner, 10, 10*d.*

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1639/40 [1640]. The accounts of Robert Jefferye and John Parker guild stewards.

First receipts. From William Seager one of the stewards for last year, 1*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.*

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 3*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of 24 horses in the Marsh, 12*s.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for sheep, 6*s.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; for a tree sold in the Marsh, 13*s.*

Incomes. Mr. Barnes, 3*s.* 6*d.*; Philip James, 4*s.*

Sum received . . . 11*l.* 7*s.*

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Deductions. To the sheriff for the allowance of the charter, 1*l.*; to John Parker in full payment of his charges when constable, 14*s.*; to John James towards his sow and pigs killed in 'the sickness tyme', 1*l.*; in other foreign and sundry payments, 2*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*

Sum disbursed . . . 4*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*

Remainder. Left in the hands of John Mayo and Henry Haswell, 6*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*

A note of beast and sheep leases unpaid. William Jefferye, 4 beasts, 2*s.* 8*d.*; William Jefferye, 30 sheep, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Walter Forman and Richard Clarke, 60 sheep, 5*s.*; Humphrey Fraylinge, 30 sheep, 2*s.* 6*d.*; Robert Looker, 4 sheep, 4*d.*; Thomas Synnett, 200 sheep, 16*s.* 8*d.*

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[63*v.*] 1640/1 [1641]. The accounts of John Mayo and Henry Haswell guild stewards.

First receipts. From Robert Jefferye and John Parker, 6*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*

Foreign receipts. From John Parker 'which he had mistake upon his account', 5*s.* 10*d.*; from William Ingram for wood in the Alders from trees cut down to repair the bridge, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for the summer lease of the commons, 3*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh, 1*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 5*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* *Sum . . .* 17*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

[The remainder of the account is missing].

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1641/2 [1642]. Robert Forman and Humphrey Townsend, guild stewards.

[Only the heading of the account is entered].

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[64*r.*] 1642/3 [1643]. The accounts of John Weekes and William Jeffery guild stewards.

First receipts. No account being given by the stewards for the last year nothing was paid to John Weekes and William Jeffery.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Marsh and Alders, 4*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh for horses and sheep, nothing; from Thomas Synnett towards the winter lease of the Alders, 2*l.* 6*s.* which was paid by Thomas Synnett to John Mayo for cloth to make smocks for the poor, being Mrs. Knoyell's gift; and towards the payment of 2*l.* 8*s.* due to her for the use of 30*l.* for the year ended July 1643, being the 30*l.* that Robert Forman and John Weekes stand for unto her

towards the land bought from Mr. Smyth and others in Baydon: whereof to make up the said 2*l.* 8*s.* John Weekes paid her 2*s.*; the arrears for the Alders this year Thomas Synnett has in his hands and is accountable for it; from Robert Looker for 2 old posts of the pound in the Marsh, 8*d.*; from Philip Orrell for the bark of a tree, 1*s.* 6*d.*; from Henry Ladd for wood and chips from the said tree, 8*s.*; for a piece of the tree that was not fit to make rails, 14*s.*; Richard Pilgrym hayward owes for broken timber, 3*s.* 8*d.*

Incomes then to be paid but yet never paid. Court Sloper upon a house of Henry Haswell about the Green, — [*blank*]; John Poulton and Humphrey Williams upon 2 houses of John Dashe upon which Thomas Dashe his brother put into the common 2 beasts, — [*blank*].

*Sum . . . 7*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.**

Deductions and disbursements. To Richard Pilgryme and Robert Hiscoxe for taking up and bringing the rails of the pound in the Marsh, 8*d.*; to Robert Hiscoxe for 4 days' work in the Marsh and Alders for mending the bounds and digging a sawpit, 3*s.*; for 10 pounds of pitch to mark cattle put in the commons, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to Hiscoxe for 2 days' work in the Marsh, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to Henry Ladd for timber and for making 2 gates, 10*s.*; to Henry Ladd for workmanship about the pound in the Marsh and setting it up, 12*s.* 4*d.*; to Henry Lad for a piece of timber to make rails for the pounds, 8*s.*; to John Landicke for carrying 3 cartloads of timber to the Marsh, 3*s.* 8*d.*; to John Sharpe and his man for 4 days, 8*s.*; to Andrew Love and his boy for 3 days, 4*s.* 6*d.*; for timber to make rails and posts for the said pound, 1*l.* 6*s.*; to Robert Hiscoxe for 3 days' work to dig holes for the posts about the pound and other work there, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Edward Mills and Robert Holly for 1 day's work mending bounds in the Marsh 'next Jonas Jeffery', 1*s.* 8*d.*; to John Andrewes 20 July 1643 for mending the Marsh bounds and gate 'next Besbrooke Lanes', 6*d.*; to Richard Hale for a new pair of hooks and twists for the Marsh gates, 2*s.*; to the same for a new pair and for setting them on in the place of the stolen pair, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to Edward Mills and Robert Holly for scouring the pounds in the Marsh for 1 day, 2*s.*; to John James for charges when he was tithingman, 6*s.*; to John Weekes for writing the town bonds and keeping this book, 5*s.*; to Mrs. Knoyell for the interest of 30*l.* as aforesaid for a year, with 2*l.* 6*s.* paid to John May as aforesaid for cloth for her use, 2*l.* 8*s.*; to Thomas Dashe by John Mayo's appointment towards a horse when he was constable for the King's service, 5*s.* *Sum . . . 7*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.**

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[64*v.*] 1643/4 [1644]. The accounts of William Harkwood and Arthur Estmeade guild stewards.

[No account for the stewards is entered but this account of the constables follows.]

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The account of John Mayo of his receipts and disbursements when he was constable with John Pile, 1643-1644.

Received out of 16 weeks contribution '45*l.* and retournes for 3*l.* in all, 48*l.*'; from his partner John Pile, 4*l.*; out of a rate that he gathered for one part of the town, 5*l.* 16*s.*; out of 2 small rates he gathered provision to send to Marleborough in March and April, 3*l.* 17*s.*; out of 2 rates for Parliament, one at first for Malmsbury, the other for Sir William Waller's horses, 13*s.* Moneys received, 62*l.* 5*s.*

Disbursements. To John Rogers as by acquittance, 12*l.*; to Captain Garrett as by acquittance, 15*l.*; for a horse, bridle, and saddle, and conduct to Salisbury, 3*l.* 10*s.*; in February for 1 cwt. 3 qr. of cheese and carriage, 1*l.* 18*s.*; to the second press for 10 soldiers 'for presse mony and conduct and conducters', 1*l.* 16*s.*; to Peter Byrd, in money 8*l.* 5*s.*, in rate 1*l.* 11*s.*; left upon returns not paid in the said 16 weeks, 3*l.* 1*s.*; to Colonel Chester for 19 soldiers with their press money, 10*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*; for 2 soldiers for Captain Skirron, 13*s.*; to the tailor for diet and work, 1*l.* 9*s.*; to William Silke for cloth, 14*s.* 8*d.*; to Joan Taylor for Captain Webb's soldiers, 4*s.* 8*d.*; to Matthew Sheppard and Gray for wine and tobacco spent on Colonel Chester, 7*s.* 10*d.*; spent on Captain Hatcher, 15*s.*; to a guide, 7*s.*; and to a quartermaster, 5*s.*; to Walter Cooley in rate, 11*s.* 8*d.*; to John Bartlett in rate for entertaining pressed soldiers, 4*s.*; spent at two assizes at Salisbury, 18*s.*; at the quarter sessions at Devizes, 4*s.*; for sending a prisoner to gaol, 4*s.*; to Walter Cooley, about 8*s.*; to Walter Nicholas, 7*s.* Money disbursed . . . 65*l.* 13*s.*

So John Mayo was out of purse . . . 3*l.* 8*s.*

For all other rates since April 1644 'the said John Mayo had acquitt for the full for every of them'.

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1645. The accounts of Walter Forman and Benjamin Browne guild stewards.

Receipts. At the Alders 'for the comynge in of the beastes', 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; from Thomas Synnett towards the Alders, 3*l.* Sum . . . 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Disbursements. To Robert Holly and Edward Mills for 6 days' work, 10*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Silke for 4 days' work, 3*s.* 2*d.*; for mending the town bridge, 6*d.*; to Robert Holly and Edward Mills for mending the Marsh bounds, 1*s.* 4*d.*; for a 'hare' for the Alders gate, 1*s.* 2*d.*; to Edward Ladd for setting in the 'hare', 10*d.*; for a hook for the gate, 6*d.*; to Thomas Tyler and Charles Tyler for carrying 'straid' to the town bridge, 1*s.* for laying a piece of timber between Waynehill and Castlefield, 6*d.*; for 5 rails and a post for the Marsh pond and gate, and for labour, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Robert Looker for 2 twists and a hook for the Alders gate, 2*s.* 1*d.*; for a hook and plates for the Alders gate, 10*d.*; for 4 twists and a

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hook, 2s. 11d.; for a staple for the pound gate, 8d.; for 2 twists for the pound gate, 1s. 2d.; for a hook for the Alders gate, 1s. 2d.; for twists for the Marsh gate, 1s.; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, 2s. 6d.; to Mr. Weekes, 5s.; to Mr. Weekes and Robert Forman 'to paye Mr. Vennard use money for Mrs. Knoyell', 2l. 16s.

Sum . . . 4l. 16s.

More to Mr. Weeks for the sheriff, 1l.

Total 5l. 16s.

Rest due to Walter Forman, 10s.

To be received for the beasts coming in the Alders, 1l. 6s.; and from Thomas Synnett for the Alders, 12s.

Those behind for the beasts' common. Robert Pillis, 1s. 4d.; Robert Tayler butcher, 3s. 4d.; Arthur Estmead, 3s. 4d.; John Mayo, 1s. 4d.; Thomas Synnett, 4s.; Henry Fraylinge, 8d.; William Jeffery, 8d.; Thomas Kale, 1s. 4d.; Mathew Shreiffe, 1s. 4d.; Barnabas Horsington, 8d.; John Landick, 8d.; John Spunley, 8d.; William Ingrom, 2s. 8d.; John Sharpe, 1s. 4d.; Andrew Barnes, 8d.; Benjamin Browne, 2s.

Sheep in the Marsh. Thomas Synnett, 200; William Jeffery, 20; Robert Forman, 100; Richard Paty, 40.

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[65r.] 1647. The accounts of John Mayo and Henry Haswell guild stewards.

Receipts. For the summer lease of the commons, 4l. 2s.; from William Ingrom for a tree in the Alders, 6s. 8d.; from Edward Parsons for an income, 3s. 4d.; from Thomas Winter for an income, 3s. 4d.; for sheep and horses in the Marsh, 18s. 2d.; for the winter lease of the Alders, 5l. 3s. 4d.

Sum . . . 10l. 16s. 10d.

Dues behind and unpaid 1647. Benedict Browne for the summer lease of 3 beasts, 2s.; William Jeffery, 3 beasts, 2s.; Francis Flay, 1 beast, 8d.; Ralph Romyn, 1 beast, 8d.

Sheep lease behind in the Marsh. Richard Clarke (80), 6s. 8d.; George Forman (20), 1s. 8d.; William Jeffery (20), 1s. 8d.; Robert Looker (7), 7d.; Ody the shepherd (10), 10d.

Horse lease behind. Robert Pillis (1), 6d.; Thomas Stiles (2), 1s.; Robert Tayler (1), 6d.; William Pillis (2), 1s.; Walter Dolman (1), 6d.

Disbursements. To George Landen for 'wanting', 2s.; to Thomas Silk for making bounds, 10s.; to Adros for carrying rubbish to the bridge, 4d.; to Pile for Philip James for shoes for soldiers, 10s.; to William Pillis for a horse taken by Henry Haswell when he was constable, 1l.; for ridding the pond in the commons, to Brewer, Ralph Veyey, and Thomas Silke, 13s.; for hurdles and poles for bounding, and for work at Chavywell, 1s. 3d.; for a warrant for woodcutters in the Alders and for charges at

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Chippenham, 1s. 6d.; to Michael Tidcombe for an amercement at the sessions, 13s. 4d.; to Thomas Silke for his winter wages, 2s. 6d.; to the same for a day's work on the common bounds, 8d.; to the same for watching the pound 'when Thomas sheepe were impounded for not payeing his dewes', 6d.; to Thomas Purr for 9 days' work on the Alders pound, and for rails and nails, 10s.; to Mr. Michael Tidcombe 'for ruleinge a peticon for dischargde of amerciaments for the highways and spent upon his men', 10s.; to John Pile, John Townsend and Henry Haswell, 30s. each, in all 4l. 10s.

Sum . . . 9l. 5s. 1d.

Remaining in hand . . . 1l. 11s. 9d.

Due to John Mayo in the time of his constablenesship 1644, 3l. 8s., whereof was received by this account 1l. 11s. 9d. leaving due to him 1l. 16s. 3d.

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[70v.] 1649/50 [1650]. The accounts of Arthur Estmeade and Edward Seager guild stewards.

First receipts. From William Jeffery and Anthony Pierce, 2l. 0s. 10d.

Foreign receipts. From Thomas Silke for a top of a tree, 1s. 8d.; from Styles of Bestbrooke for an acknowledgment of a way, 1s.; from John Kale for trees, 1s. 10d.; for the winter lease of the Alders, 6l. 10s.; from Thomas Silke for a tree in the Marsh, 17s.

Incomes. Incomes of beasts 'hollradaye', 3l. 11s. 8d.; income of Benjamin Norrington, 4s. 6d.; more for an income 'hollradaye', 1s. 8d.

Sum received . . . 13l. 10s. 2d.

Disbursements. To Thomas Silke for making the common bounds, 14s. 2d.; to the same for 3½ days' work for the Marsh gate and rails, 3s. 6d.; to Humphrey Townsend, 10s.; to Henry Ladd for the Marsh gate, rails, and workmanship, 14s.; to Richard Hale for iregeare, 4s. 10d.; to the constables for their expenses at the assizes, 1l. 6s.; to George Jones for felling a tree for the town bridge, 1s. 8d.; to William Weekes for making the town bonds and other bills, 3s. 2d.; to Humphrey Townsend for expenses when constable, 2l. 13s. 2d.; to John Holly for sawing timber for the town bridge, 12s. 6d.; to Thomas Silke for carrying 'strand' to the bridge, 4s.; to Henry Ladd for the town bridge, Pattfords, and the stocks, 18s.; to Peter Tidcombe for expenses when tithingman, 4s. 8d.; for making the Marsh bounds, 1s. 8d.; to Thomas Silke for giving his attendance, 10d.; to John Townsend for carrying timber to the town bridge, 7s. 6d.; to Richard Hale for iregeare for the stocks, 7s. 6d.; to Francis Wastfeild for his expenses when tithingman, 9s. 8d.; expenses at the Alders Holyrood day, 3s.; for mending a hole in the town bridge, 10d.; to Peter Bird and Arthur Estmead constables for expenses at the

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last assizes, 1*l.* 6*s.*; to Robert Haskins for his expenses when tithingman, 8*s.*; to Arthur Estmeade for expenses when constable 'about seven yeares synce', 10*s.*

Rest in our hands, 2*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, whereof 2*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.* was paid out to Walter Forman guild steward with Henry Haswell for the year following.

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[71*v.*] 1651. The account of Walter Forman and Henry Haswell guild stewards.

Receipts. At the Alders 'hollradaye', 4*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*; from John Norman for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from Robert Parsons baker for his income, 3*s.*; from Jeremy Russell for his income, 1*s.* 10*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh, 2*l.* Sum . . . 6*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

Disbursements. To Peter Byrd 'to take off amerciamentes' at the quarter sessions, 9*s.* 4*d.*; for carrying rails from the Alders to the Marsh, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Henry Ladd for felling trees, for making a new gate for the Alders, and for setting in the rails at the Marsh pond, 15*s.* 6*d.*; for scouring the ponds, 15*s.*; for mending bounds of the commons, 12*s.*; for a rail, 6*d.*; to Richard Lyttle for taking off ameracements at the quarter sessions, 7*s.*; at Ogborne court, 6*s.*; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Robert Haskins tithingman, 16*s.*; for watching the Marsh pound and taking the thief, 4*s.*; to William Weeks for keeping the book for 2 years, 10*s.*; to Richard Hale for hooks and twists, 4*s.* 8*d.*; for mending the town crook, 6*d.*; to Simon Whittle for 'wanting' in the Alders, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Sum . . . 5*l.* 8*s.*

Rest due to the town, 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* which was paid to Robert Forman gentleman and John Parker.

Unpaid for the Alders lease. Arthur Estmeade, 2*s.* 8*d.*; Richard Browne gentleman, 1*s.* 4*d.*; Henry Haswell, 2*s.* 8*d.* Sum . . . 6*s.* 8*d.*

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[69*v.*] 1651. The account of Arthur Estmeade constable with Peter Byrd.

To 2 passengers, 2*d.*; to a lame soldier, 3*d.*; for hire of 2 horses and a man to carry 2 lame soldiers to Marshfield, 4*s.*; for hire of 2 horses to Chippenham and a boy, 2*s.*; for carrying straw to the church, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Richard Little for a horse to Chippenham to carry soldiers, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for watching horses, 1*s.*; for hire of 2 horses to carry 2 soldiers to Chippenham, 2*s.*; to 4 poor soldiers, 6*d.*; to a sick soldier, 4*d.*; to 2 soldiers, 3*d.*; to William Girdler for writing hue and cry, 4*d.*; to 2 travellers, 4*d.*;

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to William Girdler for writing, 1*s.* 4*d.*; to a sick soldier, 3*d.*; at the sessions for a bridge, 6*s.* 8*d.*; for charges at the assizes, 10*s.*

*Sum . . . 1*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.**

Received of William Silcke, 1*l.*

[73*r.*] Disbursements of Peter Byrd when he was constable with Arthur Eastmead 1651, and not yet paid.

For charges in going to the assizes, 13*s.* 4*d.*; for charges at the sessions at Devizes, 10*s.*; for charges at 2 petty sessions, 2*s.* *Sum . . . 1*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.**

This account first to be paid off by consent of the burgesses at the last meeting at the town hall 1 November 1655.

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[72*v.*] 1651/2 [1651]. The account of Robert Forman gentleman and William Silke constables 25 December 1651-11 October 1652.

To soldiers and other travellers from Ireland and other places, 9*s.*; to a watchman on the sabbath, 1*s.*; for carrying O'Neale towards London, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to William Girdler for writing contribution rates, 2*s.* 2*d.*; to John Harman for carrying a prisoner to gaol, 15*s.*; to Hitchcock for watching the prisoner, 6*d.*; to 3 men to watch all night when Dick's house was burnt, 3*s.* 6*d.*; to cripples when Andrewes the tithingman was carried to gaol, 6*d.*; to Thomas Fowler to carry them to Studley, 4*d.*; to Robert Bull for his horse, 6*d.*; allowance for 2 assizes, 1*l.*; for 2 petty sessions, 2*s.*; to Mathew Swayne for wood to burn Dolman's meat, 1*s.*; to Derham for candles, 3*d.* *Sum . . . 2*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.**

William Silk's account, as particularly by his note appears, 2*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

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[69*v.*] 1652. The account of Robert Forman gentleman and John Parker guild stewards.

The account of Robert Forman.

'His receipts, as by his booke particularly did appeare to be', 12*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*

'His disbursements, as it did likewise particularly appeare to be', 11*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

So there rested due to the town, 1*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* whereof was paid over to John Mayo towards his old arrears in 1647, 1*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

[72*v.*] A note of the payments by John Parker from 2*l.* remaining in his hands when he was guild steward with Robert Forman 1652.

To John Andrewes tailor, by the approbation of the burgesses, 1*l.* 4*s.*, 14*s.* of which was paid to Mr. Forman by the appointment of the said Andrewes; to John Mayo by Mr. Forman's appointment, 4*s.* 6*d.*; to Arthur Estmeade towards money out of purse, 4*s.*; to Peter Byrd for the like, 4*s.*; to Henry Ladd for work in the Marsh 16 February 1652, 3*s.* 6*d.*

*Sum . . . 2*l.**

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Likewise received of Button for an income, 3*s.* 4*d.* and for a beast 8*d.*, whereof was spent at Ogborne, 3*s.* 8*d.* and at Corsham, 4*d.*

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[73*r.*] 1653. The account of Benedict Browne gentleman and Thomas Synnett the elder guild stewards.

Spent at Ogborne court, 9*s.* 6*d.*; at the Alders, 5*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Silke for keeping the bounds, 10*s.*; for scouring the Marsh bounds, 3*s.* 6*d.*; for ridding the pounds, 2*s.*; for driving the fields, 1*s.*; for watching Robert Pillis' horses and 'having them to pownde', 1*s.*; for watching beasts in Waynehill by night and day, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for driving of Northfield, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Webb for the wall behind the gate, 1*s.*; for 'stranding' the bridge, 1*s.*; for 2 hurdles at Chaveywell, 10*d.*; for 'wanting' the Alders, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Silke for carrying the notes of the Marsh, and for carrying the moneys, 1*s.*; to William Weeks for a writ and warrant, and for keeping the book, 14*s.* 5*d.*; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Sum . . . 2*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*

The summer lease and incomes come to 5*l.* 3*s.*, whereof received 4*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* Rest due to the town, 1*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* which was paid over by the said Thomas Synnett to John Mayo one of the next stewards with William Jeffery for 1654.

Unpaid for the summer lease. Mr. Benedict Browne, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Mr. Robert Forman, 2*s.* 8*d.*; William Jefferye, 1*s.* 4*d.*; John Mayo, 8*d.*; William Silke, 8*d.*

Sum . . . 8*s.* 8*d.*

Incomes paid. William Coleman, 3*s.* 4*d.*; William Jeffery, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Stephen Perkyn, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Robert Dyer and widow Stout, 4*s.*; Mrs. Flower, 3*s.*

Incomes unpaid. Thomas Coleman, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Stephen Perkyn the younger, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Tayler, 3*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Page, 3*s.* 4*d.*

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[73*v.*] 1654. The accounts of Richard Rogers and John Norman constables 1654.

The account of Richard Rogers. 2 journeys to the assizes, 1*l.*; at the quarter sessions at Devizes, 1*s.*; at several petty sessions and other meetings, 3*s.*; for carrying Thomas Winter to prison, 12*s.* 6*d.*; 'in charge upon Joane Twynney', 1*s.* 6*d.*

Sum . . . 1*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*

The account of John Norman. At 2 assizes, 1*l.*; for conveying Mr. Winter twice to prison, 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; for conveying a woman of Wootton to gaol for committing a felony, 17*s.*; for conveying Jane Twynney to the house of correction, 2*s.*; for expenses at several meetings of the justices

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of the peace, 5*s.*; to John Pyle for his plough to carry saltpetre tubs, 8*s.*; to Roger Reeve for his plough for the like, 6*s.*; to John Townsend for the like, 3*s.*
*Sum . . . 4*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.**

91

[74*v.*] 1655. The account of William Silke and Humphrey Townsend guild stewards.

Receipts. From William Jefferies the younger and John Mayo at the hall, 3*l.* 9*s.*; for the common beasts, 4*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*; for an income of Arthur Robins, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh, 12*l.* 10*s.*

*Sum . . . 20*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.**

Disbursements. To Thomas Tayler for his tithingmanship, 1*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*; to John Mayo, being out of purse, 8*s.* 8*d.*; to John Pile upon the same account, 1*l.*; to Arthur Estmead, being likewise out of purse, 1*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*; to several persons for the winter lease of the Marsh, being 134 leases at 1*s.* 5*d.* per lease (6*d.* for every lease whereof was taken out towards the renewing of the charter), 9*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*; to Thomas Silke for labour, 12*s.*; to Edward Ladd for a post, 1*s.*; for charges at the Alders, 4*s.* 6*d.*; for expenses at Ogborne, 4*s.*; to Mr. Banister for a copy of the charter, 7*s.*; for carrying and setting up the town crook, 6*d.*; for 2 'stearts' to fasten gates, 4*d.*; to John Andrewes for setting up a post at the Alders, 6*d.*; to Robert Looker for irongear of the stocks, 4*s.*; to the same for hooks and a staple for the cage, 1*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to the stewards for their pains, 13*s.* 4*d.*; to William Weeks for keeping the town book and for bonds, 7*s.* 6*d.*; for renewing the charter, 7*l.*; for 'expenses for gayneing of it', 2*s.* 6*d.*; to William Weeks for his fee and expenses in calling upon Mr. Banister at London for renewing the same, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to Anthony Peirce, which he spent upon Mr. Banister, 1*s.*; to Mr. Byrd for expenses when constable, 1*l.* 2*s.*; to John Norman upon the same account, 1*l.*; to William Clowde, being behind in his tithingmanship, 14*s.*; to Francis Wastfeild for the same, 5*s.*; Mathew Sheppard for the same, 5*s.*; for candles, 6*d.*
*Sum . . . 26*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.**

The town being allowed out of the 7*l.* for the charter, 3*l.* 7*s.* being the sixpences for 134 leases, there remains still due to William Silke, 3*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*

Received afterwards of William Jefferye for the Alders, 6*l.* whereof was paid to Francis Wastfield for his expenses at Lent assizes, 1*l.*; to Edward Ladd for workmanship, boards, and nails, about the stocks and blindhouse, 7*s.* 8*d.*; to Richard Rogers, 1*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, in part of his 1*l.* 18*s.*

'Rest due, nothing to the towne, nor yet to William Silke, but the account evened'.

92

[74r.] 1655. The account of Matthew Sheppard and Francis Wastfeild constables 1655.

For going to 4 monthly meetings, 4s.; for going to Captain Scotton at the Devizis, 1s.; to travellers several times, 3s. 7d.; for carrying William Brooke to gaol, 15s.; to John Wheeler for attending him, for going to Mr. Stokes, and for conveying him on his journey, 1s. 2d.; for carrying John Mathewes to prison, and for his diet, 8s. 6d.; for carrying Elizabeth Ball to Bridewell, 2s.; to Roger Norman for going to the Devizis, 1s.; to the same for going to the Devizis on 22 February, 1s.; to Captain Welles for writing, 1s.; to William Page for writing, 7s.

The account of Francis Wastfield.

For going to 10 monthly meetings, 10s.; for going to Chippenham to Comr. Whoore, 1s.; to wandering persons several times, 2s. 2d.; to Richard Little for horse hire, 2s.; for going to Devizis for 3 days with Captain Scotton, 3s.

Sum . . . 3l. 3s. 5d.

93

[73v.] 1655. The account of William Clowde tithingman.

For carrying passengers to Studley 14 December, 4s.; for carrying 6 and their diet 25 January, 3s.; for carrying one and his diet to Studley 12 March, 1s.; for one other and his diet to Studley, 1s.; for diet and guiding 2 passengers to Studley 21 April, 1s.; for carrying one to Quemerford 3 May, 1s. 4d.; for guiding one and his diet 16 May, 1s. 4d.; for carrying one other and his diet 6 August, 1s. 4d.

Sum . . . 14s.

94

[75r.] 1656. The account of Anthony Peirce and John Pile guild stewards.

Receipts. From William Jeffery the younger for the winter lease of the Alders, 8l. 3s. 8d.; from Stephen Bayly and John Francklyn for incomes, 8s.

Sum . . . 8l. 11s. 8d.

Disbursements. To Mathew Sheppard and Francis Wastfeild for their charges when constables, 3l. 5s.; to Richard Willis for a sack of lime for the blind house, 1s. 8d.; for tiles for the blind house, 1s. 10d.; to John Gorraway and his son for 2 days' labour on the house, 4s.; to John Dash for lasts and nails used about the house, 2s.; for hair lime for the same, 6d.; to Edward Ladd for mending the town bridge, 6s.; to Henry Haswell in part payment of his expenses when constable, 10s.; to John Mayo when he went to the assizes in July 1657, 1l.; to Henry Haswell towards his charges at the assizes in July 1657, 7s.; to the same, 19s. 2d.; to

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the same, 12s. 6d.; for 'stranding' the town bridge several times, 1s. 2d.; to Edward Dent for a plank and his labour on the bridge, 1s. 6d.; spent with the constables about the town business, 1s.; to John Mayo, 3s. 4d.
Sum . . . 7l. 16s. 8d.

Remaining due to the town, 15s.; which at the town hall was paid over to Henry Haswell; so the account was evened.

The account of John Pile.

Receipts. From John Townsend, 15l.; for the '8 pences', 4l.; *incomes:* Roger Norman, 3s. 4d.; Robert Wheeler, 3s. 4d.; Edward Parker, 3s. 4d.
Sum . . . 19l. 10s.

Disbursements. To Edward Ladd for the Marsh gate, 6s. 6d.; to Anthony Peirce for his expenses at Ogborne court, 4s. 8d.; for my own expenses, 2s. 6d.; spent at the Alders, 6s. 6d.; to Richard Hale for 2 'snit bele' for the Marsh gate, 1s. 6d.; for a hook for the gate, 1s.; to Thomas Silke for mending the Marsh bounds, 1s.; to Robert Looker for a hook for the Alders gate, 1s.; to Richard Hale for a hook and a 'snit bele' and nails for the Marsh gate, 2s. 2d.; to Thomas Silke for 3 days' work, 3s.; to Thomas Silke and Roger Walker for 2 days' work, 4s.; to the constables, 1l.; to Edward Ladd for mending Pattford bridge, 2s.; to Thomas Silke for locks for the town pound, 3s.; to the same for his winter wages, 2s. 6d.; for candles, tobacco and pipes, 10d.; to James Tyler for mending the Marsh bounds, 9d.; to Robert Looker for irongear for the Marsh gate, 1s.; to William Weeks for keeping the book, 5s.; [75v.] for the stewards' wages, 13s. 4d.; to John Townsend for mending the Marsh bounds, 2s. 3d.; for my expenses when constable, 15s.; paid 'six score and 14 times 1s. 10d. which amounts to 12l. 5s. 8d. '; to Mr. Haswell, 1l. 13s. 10d.
Sum . . . 19l. 10s.

So there is nothing due to the town, nor to John Pile; but the account is evened.

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1657. The account of William Jeffery the elder and Arthur Estmeade guild stewards.

Receipts. For incomes of the beasts, 3l. 14s. 8d.; for the winter lease of the Alders, 6l. 5s.; from Mr. Bishopp for an income, 3s. 4d.; from Mr. Cooke for an income, 3s. 4d.; remaining of the winter lease, 1l.
Sum . . . 11l. 6s. 4d.

The names of those who have not paid their incomes. John Carter, Thomas Clarke, Thomas Hitchcock.

Disbursements. To Thomas Silke, 12s.; for mending the Alders gate, 1s. 6d.; to Henry Haswell, 1l. 10s.; to John Andrewes for stopping the

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way at Chaveywell, 1s. 8d.; to Richard Hale for a hook and a twist, 1s. 6d.; for a 'snite bill', a hook, and nails, 2s.; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, 2s. 6d.; for mending the lower gate in the Alders, 1s.; to William Richins for a day's work in the Marsh, 10d.; for a half a pound of candles, 2 ounces of tobacco, and a dozen pipes sent to the town hall, 10d.; to Mr. Stokes for a warrant for the tree cutters, and to William Page for fetching it, 1s. 8d.; for looking to the trees, 1s.; to John Clarke for warning a hall, 4d.; to John Pile and Mr. Bayly constables, 1l.; at the Alders for beer, 8d.; to Mr. Stokes for expenses in having the wood-cutters, 2s.; for expenses at Ogborne, 5s.; more to John Pile and Mr. Bayly constables, 1l.; to Mr. Weekes, 5s.; to Roger Parsons tithingman, 15s. 6d.; to John Scott constable, 1l. 16s. 10d.; to Mr. Weeks for making the order for the commons, 2s. 6d.; to William Page for drawing up the account, 6d.; to William Silke for charges in freeing the burgesses from duties at the assizes, 14s.

Remainder. 2l. 1s. 6d. whereof part to Henry Haswell, 15s. 6d. Remainder, 1l. 6s.

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[76r.] 1657. The accounts of Henry Haswell and John Scott constables. Henry Haswell's account, 6l. 3s. 10d. John Scott's account, 1l. 0s. 4d. Both which were allowed.

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1658. The account of Walter Forman and Henry Haswell guild stewards.

Receipts. For the incomes of beasts in the Alders, 3l. 16s.; for the winter lease of the Alders, 7l. *Sum . . . 10l. 16s.*

Disbursements. To Philip Orrell for mending bounds, 14s.; to Roger Synnett for making the Marsh and Alders gate, 10s. 6d.; for a new stile in the Marsh next Besbrooke, 4s. 6d.; for a post and rail next Peare close, 1s. 6d.; for watching in the Marsh 2 nights, 8d.; for expenses at Ogborne court, 6s.; for beer at the Alders, 9s.; to John Pile for Mr. Bayly, 1l. 8s. 6d.; to John Gent upon the bill allowed when he was tithingman, 15s. 6d.; to Edward Ladd for planks and workmanship about the town bridge, 2s. 2d.; to Edward Dent for mending the bridge, 1s. 6d.; to Richard Tomkins for 4 days' work at the bridge, 4s.; to Anthony Peirce and myself for going to Marleborough, 4s. 8d.; to Mr. Weeks for writing, 5s.; to Richard Hale for hooks and twists, 3s. 4d.; to William Page for writing, 1s.; to William Silke for the sheriff, 6s. 8d.; to John Pile for a tree to make the gates, 10s.; when the king was proclaimed, 3s.; for candles

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on 'Allhallanday' at night, *2d.*; the stewards' wages, *13s. 4d.*; to John Parker, *3s.*; to Robert Forman gentleman, *1l. 6s. 1d.*; to William Jeffery the younger, *2s. 1d.* *Sum . . . 10l. 13s. 11d.*

Received of Mr. Keey for an income, *3s. 4d.*

Sheep and horses not paid for.

Sheep. Robert Looker, *40*; John Landicke, *40*; Richard Clark, *30*; Henry Swaddon, *12*; Walter Forman, *15*; John Townsend, *60*.

Horses. William Bushe, *1*; Henry Frayling, *1*; Walter Doleman, *1*; Daniel Nicholas, *1*; Robert Tayler, *1*; Francis Wastfeild, *1*; Thomas Peters, *3* beasts; Thomas Silke, *2*; Robert Forman, *1*; John Parker, *1*; Henry Haswell, *1* colt.

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[78r.] 1659. The account of Robert Forman and John Parker guild stewards.

Receipts. For entering 121 rother beasts and horses into the commons, *4l. 8s.*

Incomes. Solomon Tyler, *3s. 4d.*; Daniel Nicholas, *3s.*; John Carter, *3s.*; William James, *1s. 11d.*; John Landick for the Alders, *7l. 2s.*

Sum . . . 11l. 13s. 11d.

Incomes unpaid. Robert Keeys for the *Hart*, Thomas Clarke, Richard Little for the house he bought of John Reeves, Mr. Wealsh, Mrs. Blaake, Mr. Cooke, Edmund Phillips.

For the winter lease of the Marsh received nothing, but those that wintered sheep there were as follows.

John Landicke, *46*; John Townsend, *46*; Robert Looker, *20*; Walter Forman, *20*; Richard Clarke, *14*; Thomas Peters, *5*; Henry Swaddon, *7*.

Disbursements. To Captain Lavington's soldiers 'when wee proclaymed our most gracious and mercifull sovereigne lord Charles the second', one hogshead of beer, *1l. 4s.*; to John Mayo constable, *1l. 13s. 10d.*; to Richard Hale constable, *1l. 10s. 2d.*; to Witherstone Messenger tithingman, *1l. 7s.*; to Mathew Haskins tithingman, *1l. 2s. 2d.*; to Silke for mending bounds, *13s.*; to Webb for mending bounds *12s.*; spent at the Alders 3 May, *8s.*; at Ogborne, *5s. 6d.*; to Ladd for the chest, *7s. 8d.*; to Ladd for 4 rails for the Marsh pound, *5s.*; to the hayward for 10 days' work, *8s.*; to the same for mending bounds, *2s.*; to Ladd for planks and nails for his work at the bridge, *5s. 6d.*; for 4 days' work scouring the pond, *4s.*; for 2 days' work mending bounds, *1s. 8d.*; for 'stranding' the bridge, *2s.*; for pitch, *10d.*; to Robert Looker for a mark, *1s. 6d.*; to the same for a plate, *6d.*; to the hayward and 2 other men to watch in

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Waynehill, 3*s.*; to Ladd for mending the Alders pound, 5*s.* 2*d.*; to Looker for a plate for the Marsh gate, 1*s.*; to Taylor for laying the stone on the bridge, 1*s.*; expenses All Saints' day, 3*s.* 6*d.*; to William Weekes, 6*s.*; to Robert Bull for carriage of sand to the town bridge, 5*s.*; to the farmer for stone, 2*s.*; to the hayward for mending bounds next the Slades, 1*s.*; to Edward Ladd for making a new gate in the Marsh, 5*s.* 4*d.*; for charges when the indentures were sealed between the burgesses and the sheriff for a free parliament, 4*s.* 8*d.*; for the stewards' fee, 6*s.* 8*d.*; for an eye for the Alders gate, 8*d.*; for a rail next the Slades, 8*d.*; for wood to melt the pitch, 5*d.* Sum . . . 13*l.*

Remaining due to Robert Forman, 1*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* which was paid him out of the account of Walter Forman.

John Parker received of Henry Swaddon for 4 beasts lease, 2*s.* 8*d.*; and owed for 3 of his own, 2*s.*; and he paid for driving the Marsh, 1*s.*

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[78*v.*] 1659. The accounts of John Parker and John Landicke constables.
John Parker's account, 2*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*
John Landicke's account, 2*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*
Both were allowed.

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[79*v.*] 1660. The account of Benedict Browne and William Jefferies the younger guild stewards.

Received for incomes for cattle in the Alders 4*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*; from Walter Forman the old steward, 2*s.*; from Robert Bull for the use of 10*l.*, 12*s.*; from William Barker, Walter Nicholas grazier, and Edmund Phillipps, for incomes for their houses, 10*s.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh, 1*l.* 10*s.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 6*l.* 4*s.* Sum . . . 13*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*

Disbursements for the commons and other things. For beer and pitch at the Alders, 7*s.*, 2*d.*; to William Ritchins hayward for scouring ditches and ponds, and for winter wages, 2*l.* 9*s.*; for beer and powder, and for fetching the drum when the king was proclaimed, 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; spent at Osborne and for horse hire, 5*s.* 8*d.*; for the warrant 'about the malitia', 6*s.*; to John Elliott for making the town service, 5*s.*; to Edward Ladd for mending the Alders gate, 3*s.* 6*d.*; to Robert Bull for his tithingmanship, 1*l.* 2*s.*; to the sheriff's deputy, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to Robert Looker for iregeare for mending the Marsh and Alders gates, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to John Landicke for his constablenesship, 2*l.* 1*s.*; for beer at the king's coronation, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to John Parker for his constablenesship, 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; to John Parker and John Landicke constables for the use of the town, 1 musket, 1 rapier,

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1 [? barrel] ¹, and 2¼ pounds of powder, 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; to Mr. Haswell for a musket, 16*s.*; spent when William Jeffry was put to serve in the militia for the town, 5*s.*; to Mr. Weeks, 5*s.*; for the stewards, 13*s.* 4*d.*

The sum of the disbursements, 13*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

Receipts 13*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*

Rest due 4*d.*

There remains due to Henry Haswell, William Jeffry the elder, John Pile, William Jeffris the younger, for gathering the poll money, 2*l.*

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[84*r.*] 1662. The account of Walter Forman constable with Mr. Oliver Browne.

To 3 travellers 7 October, 6*d.*; to a traveller 29 October, 3*d.*; to 2 travellers 3 September, 3*d.*; to 5 travellers 4 December, 1*s.*; to 2 travellers 6 December, 6*d.*; to Joan Corke for lodging travellers, 2*s.* 8*d.*; for prisoners going to Bristol, 5*s.* 6*d.*; for 4 horses to carry prisoners, 6*s.*; spent upon the king's lifeguard, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for going to Chepenham 6 February, 1*s.*; for travellers on 3 March, 10 March, 13 April, 1*s.* 8*d.*; expenses at the petty sessions, 1*s.* 6*d.*; at the petty sessions, 1*s.*; to 4 soldiers 23 April, 1*s.*; to a traveller, 1*d.*; to Joan Corke for lodging travellers, 1*s.* 4*d.*; for going to the assizes, 10*s.*; for going to the quarter sessions, 4*s.*; at a petty sessions, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Mr. Broune when he went to Marlborough with a prisoner, 5*s.*; for going to the assizes, 10*s.*; to Mr. Broune for going to Marnsbury, 1*l.*; to John Jent for his horse to Salisbury, 4*s.*

Sum . . . 4*l.* 1*s.*,

which amount was paid to Walter Forman in 1667 he then being steward.

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[81*v.*] 1662 and 1663. The account of John Pile and Anthony Pearse guild stewards.

Receipts. From William Jeffry for the Alders 1662, 6*l.* 10*s.*; for Alders 1663, 5*l.*; from Walter Nicolis, 16 sheep, 2*s.* 6*d.*; from John Townsind, 40 sheep, 6*s.* 6*d.*; from Nicholas James, 1 horse, 8*d.*; from Richard Diks, 3 beasts, 1*s.*; from Benjamin Norrington, 1 horse, 8*d.*; from Robert Looker, 1 horse, 8*d.*; from John Carter, 1 horse, 8*d.*; from John Bishop, 1 horse, 8*d.*; from Robert Dier, 1 horse, 8*d.*; from Thomas Petters, 2 beasts and 2 sheep, 1*s.*; from Robert Duck, 1 beast 4*d.*; from Walter Dolman, 2 horses, 1*s.* 4*d.*; from John Landik, 2 sheep, 4*d.*; from Richard Paty, 34 sheep, 5*s.* 6*d.*

Sum . . . 12*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

Disbursements. To Henry Beare for the office of tithingman, 19*s.* 6*d.*; to William Richens for trenching the Alders, 18*s.*; to Edward Lad for

¹ This appears to be written as 'bll'.

work, 5s. 6d.; to Robert Bull when the town bonds were made, 2s. 6d.; to Mathew Haskins concerning Boulting Brook, 1s. 6d.; to Mr. Whittingham for the town, 6s. 8d.; to Henry Haswell and William Jefry and myself being out of purse concerning the poll money, 1l. 10s.; to John Forman for going to the assizes, 15s.; for the stewards' wages, 6s. 8d.; to Burges for his work with Walter Nicolas, 6d.; paid at the *Bare* with the burgesses, 1s.; to Robert Buls with the burgesses, 1s.; to Mr. Witingham for the town, 6s. 8d.; expenses at 'Allhollanday', 3s.; for the stewards' wages, 6s. 8d.; to William Richens for 2 winters' wages and other work, 7s.; at the *Crown* when the town bonds were made, 3s.; at the *Crown* when we drove the Marsh, 1s. 4d.; to William Pillis for his tithingmanship, 15s.; to John Forman for his constablenesship, 1l. 16s.; to Mr. John Cooke for his constablenesship, 8s. 10d.; for carrying cripples for the tithingman, 2s.; for stones for the Marsh pond, 8s.; for carrying timber from the Marsh for John Forman, 3s. 4d.; due to myself for the winter lease of 4 commons, 5s. 4d.; paid at Mathew Haskins when we came from the justices, 1s. 6d.

Sum . . . 10l. 15s. 6d.

So there remained in John Pile's hand, 1l. 17s. which he paid to John Forman one of the stewards, for 1666.

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[84v.] 1663. The several accounts of John Cooke and John Forman constables.

Receipts of John Cooke for the militia.

From Thomas Synnett, 1s.; from Richard Clark, 6d.; from widow Scott, 1s.; from widow Nicholas, 1s. 8d.; from Messenger, 4d.; from John Brooks, 1s. 1d.; from William Browne, 1s.; from Thomas Riley, 1s.; from Barnett, 4d.; from Ma[?tthew]Smith, 1s. 1d.; from John Bishop, 1s. 6d.; from Thomas Tibboll, 1s.; from Thomas Riley, 8d.

Sum . . . 12s. 2d.

Received by presentments, 1l. 19s. 6d.; from Mr. Peirce, 1l. 3s. 6d.

Sum . . . 3l. 15s. 2d.

Disbursements. To several passengers with passes, 1s.; for 3 journeys to Chippenham about the soldiery, 3s.; for my charges at the assizes, 10s.; in charges to the clerk of the market, 3l. 10s. *Sum . . . 4l. 4s.*

So there remains due to John Cooke, 8s. 10d.

Receipts of John Forman.

From John Pile, 15s.; 'in his hands of the militia money, 4s. 8d.

Sum . . . 19s. 8d.

Disbursements as particularly appears by his note, 2l. 16s. 3d.

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So there remains due to the said John Forman, 1*l.* 16*s.* 7*d.* which he received from John Pile.

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[83*r.*] 1663. The account of Thomas Townsend tithingman for this year was seen and allowed 27 December.

Disbursements were 1*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* And he received in full of his account 1*l.* from John Forman steward 1666.

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[82*r.*] 1664. The account of Arthur Eastmead and John Norman guild stewards.

The account of Arthur Eastmead.

Received of John Pile for the Alders, 5*l.*

Disbursements. Paid at Ogboron, 4*s.*; to Mr. Weekes, 8*s.*; to Robert Weeb, 4*s.*; at Robert Bul's, 10*s.*; more at Robert Bul's, 5*s.*; at John Townsind's, 1*s.* 3*d.*; to John Norman, 12*s.* 8*d.* *Sum . . .* 2*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.*

So there remains with Arthur Eastmead, 2*l.* 15*s.* 1*d.* of which he is allowed 2*l.* 1*s.* for his disbursements when constable in 1664.

So there is due, 14*s.* 11*d.*

The account of John Norman.

Received for 132 commons, 4*l.* 8*s.*; from John Jefry for his income, 4*s.*; from William Richman for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from Robert Bull for 2 years' use, 1*l.* 4*s.*; for winter lease, 2*l.*; from Arthur Eastmead, 12*s.* 8*d.* *Sum . . .* 8*l.* 12*s.*

Disbursements. To Thomas Silke for his summer wages, 15*s.*; to James Bartleet, 6*s.*; at the Alders, 8*s.*; for a day's work about the Alders house, 1*s.* 4*d.*; to Edward Dent for making a stile in the Marsh, 2*s.*; to John Eliot for plates for Patford bridge, 5*s.* 8*d.*; to Mr. Witingam, 6*s.* 8*d.*; spent with him, 1*s.*; for ridding the pond in the Marsh, 4*s.* 6*d.*; at Thomas Barret's at a meeting, 6*s.*; to Thomas Silke for his winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Silke for carrying rails to the Marsh and Alders, 1*s.*; for iregare, 2*s.*; to Edward Lad for mending Patford bridge and the pounds, 3*l.* 16*s.*; for going to Ogboron court, 5*s.*; to John Dent for carrying 'strand' to the bridge, 2*s.*; for digging holes for the posts of Patford bridge, 1*s.*; for the stewards' wages, 6*s.* 8*d.*; for 65 feet of planks for the town bridge, 12*s.*; for work about the bridge, 1*s.*; for candles, tobacco, and pipes at the hall, 6*d.*; other disbursements, 6*s.* 2*d.* *Sum . . .* 8*l.* 12*s.*

So that his accounts are even.

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[85v.] 1664. The several accounts of Arthur Eastmead and Robert Seager constables.

Disbursements of Arthur Eastmead. For going to Chepenham, 2s.; for myself, Walter Forman, Humphrey Townsind, and Anthony Pearce, 4s.; at the Vize sessions, 4s.; to the clerk of the market, 4s.; to Robert Parsons, 1l. 4s.; to several passengers, 3s. *Sum . . . 2l. 1s.*
which was paid by money left in his hands when steward.

Disbursements of Robert Seager. For my charges at the assizes, 1l.; for going to the sessions and Vize sessions, 10s.; for relieving passengers, 18s.; to soldiers, 8l. 8s.; for a new musket and pike, and for mending arms, 1l. 5s. 1d. *Sum . . . 12l. 1s. 1d.*

Receipts. 'I charge myselfe with one reate, 11l. 7s., whereof was deducted, 5l. 18s. 4d., so that the receipts of the reate is 8l. 8s. 8d. and received of Arthur Eastmead, 1l. 4s.' In all received 9l. 12s. 8d.

So there remains due to Robert Seager, 2l. 8s. 5d.

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[83r.] 1664. The account of Robert Dack tithingman for this year was seen and allowed.

His disbursements were 1l. 1s. 6d. And he received in full of his account 1l. 0s. 6d. from John Forman guild steward 1666.

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1665. The account of William Jeames [tithingman] for this year was seen and allowed.

His disbursements were 18s. 8d.

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[85v.] 1665/6. The account of John Norman constable.

Disbursements. For going to the assizes, 1l.; for going to the quarter sessions, 3s.; for going to monthly meetings, 4s.; for searching of Wells, having an order from Sir Edward Bainton and other justices, 7s.; to passengers, 13s. 7d.; to Thomas Barrett for serving as tithingman, 1l. 10s. 3d.; to Joan Corck for lodging passengers, 10s.

Sum . . . 4l. 7s. 10d.

So there remains to John Norman 4l. 7s. 10d.

[86r.] 1666. The account of John Forman one of the guild stewards.

Receipts. From William Silke, *1l. os. 8d.*; from John Pile, *1l. 17s.*; from my partner Henry Haswell, *1l. 13s. 8d.*; from John Brooke for the winter lease of the Alders, *6l. 10s.*; from Anthony Pearse for his income, *3s. 4d.*; from John Daish for his income, *3s. 4d.*; from Mistress Browne for her income, *3s. 4d.* *Sum . . . 11l. 11s. 4d.*

Disbursements. To Thomas Townsinde for his charges as tithingman 1663, *1l. os. 10d.*; to Robert Duck tithingman 1664, *1l. 1*; paid the same day that we were chosen stewards, *2s. 6d.*; to Edward Dent for sawing posts, rails, and harrows, *6s. 8d.*; to Thomas Silke for summer wages, *15s.*; to 4 men for carrying 2 gates to the Alders, *1s. 8d.*; for a post for the Alders gate, *1s. 8d.*; for a post for the Alders pound, *2s. 6d.*; for a staple for the pound, *4d.*; to 4 men for carrying a post to the pound, *8d.*; for nails for the harrows of the Alders gates, *6d.*; to Thomas Silke for carrying rails to the Alders, *6d.*; for carrying a gate to the yonder end of the Marsh, *4s.*; to Edward Dent for making gates, *8s. 8d.*; to Edward Bush for work in the Marsh, *4s.*; to Thomas Silke for helping the carpenters, *1s. 6d.*; to Thomas Spunley for work at the Marsh, *11s. 8d.*; to Richard Heall for hooks, twists, and 'stirts', *4s. 7d.*; to Thomas Spunley for his work in the Alders, *3s. 4d.*; to Edward Bush for work in the Alders, *2s. 6d.*; for rails for the Alders pound, *2s. 6d.*; for carrying rails to the Alders, *8d.*; to Thomas Pur for timber to make harrows, *6s. 8d.*; to Robert Looker for nails and 'stirts' for the Alders, *1s. 3d.*; at Ogboron, *1s. 6d.*; to John Pile for carrying a tree, *2s. 6d.*; at a meeting, *2s.*; to Edward Dent for mending the bridge, *1s. 2d.*; to Andrew Bennett when the common was driven, *1s. 6d.*; for boards and a piece of wood to mend the bridge, *1s. 3d.*; for a rail next to Wodell, *4d.*; for cleansing the pond at the end of the Marsh, *5s.*; to Robert Looker for hooks, twists, 'stirts', and nails at the Marsh, *2s. 6d.*; for nails about the bridge, *6d.*; for cleansing the pond next Newcrates, *6s. 6d.*; for work in the pond next Clark's ground, *4s. 8d.*; for digging stones for the Marsh pond, *6s. 10d.*; for candles, tobacco, and pipes, 1 November, *1s. 6d.*; at the *Bear*, 1 November, *8s. 6d.*; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, *2s. 6d.*; to William Page, *1s. 8d.*; to Robert Bull, when the town bond was to be sealed, *7s. 6d.*; to John Pile for carrying stones to the Marsh ponds, *15s.*; to Thomas Silke for loading the plough and laying stones, *2s. 6d.*; to Edward Dent and Thomas Silke for watching the pound, and for digging up the pound posts, *4s.*; to John Taylor for under-building the blind house, *9s. 6d.*; to John Pile for stones and for carrying them to the blind house *10s.*; to Edward Dent for work at the blind house, *4d.*; to John Townsind for lime for the blind house, *1s.*; to William Tiler and Charles Tiler for bringing the rails from the Marsh pound, *2s.*; to Edward Lad for taking down the pound, *2s.*; for beer for

¹ See 107.

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Thomas Silke and Edward Dent, 6*d.*; to John Pile for carrying posts out of the Marsh, 4*s.*; for mending the town crooks, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for keeping the town book, 6*s.* 8*d.*; for a warrant for Silke and Bishop, 6*d.*

*Sum . . . 11*l* 18*s.* 5*d.**

So there is due to John Forman 7*s.* 1*d.* ¹; and also due to John Forman for keeping the accounts in 1668, 6*s.* 8*d.* ¹.

[87*v.*] The account of Henry Haswell guild steward with John Forman. *Receipts.* At the Alders, 3 May 1666, 2*l.*

Disbursements. For expenses at the Alders, 8*s.*; at Ogborne court, 3*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Silke for 4 days' work making bounds upon Bestbrooke or Johnson Weekes' grounds, 3*s.* 4*d.*; for expenses at 2 meetings at Bennett's and Robert Bull's, 4*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Silke and Tyler for their first ridding of the ponds, 3*s.*; at 2 meetings about Mr. Weeks' business, 1*s.* 8*d.*; to Thomas Silke for ridding the other pond, 1*s.*; when we drove the common, 1*s.* 10*d.*; at another meeting, 4*s.*; for my salary being steward, 6*s.* 8*d.*

*Sum . . . 1*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.**

Rest in his hands upon that account, 2*s.*

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[83*r.*] 1666. The account of Thomas Barret tithingman for this year was 1*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*

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[87*r.*] 1666/7 [1666]. The accounts of William Jeffery and James Bartleet constables.

The account of William Jeffery.

For going to both assizes, 1*l.*; for the non-appearance of Mr. Broune and Richard Seager at the assizes, 12*s.*; expenses at Devizes sessions, 3*s.*; at 2 petty sessions, 2*s.*; at 2 monthly meetings, 2*s.* *Sum . . . 1*l.* 19*s.**

Received in sheep lease, 4*s.*, and so there is due to William Jeffery, 1*l.* 15*s.*

The account of James Bartlett.

For going to both assizes, 1*l.*; expenses at Chepenham 5 times, 5*s.*

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[86*v.*] 1667. The account of Walter Forman and John Parker guild stewards.

The account of Walter Forman.

Receipts. For the Alders eightpences, 4*l.* 5*s.*; for the winter leases, 6*l.*

*Sum . . . 10*l.* 5*s.**

¹ 'and also . . . , 6*s.* 8*d.*' is added later.

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Disbursements. To Robert Gill, Gebrill Morrill, and Henry Jones for work in the ponds, 12s.; to the same, 4s.; for the Alders bounds, 2s.; to Robert Looker for 2 twists, 1s. 4d.; for beer Holyrood day, 7s.; for 3 posts at the Marsh, 1s. 6d.; for 3 rails, 1s.; at Ogboron court, 6s.; to John Forman for keeping the book, 8s.; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, 2s. 6d.; to Robert Bull, 7s.; to Walter Nicolis, 4s.; at Castell Comb, 2s. 6d.; at Warminster, 2s.; for horse hire to Warminster, 3s.; to John Tomkins for going to Warminster, 2s.; for mending the bridge, 3s.; to Edward Dent for planks, 2s.; for 44 feet of board for the blind house, 4s. 6d.; for irons for the stocks, 3s.; for 100 nails, 1s.; to John Phib for a day's work, 1s. 6d.; to John Parker, 1l.; my constables' disbursements, 4l. 1s.; to Mr. John Parker for Mr. Rogers, 3s. 6d.; for taking ameracements at Salsbury, 1l. *Sum . . . 10l. 5s.*

The account of John Parker.

Receipts. From Walter Forman, 1l.

Disbursements. At Marbrow, 1s. 6d.; to Mr. Rogers, 2s.; to the same, 1s. 2d.; at Ogboron, 3s. 1d.; at the sessions, 3s. 10d.; for my horse, 2 days, 2s.; at Warminster to counsel, 1l. 12s. 2d.; for a post in the Alders, 6d.; for 'strand' for the bridge, 3d.; to John Taylor for the wall at Patford Broke, 5s.; to Charles White for bringing stones, 6s. 6d. *Sum . . . 2l. 18s.*

So there is due to John Parker, 1l. 18s.

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[93v.] 1667. The account of Richard Seager constable.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1l.; given to travellers for relief and lodging, 1l. 3s. 3d. *Sum . . . 2l. 3s. 3d.*
which was paid by John Parker steward 1 November 1672.

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[88r.] 1668. The accounts of John Pile guild steward with William Jeffry¹.

Receipts. At the Alders for the incomes, 4l. 9s.; from John Landick for 27 sheep, 2s. 3d.; from Richard Bayli for 15 sheep, 1s. 3d.; from Robert Locker for 20 sheep, 1s. 8d.; from Richard Clarke for 40 sheep, 3s. 4d.; from William Richings for 4 sheep, 4d.; from John Tounsend for 120 sheep, 10s.; from Edward Seager for a horse, 6d.; from widow Larens for a horse, 6d.; from John More from his income, 3s. 4d.; from Arthur Forman for his income, 3s. 4d.; from Henry Broocke for his income, 3s. 4d.; from Stephen Woodman for his income, 3s. 4d.; from

¹ A marginal note in the same hand explains that the account of William Jeffery was handed to John Forman, and that it was lost on the death of the latter.

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John Seager for his income, 3s. 4d.; from Walter Forman for 60 sheep and 3 beasts, 7s.; from William Jeffry, 5s. 2d. *Sum . . . 6l. 17s. 8d.*

Disbursements for being constable and steward.

For going to both assizes, 1l.; for going to the quarter sessions, 3s.; at Robert Bull's on St. Mathias day, 6s.; to Samuel Corck for mending the Marsh bounds, 12s.; to Edward Ladd for mending the blind house, cage, and brigs, 3s. 6d.; at Robert Bull's, 1s.; at Ogborne and for a horse hire, 11s. 4d.; to John Tayler for 'meacking the weall' at the Marsh, 4s.; for carriage of 12 loads of stones, 12s.; for 12 loads of stones, 12s.; for laying up the pound posts, 1s.; for the stewards' wages, 6s. 8d.; for a post for the Alders, 8d.; spent at the Alders on 'haldoren day', 5s.; to Corck for mending the Marsh bounds, 3s. 9d.; for a stake for the Marsh gate, 3d.; for 11 loads of stones which Mr. Parcker had for Patford wall, 11s. 3d.; for going to 3 monthly meetings, 3s. 6d.; for a post for the Alders, and for labour, 1s. 6d.; to passengers, 11s.; for mending the Marsh bounds, 4d.; to Corck for mending bounds at the Alders, 9d.; to Corck for mending the Marsh bounds and posts, 1s.; at William Silke's at a meeting, 2s. 6d.; to Thomas Silke for mending bounds, 2s.; paid at William Silke's, 2s.; at William Silke's and John Harman's, 1s.; at Andrew Bennut's, 1s. 8d. *Sum . . . 6l. 17s. 8d.*

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[83v.] 1668. The account of John Townsend tithingman for 1668 was seen and allowed 2 November 1668 at the guildhall.

Disbursements were 12s. 2d.

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[87v.] 1668. The account [of Henry Haswell] of his disbursements during his constablenesship.

'In setling the watch and hireing of persons before he could settle the same, and for expenses upon the watch at severall times, he saith it cost him above ten shillings, he reckons but 5s.:' his expenses and allowances for both assizes at Sarum, 1l.; expenses for his horse and himself at Easter sessions, 2s.; his expenses for himself and his horse at Chippenham upon summons to appear in person to make a return of the neglect of the alehouse keepers 5 July 1668, 1s. 6d.; spent upon poor travellers 'that cost him above ten shillings (as he saith) and reckons but 5s.:' to Robert Greene for a constable's staff, 2s. 6d.

Sum . . . 1l. 16s.

So there rests due to the said Henry Haswell upon these accounts, 1l. 14s.

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[89r.] 1669. The account of John Norman guild steward with Humphrey Tounsen.

Receipts. From William Jeffry, 5*s.*; for the incomes of the commons, 4*l.* 6*s.*; from Henry Hayerd for the winter leases of the Alders, 7*l.* 6*s.*; from Walter Dolman for his income, 3*s.*; from Henry Molsum for his income, 3*s.*; from Humphrey Bodman for his income, 3*s.* 4*d.*; from John Cayes for his income, 3*s.*; from John Tounsen for 60 sheep, 5*s.*; from Walter Forman for 30 sheep, 2*s.* 6*d.*; from Robert Locker for sheep, 2*s.*; from William Jefry for 30 sheep, 2*s.* 6*d.*; from David Jeffry for 8 sheep, 8 *d.*; from Richard Bayli for sheep, 6*d.*; from Henry Broock for 16 sheep, 1*s.* 4*d.*; from Thomas Davis for a horse, 6*d.*; from Thomas Ryli for 6 sheep, 6*d.*; from widow Scott for a horse, 6*d.*; from Elizabeth Clark for sheep, 1*s.* 10*d.* *Sum . . . 13*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.**

Disbursements. To John Norman for being constable and Thomas Barrett tithingman, 4*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*; to John Tounsen for his tithingmanship, 12*s.* 2*d.*; spent at William Silck's on St. Mathew's day, 7*s.* 6*d.*; spent at Ogborne, and for horse hire, 9*s.*; at widow Tounsen's, 3*s.*; at the Alders, 5*s.*; a Marsh gate, 10*s.*; for a post and 'leaber' at the Alders, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to Richard Hale for iregear, 2*s.* 8*d.*; to the mason for mending the wall at the Marsh, 4*s.* 6*d.*; for mending the town bridge, 3*s.*; for mending the stile at the Marsh, 2*s.* 6*d.*; at Anthony Smith's, 2*s.* 6*d.*; at William Silck's, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for making 2 bonds, 2*s.*; to Thomas Silck for carrying rails, 6*d.*; at Smith's, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for writing an order, 1*s.*; at Mr. Berd's 'upon the shreave', 4*s.*; at William Silcke's 'anhallanday', 6*s.*; at a meeting at William Silcke's and Anthony Smith's when the town money was paid, 10*s.*; to Thomas Silcke for his wages for keeping the bounds, 14*s.*; for ridding the ponds, 2*l.* 10*s.*; to John Pile for carriage and stones, 5*s.*; to the sheriff and expenses at the Devises, 14*s.* 8*d.*; for keeping the book and making bonds, 6*s.* 8*d.* *Sum . . . 13*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.**
*Paid in part 1*s.* 10*d.**

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[92v.] 1669. The account of John Parsons tithingman passed and allowed at the guildhall 1 November 1671.

Paid and given for lodging and maintenance of poor distressed persons, 9*s.*

Paid by Walter Forman guild steward with Anthony Peirce 1 November 1671.

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[91r.] 1670¹. Incomes paid to Oliver Browne and Henry Haswell in the year 1670 when they were guild stewards, 'and gave noe account of their stewardshipp before their death'.

Robert Forman, 3s. 4d.; Joseph Orrill, 3s. 4d.; John Brooke, 3s. 4d.; Robert Sheapard, 3s. 4d.; Stephen Woodman, 6s. 8d.; George Oekford, 3s. 4d.; Katherine Spunley, 3s. 4d.; Alice Patty, 3s. 4d.; Henry Ladd, 3s. 4d.

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[88v.] 1670. The accounts of John Parker and Anthony Peirce constables, which were seen, perused, and allowed by the burgesses at the town hall.

The account of John Parker.

Spent at the assizes, 10s.; at the Devizes sessions, 2s. 6d.; at 2 meetings before the justices at Chippenham, 2s. 4d.; at the town court 'being sworn to attend the courte to make a presentment', 1s.; to several travellers for their lodging, 3s. 3d. *Sum . . . 19s. 3d.*

The account of Anthony Peirce.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1l.; on the waggoners that came with the king's carriages, and for one to assist them, 2s.; at the Devizes sessions, 2s. 6d.; at 2 monthly meetings with the justices at Chippenham, 2s. 4d.; at the town court, being sworn to make a presentment, 1s. 2d.; for several poor travellers' lodging, and other necessary expenses for their relief, 7s. 6d. *Sum . . . 1l. 15s. 6d.*

122

[92r.] 1670/1 [1671]. The accounts of Walter Forman and Anthony Peirce guild stewards.

The account of Walter Forman.

From John Norman for the winter lease of the Alders, 6l. 12s.

Deductions. Spent at a meeting at the *Bear*, 4s. 8d.; at another meeting there, 6s. 4d.; to John Dash for charges when he was constable, 1l. 15s.; to John Parsons for his charges as tithingman, 9s.; to Arthur Forman for his charges when constable, 1l. 11s.; spent at John Harman's, 1s.

The whole disbursements, 4l. 7s.
Remainder, 2l. 5s.

The account of Anthony Peirce.

Foreign receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders and Portmarsh, 4l. 9s. 4d.; for the winter lease of Portmarsh for sheep, horses, and other beasts, 1l. 5s. 11d.; from Humphrey Boadman for summer and winter lease for his horse, 9s.; from Robert Bull, 8l. 10s.; from John Hayward, 6s. 8d.

Incomes. John Tomkines, 3s. 6d.; James Taylor, 3s. 4d.; George Henloe, 3s. 4d. The whole receipts, 15l. 10s. 1d.

¹ Entry was made 14 March 1672.

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Deductions. Spent at a meeting at the *Bear*, 1s.; at the Alders, 3 May, 7s.; to Thomas Silke for mending bounds, 12s. 10d.; at Ogborne court, 5s.; at a meeting at the *Bear*, 2s.; at a meeting about the bridge, 2s.; due for my expenses when constable, 1l. 15s.; spent 'about Bull's bond', 6d.; at the *Catherine Wheele* when the burgesses and Edward Ladd met about the bridge, 1s. 6d.; to Thomas Ladd for measuring the bridge, 1s.; to Thomas Cheapman for carrying stones to the bridge, 1s.; to Thomas Hellier and Thomas Cheapman for labour at the bridge when it was mended, 1s.; spent on the workmen, 6d.; to John Reeve for carriage of 'strand', 8d.; to Allen Milles for 1½ day's labour at the bridge, 1s. 4d.; to Stephen Reeve and Charles Whitte for digging 4 loads of stones for the bridge, 4s.; for 2 loads of small stones, 1s. 4d.; spent at Bull's with the burgesses 'at the ending of the law about their bond', 2s.; [92v.] to Edward Ladd towards the mending of the bridge, 1l. 16s.; for timber, 6s.; to Joan Pile widow for carriage of 8 loads of 'strand' to the bridge, 8s.; for charges of law against Bull, and to the bailiffs serving him, 1l. 11s.; to Edward Dent for a day's work, 1s.; to Thomas Silke for labour about the gates in the common, 4d.; to Richard Hale for plates for the gates and for nails, 2s. 5d.; to John Harman 'for fees which Mr. Browne and I entered into bond to the shreife to apeare at Marlborough sessions', 7s. 6d.; for fees and horse hire to Marlborough sessions, 15s.; to John Norman for rails for the gates and for nails, 1s. 10d.; to Edward Dent for mending the Marsh stile and the Alders gate, 2s. 6d.; spent in town business, 1s.; spent at the *Catherine Wheel* when the burgesses met about the town stock, 5s.; at the same place when the town bonds were sealed, 7s.; due to me for my office of stewardship, 6s. 8d.; spent when we impounded the horses from the commons, 10d.; to Humphrey Boadman for serving as tithingman 2 years, 1l. 1s. 10d.; to Mr. Weekes for making the town bonds, 3s.; to Thomas Silke for winter wages, 2s. 6d.; spent at the *Bear*, 1s.; to William Tayler for a day's work, and for a load of stones for the bridge, 1s. 10d.; to John Harman for the sheriff and for expenses, 10s. 6d.; to Edward Dent, James Tyler, and Thomas Tyler for bringing the pound posts, 2s. 6d.; spent at a meeting with the burgesses at William Haskin's, 2s. 6d.; to James Barttlet for his charges when constable, 1l. 5s.; to Thomas Silke towards a debt due from Mr. Browne, 19s.; to John Harman towards his charges when he paid the sheriff, 2s. 6d.; spent at the Devizes sessions taking off a presentment, 2s. 6d.; for keeping the town book, 6s. 8d.; to John Norman in part of an old debt when he was last steward, 1s. 10d. Sum . . . 15l. 10s. 1d.

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[92v.] 1670/1 [1671]. The account of Humphrey Boadman tithingman paid 1 November 1671.

Paid for lodging and maintenance of poor distressed persons who came with certificates, 1l. 10s. 11d.

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[93r.] 1671. The account of Walter Forman and Walter Nickolas constables 1671 was seen and allowed 1 November 1672.

The account of Walter Forman.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1*l.*; given to poor travellers, 5*s.* 4*d.*

He paid himself from the 2*l.* 5*s.* remaining to him when steward in 1671, and paid the remainder to Walter Nickolas in part payment of his charges.

The account of Walter Nickolas.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1*l.*; 'spent at severall times as by his accounts did more at large apeare', 10*s.* 6*d.*

*Sum . . . 1*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.**

which was paid in part by Walter Forman, 18*s.* 9*d.*

Remainder paid by John Parker 11*s.* 9*d.*

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1671. The accounts of Oliver Browne gentleman and Arthur Forman constables, seen and allowed 1 November 1671.

The account of Mr. Browne.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1*l.*; which he paid himself when steward in 1671.

The account of Arthur Forman.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1*l.*; for 2 locks which Dolman broke, and for 4 watchmen, 3*s.*; to poor travellers for relief and lodging, 8*s.*

*Sum . . . 1*l.* 11*s.**

which was paid by Walter Forman his father guild steward with Anthony Peirce 1 November 1671.

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[94r.] 1671/2 [1672]. The accounts of John Parker and Mr. Robert Forman guild stewards.

Mr. Parker's account of his receivings.

For the winter lease of the Alders, 10*l.* 6*s.*; from William Scott for 160 sheep lease in Porte Marsh, 13*s.* 4*d.*; from Breach for 60 sheep, 5*s.*; from Henry Brook for 30 sheep, 2*s.* 6*d.*; from Robert Looker for 30 sheep, 2*s.* 6*d.*; from John Bishop for 14 sheep, 1*s.* 6*d.*; from Alice Clarke for 24 sheep, 2*s.*; from John Landicke for 24 sheep, 2*s.*

*Sum . . . 11*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.**

Disbursements. To Roger Harding for charges when tithingman, 11*s.* 8*d.*; at the *Bear* 3 May, 14*s.*; to Walter Nickolas in part of his charges when constable, 11*s.* 9*d.*; to the hayward for winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to

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Anthony Peirce for keeping the book, 5s.; to Thomas Stratton towards his charges at the assizes, 6s.; to several persons to assist the hayward in the fields, 2s.; at the *Wheele*, 3s. 6d.; at the *Swane*, 5s.; to Walter Flay for making the town bonds, 4s.; at the *Wheele* another time, 3s.; to Thomas Ritchens, 1s.; to Mr. Robert Forman to pay the sheriff, 11s.; to John Harman, 2s. 6d.; to Richard Seagar for his charges when constable, 2l. 3s. 3d.; at the *Bear*, 6s.; at Ogborne court, 2s.; to Mr. Robert Hungerford, 3l. os. 4d.; to Robert Dyer guild steward, 2l. *Sum . . . 11l. 14s. 10d.*

Mr. Robert Forman's account of his receivings.

For the summer lease of Porte Marsh and Alders, 4l. 8s. 8d.; from Roger Hayward for a trespass, 10s.; *incomes*: from Humphrey Townsend, 3s. 4d.; from Robert Card, 3s. 4d.; from Kate Pure's husband, 3s. 4d.; from Walter Flay, 3s. 4d.; from Mr. Jones, 3s. 4d. *Sum . . . 5l. 15s. 4d.*

Disbursements. Spent at the *Bear*, 8s.; to Thomas Fowler going to Ogborn, 1s. 4d.; to the bailiff at Ogborne, 5s.; spent coming from Ogborne, 1s. 6d.; to the ringers by consent, 3s.; to Thomas Ritchens for mending bounds, 10s.; spent at the Alders, 8s.; to Mr. Parker for charges when constable, 1l.; to Thomas Ritchens for scouring the ponds, 4s.; for carriage of stones in the Alders, 10s.; for digging stones in the Alders, 10s.; for scouring part of the Alders pond, 10d.; [94v.] spent at the *Bear*, 2s. 2d.; spent at the *Katherine Wheele*, 1l.; to Ritchens and others for watching the hayward's sheep, 5s. 6d.; for 6lb. of pitch, 7s.; to Robert Looker for a marking iron, 2s.; for tobacco, pipe, and nails, and candles, 1s. 2½d. *Sum . . . 5l. 15s. 4d.*

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[93v.] 1672. The account of Roger Harding tithingman was seen and allowed 1 November 1672.

Given for the carriage of cripples and for their relief, 11s. 8d. which was paid by John Parker steward 1 November 1672.

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[97r.] 1672/3 [1673]. The accounts of Robert Hungerford esquire and Robert Dyer guild stewards.

First of Mr. Hungerford.

Receivings. From John Parker former guild steward, 3l. os. 4d.

Disbursements. To Walter Flay for making a bond, 1s. 6d.; to counsellor Eyers for his fee at Warmister sessions, 1l.; for carriage of 2 loads of stones to the Marsh, 3s.; to John Gent for horse hire, 3s.

Sum . . . 1l. 7s. 6d.

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Paid the remainder to Walter Nicholas now guild steward, *1l. 12s. 10d.*, which makes up Mr. Hungerford's receivings, *3l. 0s. 4d.*

Robert Dyer's account.

Receivings. For 130 leases in the Alders for the entrance of horses and beasts, *4l. 6s. 8d.*; from John Norman for an income due from William Smith, *3s. 4d.*; from John Norman an income for Mathew Haskins' house, *3s. 4d.*; for incomes: Robert Underwood, *3s. 4d.*; Thomas Davise of the *George*, *3s. 4d.*; Theophilus King, *3s. 4d.*; Stephen Lawrence, *3s. 4d.*; Mr. Giffard, *3s.*; in money from Mr. Parker, *17s. 10d.*; from James Barttlet for an acknowledgment to the town for inclosing a plot of ground in Wenhill contrary to custom, *2s. 6d.*; from John Fraylins for a trespass, *2d.*; from John Hunt for a trespass, *6d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, *8l. 7s. 6d.*; for the winter lease of the Marsh, *1l. 17s. 11d.*

Sum . . . 17l. 15s. 5d.

Disbursements. To Robert Ody for work in the Alders, *16s.*; in expenses at the Alders 3 May 1674, *5s. 6d.*; spent at the *Whee* 9 May 1674, *2s. 2d.*; paid at the *Whee* 'whereof received John Parker's money', *2s.*; in expenses at the *Beare*, *1s.*; paid himself for his horse hire for Anthony Peirce to go to Poulshote, *1s. 3d.*; for expenses of Mr. Hayes and Mr. Flay at Warmister, *14s. 4d.*; for his own expenses there, *5s. 8d.*; for his own charges at Lavington where he had a horse for 'ould Townsind' to ride to Warmister, *4s. 10d.*; to Townsend for his pains, *2s. 6d.*; for hire of 2 horses, *5s.*; in expenses at the *Beare*, *2s. 2d.*; for moving the chest to the church, *3s.*; for driving the fields, *3s. 6d.*; to Mr. Helmer and Mr. Flay about Summers, *12s. 2d.*; for a lock for the pound, *1s.*; for 'praying' Summers' horse and watching the pound, *2s.*; [97*v.*] for charges of Anthony Peirce and myself, for meat for 2 horses, and for hire of my horse to Henly to Mr. Stephens, *1l. 11s. 7d.*; for charges of Anthony Peirce at the sessions, *11s. 10d.*; for the disbursements of Henry Beare when constable, *1l. 19s. 7d.*; to Dr. Lee for curing Walker, *5s.*; at the *Beare* at 'Unhalluntide', *9s. 11d.*; at the hall for tobacco, pipes, and candles, *1s. 6d.*; at the *Whee* when Anthony Peirce and I received the town money, *9s.*; to Strong, his bill of charges when tithingman, *1l.*; for a gate in the Marsh, for 'luggs' and making lime, *6s. 8d.*; for 'ludges' and nails, for work, and for 'stranding' of Pattford bridge, *6s.*; for Harnam bridge, *7s. 9d.*; to John Harman for the sheriff, and in expenses, *10s. 6d.*; for my expenses in London, and for my horse, *2l. 14s. 6d.*; for my horse hire to London, *10s.*; for digging stones for the Marsh pond, *7s.*; to Thomas Ritchens for work about the Alders and Marsh ponds, *2s.*; to Thomas Ritchens for summer and winter wages, *16s.*; to Anthony Peirce for keeping the town book, *5s.*

Sum . . . 16l. 19s. 9d.

Remaining in his hands *16s. 4d.* which makes up his full receivings, *17l. 15s. 5d.* Paid to Walter Nicholas now steward, *16s. 4d.*

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[100r.] 1673. The account of Thomas James the younger in his tithingmanship.

Paid for 3 passengers at Thomas Bennett's house, 2s.; for 3 passengers at Strong's, 5s.; for a passenger at Martin's and for horse hire, 1s. 6d.; for 3 passengers at Tounsend's, 1s. 6d.; for carrying a woman in a hand barrow, 1s. 4d.; for passengers at Milsham's, 2s. 4d.; for passengers at widow Carter's and for horses, 3s.; for passengers and at Strong's, 1s. 4d.; for 2 horses to Studly, 1s.; for hiring John Neat's horse, and a man, 1s.; for passengers at John Derham's, 1s. 4d. *Sum . . . 1l. 2s. 4d.*

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[98r.] 1673/4 [1674]. The accounts of Walter Norborne esquire and Walter Nichalas guild stewards.

First of Mr. Norborne.

Receipts. From Robert Dyer for the winter lease of the Alders, 5l.

Disbursements. To Anthony Peirce for charges as constable, 1l. 17s. 11d.; for keeping the book, 5s.; to John Norman for charges when constable, 1l. 14s. 11d.; paid for bonds at the *Bear*, 3s.; at Ogorne court, 5s.; to Christopher Willing for timber, 16s. 6d. *Sum . . . 5l. 2s. 4d.* which 2s. 4d. is entered to his constable's account.

The account of Walter Nichalas.

Receipts. From Mr. Hungerford and Robert Dyer which remained in their hands, 2l. 9s. 10d.; *incomes:* John Neate, 3s. 4d.; Nathaniel Harrison, 3s. 4d.; David Jeffery, 3s. 4d.; William Cloud, 3s. 4d.; Thomas English, 3s. 4d.; Thomas Looker, 3s. 4d.; Moses Parsons, 3s. 4d.; for the income of beasts in the Alders, 4l. 9s. 4d.; for *trespass:* Thomas Morrell and John Dobbe, 2s.; Thomas Townsend, 3s.; Mrs. Henlow, 2s.; Mr. Barnard, 1s.; Thomas James, 6s.; Thomas Bennutt, 1s.; Richard Browne, 1s.; Edward Hollaway, 2s.; Robert Shepard, 1s.; — [*blank*] Whitaker, 2s. *Sum . . . 1l. 1s.*

For sheep: Henry Hayward, 84, 7s. 1d.; John Bishop, 15, 1s. 3d.; John Townsend, 20, 1s. 8d.; Dorothy Scott, 15, 1s. 3d.; Edward Whitte, 17, 1s. 5d.; William Townsend, 3, 3d.; Johnson Weekes, 20, 1s. 8d.; Walter Forman, 20, 1s. 8d. *Sum . . . 16s. 3d.*

For horses and colts: John Townsend, 1 horse, 6d.; widow Scotte, 1 horse, 6d.; Mr. Blaake, 1 colt, 4d.; Roger Hayward, 1 colt, 4d.; John Carpenter, 1 colt, 4d.; John Bishop, 1 horse, 6d.; Benjamin Norrington, 1 horse, 6d.; Roger Ingrums, 1 mule, 4d.; Thomas Pertters, 2 beasts, 8d.

Sum . . . 4s.

The whole sum received, 10l. 3s. 9d.

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Disbursements. Paid at the Alders, 3 May, 8s.; at Ogborne court, 5s.; to the hayward for wages, 14s.; to Mr. Hayes for charges in law, 3*l.* 15s. in expenses at the *Bear*, 2s.; to the ringers, 5s.; for 'stranding' the bridge, 1s. 2*d.*; to the hayward for mending the pond and bounds, 2s.; for scouring the Marsh pond, 3s.; [98*v.*] for scouring the Alders pond, 7s.; for watching the beast in the field, 1s. 4*d.*; to Richard Heal for iregear, 2s. 8*d.*; to Thomas Barrow for work at the bridge, 2s. 4*d.*; at the *Bear*, 1s.; to the hayward in expenses when we drove the common, and for watching, 8s. 9*d.*; to John Harman for his fee, 2s.; for a bond, 6*d.*; at the *Bear*, 4s. 6*d.*; to Nathaniel Harrison for a post and rails for the Alders pound, 12s.; to John Harman for taking up a bond, 5s.; to Edward Ladd for mending the bridge, 2s. 6*d.*; at the *Bear* on 2 occasions, 13s.; more at the *Wheel*, 4s.; to John Harman for the sheriff's fee, 10s.; at the *Bear*, 3s. 4*d.*; to the hayward for winter wages, 2s. 6*d.*; to George Henlow now steward, 6s. 2*d.*

Which makes up the full money received by Walter Nichalas, 10*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*

¹ 9 July 1674. Received of Mr. Robert Hungerford and the rest of the burgesses of Calne by the hands of Mr. William Hayes the sum of 20*l.*
Richard Stevens.

This 20*l.* was taken out of the town stock for the renewing of the charter.

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[93*v.*] 1674. The account of Anthony Peirce and John Norman constables was seen, passed, and allowed 1 November 1674.

The account of Anthony Peirce.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1*l.* 1s.; given for lodging and relief of poor travellers, in expenses in town business, and in going to the monthly meetings, 16s. 11*d.*
Sum . . . 1*l.* 17s. 11*d.*

The account of John Norman.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1*l.*; given for lodging and relief of poor travellers, and in expenses going to 4 monthly meetings, 14s. 11*d.*

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[94*v.*] 1674. The account of Moses Parsons tithingman seen and allowed 2 November 1675.

Given away for relief and lodging of poor travellers and carriage of poor cripples, 10s. 11*d.*

¹ This receipt is written on a loose piece of paper inserted between folios 97 and 98.

[99r.] 1674/5 [1675]. The accounts of George Henlow and William Jeffery guild stewards.

First of George Henlow.

Receipts. From Walter Nichalas remaining in his hands when steward, 6s. 2d.; from Johnson Weekes as an acknowledgment of his way from Beversbrook through the Marsh for 2 years ending 24 February 1675, 5s.; for the winter lease of the Alders from David Jeffery, 4l.; for the winter lease of Portmarsh, 1l. 9s. 4d. *Sum . . . 6l. os. 6d.*

Disbursements. Paid at the *Wheel* the first hall, 1s.; for stones to mend the town bridge, 2s. 6d.; to a labourer there, 3s.; at Ogborne for 9 dinners, 9s.; given to the bailiff and the maid, 3s. 6d.; to Thomas Richens for 3 days' work at the Marsh pond, 3s.; for making a new stile next Pearclose, 3s. 4d.; to Richens for mending the gate posts in the Marsh and Alders, 1s.; spent at the *Wheel* 'Unhallunday', 6s. 6d.; to the hayward for winter wages, 2s. 6d.; for tobacco and pipes at the hall, 1s. 5d.; spent when the bonds were made, 2s.; for making 3 bonds, 1s. 6d.; to Anthony Peirce for keeping the book, 5s.; to John Harman for the sheriff's fee and his own, 10s.; for scouring the Marsh pond, 18s.; due to myself to make up my 20 sheep lease, 5s.; for my 20 sheep lease, 1s. 8d.

Sum . . . 3l. 18s. 3d.

Remainder 2l. 2s. 3d.

which was paid by the consent of the burgesses to Mr. Thomas Swaddon next guild steward, which makes up Mr. Henlow's account to be disbursed as much as he received which was 6l. os. 6d.

William Jeffery's account.

Receipts. For the summer lease of the Alders, 4l. 8s.; from Henry Messenger for his income, 3s. 4d.; from Henry Hayward for a trespass, 1s. 6d. *Sum . . . 4l. 12s. 10d.*

Disbursements. To Thomas Richens for mending bounds, 14s.; for 2 new gates and iregear, and for a post, 14s. 6d.; for taking an indictment at Marlborough, 13s. 6d.; spent at the *Bear*, 2s.; at 'Hollldraday' at the Alders, 4s.; to Taylor for mending the Marsh wall, 1s.; to Thomas Richens for carrying a post and helping there, 1s.; for mending 2 gates and iregear at the pound, 4s.; to Thomas Perters for carriage of 2 loads of stones, 2s.; to William Strong for stones, 2s. 8d.; for taking an indictment at Warminster sessions and for expenses, 1l. 16s.; for taking an indictment at Sarum and in expenses for myself and John Harman, 1l. 4s.; to Walter Flay for 2 bonds, 2s.; at the *Bear*, 4s.; to Anthony Peirce for a copy of the oath, 6d. *Sum . . . 6l. 5s. 2d.*

Paid the remainder of his disbursements by Mr. Thomas Swaddon now guild steward, 1l. 13s.

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[99v.] Received 10 March 1675 from Mr. Henlow, 2*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*; paid to William Jeffery in full, 1*l.* 13*s.*; paid more at the *Bear*, 6*s.*; for making 2 bonds, 2*s.*; paid the remainder to Humphrey Townsend, 1*s.* 3*d.*

Sum . . . 2l. 2s. 3d.

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[93v.] 1675. The account of Robert Dyer and John Parsons constable was seen, passed, and allowed 1 November 1675.

The account of Robert Dyer.

Given away for relief and lodging of poor travellers, for going to Lacock, for charges in burning unwholesome meat in the market, 17*s.* 5*d.*; for charges at 2 assizes, 1*l.*; 'due to him from the towne serving for Mr. Norborne', 2*s.* 4*d.*

Sum . . . 1l. 19s. 9d.

The account of John Parsons.

Spent at 2 assizes, 1*l.*; given for relief and lodging of poor travellers, 12*s.* 7*d.*

Sum . . . 1l. 12s. 0d.

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[100v.] 1676. The account of Humphrey Townsend and Thomas Swaddon guild stewards.

Disbursements. Paid at the *Bear* when Mr. Henloe's bonds were sealed, 4*s.* 6*d.*; to the same, when Mr. Parker caused a hall to be called, 2*s.* 6*d.*; at Ogborne for a horse for Anthony Peirce and me, 2*s.*; for 6 rails and a post for the lower gate, 10*s.* 6*d.*; for 3 plates for the Alders gate and nails, 2*s.* 3*d.*; to John Hobbs for 1 day's work, 1*s.* 6*d.*; at the *Bear* when we met about the blindhouse, 1*s.*; to John Phipps' man for 1½ day's work, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Ritchins for mending bounds, 14*s.*; to Robert Underwood and his 2 brothers for work at the cage and the Marsh gate, 5*s.*; the same, 6*d.*; to Benjamin Russell for wheeling stones to the cage, 9*d.*; to Thomas Looker for mending a lock at the Alders gate, 2*d.*; to Thomas Brewer for carrying 12 horseloads of stones to the Marsh and 12 horseloads of mortar to mend the cage, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to William Strong for 3½ loads of stones, 4*s.* 8*d.*; to Christopher Wellen for board to mend the blindhouse and cage, 9*s.*; to Goody Webb at the Alders at 'Holleraday', 3*s.* 6*d.*; to John Phipp for mending the cage, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Ritchins and others for scouring the Marsh and Alders ponds, 6*s.*; to John Dash for nails to mend the cage, 7*d.*; at the *Bear* when we put the charters in the chest, 6*d.*; for wheeling stones and strand to the town bridge, 6*d.*; for mending the Marsh gate, 6*d.*; at the *George* when we met about the trained band, 1*s.*; for mending the Alders gate, 8*d.*; to Charles Cozens for a horse for Walter Forman to go to Lacock about the trained band, 1*s.*; to Walter Forman for his expenses there, 1*s.* 2*d.*; to Anthony Peirce for expenses at Lacock, 1*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Looker for mending the iregear of the stocks, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for plates for the Alders gate, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for 2 'stearts' to make the Marsh gate shut, 6*d.*; to Robert Dyer, 1*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*;

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to John Parsons, *1l. 12s.*; to Walter Nicholas All Hallows day, *10s.*; to Moses Parsons, *10s. 11d.*; for tobacco, pipes, and candles at the hall, *1s. 7d.*; to Walter Flay for making the bonds, *3s.*; to Thomas Ritchins for winter wages, *3s.*; [102r.] to a man to help drive the common, *1s.*; spent at Ann Dolman's when I received the income of the sheep, *1s. 6d.*; paid on New Year's day when we met to shew our notes of the town stock, *1s. 2d.*; to John Harman for the charter, *10s.*; for keeping the book, *5s.*; to Edmund Parker, *1l. 7s. 10d.*; to Mr. Swaddon, *18s.*; to Robert Wheeler, *10s. 5d.* *Sum . . . 13l. 0s. 3d.*

More disbursements of Humphrey Townsend.

Spent at the *Bear*, *2s. 6d.*; to Christopher Wellen for the timber for the Marsh stile, *4s.*; to Robert Greene for making the Marsh stile and for mending Patford bridge, *5s. 4d.*; spent at the *Bear*, *1s. 4d.*; spent at Ogborne, *6s. 6d.* *Sum . . . 19s. 8d.*

Total disbursements . . . *13l. 19s. 11d.*

Receipts. From Edward Hayward for the Alders, *5l. 10s.*; for the incomes of beasts on Hollraday, *4l. 5s. 4d.*; for the sheep lease, *1l. 17s. 10d.*; for incomes, *1l. 3s. 4d.*; from Mr. Bartlett for a trespass, *2s. 6d.*

Sum . . . 12l. 19s. 0d.

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[99v.] 1676. The account of Robert Sheppard constable.

Given to 2 seamen and a woman, *6d.*; to a poor distressed captain and his wife, *8d.*; to 5 poor travellers, *5d.*; to a woman and 4 children for their quarters for the night, *7d.*; to 3 soldiers, *4d.*; to a broken tradesman, *3d.*; to an Italian, *6d.*; to a woman and a child, *6d.*; to 2 seamen with passes, *4d.*; to 4 men with passes, *6d.*; to a man, his wife and 3 children, who pretended to be taken with the Turks, *1s. 2d.*; to 6 seamen, *8d.*; to a woman who came from Bedlame, as she pretended, *4d.*; to 2 men, *6d.*; to 4 men, *6d.*; to 2 men and a woman, *6d.*; to a man, *3d.*; to 3 poor travellers, *7d.*; to a woman and 2 children, *8d.*; to 2 poor boys, *4d.*; to a broken clothier, *6d.*; to 3 maids, *8d.*; to 4 Frenchmen, *6d.*; to 2 Dutch women, *4d.*; to a German, *8d.*; to 'esteem men', *5d.*; to 4 Frenchmen, *6d.*; to 3 Spaniards, *6d.*; to a poor man, *2d.*; to a 'Polander' and his wife, *5d.*; to a poor man and his wife who was a leper, *6d.*; to 3 Dutch women, *6d.*; to 2 sea boys, *1½d.*; to a poor woman, *1½d.*; to 2 poor men, *3½d.*; to a Grecian, *8d.*; to 6 soldiers, *6½d.*; to a poor man, *1½d.*; to the wife of a broken tradesman, *6d.*; to a Frenchman who lost his goods, *4d.*; to a broken weaver and his wife, *8d.*; to a man 'that durst not appeare at home, as he pretended', and 2 children, *7d.*; to a poor man and woman, *4d.*; to 3 poor boys, *4½d.*; to 4 'Irelanders', *8d.* *Sum . . . 1l. 1s. 9d.*

Spent at Townsend's when the burgesses met, *1s.*; at Lacock 'when we went to take off the part of souldiers that were imposed on the burrowe', *1s. 4d.*; spent on carrying Fildowne to the justices of peace

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'on the good behaviour', 1s. 4d.; at 2 assizes at Sarum and a presentment, 1l.; at Lacock to the receiver 'for the confirmat', 1s.

Sum total . . . 2l. 6s. 3d.

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[100r.] 1676. The account of Edmund Parker constable.

Disbursements. To travellers on several days, 7s. 6d.; at 2 assizes and a presentment, 1l. *Sum . . . 1l. 7s. 6d.*

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[102v.] 1676. The account of Henry Summers tithingman, as by his account appeared to be, 1l. os. 1d., which was allowed.

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[103r.] 1676/7 [1677]. The account of Walter Nicholas burgess and constable appeared to be 1l. 18s.

The account of Henry Brooke constable in the same years [no amount entered].

140

1677. The account of Robert Wheeler and Moses Seager *alias* Parsons guild stewards.

Receipts. From Humphrey Townsend, 10s. 5d.; from Philip James, 1l.; from Thomas James for a trespass, 2s.; from Roger Hayward for a trespass, 6d.; from John Landick for a trespass, 3s. 6d.; from William Jeffery for a trespass, 5s.; from John Hayward and Roger Hayward for a trespass, 7s. 6d.; at the Alders 'holraday', 4l. 6s. 8d.; for the Alders, 5l. 14s.; for sheep lease in the Marsh, 1l. 10s. 3d.

Incomes. John Greenaway, Mr. Hayward, Henry Sommers and William Dark the younger, 13s. 4d.

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1677. The account of Robert Martin tithingman as by his bills appeared to be, 1l. 17s. 3d.

142

[104v.] 1678. The account of Robert Dyer and Walter Forman guild stewards.

Disbursements. Paid at the *Bear*, 1s. 8d.; to Thomas Richens for 1 day's work, 1s.; to Thomas Bara for mending a gate, 1s. 6d.; to 2 men to carry a post to the Marsh, 1s. 6d.; to Thomas Bara for his work, 1s. 6d.; for nails for the gate, 2d.; at Walter Nickles' 'when the burges was chuiſt', 2s. 6d.; for 2 horses to go to Ogborne court, 3s.; spent at the court, 4s. 6d.;

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for mending the Alders pound, 4*d.*; at the Alders for expenses, 2*s.* 6*d.*; 'more after when wee came home', 2*s.*; to Thomas Richens for making bounds in the Marsh and Alders, 14*s.*; to John Holey for 3 pieces for the Marsh gate, 1*s.* 6*d.*; at John Daishe's, 1*s.* 7*d.*; to John Holey for a head for the Marsh gate, 2*s.*; for watching the pound and for a lock, 2*s.*; for expenses when we surrounded the borough, 1*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*; to Thomas Richings for 9 days' work at the Alders, 9*s.*; to Taylor's boy for 'pownding of sheep owt of Wenell', 2*d.*; at Oxford when sent to Mr. Lowe, 3*s.* 5*d.*; at Walter Nickles', 8*d.*; at Peter Haskens', 3*s.*; at the town hall for tobacco, pipes, and lights, 2*s.*; more at Poter's afterwards, 4*s.*; for a plank for the bridge and work, 3*s.*; to Robert Marten tithingman, 1*l.* 17*s.*; to Edward Parker constables, 1*l.* 1*s.*; to 3 men for driving the common, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Thomas Richens for his labour, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for expenses when the common was driven, 7*s.*; more at Poter's, 1*s.* 2*d.*; more at Walter Nickles', 2*s.* 10*d.*; more at John Townsen's the same day, 6*s.*; at Daniel Townsen's, 1*s.*; to Thomas Richens for trenching the commons, 1*l.* 1*s.*; to Joseph Lorell, 13*s.* 10*d.*; spent when the money was paid, 6*d.*; to Thomas Richens for work in the commons, 1*s.* 7*d.*; to Robert Greene for a post and for work, 1*s.*; at William Dolman's, 3*s.* 6*d.*; more for expenses, 1*s.*; to John Harman for the sheriff, 10*s.*; at Walter Nichloses, 2*s.*; at Sarum for the bill, and for the crier, 2*s.* 4*d.*; spent when I went to the under-sheriff about Morell's business, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for a gate for the Marsh and Thomas Barras' labour, 8*s.*; to Bruer the bailiff when serving Morell's business, 12*s.*; to Looker and Carter for iregear, 13*s.* 6*d.*

*Sum . . . 13*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.**

[105*r.*] *Receipts.* From Robert Wheler steward, 1*l.* 9*s.*; from Thomas Reve for a trespass, 6*d.*; from Thomas Morell for a trespass, 6*d.* from Henry Brook for a trespass, 4*d.*; from James Tayler for a trespass, 3*d.*; from Henry Frailen for a trespass, 2*d.*; for 130 beasts in the Alders, 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; for the winter lease of the Alders, 5*l.* 7*s.*; for sheep, horses, colts, and beasts for the winter lease of the Marsh, 1*l.* 12*s.*

*Sum . . . 12*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.**

Due to Robert Dyer to balance this account, 13*s.* 7*d.*

The account of Walter Forman.

Received from Robert Wheler guild steward with Moses Seager for 1677, 1*l.*

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[149*v.*] 1685. The accounts of Stephen Blake and Roger Harding guild stewards.

Disbursements. To Edward Ladd for 6 days' work at Patford bridge, 9*s.*; to Michael Allisson for 4 days' work, 5*s.* 4*d.*; to Thomas Peetters for carrying 32 horse loads of stones, 12*s.* 10*d.*; to Edward Sharp for timber,

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1*l.* 15.; to John Ladd for a piece of oak, 16*s.*; to Thomas Looker for iregear, 14*s.* 6*d.*; to Mr. Weeks for making a bond and receipt, 1*s.*; to John Ladd for timber and work done at the bridge, 1*l.* 15*s.*; for beer for the workmen, 5*s.*; to Thomas Looker for more iregear, 3*s.* 4*d.*; to William Taylor for work, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to John Landick for looking after the commons, 2*l.*; for mending the gate in the Marsh, 1*s.* 2*d.*; to Henry Norman for bringing a piece of timber, 5*s.*; to John Willis for lime for the bridge, 12*s.*; to Thomas Fowler for beer and other necessaries which we had at his house All Saints' day, 6*s.*; to Charles Underwood for his work, 1*l.* 1*s.*; to Philip James for stones, 12*s.*; to John Forman for tobacco and pipes to the town hall, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Mr. Weeks for making the town bonds, 4*s.*; at several meetings in settling the town stock, 1*l.* 5*s.*; for writing and keeping our accounts, 5*s.* Whole disbursements, 13*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.*

[*Receipts*]. For the Alders, 1684, 14*l.* 5*s.*; for the Alders, 1685, 11*l.*
The whole receipts, 15*l.* 5*s.*

Remaining in our hands, 2*l.* 4*s.*

Paid the sum of 2*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* as will appear by a receipt under the hand of Thomas Fowler steward for 1690.

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[147*r.*] 1688. The account of Henry Somers and Walter Dolman guild stewards.

Receipts. For stocking 123 beast leases 3 May, 6*l.* 3*s.*; from the last stewards, 9*s.* 6*d.* Sum . . . 6*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

Disbursements. Expenses at the Alders 3 May, 1688, 5*s.* 6*d.*; for a pitch mark, 2*s.*; for pitch and tar, 1*s.*; to John Feild for his pains, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Richard Seager for writing and casting the accounts, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to John Landick for mending bounds and looking after the commons, 3*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*; to John Ladd a bill of 15*s.*; to John Carter a bill of 5*s.* 2*d.*; for expenses in selling the Alders 1 November, 9*s.* 4*d.*; spent on him that brought the circular letter, 1*s.*; to Mrs. Blaak for the sheriff, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Sum . . . 5*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.*

Remains in hand 13*s.* 4*d.* and 6*d.* for a trespass which is 13*s.* 10*d.* which he is to pay to Henry Bear.

Walter Dolman's account.

Receipts. From the last stewards, 9*s.* 6*d.*; from Edward Hayward for the Alders, 6*l.* 15*s.* Sum . . . 7*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

Disbursements. To John Ladd, 9*s.* 8*d.*; to John Landick for winter wages, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for candles, pipes, and tobacco, 1*s.* 6*d.*; for the door-keeper on 1 November, 1*s.*; to John Neat for carrying a bridge to the Marsh, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for setting it up, 6*d.*; to Robert Dyer for redeeming the town book, 10*s.* 6*d.*; expenses on the burgesses, 10*s.*; for keeping the town

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book and accounts, 5s.; for trenching the Alders and keeping the door on election day, 4s. *Sum . . . 2l. 7s. 2d.*

Remains in hand 4l. 17s. 4d. whereof he paid 3l. 17s. 4d. to the new stewards and 1l. kept until a full hall has decided whether to allow it for his constablenesship.

¹ Received of Walter Dolman the 1l. which he kept back. Thomas Fowler steward.

¹ In a different hand.

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[505*v.*] 'The othe taken by the burgesses there as followeth.

I *A.B.* dooe utterlye testifye and declare in my conscience that the Quenes highnes Elyzabeth etc. is the onelye supreme governor of this realme of Englande and of all other her highnesse domynions and countreis aswell yn all spyrituall or ecclesyasticall causes as temporall, and that noe forreyne prynce, person, prelate, state, or potentate hath or oughte tooe have anye jursdyctyon, powre, superyorytie, preemynence, or aucthorytie ecclesyasticall or spyrituall within this realme. And therefore I dooe utterlie renounce and forsake all forreyne jursdyctyons, powres, superioryties, and aucthoryties, and promyse that from hencefoorth I shall beare faithe and trewe allegeaunce tooe the Queenes highnesse her heires and lawfull successors and tooe my powre shall assyste and defende all jurydiction, pryvyleges, prehemyences, and auctoryties graunted or beelongeinge tooe the Queenes hyghnesse her heires and successors, or unyted and annexed untooe the ymperyall crowne of this realme; and I shall and wyll tooe the uttermoste of my powre and habyltye soe far furthe as my knowledge and dyscreacion shall serve, mayntayne, uphoulde, and keepe all such aunciente lyberties, pryviledges and custoomes, as dooth beelonge or yn anyewise appertayne untooe the sayde booroughe of Calne. And also observe and keepe all suche lawffull orders, ynstytucions, and decrees, as have beenn heretoofoore made by my predecessors burgesses of the said booroughe or hereafter shalbee made for the benefyt and utylitie of the said booroughe. Soe helpe mee God, and by the contentes of this booke'.

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[498*v.*] 1589. Orders and Constitutions of the Borough ¹.

(1). At a meeting of the burgesses the constables, with the consent of the burgesses, shall chose 2 new constables, and shall present their names to the steward at the Queen's lawday.

(2). ² In the afternoon of the Sunday before St. Mathias' day [24 Feb.] the burgesses shall meet; and the guild stewards, with the consent of all the burgesses, shall select 2 new stewards who shall be nominated from the

¹ A full transcript of these Orders is printed in A. E. W. Marsh: *A History of the Borough and Town of Calne*, p. 70.

² The whole of this paragraph is struck through. See 149.

pulpit at evening prayer on the same day. The new stewards shall commence office on St. Mathias' day. The old stewards shall render their accounts before the following Sunday.

(3). A new burgess shall be chosen at a meeting of all or most of the burgesses; he shall be sworn at the next court at Oggborne.

(4). Every chief or head householder who does watch and ward may put 3 kine or bullocks into the Portmarsh and Alders from 3 May until St. Martin's day [11 Nov.], paying 4*d.* a head and also paying the herd his accustomed wages; no man may have an ox bullock over 2 years old.

(5). No man shall hire any cattle 'but myltche kyne'; he shall not sell or give his pasture; nor may he sell or give the milk of his kine before it is brought to his house.

(6). A man with more than one house may put cattle in the commons only for the house in which he dwells.

(7). ¹ In the afternoon of the Sunday before St. Martin's day the burgesses shall meet and allot the winter feeding of the Alders from St. Martin's day [11 Nov.] to St. Mathias day [24 Feb.] to the highest bidder. They shall permit also the winter grazing of the Portmarsh to inhabitants on payment of 4*d.* a head for horses, 2*d.* for other beasts, and 1*d.* for sheep.

[499*r.*] (8). Every borough inhabitant may fetch thorns to make a garden hedge.

(9). No person may cut trees in the commons for decking or trimming his house, or for any other purpose.

(10). Any person putting cattle in the commons for the first time shall pay 3*s.* 4*d.* if he be town-born; or, if not town-born, more as agreed by the burgesses ².

(11). If any inhabitant of the borough put in the commons any beast which is not his own he shall forfeit his right of pasture for 7 years.

(12). If any person disobey the orders in any way, or do not pay, he shall be disfranchised; and if he be a burgess he shall also be disburgessed.

(13). A new comer to the borough shall have no right of pasture for 3 years, and then only with the burgesses' consent.

147

28 December 1597. Ordered that a fee of 1*l.* be paid yearly at Christmas to the undersheriff to discharge the burgesses from all suits, assizes, sessions, inquests, and juries, according to the liberty of their charter 'for that yn tyme paste they have benne myghtelye wronged and injured by beeing returned yn *venires* and other services at the assizes and else where'.

¹ 'In the afternoon . . . the highest bidder' is struck through. See 149.

² See 148.

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Richard Broune, Benedick Alleyn, William Swaddon, John Noes, Thomas Whyte, Robert Forman, Oliver Guyrdler, Thomas Swaddon, Richard Edwards, William Forman, Roger Norman, Francis Twygyden, Thomas Fowke, Robert Segar *alias* Parsons, John Perham, John Gawen, John Broune *alias* Were, William B[?edford].

148

[499^v.] May 1598. Any town-born child inhabiting a new house shall pay *1l.* for putting in cattle; a stranger shall pay *2l.*

In 26 Elizabeth [1583/4] it was agreed at Bromham House before Lord Chief Baron, Sir Edward Baynton, and Mr. Stephen Duckett that for any robbery recovered in the hundred of Calne the borough 'should pay the eyghte part withe the hundred, and also the eyghte parte in any other payment that the said hundred shalbe charged withall'.

149

4 November 1599. (1) To avoid a breach of the Sabbath the burgesses shall henceforth meet in the Church House on All Saints' day [1 Nov.] or, if that be a Sunday, on the Monday following, in order to allot the winter feeding of the Alders and Portmarsh.

[500^r] (2) The election of the stewards henceforth shall take place on Monday following the Purification [2 Feb.]; their term of office shall begin on St. Mathias' day; the old stewards shall render their accounts by the following Monday.

150

24 March 1600. (1) Any burgess who absents himself from a meeting without lawful excuse shall pay *1s.*

(2) Any burgess 'who shall sette hys hand to any certyfycate there made concerning the state of the borrough' without the consent of the burgesses shall be disfranchised for ever.

Francis Twigden and Walter Nicholas¹ constables, William Swaddon, John Browne, Thomas Foulke¹, Robert Parsons¹, William Harkwood¹, John Parham¹, Oliver Girdler, Richard Edwardes¹, John Noyes.

¹ Against these names appears 'his mark': the others appear to be original signatures.

151

[502*v.*] January 1587. A note of all the armour of the borough and town of Calne.

The new armour. Bought by John Noes for the borough, one caliver with a flask, and a twitchbox, 3 'turkye murrens', 4 swords, a long bow, 6 girdles with their hangings, 5 daggers, bought of Walter Parsons the cutler.

152

[502*r.*] 6 May 1600. John Horton gentleman came before the burgesses and gave 2*s.* for permission to bring 16 loads of timber from his ground called Somerlese through Portmarsh; he admitted that he had no way through Portmarsh except by consent of the burgesses.

153

[502*v.*] 13 January 1605. The constables and burgesses have elected Edmund Carey knight to serve in place of William Swaddon in the Parliament to be held 21 January.

Benedick Alleyn and John Jones constables, Thomas Nicholas, William Swadon, Thomas Folkes ¹, Robert Parsons ¹, Oliver Girdler, John Browne, Philip Swaddon, John Parsons ¹, Nicholas Girdler, George James, John Forman.

154

[501*r.*] 6 July 1606. Robert Pettle disburgessed for refusing to serve as steward; William Bedford chosen to serve in his place.

John Jones, William Swadon, Thomas Folke ¹, Robert Forman, Robert Segar *alias* Parsons ¹, Thomas Swadden. Walter Nicolas ¹, John Dashe ¹, Philip Swadon, John Parhame ¹, George James, John Forman.

155

[504*v.*] 13 April 1607. Oliver Gyrdeler and Walter Nycholas burgess stewards fined 5*s.* each for selling more trees from Portmarsh and Alders than they were allowed by their warrant.

156

[497*v.*] 9 November 1610. 'By reason that our burrowe by the Longe Parlyament is growen in depte' it is ordered that every man putting cattle in the commons this year shall double his payment, *viz.* 8*d.* per horse, 4*d.*

¹ Against these names appears 'his mark'; the others appear to be original signatures.

per rudder beast, 2*d.* per sheep for winter feeding; and 8*d.* per beast for the summer feeding. Any person refusing to pay shall have his cattle pounded or shall be disfranchised and 'putt from all manner of comodities and proffytes that he had' until he obey these orders.

Benedick Alleyn¹, Thomas Fooke¹, Robert Segar¹, John Browne¹, John Killinge¹, Robert Forman, Philip Swadon, Richard Edwardes, Oliver Girdler, John Jones.

157

[500*v.*] 1611. George James having broken the pound submitted to the burgesses, promised to mend the pound, and gave in recompense to the town, 1*s.*

158

[490*v.*] 1612. A note of all the town armour. Nicholas Gyrdeler and Henry Peres constables.

5 corslets furnished fully 'wantinge the coates', 2 taches wanting 2 daggers and a girdle; 4 muskets furnished, 1 caliver furnished, wanting a flask leather; 5 worms and 2 moulds.

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[490*v.*] 1614. A note of the receiving of the town arms by Robert Parsons and William Parsons constables.

Received 10 swords and 10 daggers with hangings and girdles, wanting 1 girdle; 5 corslets with picks; 4 muskets; 1 caliver with headpieces; 5 flasks; 5 twitchboxes.

160

[490*v.*] 1618. A note of the town armour received by Walter Massye and John Hannam constables.

5 corslets furnished with picks, swords, and daggers; 4 muskets and a caliver with swords and daggers; 4 flasks and twitchboxes.

161

[491*r.*] 21 April 1623. Ordered by the burgesses that any inhabitant of the borough elected burgesse refusing to attend to be sworn at the court commonly held at Ogborne on the Saturday after the beginning of Easter term shall be disfranchised and dismissed his common and other privileges for ever, unless a submission by him be accepted by the burgesses.

Walter Nicholas¹, and John Dashe¹ constables, Robert Jeffery¹, and William Seager guild stewards, William Harkwood, John Noyes, Stephen White, John Hannam, Benedick Alleyn, Robert Forman, John Weekes, John Forman, George James, John Killinge¹.

¹ Against these names appears 'his mark': the others appear to be original signatures.

162

[66r.] 12 March 1648. William Jefferys the elder and Anthony Robinson *alias* Pearce elected guild stewards for the following year.

'By reason in these later tymes there was but litle benefitt made of the winter leaze of the Port Marshe that did arise to the poore commoners thereof, but that a fewe persons keepinge many shepe and many others that had or have noe common therein at all beinge very refractory and disobedient to former orders and customes to the said common belonginge whereby many that have winter leaze in the said common called the Portmarsh have but small benefitt or none att all by reason they are not able to stocke it themselves, for that they are forced either to sell the winter lease thereof at a very lowe rate or els make noe profit thereof', it is ordered that the winter lease of Portmarsh be henceforth let in the same manner as the Alders, the yearly payment therefrom being equally divided and distributed to the said commoners at or before St. Mathias' day. It is also ordered that the stewards receive 13s. 4d. between them from the said payment.

John Weeks and Humphrey Townsend old guild stewards, William Jeffery and Anthony Peirce new guild stewards, John Mayo, Walter Forman, Arthur Eastmeade, Benjamin Browne, Robert Forman, Robert Jeffery, Stephen White, Elizabeth Hungerford, John Noyse, John Parker, Dorothy Flower, Edward Hungerford esquire, William Forman, John Townsend, John Dashe, William Nicholas constable, John Townsend, Thomas Dash the younger, John Landick, Edward Seager, William Haskins, John Kale the elder, John Jones, Thomas Hunt clerk, John Somers, Walter Nicholas, Thomas Riley, Richard Rogers, Philip Orrell, Peter Byre, 'and many others'.

163

[66v.] 1 November 1649. Agreed that Stephen White and Thomas Synnett for 13*l.* to be paid to the guild stewards on or before St. Thomas' day [21 Dec.] shall enjoy the winter lease of Portmarsh from St. Martin's day to St. Mathias' day, which money shall be distributed according to an order made in that behalf. And if Stephen White and Thomas Synnett be prevented from enjoying the same, it is further agreed that the commoners and burgesses nominated in the said order¹ whose names are thereto subscribed shall maintain and try a suit in law for maintaining the said order.

Stephen White, Thomas Sinate.

¹ See 162.

164

[71r.] 17 March 1650. Henry Haswell and Walter Forman elected guild stewards for the next year.

Agreed the same day that the accounts of the guild stewards and constables be invalid unless brought in within one month after those officers are out of office.

¹ Edward Seager, Arthur Estmead, Walter Forman, Humphrey Townsend, William Jeffery, Anthony Peirce, John Mayo, Henry Haswell, Robert Forman, Thomas Sinate.

165

[72r.] 1 November 1651. Whereas it has been an ancient custom that those responsible for the disposal of the town stock should bring in their moneys yearly on 1 November, and that from those persons who were temporarily unable to bring in their full moneys old bonds might be accepted by their successors, or if such bonds were not accepted other security might be offered for the residue of such money, and whereas of late there has been much obstruction in the production of the full money, old bonds having been handed from one to the other 'to the hazard and looseing of good part of the same if not prevented', the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough whose names are subscribed order that no old bonds shall be accepted, but that burgesses shall either bring in their full money or else shall give [a new] bond for the residue. Any person or persons refusing the bond in which he or they stand bound shall be proceeded against.

¹ John Mayo, Robert Forman, Edward Seager, Walter Forman, Anthony Peirce, Arthur Eastmead, Humphrey Townsend, Thomas Sinate.

166

[74r.] 1 November 1656. Ordered that whereas great wastes and spoils are committed upon the trees and wood in the Alders that the said trees or the greatest part of them shall be sold with all continency and speed; and William Jeffery the elder and William Silke shall have power to sell such trees as Walter Forman shall mark out and to have the pay which woodwards usually have in such cases. The said William Jefferye, William Silke, and Walter Forman are hereby appointed for doing the same, jointly and severally rendering an account to the stewards for the moneys of such trees; and the interest of such moneys so raised shall be employed for gates, rails, and bounds for the Alders and Portmarsh by the stewards for the time being, and the residue of the interest moneys

¹ All appear to be signatures.

shall be distributed to the poor of the borough by the approbation of the burgesses and not otherwise. The full moneys raised for the sale of such trees shall remain as a stock for the town, but the interest or increase thereof to be employed and distributed as aforesaid.

¹ William Jefry the elder, Humphrey Townsend, Anthony Peirce, John Pile, William Silke, William Jefferyes, John Mayo, Benjamin Browne, Henry Haswell, Walter Forman, Robert Forman, Thomas Sinate.

167

[77r.] 11 December 1657. Whereas the commons belonging to the borough of Calne have been of late sold at a low rate by those who could not stock the commons themselves so that many countrymen adjacent to the said borough, by buying the said commons at a low rate, have stocked more cattle in the commons than the townsmen, 'and at the breach of thother feildes of Calne aforesaid have depastured their said cattle with the rest of the hurd, whereby the said feildes are suddenly eaten upp, and the commoners aforesaid having little benefit thereby', and whereas also of late there have been very few milch kine kept in the said commons, it is ordered and agreed by the burgesses and other inhabitants and commoners whose names are subscribed that from henceforth the said commons shall be stocked with horse beasts and rother beasts as well, 'that is to say one horse upon three beast leaze, and such horse to have the towne marke of Calne, or in default thereof putting in any horse into each of the fresh commons before the rother beasts are putt in, such partie owning the said horse shall forfeit and loose two shillings to be paid to the guild stewards to be distributed amongst the resydue of the said commoners for every such default or putting in before the said beasts as aforesaid contrary to this order, and being further refractory to this order shall for that year loose his or her common'. And if any person or persons violate this order any actions to be brought shall be prosecuted at the cost of the said burgesses and commoners.

It is likewise ordered and agreed that for the ensuing year one of the said burgesses shall be hayward or overseer of the commons so that this order may be the better observed and kept. For his pains he shall have one horse common and 4*d.* for every beast. Afterwards yearly the hayward shall be one of the commoners taking his turn.

It is also agreed 'that for every horseleaze in the winter season there shalbe six sheepe stocked upon every such horseleaze unstocked', and also that no countryman shall have any benefit of stocking the commons with horse or beast unless the commoners and townsmen first refuse to stock.

¹ All appear to be signatures.

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It is further agreed that no person shall stock more than 2 horses or 3 beasts 'unles be those which have commons of theire owne for the stocking of more and unles there are commons to be spared to the intent that every commoner which will stocke may'; and that for every horse which comes in 2*s.* shall be paid to the guild stewards, and for every beast 8*d.* according to the old custom, and likewise 6*d.* for every horse at St. Martin's tide from those wishing to winter horses in the Portmarsh, and for every sheep 2*d.*; all which sums are to go towards defraying the common charges in and about the said town and commons.

It is also agreed that the winter lease of the Alders be sold in manner and form as formerly at the time and place accustomed, and the money thereof be employed as formerly; and also that the said commons be hained at St. Mathias' day.

It is also agreed that the guild stewards shall have for their pains 6*s.* 8*d.* each in lieu and satisfaction of 20 sheep lease which they had formerly enjoyed.

Arthur Estmeade and William Jeffery the elder guild stewards, Benedict Browne, John Mayo, Anthony Peirce, John Pile, William Jeffery the younger, Thomas Synnett the elder, William Silke, Robert Forman, Henry Haswell, John Parker, William Nicholas, Walter Cooley, Grace Forman, John Francklyn, John Landicke, Edmund Parker, Israel Noyes, Walter Nicholas, Henry Thorner, Walter Nicholas the younger, William Weekes, John Carter, Thomas Synnett the younger, Mathew Sheppard, Robert Bull, Dorothy Dashe, John Norman, John Tounsend, Robert Dyer, John Jones, Thomas Clarke, Thomas Riley, Philip Orrell, John Brooke, 'with many others'.

168

[78*r.*] 11 March 1658 [1659]. Robert Forman gentleman and John Parker elected guild stewards.

169

[79*r.*] 7 April 1660. Guildhall. In pursuance of a warrant from the sheriff, Edward Baynton and William Duckett esquires elected to sit in the Parliament to be held 25 April next.

John Mayo, Benjamin Browne, Walter Forman, Henry Haswell, William Jeffery, Anthony Peirce, Humphrey Townsend, Thomas Synnett, John Pile, William Silke, William Jefferyes the younger, John Parker and Robert Forman guild stewards.

170

[79*v.*] 18 April 1660. Benedict Browne gentleman and William Jeffery the younger elected guild stewards.

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It is also agreed that every countryman shall pay 2s. instead of 8d. for every beast stocked in the commons, and every townsman 6d.; and the order of 11 December 1657¹ to be 'newe drawne' accordingly.

171

[80r.] 11 March 1660 [1661]. Humphrey Townsend and William Silke elected guild stewards.

172

[80r.] 5 April 1661. Guildhall. William Duckett and George Lowe esquires appointed to serve in the Parliament to be held 8 May.

173

[81r.] 11 September 1662. Ordered by the major part of the burgesses that whereas divers disorders and incroachments contrary to the ancient privileges and customs of the borough have been committed by William Jeffery the younger and William Silke burgesses, they shall pay before 24 October next to Anthony Peirse and John Pile guild stewards a fine of 1s. It is further ordered that if they refuse to pay they shall be immediately disburgessed and shall lose their commons. Any other burgess acting contrary to this order shall incur the same penalty. And we further promise to aid the guild stewards to impound the cattle of any man acting contrary to this order. And it is further ordered that if the guild stewards for the time being neglect to prosecute this order, just complaint having been first made to the burgesses, the said stewards shall be liable to submit themselves to a fine.

Anthony Peirse and John Pile guild stewards, Benjamin Browne, John Parker, Henry Haswell, Walter Forman, Arthur Eastmead, Humphrey Townsend, William Jeffery the elder, Thomas Sinate.

174

[85r.] 10 March 1664 [1665]. William Jeffery the elder and Oliver Browne gentleman elected guild stewards.

175

23 March 1665 [1666]. Henry Haswell and John Forman similarly elected.

176

[83r.] 1 November 1666. Guildhall. Ordered that whereas at divers times the Alders winter lease has been sold and the money not presently

¹ See 167.

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paid, to the great prejudice of the tithingmen and other officers who have not been paid, the winter feeding of the Alders be sold according to ancient custom in the guildhall to him that will give most ready money; 'and the cattell are to couch in the ground'.

¹ Arthur Eastmead, William Jeffery, Walter Forman, Oliver Browne, John Pile, William Jefferyes the younger, John Norman, Henry Haswell and John Forman guild stewards.

177

[85r.] 24 February 1666 [1667]. Walter Forman and John Parker elected guild stewards.

178

[85r.] 11 March 1667 [1668]. John Pile and William Jefry the younger similarly elected.

179

27 February 1668 [1669]. Humphrey Townsind and John Norman similarly elected.

180

[89v.] October 1669. John Parker elected borough constable; Mr. Duckett chose Anthony Peirce to serve with him.

181

[85r.] 25 February 1669 [1670]. Henry Haswell and Oliver Browne gentleman elected guild stewards.

182

[89v.] October 1670. Oliver Browne gentleman elected borough constable; Mr. Duckett chose Arthur Forman to serve with him.

183

[85r.] 24 February 1670 [1671]. Walter Forman and Anthony Peirce elected guild stewards.

184

[502r.] 3 May 1671. Johnson Weekes was granted leave to drive cattle from Beversbrook to New Craufte in consideration of his promise to maintain the bounds between Portmarsh and Beversbrooke so long as he enjoys this liberty.

¹ All appear to be signatures.

185

[503*v.*] June 1671. Thomas Silke dismissed the office of hayward for misbehaviour; Thomas Ritchence to succeed him.

186

[89*v.*] October 1671. Walter Forman elected borough constable; Mr. Duckett chose Walter Nickolas to serve with him.

187

[495*v.*] 1671. Ordered and agreed by the stewards with the advice and consent of the burgesses that on 1 January each year the guild stewards and others who are entrusted with the town stock shall render an account of the disposal of the money according to the several wills of those charitable persons who gave it to the use of poor tradesmen; any remainder to be disposed of with the consent of the burgesses.

Walter Forman and Anthony Peirce guild stewards, John Parker, John Norman, Robert Hungerford, Walter Nicholas, Oliver Browne, Robert Forman, Robert Dyer, Arthur Forman, William Jaffery, George Henlowe.

188

[90*r.*] 24 February 1671 [1672]. John Parker and Robert Forman gentlemen elected guild stewards.

189

[89*v.*] October 1672. Robert Forman gentleman elected borough constable; Mr. Duckett chose Henry Beare to serve with him.

190

[90*r.*] 17 February 1672 [1673]. Robert Hungerford esquire and Robert Dyer elected guild stewards.

191

[91*v.*] 3 March 1672 [1673]. Whereas it has been the ancient custom that any person inhabiting a house which has a common belonging to it in the Poerte Marsh and Alders should pay before he could stock the common 3*s.* 4*d.* if town born or 6*s.* 8*d.* if born outside the borough, but by reason 'of disorderly carriadg betwixt the tennant and the landlord the towne have bine deprived of his ancient accustomed right', it is therefore thought fit to order that no person be permitted to stock any common until he has paid such income. It is also ordered

that no landlord shall have power to defend his tenant from payment of such income by letting his house and reserving the common or commons to himself. In case any landlords should so reserve any common from the house to which it belongs the stewards have full power to impound any beasts stocked upon any common 'that is let or sould or permitted to be stockt contrary to the trew intent and meaning of this order by any persone whatsoever refusing to pay his income as if it were his owne proper goods, until hee shall pay the same due . . .'

Robert Hungerford and Robert Dyer guild stewards, Walter Forman, John Norman, Robert Forman, John Parker, George Henlow, Anthony Peirce, Humphrey Townsend, Walter Nicholas.

192

[494*v.*] 20 May 1673. The names of all living burgesses and the year in which they were sworn.

1635. Walter Forman, John Parker ¹, John Norman ¹.

1670. Robert Hungerford esquire, Robert Forman gentleman, Anthony Peirce, Robert Dyer, Edmund Parker.

1672. Walter Norborne esquire, Walter Nickolas, George Henlowe, William Jeffery, Humphrey Townsend.

193

[492*v.*] 3 July 1673. John Norman burgess having contrary to the privileges of the charter and ancient customs of the borough served in a jury in the behalf of Sir John Weild without the liberty of the borough in a writ of *ad quod damnum* shall be disfranchised and disburgessed for ever, unless within one month he pay a fine of 5*s.* and submit himself to the burgesses.

Robert Hungerford and Robert Dyer guild stewards, Walter Forman, Anthony Peirce, George Henlowe, Robert Forman, Walter Nicholas, William Jaffery, Humphrey Townsend.

194

[493*v.*] 3 July 1673. John Parker burgess having contrary to the privileges of the charter voluntarily undertaken at Warminster sessions to serve as constable for Calne hundred shall be disfranchised and disburgessed for ever, unless within one month he submit himself to the burgesses and pay a fine of 5*s.*

Robert Hungerford, Robert Dyer, Walter Forman, Anthony Peirce, Walter Nicholas, George Henlowe, William Jaffery, Humphrey Townsend, Walter Norborn.

¹ Struck through. Both were disburgessed later in the same year. See 194 and 195.

195

[496r.] 20 July 1673. At the general quarter sessions at Devizes 8 April 1673 Thomas Child of Headingtone constable of Calne hundred nominated Anthony Peirce burgess of Calne to serve as constable in his stead and delivered him a warrant to appear within a week before a justice of the peace to be sworn, or to give security to answer his contempt at the next quarter sessions. Accordingly Anthony Peirce appeared before Sir Edward Bayntune to answer his contempt and appeared at the sessions at Warminster 15 July 1673; at this hearing before Mr. Eyer and other justices our counsel showed the charter and proved by the testimony of Robert Townsend of Poulshott that for 60 years he knew no burgess to have served as constable of the hundred. Anthony Peirce was accordingly discharged, the court finding it not right that a burgess should serve the office. William Mandrell of Stockly was nominated to serve in his stead.

Robert Hungerford, Robert Dyer, Robert Forman, Walter Forman, Anthony Peirce, Edmund Parker, Walter Nicholas, George Henlowe, Humphrey Townsend.

196

[95r.] 11 August 1673. Whereas divers sums of money have been given by several benefactors for the use of poor tradesmen of the borough, and that by letting it yearly there have been much loss, it is thought good that the money be laid out in land for the better securing of it, and that the income of it yearly be disposed of by consent of the burgesses to poor tradesmen according to the wills of those charitable persons that gave it. Robert Hungerford esquire and George Henlow are ordered to lay out the moneys in land.

Robert Hungerford, Robert Forman, Anthony Peirce, Walter Forman, Robert Dyer, Humphrey Townsend, Edmund Parker.

197

[96r.] 1 September 1673. Robert Hungerford and Robert Dier the present stewards to go to Mr. Stevens, steward of Ogborne court, to consult with him about renewing the charter; and to have their charges and expenses allowed.

Robert Forman, Walter Forman, Humphrey Townsend, Edmund Parker.

198

[89v.] 13 October 1673. Anthony Peirce elected borough constable: Mr. Duckett chose John Norman to serve with him.

199

[90v.] 19 February 1673 [1674]. Walter Norborne esquire and Walter Nickolas elected guild stewards.

200

[494r.] 1 July 1674. Edmund Parker burgess having voluntarily served in a jury at Pattfords bridge to enquire about the death of a drowned child of John Wiltshire contrary to the ancient privileges and customs of the borough, to be disfranchised and disburgessed, unless he submit himself to the burgesses for his default and pay a fine of 5s.

Robert Hungerford, Walter Forman, Robert Forman, Robert Dyer, George Henlowe, William Jaffery, Humphrey Townsend, Anthony Peirce, Walter Nicholas.

201

[494r.] 24 July 1674. Edmund Parker having this day paid his fine of 5s. and acknowledged his fault was admitted again as burgess.

Walter Norborne, Walter Nicholas, George Henlowe, William Jaffery, Robert Hungerford, Walter Forman, Anthony Peirce, Robert Dyer.

202

[493r.] 24 July 1674. Johnson Weekes to be permitted to keep 2 gates until next St. Mathias' day in the borough bounds from Beversbrooke to his grounds at Penhils on payment of 1*l*.

203

[89v.] 12 October 1674. Robert Dyer elected borough constable; Mr. Duckett chose John Parsons to serve with him.

204

[90v.] 15 February 1674 [1675]. George Henlow and William Jaffery elected guild stewards.

205

[494v.] 24 April 1675. Thomas Swaddon gentleman, Robert Wheeler, Moses Parsons, and John Dash nominated, elected, and sworn burgesses at Okeborne.

206

[487v.] 20 August 1675. An account of all the common houses that have commons belonging to them in the Alders and Portemarsh.

Robert Hungerford esquire, 8 to be stocked on Colman's farm; Robert

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Hungerford esquire, 1 for his new house; Farmer Forman widow, 1 on the house she now lives in; Mr. Robert Forman, 1 for the 'bern house', 1 for Gildon's house, 1 for the 'Oyle house', 1 for the house he lives in, 1 for the mill house, and 1 for the house Nicholas Feild lives in; George Oekford, 1 for the house he lives in; Walter Flay, 1 for the house Thomas Taylor lives in; John Tomkines, 1 for the house he lives in; Thomas Looker, 1 for the house he lives in; William Heale, 1 for the house he lives in; Arthur Eastmead, 1 upon Adam's house, and 1 for the house Charles Cozens lives in; Joan Forman widow, 1 for the house she lives in; John Neat, 1 for the house he lives in; Thomas Peetters, 1 for the house he lives in; Dorothy Clarke widow, 1 for the house she lives in; Anthony Peirce, 1 for the house he lives in; Robert Pile, 1 for the house that John Reeve lives in; Jeremiah Russell, 1 for the house that widow Cartter lives in; Jane Landick, 1 for the house she lives in; Walter Forman, 1 for the house he lives in; Mrs. Little, 1 for the house she lives in.

207

[89v.] 13 October 1675. Edmund Parker elected borough constable: Mr. Duckett chose Robert Sheppard to serve with him.

208

[90v.] 7 February 1675 [1676]. Humphrey Townsend and Thomas Swaddon gentleman elected guild stewards.

209

[89v.] 16 October 1676. Walter Nicholas elected borough constable; Mr. Duckett chose Henry Brooke to serve with him.

210

[90v.] 30 March 1677. Robert Wheeler and Moses Seager *alias* Parsons elected guild stewards.

211

[486v.] 30 April 1677. Any burgess making default or failing to appear at any place nominated after due warning by the burgesses shall pay a fine of 1s. to be used at the discretion of the burgesses. Any defaulting burgess not paying his fine as above shall forfeit 5s. to the guild stewards or shall lose his beast lease for that year.

Robert Wheeler and Moses Seager guild stewards, Robert Hungerford, Thomas Swaddon, Walter Forman, Robert Dyer, Edmund Parker, Walter Nicholas, William Jeffrys, Humphrey Townsend, John Dash.

212

[102v.] 4 February 1677 [1678]. Walter Forman and Robert Dyer elected guild stewards.

213

[485v.] 15 April 1678. By a majority of the burgesses George Hanlow was disfranchised and shall lose all privileges; to be admitted again on payment of *1l.* and submission.

Walter Norborne, Walter Forman, Edmund Parker, Walter Nicholas, William Jaffry, Humphrey Townsend, Robert Wheeler, Moses Parsons.

214

[494v.] 20 April 1678. Wetherstone Massenger baker nominated, elected, and sworn burgesses at Okeborne.

215

[102v.] 21 February 1680 [1681]. Thomas Swaddon gentleman and Robert Wheeler elected guild stewards.

216

[494v.] 1681. Barnabas Horsington, John Landick, Robert Shepherd, and William Jones elected, nominated and sworn burgesses at Ogburne.

217

[489v.] 8 September 1682. Agreed that Thomas Swaddon 'for several neglects in the office of burgesse destructive to the benefitt and utility of the burrough and for divers other causes' be disfranchised; unless he submit to us, paying a fine of *1l.* within a month.

Wetherston Massenger, Walter Forman, Humphrey Townsend, Robert Wheeler, John Landicke, William Jones, John Nutt, William Weekes the younger, Samuel Stevens, Gabriel Langrish, William Langton, Robert Sheppard.

218

[494v.] 1682. John Nutt, William Weekes, Gabriel Langrish, Samuel Stevens, and William Langton, were elected and sworn burgesses at Ogborne.

219

[145r.] 9 May 1685. Mr. Stephen Blake, John Parsons *alias* Seager, John Weekes¹, John Norman the younger, Walter Doleman, Henry Summers, Henry Beare, Walter Lawrence, Thomas Fowler, Thomas

¹ Above this name is written 'turned out'.

Sparrowe, John Ladd, John Townsend, Thomas Davis, Oliver Harman ¹, Roger Harding, Thomas Bennett, John Goddard ¹, John Heskins, John Fraling, Richard Seager, Humphrey Bodman the elder ¹, William James ¹, John Gent, and Henry Mesham, being nominated and elected burgesses of Calne were presented by William Jones steward of the guild and Robert Dyer and Robert Wheeler burgesses, and took the oath of allegiance and the corporation oath as follows.

'Wee doe sweare wee will helpe keepe and maintaine the ancient priviledges, liberties and customes that doe belong or anyweis apperteyne unto the burrough of Calne, and will observe and keepe all such lawfull orders, institucions and decrees as have beene heretofore made by our predecessors burgesses of the said burrough as much as in us lyes.'

Before me John Oliver, deputy steward of Ogborne court, parcel of the honour of Ewelme.

220

[500v.] [no date]. Humphrey Sampson by sinister and fraudulent means having got himself sworn as burgess, his election is disallowed. William Swaddon, William Forman, Benedick Alleyn ², Robert Forman, Philip Swadon, Thomas Nicholas ³, Thomas Folke, Walter Nycholas ³, Robert Parsons ³, John Dashe ³, Oliver Girdler, Robert Pittelle, Nicholas Girdler, George James.

221

[496v.] [no date ⁴]. A note of benefactors who have given money to the town 'to be lett to poore craftesmen and artifcyers of this borrowe of Calne, ⁵ and alsoe to buy lands for the mayntenance of the poore hereof ⁶'.

Mrs. Wootton 'for to paye in 4*l.* yeare in bread', 52*l.*; Roger Fynnamore gentleman, 40*l.*; Walter Keamys clerk, 10*l.*; John Archarde clothman, 10*l.*; John Woddroffe yeoman, 6*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*; William Webbe clothman, 4*l.*; Anne Duckett gentlewoman, 15*l.*; Henry Bulle gentleman, 20*l.*; Sir Henry Baynton knight, 20*l.*; Ralph Hurd *alias* Peirce, 5*l.*; Robert Forman in land which P[hilip] Killinge lets and has the rent, [no amount]; William Swaddon doctor of divinity, *per annum* 4*l.*; Richard Lowe esquire, 20*l.*; John Walker clerk, 10*l.*; 'three pounds in Phillipp Killing's hand more whiche remayneth for a stocke for ever to this

¹ Above these names is written 'disfranchised'.

² Struck through.

³ 'His mark'; the others appear to be signatures.

⁴ Apparently in the hand of Richard Fowler who entered the accounts for 1598—1621.

⁵ 'and also . . . hereof' added later.

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towen to be lent to hym that kepethe the free scole, and fortie shillings yerelye to be paid owte of Mr. George Staple's lande for teachinge of tenne scollers'.

¹ Mr. Cope with Thomas Huwkyns of Chippenham paid 10*l.*; Mr. Henry Smyth of London 'by the procurement George Lowe thelder of London esquire' which was disbursed with other moneys for lands, 200*l.*; Mr. Anthony Lowe, which was laid out towards the said lands, 30*l.*; Mr. Griffyn Nicholas whereof 20*l.* went towards the said land, 50*l.* ¹

² 10 January 1635. All this money except . . .*l.* of Mr. Nicholas' gift together with 30*l.* which was borrowed and not yet paid was laid out for lands at Baydun.

¹ 'Mr. Cope' to end of entry added later.

² Entered in the margin against preceding paragraph.

GLOSSARY

bredding: ? removing thistles.

brewing, brueinge: ? hunting snipe.

browse, brouse, brousse, bruse: brushwood; here ? a bundle of brushwood.

dotterell: a tree which having lost its top or branches through age or decay remains only as a stump.

frith, fryethe, frythe: brushwood.

hain: to hedge, fence, or otherwise enclose; to preserve grass from cattle.

harrow, hare, harre: the upright timber of a gate by which it is hung to its post.

hauldoren, hollraday, holleraday, hollarodde, hollradaye, holraday: Holy Rood day, the day of the Invention of the Holy Cross [3 May] when the summer grazing in the commons began.

kyrffe: ? anything cut off, e.g. a faggot of wood.

lugga, luggue, louge, logge, looge: land measure of 6 yards; rod, perch or pole.

moots: the stump of a tree.

shroud, shrude: a branch or lopping from a tree.

shurde: a shard; a gap or broken place in a hedge.

snipe bill, snit bele, snite bill, snytebels, snytesbyll, snyttbill: ? a hinge or part of a hinge shaped as a snipe's bill.

stean: to 'stone' or cover a road or line a well with stones.

steart, stirt: the tang which fastens anything.

strand: ? to strew gravel or sand.

twist: the flat part of a hinge, fastened to a gate and turning on a hook.

wanting: ? catching moles.

yelm: to separate and select straw, and to lay it in order for thatching.

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