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PREFACE

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ABBREVIATIONS

B.L.	British Library
<i>E.H.R.</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>Endowed char. Wilts.</i>	<i>Endowed charities of Wiltshire</i> , H.C. 273 (1908), lxxx
P.R.O., ASSI 23	Public Record Office, Clerks of assize, western circuit, gaol books
P.R.O., PROB 11	Public Record Office, Registered copies of wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury
Phillipps, <i>Wilts. inst.</i>	<i>Institutiones clericorum in comitatu Wiltoniae</i> , ed. Sir Thomas Phillipps (priv. print. 1825)
<i>V.C.H.</i>	<i>Victoria County History</i>
<i>W.A.M.</i>	<i>Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Magazine</i>
<i>W.N. & Q.</i>	<i>Wiltshire Notes and Queries</i>
W.R.O., A1	Wiltshire Record Office, Commissions of the peace etc. for Wiltshire
W.R.O., Wills, Consist. Sar.	Wiltshire Record Office, Wills proved in the Consistory Court of Sarum
W.R.S.	Wiltshire Record Society

INTRODUCTION

William Hunt whose justicing notebook is transcribed below was first named in the commission of the peace for Wiltshire dated 29 July 1743.¹ He received the writ of *dedimus potestatem* enabling him to act as a justice the following spring, probably just before the Easter quarter sessions opened at Devizes on 3 April (2). His notebook falls into three parts. The first contains his expenses when attending quarter, and special or petty, sessions, sessions for the land and window taxes, and for recruiting, and other meetings on unspecified justice business. It also has lists of payments to the poor of West Lavington in 1747 (34) and at Christmas 1746 (35). It begins with the expenses of taking his *dedimus* and attending quarter sessions in April 1744 (2), although a summary of expenses on tax and recruiting business incurred between 20 July 1738 and 10 July 1747 is included (52), and ends on 19 September 1749 (85). The second and largest part records Hunt's proceedings when acting outside quarter sessions, often alone, but sometimes with another justice. It begins on 1 April 1744 (87) and ends on 24 May 1748 (498). Many of the entries are records of the decisions taken by Hunt when sitting alone to deal with a multitude of complaints brought for his attention. Such entries bear the date when Hunt initiated proceedings by the issue of a warrant or a summons, but as many were not entered in the notebook until some time later, they by no means follow a strict chronological sequence.² The third part records some expenses on land-tax and recruiting business between 20 July 1738 (502) and 12 June 1746 (533), and some miscellaneous matter, including a list of poor persons in 1742–3 (500), and the recipients of a local charity in 1743, 1744, and 1745 (517, 522), but it is primarily a record of conviction warrants with the names of the poor to whom the fines resulting from the convictions were paid. Almost all the conviction entries are signed either by Hunt himself or in his name by one of his clerks. Most of the cases leading to the convictions are already entered in part two of the book, but there are a few which have not appeared before. The first entry is dated 8 November 1744 (499) and the last 12 June 1749 (577).

The notebook is a folio volume bound in brown tooled leather over boards. Its spine has been reinforced with maroon paper in the 19th century. It contains 138 pages which have been numbered in pencil for the purpose of making this edition and which measure approximately 31 × 23 cms. The first page has been cut out. There are eight blank pages between the first and second parts, and eleven at the end of the second part. The third part begins at the back of the book. The entries are clearly and legibly written in ink in three

¹ W.R.O., A1/1/19.

² See Appendix.

different hands, one of which is Hunt's,¹ and it is clear that the book was written up from time to time from earlier notes and records. Some pages have ruled margins of varying widths and many have been roughly ruled horizontally. The entries are not numbered but have been numbered in this edition for convenience. On the inside of the front cover a note, in Hunt's hand, records the then customary, but not invariable, sequence of the Wiltshire quarter-sessions towns: 'Devizes Sessions 2 April 1744. Warminster Sessions 12 July 1744; Easter Quarter Sessions at Devizes; Thomas a Becket, Warminster; Michaelmas, Marlborough; Epiphany, Sarum'. Also inside the cover a note dated 1897 and initialled E.H.G. states 'William Hunt magisterial diary and account book. This book was sold to Mr W. A. Bones, Bookseller, Devizes, amongst a lot of old books from the library of Eastwell and purchased from him for the Society at 5s.'. E. H. G[oddard] was librarian of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society at the time. The notebook remained in the Society's library at Devizes until 1979 when it was transferred to the Wiltshire Record Office in Trowbridge.² Eastwell is the Hunt Grubbe family home in Potterne.

The volume is better described as a notebook than a diary. The keeping of some sort of record of actions taken outside quarter sessions was strongly recommended to all magistrates in their manuals, chiefly as a precaution in case of appeals to a higher authority. The resulting notebooks and diaries were consequently private and informal records, taking many forms. One kept by a Northamptonshire justice between 1748 and 1751³ and three kept by members of the Brockman family of Beachborough in Newington next Hythe, Kent, between 1689 and 1781⁴ have been examined briefly. They illustrate well the different uses such books were put to by the individual justices, and it has to be remembered that matters which one justice chose to include in his notebook another justice might elect to record elsewhere. None of the notebooks looked at, for example, contains records of expenses as Hunt's does. Because of its personal and sometimes casual nature a notebook's chances of survival were not great and many were lost or destroyed when they had served their purpose. Few records of any sort of the justices' work outside quarter sessions before the 19th century have survived and Hunt's notebook is something of a rarity. One other which is partly concerned with Wiltshire is known and it seems that few have come to light in the rest of the country.⁵

¹ Statement based on comparison with handwriting in a personal acct. bk. kept by Hunt 1726-42: W.R.O. 1553/69.

² W.R.O. 1553/68.

³ Lincoln's Inn Libr., Misc. MS. 592.

⁴ B.L. Add. MSS. 42598-42600.

⁵ W.R.O. 383/955. General statement based on unpublished survey by John Styles, school of Humanities, Univ. of Bath, made in 1980. The diary of Edw. Poore mentioned with that of Wm Hunt by the Webbs is personal rather than professional: S. and B. Webb, *Eng. local govt. from the Revolution to the Municipal Corporations Act: parish and county*, 389.

Life and career

William Hunt was 47 when he became a magistrate. He was the eldest son of Thomas Hunt of West Lavington and his wife Mary Grubbe of Potterne. Both families were firmly rooted in and around those parishes by the time of his birth in 1696.¹ The Grubbes came to Devizes from London, where they were successful citizens and liverymen, in the 16th century and soon established themselves there and in the county as a family of consequence. Henry Grubbe was mayor of Devizes in 1568 and M.P. for the county in 1577. Early in the 17th century Henry's son, Thomas, became lessee of land in Potterne under the bishop of Salisbury and thenceforth the family built up its landed estate in and around that village with Eastwell there as its seat.² Less has been discovered about the Hunt family but the parish registers show it to have had numerous members in Potterne by the later 17th century and Thomas Hunt at the time of his marriage to Mary Grubbe in 1694 had two farms in West Lavington and probably more land elsewhere.³ On his death in 1726 he had land in Rowde, Potterne, and Marston to devise to his son, besides the West Lavington estate.⁴ So although the marriage with Mary Grubbe was a good match for Thomas Hunt, the Hunts, if rather less affluent than the Grubbes, had a firm foothold in the neighbourhood and William, the son and heir of that match, was born into the comfortable circumstances of the middle ranks of the country gentry. As it turned out, his material circumstances were greatly enhanced when his mother's brother, Walter Grubbe, died in 1715 a childless widower, having settled his estates upon his nephew.⁵ As the successor to both his father's and his uncle's estates, William would have had no difficulty when the time came of meeting the property qualification for justices of the peace of land worth £100 a year and the inevitable expenses involved in public service.⁶

In 1714, aged 17, William entered Trinity College, Oxford, and two years later went on to the Middle Temple.⁷ It is not known how long he stayed there, but it seems that he was as well equipped for his future position in county affairs by his education as by his social and financial circumstances. In 1729 he married Margaret, daughter of John Smith of Shaw House, Melksham, who died childless in 1731.⁸ He married secondly Anne, daughter of William Dorchester of Etchilhampton.⁹ Three children were born of that marriage: Thomas Grubbe in 1736 who succeeded his father and died at Potterne in 1772,¹⁰ and a girl and a boy both of whom died in infancy.¹¹ Anne

¹ W. R. O. 746/1 (W. Lavington par. reg.).

² Article on family by Edw. Kite in *Wills. Gaz.* 20 Apr. 1922.

³ W. R. O. 746/5 (W. Lavington gen. entry bk.).

⁴ *Ibid.* Wills, Consist. Sarum.

⁵ P. R. O., PROB 11/551 (P. C. C. f. 49 Fox); W. R. O. 1172/2 (Potterne par. reg.).

⁶ 5 Geo. II, c. 18; 18 Geo. II, c. 20.

⁷ Foster, *Alumni Oxoniensis 1500-1714*, 773; *Reg. admissions to Middle Temple*, i, 279.

⁸ J. A. Neale, *Neales of Berkeley* (priv. print. 1906), 86; mon. in W. Lavington church.

⁹ W. R. O. 746/1 (W. Lavington par. reg.).

¹⁰ *Ibid.* 1172/3 (Potterne par. reg.).

¹¹ *Ibid.* 746/1 (W. Lavington par. reg.).

outlived both her husband and her son.¹ By 1738 William was a churchwarden at West Lavington and in that year was commissioned as a major in the army and became a land-tax and recruiting commissioner.² He died in 1753 at West Lavington where he had continued to live in spite of the inheritance of his uncle's lands in Potterne.³ He did, however, in the last years of his life add his uncle's name to his own, so becoming William Hunt Grubbe.⁴ Such is the bare outline of Hunt's career. An attempt will be made later to consider briefly his private life and character.

Sphere of activity

The arrangement whereby magistrates were assigned to specific divisions evolved slowly and informally in Wiltshire, the large divisions of the late 16th century being gradually broken down into smaller ones, coinciding with a hundred or group of hundreds.⁵ The word 'division' does not in fact occur in the notebook and the area of Hunt's particular administrative responsibility was clearly regarded as being the hundreds of Swanborough, and Potterne and Cannings. Although he lived and had his property in Potterne and Cannings the adjoining hundred of Swanborough, the constituent parishes of which he lists in his notebook (501), seems to have had his more regular attention. The hundred boundaries were not, however, rigidly observed and quite often Hunt was involved in local government business for parishes lying outside the two hundreds to which he was primarily assigned.⁶ When acting to preserve the peace he was even less restricted by hundred boundaries, but functioned within a radius of roughly ten miles around his house in West Lavington and sometimes further afield. Hunt's home and the sphere of his magisterial activities lay at the very heart of Wiltshire. The area was largely downland country with Salisbury Plain in the south and the Marlborough Downs to the north. It was a region of corn-growing in large uninclosed fields on the loamy slopes of the downs, and of sheep-farming on the thinner soils above. In the vale between the chalk uplands there were small inclosed fields for the dairy cattle. There was virtually no industry other than agriculture and its dependent trades and crafts, as is clearly attested by the occupations of the people with whom Hunt had to deal. By far the largest number were described as labourers, while farmers and yeomen accounted for the next greatest number. Some half dozen workers in the cloth trade occur. The local brick-works at Market Lavington produced two brick-makers, both women, and there were a few gardeners, presumably from the market-gardens which flourished around the Lavingtons.⁷ An apothecary, a clock-maker, and a

¹ *V.C.H. Wilts.* x. 74.

² W.R.O. 746/15 (W. Lavington gen. entry bk.); *ibid.* 1553/69; below, no. 52.

³ W.R.O. 746/2 (W. Lavington par. reg.).

⁴ P.R.O., PROB 11/802 (P.C.C. f. 175 Searle).

⁵ *V.C.H. Wilts.* v. 87-8.

⁶ Particularly in Erlestoke (Melksham hund.) and Tilshead (Branch and Dole hund.).

⁷ *V.C.H. Wilts.* x. 99.

pipe-maker from Salisbury represent the non-rural trades, and an organist and a schoolmaster the professions.

Between them the two hundreds contained some 28 villages, mostly quite small, although a few had large tithings, themselves with small village settlements.¹ The villages were well served by roads and tracks, many of them leading to the market town of Devizes which lay roughly at the centre of the region. Only in the north, along stretches of the Bath road, had the turnpike made an appearance.² But in a downland area the quickest route was often the direct one across open country and many of the journeys to and from Hunt's home must have been made that way. Geographically Devizes lay within the region, but, with its own borough government, Hunt and his fellow country magistrates were in practice excluded, although they possessed in theory a concurrent jurisdiction.³ The town, however, was the usual meeting-place for the transaction of the Potterne and Cannings hundred business. West Lavington, where Hunt lived, although he had houses in Potterne and Rowde as well, lay in the very south of the region. His house was at the southern end of the village on the west side of the street. In 1979 little, if anything, of the house Hunt knew remained. An entrance gateway had pillars possibly of 18th-century date but the house was rebuilt in 1890 in a modest style and its garden, through which runs a chalk stream coming from the plain, replanned.⁴ It was then called the Lodge but in 1979 was named Hunt's House.

Attendance at quarter sessions

Hunt's first attendance at quarter sessions was in April 1744 at Devizes shortly before which he received his dedimus (2). On that occasion he presented himself to the clerk of the peace, took the prescribed oaths, paid the requisite fees, and contributed 10s. 6d. for his 'colt-ale' which was some sort of traditional conviviality provided by a new justice.⁵ Thereafter, according to the notebook's record of his expenses, he attended the Trinity sessions at Warminster every year and the Easter sessions every year except 1748. Devizes was the usual meeting-place for the Easter sessions, but in 1747 they were held at Calne (42).⁶ Devizes, Marlborough, and Warminster could all be said to have been the sessions towns for his area, and in 1745 and 1748 he attended the Michaelmas sessions at Marlborough (17, 68), while in 1746 he was at the Hilary sessions at Salisbury (20).

¹ For Potterne and Cannings see *ibid.* vii. 175–223; for Swanborough see *ibid.* x. 1–224.

² *Ibid.* iv. 256; for some idea of the road system at a rather later date see *Andrews and Dury, map* (W.R.S. viii), pls 8, 11.

³ *V.C.H. Wilts.* x. 275.

⁴ *W.N. & Q.* ii. 498.

⁵ A Gloucestershire justice taking his dedimus in 1803 subscribed to a dinner fund: Esther Moir, *Local gov. in Glos. 1775–1800* (Bristol and Glos. Arch. Soc. Recs. Section, viii), 77 n. 26.

⁶ W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745–63; *V.C.H. Wilts.* v. 177–8.

Work with another justice outside quarter sessions

It seems that anyway in his first years as a justice Hunt's attendances at quarter sessions followed a conscientious and regular pattern. The bulk of his work, however, was done outside quarter sessions and consisted of dealing with a mass of business which had been devolved upon the local justices either by particular statutes or by an enlarged interpretation of their commission.¹ Sometimes authority was given to two justices acting together: sometimes a single justice was empowered to act alone. Where collaboration was called for the business, depending upon its nature, was done either at special or petty sessions held at fixed times of the year, or at random meetings convened as and when required. Whether sessions were called special or petty seems to have been immaterial to the compilers of the notebook and sessions for the same kind of business were called both on different occasions (e.g. **8**, **27**). The business of these sessions derived chiefly from the statutory duty of the justices to supervise and supplement the work of the parish officers in the administration of the poor law, and the maintenance of the highways, and to issue licences to alehouse-keepers. In Easter week, or within a month after Easter, special sessions were required to appoint the overseers of the poor and audit their accounts.² In January there had to be special sessions to appoint the surveyors of the highways, whose presentments as to the state of the roads were then heard at quarterly intervals throughout the year either at sessions summoned specially for that purpose or in the course of sessions held for other business.³ In September there were the annual 'brewster' sessions for licensing alehouses.⁴ The two hundreds of Hunt's particular care normally had separate meetings of special sessions, usually held on consecutive days, but in 1748 the overseers for both hundreds were appointed at a joint sessions held in Devizes (**58**). To convene a special sessions the two justices issued their precepts about a fortnight in advance to the constables of the hundreds, requiring them to take the necessary steps. Swanborough had constables for an East and a West side (**252**, **278**, **302**, **320**, **378-9**). The constables for Potterne and Cannings, so far as is known, represented the united hundred, but there is no record of Hunt joining in the issue of precepts to those constables.

Judging by the account of his expenses, Hunt acted regularly as one of the two justices holding the special sessions for Swanborough, but for Potterne and Cannings he only fulfilled that duty occasionally. He was present at four of the annual sessions to appoint the Swanborough overseers (**8**, **27**, **40**, **79**),

¹ Among sources consulted for duties of justices in general the most extensively used were: W. Holdsworth, *Hist. of Eng. law* and S. and B. Webb, *Eng. local govt. from Revolution to Municipal Corporations Act: parish and county*. When trying to decide which acts Hunt took for his authority, guidance has been sought from Richard Burn, *Justice of the peace and parish officer* (1st edn 1755). Although not published until after Hunt's death, most of its contents are applicable to his time.

² 43 Eliz. I, c. 2, s. 1.

³ 3 Wm & Mary, c. 12, s. 3.

⁴ 2 Geo. II, c. 28, s. 11.

and at two of those for Potterne and Cannings (39, 78). He was also one of the two justices at the joint meeting of 1748 (58). He was present at the annual sessions to appoint surveyors for Swanborough four times (8, 21, 36, 53), and once for Potterne and Cannings (54). He heard highway presentments for Swanborough six times (4, 13, 18, 28, 33, 40), and once for Potterne and Cannings (39). Every year he was one of the two justices for the Swanborough licensing sessions (139, 16, 33, 50, 66, 85), but he only acted in that capacity once for Potterne and Cannings (67).

In addition to the special sessions for overseers, highways, and alehouses, and sessions to administer the land and window taxes, and for recruiting, which will be discussed below, sessions, called either petty or special, were occasionally held for certain other business, particularly where a number of people were involved. It was to a petty sessions that Hunt and a fellow justice summoned six offenders reported by the excise officers for breaking the excise laws (110). Twenty-nine single people were called to attend a petty sessions where Hunt and another justice directed them to get themselves 'lawfully hired' for a year and thereby establish a right to settlement in West Lavington (162, 499).¹ A special sessions was convened to deal with a recalcitrant overseer who refused to submit his accounts (351). Sometimes the occasion of a meeting of special sessions was used to bring forward other business, especially if it was business requiring by law the attention of two justices. Examinations to prove legal settlement, for example, were conducted by the two justices on the same days in April 1744 as the special sessions for the overseers for the two hundreds (92, 95-7). But much of the business requiring the combined attention of two justices could not be held over until the fixed meetings of special sessions and had to be dealt with as need arose.

The business which perhaps most often called for action by two justices outside special sessions was that deriving from the law of settlement with its restrictions upon the mobility of people between parishes.² Although a single justice had authority to conduct the examination of persons suspected of straying from their legal place of settlement, it was established practice by the mid 18th century for two or more justices to sit together. Hunt, in fact, postponed an examination due to take place for want of a second magistrate (443). Over the period of the notebook some 30 vagrants were taken up by the parish officers of Tilshead, Urchfont, the two Lavingtons, and Easterton and sent before the magistrates to prove their rightful place of settlement. Not always did the justices uphold the allegations of the parish officers (172, 238, 303). Where, however, a right to settlement could not be established, or regularized by the production of a settlement certificate, it was for two justices to sign the removal order.³ Cases of bastardy also required the fairly frequent collaboration of two justices. The preliminary examination to establish paternity was usually conducted by Hunt alone. To ensure that the father,

¹ 3 Wm & Mary, c. 11, s. 6.

² 14 Chas II, c. 12; Philip Styles, 'Evolution of law of settlement', *Birmingham Univ. Hist. Jnl.* ix. 33-63.

³ 14 Chas II, c. 12, s. 1.

when identified, accepted his liability for maintenance, or took the consequences, he more often than not sat with a colleague.¹ In cases of the sale of liquor without licence justices could proceed either singly or in pairs. In two apparently straightforward cases Hunt acted alone (190, 495). In the cases of three hardened offenders in West Lavington, and another in Erlestoke, all three of whom were convicted of second offences, he sat with a fellow justice (253, 280).² Such matters brought pairs of justices together with some regularity. A variety of others, also requiring by law the collaboration of at least two justices for their resolution, cropped up from time to time. The hearing by Hunt and a fellow justice of a case of refusal to pay small tithes is an example (111).³

Commissioner for land and window taxes and recruiting

In addition to his work as a justice, Hunt's duties as a commissioner for the land and window taxes involved him in many meetings, and the somewhat elaborate procedure necessary for the administration of the two taxes is well illustrated by his expenses entered in the notebook. Separate land-tax sessions were held for each hundred and followed the procedure laid down in the Act of 1693 and re-enacted annually thereafter.⁴ Hunt acted in both hundreds and sat with two, or occasionally three, other commissioners (e.g. 80, 319, 533). He sometimes sat with William Phipps (37) but his usual companions were a Mr Merewether and the Revd John Shergold, vicar of Little Cheverell,⁵ neither of whom appears to have been a justice at the time. The land-tax Act was implemented in four stages. First the commissioners directed the hundred constables to summon the assessors (319). The first sessions were then held to grant warrants to the assessors to apportion the tax (e.g. 81–2). Those sessions were followed by others for issuing collecting warrants (e.g. 62–3), and some months later came the sessions for appeals (e.g. 46). Since he was both a justice and a land-tax commissioner, Hunt was bound in one or other capacity to be involved in the implementation of the window tax.⁶ Only in the matter of assessment was there a significant difference in the local administration of the two taxes, so that the procedure for administering them followed almost exactly the same pattern and the two were usually dealt with at the same sessions which were mostly, but not invariably, devoted exclusively to tax business. Occasionally local government and tax business were combined as when a petty sessions for Swanborough hundred appointed the collectors of the window tax and received the presentments of the surveyors of the highways (28).

¹ 18 Eliz. I, c. 3, s. 1; 6 Geo. II, c. 31.

² 5 & 6 Edw. VI, c. 25, s. 1; 3 Chas I, c. 4, s. 2.

³ 7 & 8 Wm III, c. 6, s. 1.

⁴ 4 Wm & Mary, c. 1; W. R. Ward, *Eng. land tax in 18th century*.

⁵ *W.A.M.* lx. 117 (Merewether); Phillipps, *Wilt. inst.* ii. 65 (Shergold).

⁶ 7 & 8 Wm III, c. 18; W. R. Ward, 'Admin. of window and assessed taxes, 1696–1798', *E.H.R.* lxxvii. 522–42.

The period of Hunt's activity as a recruiting commissioner coincided with the country's sudden awareness of the need to bring the armed forces up to strength in face of the War of the Austrian Succession and the Jacobite invasion. Acts to stimulate recruiting were passed in 1744 and 1745.¹ In April 1744 Hunt attended two, and in the summer of 1745 six, recruiting sessions for one or other of the two hundreds (93, 503, 512–13). Although both acts allowed for impressment, it is not absolutely clear whether that expedient was used at the sessions, or whether the seven men 'listed', or 'admitted', were volunteers. Besides attending recruiting sessions, Hunt as a justice attested the enlistment of and issued certificates to recruits (164, 94), and once signed a certificate authorizing harvest leave for a soldier enlisted under the Act of 1744 (98).

Meeting-places and fellow justices

The local inns provided the meeting-places for special sessions. Not only did they have the accommodation necessary for sometimes quite large gatherings of people but also, judging by Hunt's expenses, could supply the necessary refreshment. Special sessions for Swanborough were almost always held at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington, a parish not actually lying within that hundred. The inn, still standing in 1979 although no longer a public house, was within a short walk from Hunt's house. The Green Dragon and the Bell at Market Lavington, both still in business in 1979, were sometimes used for sessions for the same hundred. A building lying outside Market Lavington village known as the Lodge, which may then have been an inn but which has long since vanished, also provided accommodation twice (96, 139).² A special sessions for Swanborough was once held at Upavon (78). The combined sessions of 1748 to appoint overseers for both hundreds met at the Black Horse in Devizes and one of the licensing sessions for Swanborough was held there (66). The Black Horse, in Long Street until the mid 19th century,³ was the usual meeting-place for the Potterne and Cannings special sessions, although the White Swan in the market-place,⁴ the George at Potterne, and the George at Rowde were used occasionally. Three meetings with James Townsend, a fellow justice, took place in the Bell at Great Cheverell, Townsend's home ground (110, 127, 135),⁵ and a meeting between Hunt and Thomas Beach, another justice, occurred at the George in Tinhead in Edington (84).

The names of ten justices working with Hunt occur in his notebook. In many entries, however, it is a mere matter of chance whether the other justice

¹ 17 Geo. II, c. 15; 18 Geo. II, c. 10; C. M. Clode, *Military forces of the Crown*, ii. 17.

² *V.C.H. Wilts.* x. 82–3.

³ *Ibid.* 262.

⁴ *Ibid.* 261.

⁵ *W.A.M.* lx. 109–19.

present is even mentioned, let alone named, so any review of how the local justices organized their work amongst themselves is based upon incomplete and unsystematic evidence. Nevertheless some sort of picture emerges. One of Hunt's first acts after receiving his *dedimus* was to examine the accounts of the keeper of the Devizes bridewell. That he did with Stephen Street (88), who, like Hunt, was attending quarter sessions at Devizes at the time. Soon afterwards James Townsend became his partner both at special sessions for Swanborough and at meetings to deal with business done outside sessions. For the first part of 1745 the Revd Richard Head appears to have been his usual colleague and joined with him to hold special sessions for Swanborough at least once (8). At the same time Hunt occasionally acted with George Hungerford and Stephen Street, both of Devizes (88, 242). In July 1745 a partnership with William Phipps of Westbury began, which lasted for about two years, until the summer of 1747, and may then have been broken because of Phipps's ill-health. He died the following year.¹ So far as can be told, he was Hunt's partner at the Swanborough sessions throughout that time, and certainly his most usual colleague at other meetings. Twice during the period Hunt also worked with Thomas Phipps, brother of William (278, 425).² For the remainder of the time covered by the notebook Hunt seems to have had no one regular partner. In 1748 George Hungerford and John Garth worked with him on separate occasions and acted as his partners at the Potterne and Cannings sessions. Another justice, Thomas Beach, occurs in 1748, not as a working partner, but as acting in two cases of wood-stealing where Hunt, as the aggrieved party, was unable to deal with the case himself (562-3).³ In 1749 unspecified justice business was done with John Garth, John Rolt, and John Talbot. The licensing sessions that year for Swanborough were held by Hunt and Talbot (85), and the sessions to hear offences against the excise laws by Hunt and Thomas Beach (84).

Hunt's colleagues were, like himself, prosperous country gentlemen, well established in the county. Garth, Hungerford, Rolt, Street, and Townsend lived within the bounds of the two hundreds of Swanborough, and Potterne and Cannings. Head, Phipps, Talbot, and probably Beach lived outside. Thomas Beach of Fittleton, John Talbot of Lacock, and William Phipps of Westbury had fairly large landed estates.⁴ James Townsend had land in Erlestoke and Great Cheverell.⁵ Richard Head was vicar of Orcheston St George, and John Rolt vicar of Bromham where his brother was lord of the manor.⁶ John Garth was the only newcomer to the county and the only professional. He was a barrister who came to Wiltshire in 1732 as recorder of Devizes. He represented the borough in Parliament between 1740 and his

¹ *V.C.H. Wilts.* viii. 163.

² *Ibid.*

³ 43 Eliz. I, c. 7, s. 3.

⁴ Burke, *Landed gent.* (1846), i. 43 (Beach); Romney Sedgwick, *Hist. Parl.* Ho. of Commons, 1715-54, ii. 170 (Talbot); *V.C.H. Wilts.* viii. 163, 168 (Phipps).

⁵ *W.A.M.* lx. 109; *V.C.H. Wilts.* x. 113.

⁶ Phillipps, *Wilts. inst.* ii. 61 (Head), 69 (Rolt).

death in 1764.¹ John Talbot had also been an M.P. but did not stand after 1741.² George Hungerford was a member of the Cadenham branch of that family and like Hunt had had some legal training.³ With some of these colleagues at any rate Hunt had close personal ties. He was related to Townsend,⁴ and Head and Hungerford were remembered in his will as friends.⁵

Work as a single justice

So far we have been considering Hunt's work done in collaboration with another justice, or with a pair of tax commissioners. A large part of the notebook, however, is concerned to record his proceedings when acting alone. The entire range of his work as a single justice is illustrated from the performance of his more or less routine functions to the exercise of his authority in local government, the keeping of the peace, and the dispensing of summary justice. Routine duties included the swearing of tithingmen and constables returning jurymen for quarter sessions (118–22, 141, 143),⁶ and the signing of passes and search warrants. The single justice could issue passes and search warrants, whereas the signatures of two justices were required for settlement certificates and removal orders. Printed stocks of all these documents were presumably kept and prepared for Hunt's signature by his clerk. A sick man going to Bath for treatment at the general hospital recently opened there was given a certificate (115).⁷ Wiltshire's situation on the route from the west country is illustrated by the passes Hunt signed for two poor women and their children landed in Devon and making for Sussex (117), and for three sailors travelling through the county on their way from Cornwall to Yorkshire (142). Search warrants were issued upon complaint to the justice by the suspicious party (e.g. 489). Gamekeepers requested warrants to search for illegal guns, nets, and snares (e.g. 206), and although Hunt was empowered to issue these, his authority was sometimes reinforced by the signature of a second justice (112, 192).⁸ The most common item for which search warrants were issued was wood which, as will be shown below, was in many different forms the commodity most frequently misappropriated, or alleged to have been misappropriated.⁹

The appointment and supervision of the parish officers by the justices at special sessions has been touched upon above. The single justice also had supervisory powers in parish government. Perhaps the most important was his authority in certain circumstances to overrule the officers in matters of poor

¹ Sedgwick, *op. cit.* 59.

² *Ibid.* 170.

³ R. C. Hoare, *Hungerfordiana* (priv. print. 1823), 23; *Lincoln's Inn admissions*, i. 393.

⁴ *W.A.M.* lx. 111.

⁵ P.R.O., PROB 11/802 (P.C.C. f. 175 Searle).

⁶ 3 Geo. II, c. 25, s. 7.

⁷ Later Royal Mineral Water Hosp.: R. W. Falconer, *Bath Gen. or Mineral Water Hosp.* (Bath 1860), 10–11.

⁸ 22 & 23 Chas II, c. 25, s. 1.

⁹ 15 Chas II, c. 2.

relief.¹ Upon oath by a dissatisfied pauper that relief had been refused, he could summon the overseers to give their reasons for their action. Between September 1744 and June 1747 Hunt issued some 15 such summonses to parish officers from Tilshead (136, 180, 214, 355), Urchfont (222, 297, 377), Erlestoke (236), Imber (284), Little Cheverell (312), Market Lavington (352), Fullaway in All Cannings (398), Chirton (399), Manningford Bruce (415), and Hilcott in North Newton (436). In all but one case the officers agreed without coercion to give, or to increase, the relief. In the case of one woman, a member of a local pauper family, who had already complained twice successfully, the officers were able to justify withholding any further assistance (355). Supervision of the surveyors of the highways was maintained by means of the quarterly meetings of special sessions at which the surveyors made their presentments.² Failure by parishioners to fulfil their statutory duty to repair the roads was reported to a magistrate by the surveyors.³ Twice Hunt issued summonses to defaulters for neglecting their duty (155, 353).

Disputes between masters and servants sometimes needed two justices for their settlement, but in some instances a single justice had power to adjudicate.⁴ Some half dozen times Hunt acted upon the complaint of a servant to summons a master to explain failure to pay wages, the most usual cause of dispute (e.g. 246, 250). In most cases the servant recovered his wages, and his situation too, if he had been dismissed, although he sometimes had to pay costs (e.g. 345). Less frequently masters complained of servants leaving their employment before the end of the agreed term (e.g. 376). Once Hunt exacted a penalty of 5s. for such a breach of contract, but he usually achieved a settlement between the parties.

The importance of Hunt's function as an arbitrator, and sometimes as judge, emerges clearly from the many entries recording his proceedings when sitting alone to deal with a variety of minor offences. The offences were mainly committed in or close to the parish in which he lived, and most were of a trivial nature; but if trivial from the criminal point of view, they were, at least temporarily, of great concern within the circle in which they occurred. When handling them Hunt had the great advantage of intimate local knowledge, and many of the parties involved must have been well known to him, some probably being his own employees.⁵ The source of his authority lay in the common law and the terms of his commission which enjoined him to keep the peace, arrest offenders, and to try indicted persons with a jury in quarter sessions. That authority had, however, over the past two centuries been refined and expanded by a series of statutes which gave, sometimes to two justices acting together, sometimes to a single justice sitting alone, powers to try, and where appropriate punish, certain offences outside quarter sessions.⁶ The records of Hunt's dealings with the great variety of offences

¹ 9 Geo. I, c. 7, s. 1.

² 3 Wm & Mary, c. 12, ss. 8-9, 12.

³ Ric. Burn, *Justice of the peace* (1755), i. 511, 514.

⁴ 5 Eliz. I, c. 4.

⁵ W.R.O. 1553/69.

⁶ J. M. Beattie, 'Pattern of crime in Eng. 1660-1800', *Past and Present*, lxii. 57.

brought before him show how he personally applied his authority both when acting under the common law, and when armed with the statutory powers of summary jurisdiction.

Assault. Authority to deal with personal assault, the offence along with theft with which Hunt was most often concerned, lay in the common law and the requirement of his office to preserve the peace against personal wrong and abuse.¹ The hardships and frustrations of rural poverty frequently erupted into violence within the family or between neighbours. Husbands assaulted wives (e.g. 100), fathers beat sons (e.g. 123), and sons set upon fathers (e.g. 149). Certain poor families were particularly prone to violent outbursts, and it is remarkable how many of the names included in the notebook's lists of the poor re-appear as participants in the cases of assault. Various members of the large, apparently poverty-stricken, family of Draper of Easterton, for example, were frequently in trouble and involved in fights at home and about the parish (e.g. 219, 242, 347, 459). Feuds between neighbours, particularly between women, sometimes ended in brawling, as when five women fought in Potterne churchyard on a Sunday morning (496). However outrageous the violence appeared in the eyes of the plaintiff, Hunt nearly always succeeded in making the parties agree their differences. An alleged assault with pick and spade accompanied by threats to 'dash out brains' (474) or to 'shoot with a pistol' (425) could be smoothed over and the erstwhile feuding parties leave the magistrate's presence apparently reconciled, although it was not unusual for Hunt to make the defendant pay for damages or costs or even both (e.g. 354, 480, 497). In a few cases he bound the defendant, or occasionally both parties, over for sums of £50 or £100 not to offend again (e.g. 262, 402). Sometimes a written note promising to be of future good behaviour sufficed (271), or even occasionally just an oral promise to that effect (187). In about ten of the many cases of assault coming before him Hunt bound the alleged offender over to trial at quarter sessions. Among those cases were an attempted rape (262), two cases of family violence (350, 369), and attacks upon the sheriff's bailiff (153), a tithingman (249), and a clergyman (364).

Sometimes the aggression took the form of spoken rather than physical abuse. The complaints, as recorded, are not very specific but ranged from alleged defamation of character (104) to insults uttered by two labourers caught attending some illegal pastime on a Sunday (226). Property was occasionally wrecked in the course of personal attack (e.g. 216), but there are few cases of intentional malicious damage (e.g. 187).

Theft. As with cases of assault so with allegations of theft, or wrongful detention of goods, Hunt's prime objective was to preserve the peace, although in the case of some thefts he may have ignored the strict letter of the law in doing so. Complaints of theft were almost as numerous as accusations of assault and resulted very often from the same basic antagonisms between neighbours. Theft, however, seemed an inappropriate term in the great

¹ Burn, *Justice of the peace* (1755), ii. 79; *Sess. mins.* (W.R.S. iv), pp. viii-ix.

majority of cases, and was rarely used. Generally the complaints were of items being 'detained', 'withheld', or 'taken', or even just suspected of being so misappropriated, and the items for the most part were small miscellaneous objects in everyday use. Eggs (419), grass (339), a dog (384), coal-ashes (331), a hoe (444) went missing, or were not delivered when they should have been (e.g. 133, 411). Sometimes Hunt could dismiss the case for lack of evidence (444), or as being altogether too frivolous (336). Occasionally the complaint was upheld and the defendant agreed to pay damages and sometimes expenses (e.g. 339, 485). Sometimes the plaintiff withdrew his complaint (418), or forgave the defendant upon the latter begging pardon (450), a gesture sometimes described as making the required submission. Once a transgressor had to acknowledge his fault before the justices on his knees, but that was for refusing to assist the constable in the execution of his duties (154). Nearly always in cases concerning the loss of small domestic objects Hunt saw to it that the difference was agreed or at least compromised between the parties. In three cases he found the evidence for larceny so clear that he bound the defendants over to quarter sessions, having apparently in two of the cases already satisfied himself of the offenders' guilt (167, 294). In a case where the stolen object was subsequently sold (414), and another of suspected burglary (416), he committed the defendants to the county gaol at Fisherton Anger to await trial at the assizes.

Summary offences against property. To deal with thieving from orchards and gardens, wood-stealing, and hedge-breaking, common offences in that country region, Hunt had powers of summary jurisdiction. Along with the taking of game, those rural practices, some of which had once been accepted as common rights, or at least were widely tolerated, became in the course of the 18th century more precisely defined as criminal.¹ So far as the theft of fruit and vegetables was concerned the law under which Hunt was acting in the 1740s dated from the beginning of the 17th century and demanded recompense for damages and a fine for the use of the poor, with the alternative of a whipping.² By and large Hunt applied those penalties, but used his discretion to mitigate their severity. Damages and fines were varied according to the means of the offender. No whipping was actually administered. Quite often the fines were given to the families of the offenders, themselves known to be in need (e.g. 128, 290-1, 288). Sometimes the complainant, often a gardener or a farmer, having brought the offender to justice, forgave him or her (e.g. 450, 478). The number and nature of these fruit and vegetable thefts do not suggest widespread serious hunger such as prevailed later in the century when rural conditions were worse. Most of them seem to have been committed by children or young persons, probably hungry but not in desperate need. There were not many cases of turnip-stealing, a vegetable so tempting to the really hungry that in the middle of the century an act was

¹ Beattie, *op. cit.* 62-5, 57-8, 79-80.

² 43 Eliz. I, c. 7.

passed for its protection.¹

Wood-stealing and hedge-breaking were far more frequent and do suggest that real necessity was often the motive. Most of the laws reflecting the hardening of attitude towards these rural practices, and introducing heavy penalties for their perpetration, came in the later 18th century and some required two justices for their application. Hunt at the time of the notebook apparently proceeded as a single justice in accordance with the Act of 1663–4 which, besides authorizing the issue of warrants to search for stolen wood, defined more clearly than earlier acts the penalties to be imposed where wood was proved to be stolen.² Again Hunt adjusted the fines according to the circumstances of the offender and sometimes remitted them entirely (322). Whippings were occasionally administered and second offenders sent to the bridewell as the law required (547). With its large areas of downland, the region was not well wooded, and many parishes no doubt suffered a shortage of wood, particularly in the winter months when the need for fuel was greatest. It was certainly during those months that the largest number of thefts occurred. In December 1746, for instance, Hunt dealt with some ten cases.

The notebook does not record many offences under the game laws, even though such offences were being increasingly dealt with summarily by the single justice.³ Of the cases coming before Hunt, rather more concerned the possession of guns or snares by persons unqualified to have them, than the actual poaching of game. After 1671 the qualification for hunting was land worth at least £100 a year, and after 1706 only persons so qualified were permitted to keep the dogs, snares, nets, or other equipment with which to hunt.⁴ The penalty for hunting, or for possessing the means of hunting, illegally was a fine of £5 or three months' imprisonment. The fine was usually shared equally between the poor of the parish in which the offence was committed and the person producing the accusing information. The testimony of one witness was necessary for a conviction and naturally the gamekeepers to the local landowners often feature as informers (e.g. 215, 484). As he did with the other country offences, Hunt applied the law with discretion. He fined a man the statutory £5 for carrying a gun and shooting pigeons, but because the man was poor and was spoken for by his friends, he remitted 35s. Moreover, the informer, a gamekeeper, waived the £2 10s. due to him (532).

Other Offences. Complaints of offences other than those which can be put into the broad categories of assault and theft are comparatively few. Most were of a domestic nature such as a husband refusing to maintain his wife (441, 457), or a couple occupying a house belonging to someone else (177), both of which Hunt settled by bringing the parties to an agreement. A man

¹ 23 Geo. II, c. 26, s. 13.

² 15 Chas II, c. 2.

³ P. B. Munsche, 'Game laws in Wilts. 1750–1800', *Crime in Eng. 1500–1800*, ed. J. S. Cockburn, 212.

⁴ 22 & 23 Chas II, c. 25; 5 Anne, c. 14. The latter Act is cited thus by Hunt (127) and in Pickering's *Statutes at large*, ii. 221, but in *Statutes of the realm* it is 6 Anne, c. 16.

attempting to break into a house during the night was ordered to pay 2s. for damages and 1s. for the warrant (366), and another causing a disturbance in a neighbour's house was required to give a note of hand never to repeat the offence (422). For some offences Hunt exercised his statutory powers as in the case of a man trying to pass off two brass coins as half crowns (132),¹ or a woman accused of entertaining ten rogues or vagabonds (368).² He likewise had the authority of statute law to deal with the few cases of profane swearing and breaches of the Lord's day brought to his notice. To be an offence an oath had to be overheard by one witness or have been uttered in the presence of two justices.³ The exact number of oaths sworn was always recorded, and it seems possible that justices sometimes charged a man with swearing when they were unable to find the evidence for some other offence of which they suspected him (460). Among the notebook's four cases, a woman alleged by a clergyman to have sworn six oaths in Market Lavington market-place refused to pay her fine and was sent by Hunt to ten days' hard labour in the bridewell (568). The amount of the fine depended upon the social status of the offender. A labourer, a common soldier, or a sailor paid 1s., others below the rank of gentleman 2s., and above that rank 5s. A yeoman swearing 13 oaths in front of Hunt and another justice was fined 13s. (550). Complaints of breaches of the Lord's day were rare. Two men reported for attending some illegal 'diversions' on a Sunday were put in the stocks for the statutory three hours without apparently being given the alternative of a fine (266),⁴ and a boy accused of climbing trees and shooting rooks on that day was found guilty but forgiven (327). The sale of liquor on Sundays during the hours of divine service was prohibited.⁵ There were occasional reports of Sunday tippling, but in no case could Hunt find sufficient grounds to prosecute (e.g. 257, 275). He dealt, once in co-operation with another justice, with four or five men accused of permitting the illegal tippling (266-7, 528). Three were convicted and fined 10s. each but one was excused payment on the grounds that he was poor (276).

Procedure, clerks, and professional aids

The notebook does not provide details of the processes which must sometimes have followed upon the issue of a warrant or summons, such as the taking of informations and depositions, although where Hunt's decisions were backed by the testimony of a witness, the fact was duly recorded. It was concerned to provide a record of warrants and summonses issued and of any decisions or actions taken as a consequence. Occasionally reference is made in general terms to the statute, or statutes, authorizing an action, but very

¹ 15 Geo. II. c. 28.

² 17 Geo. II. c. 5.

³ 19 Geo. II. c. 21.

⁴ 1 Chas I, c. 1.

⁵ The regulations governing the hours were left to the discretion of the licensing justices: S. and B. Webb, *Eng. local govt. liquor licensing*, 10; Moir, *Glos. local govt.* (Bristol & Glos. Arch. Soc. Recs. Section, viii), 120.

rarely is a statute specifically cited. Frequently differences were agreed without a hearing (e.g. 263), or the matter dropped and the warrant returned (e.g. 213). Sometimes it had to be recorded that there had been no proceedings but the warrant had not been returned (e.g. 200). Where two justices were acting together the warrant or summons was issued jointly (e.g. 393, 437). Occasionally Hunt acted upon a warrant issued by another justice (e.g. 240). In those cases the warrant would not have named the justice before whom the offender was to appear, and Hunt would have been chosen by the apprehending officer.¹ The officer responsible for executing the warrants, and returning them in due course, was the tithingman (e.g. 124), who also conveyed persons to the bridewell (e.g. 227), and administered whippings (483). There are frequent references to conviction warrants and the record of those issued occupy much of part three of the notebook. Small penalties, however, could be exacted without the formality of a conviction warrant (e.g. 144, 416). A few offenders were sent to the bridewell under Hunt's statutory powers, but most went with his mittimus, the precept directed to the keeper to receive the prisoners and keep them safely, because of their inability or refusal to provide sufficient sureties for the payment of fines, appearance at quarter sessions, the performance of their duty, or their future good behaviour.

A justice's clerk is mentioned occasionally. If, as may be presumed, the keeping of the notebook was among the clerk's duties, Hunt had the assistance of more than one clerk, since two hands appear besides his own. Such references to a clerk as have been noted all occur in connexion with payments for specific tasks performed in pursuance of a case. For writing summonses or warrants the clerk received 1s. or 2s., depending upon the amount of work involved (519, 567). He was paid for collecting fines (516), and sometimes for distributing the money when collected among the poor for whom it was destined. These payments to a clerk were deducted from the fines exacted. From a fine of 20s. for the poor of Worton, for example, 5s. was taken for payments to the clerk (567). This fact often accounts for the apparent discrepancies between the amount of the fines as recorded in part two of the notebook, and the actual payments made to the poor recorded in part three.

One of Hunt's clerks was a Mr Webb (516), but nothing is known of his social standing or qualifications, if any, to assist the justice with his many duties. The ever-increasing number of those duties, and the mastery of a very technical body of law necessary to discharge them, made expert advice in some form essential, particularly as failure to observe the law could expose the justices to personal liability. It is known that once Hunt sought counsel's opinion (341), but usually guidance had to come from one or more of the legal handbooks which dealt specifically with his office. The Revd Richard Burn's *Justice of the peace and parish officer*, which became the standard work of reference for magistrates, was not published until about six years after the close of the notebook, but there was a considerable number of other works

¹ Burn, *Justice of the peace* (1755), ii. 511.

available to him. Among the earliest was *L'office et aucthoritie de justices de peace* attributed to Sir Anthony Fitzherbert and printed in 1538. A version of that was rewritten by Richard Crompton in 1583, and reprinted five times by 1617. Of more practical use was William Lambard's fuller and more systematic *Eirenarcha*, issued in 1581, and passing through seven editions by 1610. Even more systematic was Michael Dalton's *Countrey justice*, reprinted many times between 1619 and 1742, which first set out the duties of the justices in alphabetical order, and was especially intended for the justice obliged to act without expert advice. For a short summary of the statutes which gave authority for his actions Hunt could have consulted Samuel and Nathaniel Blackerby's *The justice of peace his companion* published in 1723.¹

Character and tastes

As already shown, Hunt was educated at Oxford and the Middle Temple. So far as a professional notebook can be any guide to character and ability, this one suggests that its author discharged his duties conscientiously and fairly. The personal account book, which he kept between 1726 and 1742, would certainly provide insight into his character and tastes.² Only the briefest of examinations of it has been made for the purposes of this introduction, but even so it shows Hunt as being very unlike the tyrannical, coarse, and ignorant rural justice often portrayed by 18th-century writers and particularly by Smollett and Fielding.³ As a young man he inherited all his uncle Walter Grubbe's books and later spent money on acquiring more, among them a volume of the poems of Stephen Duck, the then popular Wiltshire poet.⁴ He possessed two elegant book-plates, one bearing an elaborate coat of arms and embellished by instruments of war and music, and another smaller plate with arms and the same embellishments.⁵ He was something of a local patron of music and himself played the bass viol and the 'cello.⁶ He made regular payments to a master to teach the West Lavington church choir, and occasionally he commissioned music to be written or sung.⁷ He frequently attended concerts in the neighbouring market towns, including a series of subscription concerts at Salisbury.⁸ His enthusiasm and encouragement extended to his family as is shown by the purchase of a toy fiddle for his three-year old son.⁹ It would be wrong to attempt any final assessment of

¹ For more information about books available to the justices see Holdsworth, *Hist. Eng. law*, iv. 115–19; xii. 332–5.

² W.R.O. 1553/69.

³ e.g. Tobias Smollett, *Sir Launcelot Greaves*, ch. xi (first published in 1760–1); Henry Fielding, *Adventures of Joseph Andrews*, bk. II, ch. xi (first published in 1742), and *Tom Jones*, bk. VII, ch. ix (first published in 1749).

⁴ P.R.O., PROB 11/551 (P.C.C. f. 49 Fox); *V. C. H. Wilts.* x. 34.

⁵ *W. N. & Q.* ii. 497–9.

⁶ W.R.O. 1553/69, s.v. 8 June 1738, 7 Mar. 1739.

⁷ *Ibid.* 4 Oct. 1736, 8 Feb. 1739, 10 Sept. 1736.

⁸ *Ibid.* 3 Sept. 1738.

⁹ *Ibid.* 13 Dec. 1739.

character based upon a source so cursorily examined; nevertheless, added to the impression conveyed by the professional notebook, it seems safe to suggest that Hunt, besides being a conscientious and reasonable justice, was an educated and cultured man.

Editorial method

The notebook has been transcribed in full except for the omission of a few recurrent words such as 'item' and 'paid'. 'Ditto' has been rendered as 'the same'. For the sake of clarity and for editorial convenience the text has been broken up into numbered entries, and to save space lists in tabular form have been rearranged in paragraphs. For the parts recording the issue of warrants and summonses the creation of numbered entries was straightforward and easy to effect, but for the accounts of expenses it was more difficult and sometimes an arbitrary arrangement had to be adopted. A small amount of punctuation has been introduced, capitalization has been adjusted, and abbreviated words extended. Except for surnames and place-names, spelling in general has been modernized, but for archaic or dialect words the spelling of the original has been retained and the modern form given in square brackets. Editorial interpolations are enclosed in square brackets, description and comment being additionally in italic.

Surnames in the text have been left in their original form. In the Index of Persons and Places the most frequently used form of each is given as the main entry with variations in parenthesis. The entry for William Hunt himself is selective. Forenames, frequently abbreviated in the original, have been extended, as far as possible given their modern spelling, and standardized to a common form where modern alternatives, e.g. Ann, Anne, exist, in both text and Index of Persons and Places. The original spelling of place-names has been preserved in the text, but modernized in the Introduction and Index of Persons and Places. Only in the Index have places which were less than parishes been associated with the parish to which they belong. The composition of the hundreds involved has been taken to be that given in *V.C.H. Wilts.* iv. 326–30.

Dates between 1 January and 24 March have been altered to accord with the modern reckoning of the beginning of the year, except when citing quarter-sessions records when the date as given in the document is retained. Where the year has been omitted from the date, but is perfectly clear from the position of the entry in the notebook, it has been given in square brackets. Where a date is indicated by the word 'ditto' it has been written out in full.

Although in the Introduction specific Acts of Parliament have been cited as the authority for Hunt's proceedings, it is not always possible to be absolutely certain which of several acts he would himself have taken as his authorization. He very rarely cites an act precisely in his notebook and where he refers to one in general terms (e.g. 'the excise laws'), or gives an incomplete reference, no attempt has been made to identify it exactly. For acts before 1 George I cited in the Introduction the printed texts in the *Statutes of the realm*

have been used and for later acts Pickering's *Statutes at large* is the source. Where Hunt sent a case to quarter sessions a reference is given in the text to the appropriate quarter-sessions minute book. The books do not necessarily include any information about the case beyond the fact that the person bound over to appear by Hunt did appear and thereby discharged his recognizance. The relevant recognizances, depositions, and indictments are usually to be found among other quarter-sessions records in the Wiltshire Record Office, but these have only been sampled.

The text has been but sparingly annotated. Many matters, however, have been touched upon in the Introduction and may be found there by reference to the Index of Subjects. Persons in official positions named in the text mostly have been identified in the Introduction and are to be found by reference to the Index of Persons and Places.

THE NOTEBOOK OF WILLIAM HUNT

1 I was nominated a justice of peace in the commission which came out in the year 1743–4. [W.R.O., A1/1/19]

2 An account of what charges I have been at in relation to my acting: paid for a certificate of my receiving the sacrament 1s. 6d.; paid for my dedimus potestatem £3 13s. 6d.; gave Mr Salmon for his trouble in taking it out 10s. 6d.; paid the clerk of the peace for being sworn in court 2s.; paid my colt-ale¹ for my first acting 10s. 6d.; spent at Devizes quarter sessions over our pay of 4s. a day 7s. 6d.²

[See **88**.]

3 18 April 1744. Attended a petty sessions at the Devizes for the hundred of Potterne and Cannings and spent at it 3s. 6d.

[See **92**.]

4 19 April 1744. Held another petty sessions for the hundred of Swanborough and spent 2s. 4d.

[See **96–7**.]

5 12 July 1744. I attended the quarter sessions at Warminster and my expenses (over my pay) came to 7s. 7d.

6 My expenses at the quarter sessions at Devizes held 24 April 1745 came to over my pay of 12s., 8s. 4d.

7 My expenses attending petty sessions and other meetings on justice business anno 1744 £1 0s. 6d.

8 The special session for appointing of overseers for the poor and for the surveyors of the highways was held at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington by Mr Head and me 3 May 1745. Spent 3s. 10d.

9 22 May [1745]. Spent at the Horse and Jockey attending of justice business 6d.

10 25 May 1745. Spent upon justice business at the Horse and Jockey 1s.

11 16 July 1745. Spent at the quarter sessions held at Warminster over our pay 5s. 5d.

12 16 July 1745. Gave the clerk of the peace for giving me the oath and registering my qualification to act as a justice of peace according to 18th of K[ing] G[eorge] II 4s.³

¹ See p. 5.

² The Easter sessions 1744 were held in Devizes on 3 Apr.: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1734–44. Since Hunt began acting on 1 Apr. 1744 (**87**), he presumably received his dedimus some time before the opening of the sessions which were the first he attended. Justices' pay had been fixed in 1388 by 12 Ric. II, c. 10.

³ The qualifying Act in force when Hunt became a justice was 5 Geo. II, c. 18. It was amended by 18 Geo. II, c. 20 and a fresh oath was required by 25 Mar. 1745. The property qualification in both was land to the value of at least £100 a year but the later Act aimed at excluding undesirable persons by tightening up the interpretation of that qualification.

- 13** 19 July [1745]. Spent at the Horse and Jockey at a session held for presentments of the highways 2s.
[? See 252.]
- 14** 29 July 1745. At the assizes held for the city of New Sarum I appeared and answered to my name as a justice of peace and paid as usual 1s.¹
- 15** 13 August 1745. Spent at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington upon justice business 6d.
- 16** 16 September 1745. Held a session for licensing alehouses at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington at which I spent 3s.
- 17** 8 October 1745. I attended the general quarter session for the peace held at Marlborough for the county of Wilts where I spent more than my wages of 4s. a day, £1 1s. 11d.
- 18** 25 October 1745. William Phipps Esq. and I held a petty session at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington for taking of presentments of the highways and spent at it 5s.
[See 278.]
- 19** 28 December 1745. Spent at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington upon justice business 1s.
- 20** 14 January 1746. Attended the quarter sessions at Sarum where I expended £1 8s. 7d.
- 21** 17 January 1746. William Phipps Esq. and I held a special sessions at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington for appointing of surveyors of the highways for the hundred of Swanborough. Spent at it 2s. 6d.
[See 302.]
- 22** 18 January [1746]. Spent at same upon justice business 6d.
- 23** 27 January [1746]. Spent at same upon justice business 2s.
- 24** 4 March 1746. Spent at the Horse and Jockey in Bishop's Lavington upon hearing a case of bastardy 6d.
- 25** 15 March [1746]. Spent upon justice business at the Horse and Jockey 7d.
- 26** 8, 9, and 10 April [1746]. Spent at the quarter sessions held at the Devizes £1 2s. 6d.
- 27** 22 April [1746]. William Phipps Esq. and I held a petty sessions at the Horse and Jockey in Bishop's Lavington for appointing overseers of the poor in the hundred of Swanborough. Spent at it 2s. 6d.
[See 320.]
- 28** 30 April [1746]. Mr Phipps and I held a petty sessions at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington for appointing collectors of the window tax and for taking presentments from the surveyors of the highways in Swanborough hundred. Spent at it 3s. 6d.
- 29** 17 July 1746. Spent at the quarter sessions at Warminster 9s. 6d.
- 30** 20 July 1746. Spent upon justice business at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington 5d.
- 31** 2 August [1746]. Spent upon same at same 1s.

¹ This is the only record of Hunt attending the assizes.

32 16 September 1746. Spent upon justice business at the Horse and Jockey 6d.

33 19 September 1746. William Phipps and I held a petty sessions for licensing of alehouses and for taking in presentments of the surveyors of the highways. Spent at it 3s. 6d.

[See 379.]

34 A list of the poor of Bishop's Lavington and Littleton Pannell made for the year 1747:¹ Benjamin May 6d. 6d.; Elizabeth Biffing, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Robert Mead, senior 6d. 6d. 6d.; Jane Gibbs, widow, no par^r. [sc. parishioner] 6d. 6d. 6d.; Joan Nutland, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Robert Nutland 6d. 6d. 6d.; Richard Nutland 6d. 6d. 6d.; Susan Cox 6d. 6d. 6d.; Jane Cox 6d. 6d. 6d.; Black Henry Sainsbury 6d. 6d. 6d.; Philip Sainsbury 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Potter 6d. 6d. 6d.; James Godwin 6d. 6d. 6d.; William Purnell 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xJoseph Wilde 6d.; Sarah Hayter, widow, no par^r. [sc. parishioner] 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xMartha Bishop, widow, no par^r. [sc. parishioner], 6d. dead; John Scratchly 6d. 6d. 6d.; Sarah Rivers, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Jane Price 6d. 6d. 6d., dead, her husband; James Burt 6d. 6d. 6d.; William Godwin 6d. 6d. 6d.; Jane Shore 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Spearing, junior 6d. 6d. 6d.; William Laney 6d. 6d. 6d.; David Draper 6d. 6d. 6d.; Robert Lane, senior 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Shore 6d. 6d. 6d.; Thomas Garret 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xAunt Willson 6d. 6d. dead; William Willson 6d. 6d. 6d.; Mary Flower 6d. 6d. dead; Jane Capell 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xEdward Norris 6d. dead; Edward Cummins 6d. 6d. 6d.; Mary Bennet 6d. 6d. 6d.; Katharine Capell 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Spearing, senior 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xSarah Wise, widow 6d. dead; ^xElizabeth Norris, single woman 6d. dead; Thomas Saunders 6d., senior 6d. 6d.; James Bartlet 6d. 6d. 6d.; Robert Mead, junior 6d. 6d. 6d.; William Mead 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xEdward Naish, no par^r. [sc. parishioner], 6d.; Francis Saunders 6d. 6d. 6d.; Robert Saunders 6d. 6d. 6d.; William Chapman 6d. 6d. 6d.; William Saunders 6d. 6d. 6d.; Richard Chapman 6d. 6d. 6d.; Mary Moor, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Stephen Godwin 6d. 6d. 6d.; Christopher Laney 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xDeborah Oake, widow 6d. 6d. dead; Prudence Sainsbury, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Stephen Ricketts 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Ladd's 6d. widow 6d. 6d.; ^xWilliam Bartlet 6d. dead; Susan Cummins 6d. 1s. 1s.; James Glass 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xAlice Capell, widow 6d. 6d. dead; William Matthews 6d. 6d. 6d.; William Smith 6d. 6d. 6d.; Thomas Mundy 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Godwin 6d. 6d. 6d.; Richard Godwin 6d. 6d. 6d.; Edward Naish 6d. 6d. 6d.; Hannah Mattock, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Sarah Saunders, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xRachel Saunders, widow 6d. dead; Thomas Still 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Still 6d. 6d. 6d.; James Staples 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xWilliam Turner's 6d. widow 6d. 6d.; John Biffing 6d. 6d. 6d.; Deborah Scratchly, widow, no par^r. [sc. parishioner], 6d. 6d. 6d.; Jeremiah Staples 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xMargaret Davis 6d. 6d. dead her husband 6d.; Margaret Meggs, widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Thomas Willett's 6d. widow 6d. 6d.; Elizabeth Dewey 6d. 6d. 6d.;

¹ The abbreviation par^r. has been extended as parishioner, although its significance is not perfectly clear. It occurs against the names of six persons, five of whom were widows. The crosses in this entry occur in the margins, usually against names to which the word dead has been added.

Mary Sainsbury, Duke¹ 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Potter 6d. 6d. 6d.; John Harding 6d. 6d. 6d.; Edward Lane's widow 6d. 6d. 6d.; Thomas Logdon 6d. 6d. 6d.; the widow Logdon 6d. 6d. 6d.; the widow Pitt Stay, no par^r. [*sc.* parishioner], 6d. 6d. 6d.; Stephen Brown 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xMary Brown, single woman 6d. 6d.; the widow Hamms 6d. 6d. 6d.; Mary Chapman, spinster 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xAnne Lane *alias* Pierce, spinster 6d. 6d.; Stephen Darke 6d. 6d. 6d.

[See 500 for list of poor, 1742–3.]

35 Gave to the poor persons in this list against Christmas 1746–7 £2 7s. being to ten [*? recte* nine] persons more than the last year 1745–6: Hannah Hayward 6d. 6d. 6d.; James Nutland 6d. 6d. 6d.; George Dowse 6d. 6d. 6d.; Robert Godwin 6d. 6d. 6d.; ^xBetty Chapman 6d. 6d.;² James Adams 6d. 6d. 6d.; Joseph Sainsbury 6d.; the widow Pettit 6d.; Richard Lane 6d. 6d.

36 The special sessions for appointing surveyors for the highways for Swanborough hundred was held by William Phipps and William Hunt Esqs. at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington on Saturday 17 January 1747 where my expenses came to 3s.

37 16 April [1747]. William Phipps and William Hunt Esqs. held a special sessions [Swanborough hundred *in margin*] with other commissioners for the land and window tax at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington. My expenses came to 3s. 6d.

38 24 April 1747. Held a sessions etc. at the George inn Pottern [Cannings hundred *in margin*] for the land and window tax and spent at it 3s.

39 5 May 1747. Held a sessions [Pottern and Cannings hundred *in margin*] for overseers of the poor and for presentments of the highways at the George in Pottern. My expenses came to 3s. 9d.

40 14 May 1747. Held a sessions [Swanborough hundred *in margin*] for the same at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington and spent at it 2s. 6d.

41 26 May [1747]. Held a sessions [Pottern and Cannings hundred *in margin*] for collectors of the land and window tax at the George in Roude. Spent at it 3s.

42 Spent at the Easter quarter sessions held at Caln³ for the year 1747 £1 7s.

43 2 June 1747. Spent at the sessions [Swanborough hundred *in margin*] for the collectors of the land and window taxes at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington 4s.

44 10 June 1747. Spent at the George inn in Pottern upon justice business 1s.

45 6 July 1747. Spent upon justice business at Urchfont 1s. 4d.

46 7 July [1747]. Spent at the sessions [Pottern and Cannings *in margin*] at Roude held for appeals on the land and window taxes 4s. 6d.

47 Spent at West Lavington at a sessions [Swanborough *in margin*] for same 10 July 1747 9s. 6d.

48 14 July 1747. The general quarter sessions of the peace began for this

¹ Duke here appended as an addition to the name, but later appearing as part of it (500, 523, 525, 569), possibly means a simpleton: Joseph Wright, *Dialect dict.* ii. 203.

² The significance of the cross in the margin against this name is unclear.

³ Devizes was the usual meeting-place for Easter sessions.

county at Warminster and held three days where my expenses, servants, and horses came to £1 1s. 3d.

49 22 July [1747]. Spent upon justice business at the Horse and Jockey 9d.

50 17 September [1747]. Spent at the Horse and Jockey at our petty sessions [Swanborough *in margin*] for licensing of alehouses 3s.

51 30 September [1747]. [Potterne and Cannings *in margin*]. Spent at the George inn in Pottern upon justice business 3s. 6d.

52 An account of what cash I have been out of pocket attending sessions for the land tax and recruits. I began acting as a commissioner 20 July 1738 and to 10 July 1747 I have expended £8 13s. 1d. Likewise as a justice of peace from 1743 to Michaelmas Day 1747 I have expended attending of sessions etc. £16 2s. 3d.

[For expenses on tax business 1738–43, *see* 502; 1744, 504–5; 1745, 506–13, 533; 1746, 28, 533; 1747, 37–8, 41, 43, 46–7; 1748, 60–3, 65; 1749, 74, 80–3. For expenses on recruiting 1744–5, *see* 503, 512–3. For expenses on justice business 1744, *see* 2–5, 7; 1745, 6, 8–19; 1746, 20–33; 1747, 36, 39–40, 42, 44–5, 48–51.]

53 15 January 1748. Held a special sessions [Swanborough hundred *in margin*] for appointing surveyors of the highways at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington and spent there 3s. 3d.

54 16 January [1748]. Held a sessions [Pottern and Cannings hundred *in margin*] for the same at the George in Pottern and my expenses came to 4s. 4d. The justices G. Hungerford and W. Hunt Esqs.

55 22 January [1748]. Spent upon justice business at the Black Horse in Devizes 2s.

56 17, 18, 19 January [1748]. Spent at Devizes upon taking the information of John Keats, a prisoner, against William Waite, John Fiddler, and John Equal, the younger, on suspicion of several robberies by them committed on the highway 5s. 8d.

[On 30 July 1748 Keats, Fiddler, and Equal were discharged at the Salisbury assizes for want of evidence: P.R.O., ASSI 23/6.]

57 27 February [1748]. Spent upon justice business at the George in Pottern 1s. 2d.

58 30 April 1748. Spent at the session for appointing overseers of the poor in the hundreds of Swanborough [and] Pottern and Cannings held at the Black Horse at Devizes 4s.

59 19 May 1748. Spent upon justice business at the George in Pottern 6d.

60 16 June 1748. Spent at the session for appointing assessors of the land tax held at the Swan in Devizes. Pottern and Cannings 3s. 7d.

61 20 June 1748. Spent at the session for appointing of assessors for the land and window taxes for Swanborough hundred held at the Bell in Market Lavington 2s. 9d.

62 23 June 1748. Spent at the session at Devizes at the Black Horse for granting warrants to the assessors of the window tax and collecting warrants for the land tax. Spent at it 3s. 6d.

63 28 June [1748]. Spent at the Bell in Market Lavington at our session for

granting warrants for collecting the land and window taxes. I spent at it 3s. 6d.

64 12 July 1748. Attended the quarter session at Warminster where my expenses came to 19s. 6½d.

65 7 September 1748. Spent at the Bell in Market Lavington at the session for appeals for the land and window taxes 6d.

66 26 September 1748. Spent at the Black Horse, Devizes, at our session for licensing of alehouses for Swanborough hundred and spent at it 2s.

67 27 September 1748. Spent at same for same for Pottern and Cannings and spent at it 3s. 6d.

68 13 October 1748. Spent at Devizes upon an adjournment of the quarter session from thence to Marlborough with John Garth Esq. 2s.

69 2 December [1748]. Spent upon justice business with John Garth Esq. at the Black Horse in Devizes 2s.

70 8 December [1748]. Spent upon justice business with John Garth Esq. at same 2s. 8d.

71 5 January [1749]. Spent upon justice business with John Garth Esq. at the Black Horse in Devizes for the hundred of Pottern and Cannings 2s.

72 6 January [1749]. Spent upon same for Swanborough 5s. 6d.

73 16 January [1749]. Spent at same upon same for Swanborough the east part with John Talbot Esq. 6s. 1d.

74 1 February 1749. Held a session at the Bell in Market Lavington for appeals on the window tax Act and spent at it 1s.

75 26 January [1749]. Spent upon justice business at Broomham with John Rolt, clerk, 10d.

76 16 March 1749. Spent upon justice business at the Horse and Jockey in Bishop's Lavington 2s. 6d.

77 4 April 1749. Spent attending the quarter session at Devizes 14s. 10d.

78 14 April 1749. Spent at the Black Horse at Devizes at a session for appointing overseers of the poor for the hundred of Pottern and Cannings 10d.

79 15 April [1749]. Spent at the session for same for Swanborough hundred at Uphaven 7s. 3d.

80 17 May 1749. Met my uncle Merewether and the Revd Mr Shergold at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington to qualify ourselves to act as commissioners of the land and window taxes. Spent 4d.

81 23 May [1749]. Held the first session for same for Swanborough hundred at the Horse and Jockey for assessing warrants. Spent 2s.

82 24 May [1749]. Held the first session for same for Pottern and Cannings hundred at the White Swan in Devizes. Spent 4s. 8d.

83 31 May 1749. Held our session for signing of the collecting warrants for the above said taxes for Swanborough hundred at the Bell inn in Market Lavington and spent there 2s. 8d.

84 12 June [1749]. Spent at the George at Tinhead with Thomas Beach Esq. on justice business upon prosecutions upon the Excise Acts and spent there 6d.

85 19 September 1749. Held a special session at the Horse and Jockey at

West Lavington with John Talbot Esq. for licensing of alehouses for Swanborough hundred and spent at the meeting 3s. 6d.
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1744

86 An account of my proceeding in matters relating to a justice of peace since I have received my *dedimus potestatem*.

87 1 April [1744]. Granted a warrant against John Holladay of Tinhead for a misdemeanour in abusing James Townsend of Great Chiverell Esq., one of his Majesty's justices of the peace. But the abovesaid criminal flying from justice before the return of the warrant, no adjudication.

88 I attended the quarter sessions held at Devizes 3 April 1744 where my opinion joined with the court. I likewise with Stephen Street Esq. examined the accounts of the bridewell-keeper there.

[See 2.]

89 12 April 1744. Signed a parish account at the Black Horse at Devizes.

90 14 April 1744. John Ferris of Allington took an oath before me that he brewed no more than 60 wine gallons of small beer.

91 12 April [1744]. I signed a certificate for the bridewell-keeper of Devizes at the Black Horse at same.

92 18 April 1744. Kept a special sessions at the White Swan, Devizes, when the overseers of the poor for the hundred of Potterne and Cannings had their accounts signed.

[See 3.]

93 18 April 1744. Held the third sessions for enlisting soldiers upon the Pressing Act and there listed five men fit for marines.¹

[See 503.]

94 18 April 1744. Signed a certificate for a recruit listed into Captain Furbar's company of footguards.²

95 18 April 1744. Examined a man touching his last legal settlement.

96 19 April 1744. Held a special sessions at the Lodge in Market Lavington for Swanborough hundred where the overseers of the poor had their accounts signed and new ones appointed.

[See 4.]

97 19 April 1744. The surveyors of the king's highways brought in their presentments of the condition of the roads, namely all out of repair. Likewise we examined Thomas Mathews touching his lawful settlement and adjudged him to be settled in Alton Barnes.

[See 4.]

98 29 April 1744. Signed a harvest certificate for John Bond of Potterne

¹ Corps of marines established 1739, disbanded 1748: C. M. Clode, *Military forces of the Crown*, i. 264–5.

² Commissioned as ensign in the 3rd regiment of footguards in 1724: *Army list*, 1740.

according to the Act of Parliament for the better recruiting of his Majesty's forces.

99 12 May 1744. By virtue of a warrant granted by James Townsend Esq., one of his Majesty's [justices] of the peace, against Robert and James Lane, sons of Robert Lane, labourer, and William Wilson, the younger, of this parish, at the complaint of Mr Flower Sainsbury for shrouding a maiden elm¹ and carrying the shrouds away. The cause was heard before me and upon the oath of one witness and their own confession, I desired and adjudged them to pay 5s. each according to the statute which accordingly was done by the parties above written.

[See 514.]

100 11 May 1744. Granted my warrant against Thomas Draper and Sarah Draper, his daughter, for assaulting and beating Mary Draper, his wife, complainant. But upon hearing, it was agreed.

101 17 May 1744. Upon the oath of Grace Lane with child with her seventh bastard, and upon her charging John Collins *alias* Peplar with being the father of it, he was taken up by my warrant and obliged to marry her.

102 28 May 1744. Mrs Tucker of Bishop's Lavington came before me on the complaint of William Turner, junior, of same, labourer, for her not paying him his wages which account I adjusted between them and saw her pay him the money, namely 11s. 3d.

103 28 May 1744. I granted a warrant upon the complaint of Joseph May, labourer, against Stephen Godwin and William Daniel, both of the parish of West Lavington, labourers, for an assault. But the parties agreeing between themselves, my warrant was returned without hearing it.

104 28 May 1744. I granted a warrant at the complaint of John Jordan of Earl Stoke, cordwainer, against Robert Compton of Steeple Ashton, yeoman, for abusing his character. But the parties agreed it without a hearing.

105 2 June 1744. I granted a warrant at the complaint of Elizabeth Godwin against William and Ra. [? Rachel *or* Rebecca] Rumboll of Littleton Pannel for falsely accusing her of theft. Upon hearing, they paid for the warrant and gave her 2s. 6d. to agree it.

106 4 June 1744. Signed a pass for a soldier's widow and children through this county on her way to Dorset Shire.

107 3 June [1744]. I granted a warrant at the complaint of Jane Mackland of Easterton against Robert Ricketts of Urchfont for abusing her. But it was agreed without a hearing, paying her 2s. 6d.

108 7 June 1744. I granted a warrant at the complaint of Jane Mackland against James Bishop of Easterton, the tithingman, for his abusing her in the execution of his office. But upon hearing it, the abuse proved so very slight that I ordered him to pay for the warrant only.

109 12 June 1744. I granted a warrant at the complaint of Hester Draper of Easterton against Edward and Lea Draper of same for their endeavouring to

¹ Probably meaning not lopped.

defraud her of one pair of cards¹ and other abuses offered to her. Upon hearing, I adjudged them to pay for the cards and the warrant.

110 23 June 1744. Held a petty sessions at the Bell inn in Great Cheverell by Mr Townsend and myself for hearing informations by the officers of the excise: an information exhibited to us by Matthew Terry, gent., collector of the excise, against Arthur Orchard, a private person of Conock, for selling cider by retail, and not making a proper entry of his cellars according to the laws of excise. Whereby he forfeited £50. Having a power to mitigate, we passed judgment upon him to pay £1 1s.; against Thomas Alexander of South in the parish of All Cannings for the same crime. Because he sold a larger quantity we adjudged him to pay £1 10s.; against Joseph Smith of Shepherds Shord in the parish of All Cannings for retailing spirituous liquors in less quantity than one pint without licence whereby he subjected himself to the penalty of £10. Likewise for not making entry of his cellars £20 more. We adjudged him for both offences to pay £2 5s.; against Edward Hayward for retailing beer or ale without paying duty or making monthly entry. This was a cowherd's ale.² We adjudged him to pay [Nothing added, followed by blank space and Great Chiverel at end of line]; against William Moore of West Lavington for the same both subject to the penalty of 40s. This was a clerk's ale.³ We adjudged him to pay the same.

111 23 June 1744. At the complaint of Mr Barton of West Lavington Mr Townsend and I granted a summons against William Watts of Littleton for not paying his small tithes under 40s. Likewise at the complaint of farmer Draper of Market Lavington we granted another against William Cummins of Littleton, gardener, for the same. But neither came to a hearing before us.

112 23 June 1744. Mr Townsend and I granted a warrant to search for guns, nets, etc. in the possession of unqualified persons in the parish of West Lavington.

113 23 June 1744. A summons for John Webbe, Richard Webbe, and John Webbe, his sons, of West Lavington, masons, on suspicion of their being concerned in shooting of pigeons near the farm-house of Dame Alexander of Little Cheveril. But upon their oaths wou'd [sic] make no discovery.

114 23 June 1744. Signed the overseers' rate for Market Lavington.

115 23 June 1744. Signed a certificate for the officers of Market Lavington acknowledging Richard Bradley to be a parishioner there, who is going into the Bath hospital for the recovery of his health.

116 26 June 1744. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Sarah Mabbot of Market Lavington against Levy Mabbot of Tilshead, her brother-in-law, for assaulting and abusing her. But they agreed it without a hearing.

117 5 July 1744. Signed a pass for two poor women and children landed in Devon Shire and passing into the county of Sussex.

118 23 July 1744. Swore the tithingman, farmer Flower of Imber, for returning jurymen for the quarter sessions.

¹ Used for carding cloth.

² A traditional ale: *W. A. M.* ii. 198-201.

³ Also a traditional ale: *ibid.*

119 24 July 1744. Swore the constable of Market Lavington, Daniel Crawley, on his returning proper jurymen for quarter sessions.

120 25 July [1744]. Swore James Bishop of Easterton for same.

121 28 July [1744]. Swore Thomas Baker of Bishop's Lavington, constable, for same.

122 30 July 1744. Swore William Cummins, tithingman of Littleton, for same.

123 18 July [1744]. At the complaint of Christopher Laney of Bishop's Lavington I granted a warrant against Richard Rutt of Market Lavington for beating his son Charles. But upon hearing before me I advised the parties to agree it which was done.

124 28 July 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Flower Sainsbury against James Barnes for robbing his orchard, but made his escape from the tithingman.

125 1 August 1744. Granted a warrant against John Cummings at the complaint of Elizabeth Lane for begetting her with child. Upon his appearance, took his bond with sureties to abide by the order of the justices when the child is born.

[Cummings is called Cuttins in 159.]

126 3 August 1744. Signed a pass for Sarah Freeman to pass this county to Winchcomb in Gloster Shire.

127 6 August 1744. Signed a conviction warrant with James Townsend Esq. at the sign of the Bell in Great Cheverill against Mr John Gye, quaker, of Market Lavington, for carrying a gun with intent to destroy game, not being qualified, which he confessed and paid £5 as directed by statute 5 of Queen Anne c. 14.¹

128 30 July [1744]. Granted a warrant against three boys, namely William and Richard Godwin, and Robert Naish, all of Littleton, for robbing the orchard of Mr Flower Sainsbury of West Lavington.

[See 130, 515.]

129 10 August 1744. I granted a warrant at the complaint of Dinah Draper of Easterton against Elizabeth Kill of same for beating and otherwise ill-treating her. But upon hearing, it appeared so frivolous that I persuaded them to agree it, the defendant paying for the warrant.

130 The above boys being by their own confession convicted for the offence abovesaid before me, I issued forth my warrant for their punishment which was to say 5s. or be whipped. They paid the money 13 August 1744.

[See 128, 515.]

131 Memorandum that on 21 August 1744 Robert Marslin of Urchfont came before me and took his oath of brewing before entry 139 gallons of strong beer and 120 gallons of small.

132 Memorandum that on 27 August 1744 Stephen Applegate of the parish of Westbury came before me and made oath that he received two pieces of brass money resembling half crowns by which he was defrauded of 5s. of

¹ 6 Anne, c. 16 in *Statutes of the realm*, viii. 586; but 5 Anne, c. 14 in *Statutes at large*, ii. 221.

Thomas Willet of Littleton Pannel, gardener. Upon his appearance, I ordered him to pay the said Applegate lawful money and stopped the pieces as the law directs.

133 29 August [1744]. Granted a summons at the complaint of farmer Lancaster of Easterton against Richard Wordleton of Urchfont, tailor, for his detaining of a suit of clothes put into his hands by the said Lancaster. But upon the defendant showing cause, I ordered the complainant to pay the defendant for making the said clothes, the defendant paying for the summons.

134 31 August 1744. Granted a summons against Elizabeth Webbe at the complaint of Mrs Street for her scandalising her in regard to her usage of her servants. But Jane Saunders, the principal evidence (though upon her oath), said nothing material against her. Upon which I dismissed her.

135 7 September 1744. I met James Townsend Esq. at the sign of the Bell at Great Chiverel and there joined with him in signing an order for the removal of William Smith to the parish of Little Chiverel.

136 10 September 1744. I granted a summons against the overseers of the poor of Tilshead at the complaint of Sarah Fownd, a pauper, sent them by a pass. I ordered her relief in her present necessity, but to have another hearing as to her legal settlement.

[See 140.]

137 13 September 1744. I granted a warrant against Edward Tucker of Imber, carpenter, being charged upon the oath of Mary Carter for being the father of a child she is now pregnant with. But upon his appearance, his father entered into a bond penalty £40 to indemnify Imber from all charges, and took his oath before me that he was worth more money than the sum specified.

138 14 September 1744. I granted a warrant against Richard Webb of Bishop's Lavington, mason, at the complaint of William Hibberd of Urchfont, sawyer, for an assault. But the parties agreed it mutually between themselves.

139 18 September 1744. James Townsend Esq. and I held a petty sessions at the Lodge for licensing of alehouses for the hundred of Swanborough.

140 19 September 1744. Signed an order with James Townsend Esq. for the removal of Sarah Fownd, a pauper, from the parish of Tilshead to Melksham in the county of Wilts.

[See 136.]

141 19 September 1744. Mr Tinker of Imber was sworn before me upon his return of proper persons to serve on juries as tithingman. I likewise signed his return.

142 20 September 1744. I signed a pass for three poor sailors landed at Hilton [*?Helston*] in Cornwall and going to Kingston upon Hull in Yorke Shire, the place of their last legal settlement.

143 22 September 1744. Farmer Lye, tithingman of Worton, was sworn before me for making his return of jurymen and had his return signed.

144 18 September 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Ambrose Draper of Market Lavington against the following boys for robbing his orchard: James and Robert Sutton, Gabriel Jones, John Giddings, Edward

Oram, and Thomas Hunt, all of them of Market Lavington. Upon their confession before me, I adjudged them to pay 2s. each for the use of the poor and complainant.

145 18 September [1744]. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Rebecca Phillpot of Market Lavington against John Holmes for robbing and ravishing of her. But upon his absconding, she gave it under her hand that he was not the person. Upon which I recalled my warrant.

146 20 October [1744]. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mrs Rutt of Market Lavington against Anne Amor and Daniel Ford for hedge-breaking. Upon their appearing, being guilty, I adjudged them to pay 5s. each or [be] whipped.

[See 147.]

147 20 October 1744. At the same complaint granted an order for their punishment and they were whipped at Easterton accordingly.

[See 146.]

148 22 October 1744. Granted a summons at the request of the parish officers of Urchfont against five intruders into their parish and they appeared at our special sessions held at Great Chiverell 30 October before Mr Townsend and me and were examined.

149 23 October 1744. Granted a warrant against Richard Sainsbury of Littleton, carpenter, for beating his father and at his complaint. But upon their appearing at the sessions above, they agreed it.

[See 148.]

150 16 October 1744. Granted a warrant against Richard Few, Susannah Few, and Thomas Beard of the tithing of Worten, for cutting down willow setters [*sc.* sets]¹ and shrouding trees, the property of Mr Richard Pitt of Potterne, complainant. I ordered them to pay 5s. to Mr Pitt for damages and 5s. each for the use of the poor.

[See 178.]

151 25 October 1744. Granted a warrant to Thomas Prowel of Market Lavington, complainant, against Robert Trimnel and Anthony Smith for an assault. But upon hearing, the complainant appeared to be the aggressor and paid for the warrant.

152 29 October 1744. Granted a warrant [summons *inserted above the line*] at the complaint of the parish officers of Easterton against the following persons: John Plank, Mary Ellis, John Hobbs, and William Draper, intruders into their tithing, to prove their settlements.

153 31 October 1744. Granted a warrant against Benjamin Lewis of Market Lavington for violently assaulting Edward Ivey of the parish of Burbidge, sheriff's bailiff, complainant. Upon hearing, the evidence of William Bell and William Bishop was so clear against him that I committed him to the bridewell at Devizes.

[At the quarter sessions at Devizes, 23 Apr. 1745, Lewis withdrew his plea of not guilty, pleaded guilty, and was fined 6d.: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 1.]

¹ Cuttings or shoots used for planting or grafting.

154 1 November 1744. Granted a warrant against Philip Sainsbury of Market Lavington for refusing to assist the constable, the complainant, in the due execution of his office. Upon his appearance, he was excused upon paying for the warrant and acknowledging his fault before the justices on his knees.

155 5 November [1744]. Granted a summons at the complaint of Mr Smith, surveyor of the highways, against several persons of West Lavington to show cause why they did not perform their statute labour on their highways.

156 7 November 1744. Granted a warrant against Robert Sainsbury at the complaint of William Smith for beating him. But upon hearing, we adjudged Smith to be the aggressor and no proceedings.

157 7 November 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the parish officers of Market Lavington against John Peplar for not allowing his wife something towards her maintenance. Upon his appearing, I ordered him to allow her 6d. a week he being old and poor.

158 8 November 1744. Granted a summons for the parish officers of Easterton to show cause why they would not relieve William Jervis, the complainant. But upon their appearing, I left it to their discretion.

159 3 November 1744. Mr Townsend and I granted our warrant for apprehending John Cuttins, the adjudged father of a bastard child born of the body of Elizabeth Lane of West Lavington. Upon his disobeying our order and for want of sureties, he was committed by us to the house of correction at Devizes.

[Cuttins is called Cummings in 125.]

160 18 November 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Henry Browse against John Sutton for beating him. But upon their appearing, they agreed it upon Sutton's paying for the warrant and giving Browse 1s. and to pay for the cure of his head.

161 5 November 1744. Upon complaint and information I granted a summons against Robert Sainsbury and Thomas Perry, alehouse-keepers, for selling ale without licences. Upon their appearance before Mr Townsend and me, by proper evidence they were convicted for the said offence, upon which Mr Townsend and I issued out our warrants for levying the penalty upon them of 20s. each, which they have both paid, and is distributed for the use of the poor of West Lavington.

[Perry is called Parry in 516.]

162 5 November 1744. At the complaint of the parish officers of West Lavington I granted a summons for 29 single persons of the parish aforesaid fit to go to service and as many as appeared at the petty sessions [on] 8 November were charged by Mr Townsend and I to provide themselves by Lady Day [25 Mar.] next ensuing the date hereof.

[See 499.]

163 24 November 1744. Signed a certificate of a pauper from Great Chiverell to the parish of St Martin's in the city of New Sarum.

164 1745 January and February. Sworn three recruits into his Majesty's service.

165 18 January 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Hampton

of Little Chiverell against Edward Hayward and Daniel Smith, junior, for stealing wood. The same agreed by the parties.

166 15 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Sainsbury of West Lavington against Betty Draper, widow, [of] Market Lavington for wood-stealing. Convicted by one witness and her confession 1s.

167 4 February 1745. Granted a searching warrant at the complaint of Roger Lye of Hurst, yeoman, by which he found in the possession of William Adams of Littleton Pannell, labourer, one chain and bail for drawing water, who was since convicted before me and admitted to bail. Richard Potter and George Dowse bound with Adams to the next quarter sessions for his appearance.

[Adams appeared at Devizes, 23 Apr. 1745, to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 3.]

168 18 November 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of David Crawley of Market Lavington, yeoman, for breaking the windows of his house by Francis Oram. Defendant paid damage by consent.

169 18 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Hester Keyte of the parish of Urchfont in the county of Wilts against Thomas, her husband, for his threatening to do her bodily mischief. Agreed by the parties without hearing.

170 18 January 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Robbince of Urchfont against William Harroway and Anne Robbince of the same parish for their violently assaulting and abusing him. Convicted to pay for the warrant and performance of good behaviour.

171 28 January 1745. Granted a conviction warrant against David Draper and Stephen Godwin both of the parish of West Lavington for their cutting down and carrying away one stump or tree, the property of the earl of Abingdon. Fine paid 7s. each on hearing before me and my determination.

[See **173**, **518**.]

172 16 January 1745. Granted a summons at the complaint of the churchwardens etc. of West Lavington against William Mead and Richard Lane, intruders into their said parish, and upon hearing thereof before George Hungerford Esq. and myself on oath of themselves found their settlement in West Lavington.

173 18 January 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Samuel Sainsbury of Market Lavington for and on the behalf of the right honourable earl of Abingdon against Paul Saunders, David Draper, and Stephen Godwin convicted as above.

[See **171**, **518**.]

174 18 December 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of farmer Holloway of Market Lavington, yeoman, against Mary Jones of the same parish for breaking down his bounds and stealing his hedgewood and upon her appearance, convicted to pay 9s. which she paid.

175 18 December 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of Imber against William Dennis of the same parish for his begetting a male bastard child on the body of Phoebe Gibbs also of Imber.

Agreed by consent of the parish.

176 18 December 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Jeffry Long of Eastcott against Thomas Plank, Richard Clark, and John Andrews of Eastcott aforesaid for their stealing wood of his property. Acquitted for want of evidence.

177 18 December 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Edward Draper of Easterton against John Mackin and Jane, his wife, of the same tithing for their unlawful dwelling in the house of the said Edward Draper. Upon hearing thereof, promised to quit the possession.

178 31 October 1744. Convicted before me Susannah Few and Thomas Beard of Worten for their cutting down some willows and shrouding a tree upon their own confession the property of Mr Richard Pitt. Susannah Few, upon hearing thereof paid 2s. 6d. Thomas Beard fled from justice.

[See 150.]

179 19 February 1745. John Cheater of Easterton, the younger, was brought before me for disobeying my warrant in suffering Peter Bishop of Easterton to escape out of his custody and upon his appearance was excused on producing his prisoner.

180 5 December 1744. Granted a summons for the overseers of the poor of Tilshead to appear before me to relieve Frances Whitley, a pauper, of the same parish. Relieved her without showing cause.

[See 214, 355.]

181 18 December 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Urchfont against John Curry and Thomas Robbinse of the same parish. On hearing thereof, promised to perform two days work each towards repairing a chimney they threw down, the property of the parish.

182 22 October 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the churchwardens of Urchfont against Sarah Filden, supposed to have two bastard children. She married before return of the warrant.

183 28 January 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mary Draper of Easterton against Jane Giddings of Easterton, widow, for fraudalizing her. Agreed by all parties by my consent.

184 29 November 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Matthew Long of Pottern against Isaac Ely of the same parish for stealing rails etc. Convicted but died before the time expired.

185 11 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Wilshiere of Urchfont, yeoman, against William Bayly, William Worthington, and Richard Bayly for stealing wood, and his cabbages, plants, and turnips beat to pieces. Acquitted for want of evidence.

186 8 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Allexander of West Lavington, yeoman, against Robert Whelply, the younger, of Urchfont, labourer, for shrouding one ash tree of his property. Convicted on his own confession for the same. Six shillings for damages and to the poor.

187 12 February 1745. A warrant granted at the complaint of John

Marshman of Pottern, labourer, against John Skinner of Urchfont for pulling down his tun,¹ throwing bricks down his chimney etc. Agreement made by consent of all parties on payment of 7s. 6d. and promising to be of the good behaviour.

188 1 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Merrit of Urchfont against William Hiscock of Manningford Bohun, the younger, for assault and battery. Agreed by my consent and paid for the same to the complainant 7s. and discharged the said warrant.

189 4 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Kill of Easterton against James Flower of the same tithing, yeoman, and Joseph Bishopp of the same for assault and battery. On hearing thereof the complainant paid for the warrant and damage done to Nathan Kill for the loss of his beans.

190 18 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr John Swallow of Urchfont against Robert Maslen of Urchfont for his selling beer, ale, etc. without licence. On hearing thereof the defendant was discharged on proof of one witness of his selling beer etc. to Lady Day [25 *Mar.*] next which I allowed of.

[See 241.]

191 8 November 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Market Lavington against Edward Lane of Littleton Pannell for begetting a bastard child on the body of Mary Peplar of Market Lavington, single woman. On hearing thereof, an order was made on him for the maintenance of the said bastard child and the warrant discharged. He is since listed into his Majesty's service.

192 13 June 1744. Granted a warrant by James Townsend Esq. and myself to search after guns, nets, etc. in the parishes of East and West Lavington. The warrant discharged. Nothing to be found on the said search.

193 11 February 1745. Granted a summons for the appearance of Robert Sainsbury of Littleton for his suffering tippling in his house, and on hearing thereof, he was convicted by warrant under my hand, on oath of one credible witness, as well as upon his own confessing the fact in the fine of 10s. who hath since paid the same pursuant to my warrant.

[See 519.]

194 15 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Thomas Beckett against John Adams, the younger, William Haskins, and John Mattock of Littleton Pannell for their stealing his wood. On hearing thereof, I convicted William Haskins to pay 5s. to the use of the poor which he hath since paid. John Adams and John Mattock did not appear but agreed it with the complainant on paying 2s. each.

[See 521.]

195 15 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of farmer Amor of Littleton, yeoman, against James Glass of the same place for stealing some hedgewood of his property and on hearing thereof, he was convicted to pay

¹ Chimney-stack or chimney-pot.

5s. to the poor of West Lavington parish which he hath since paid.

[See 520.]

196 26 November 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Market Lavington against James Damor of the same parish for begetting a bastard child or children on the body of Mary Oram, single woman. Since which he appeared and his brother was accepted as a security by the said churchwardens etc.

[See 344.]

197 [blank] January 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Axford of Great Chiv[erell], tailor, against Robert Coles, otherwise Newbery, labourer, for his pulling up some hedgewood out of the bounds of the said William Axford. Since which the same is agreed on Coles promising to allow the complainant for damage.

198 [blank] January 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Slade of Tilshead against the daughter of Frances Whitley of the same parish on suspicion of her stealing her hurdes [? sc. hurdles] of his property. But she being not a parishioner of Tilshead, and upon her promising to return to the parish whereof she was last settled, she was excused. The warrant is not yet returned.

199 [blank] February 1745. Granted a searching warrant at the complaint of Mr Slade of Tilshead for guns etc. Search hath been made, but the warrant as yet not returned.

200 23 October 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Martha Sainsbury against a butter-jobber for his defrauding her of 10s. 6d. But she hath since informed me he hath paid her the money, but the warrant is not yet returned.

201 [blank] January 1745. William Harroway came before me and made oath by the order of the officers of excise that his brewing was 16 gallons of small beer. Urchfont.

202 [blank] November 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Chamberleyn against William Smith of All Cannings, yeoman, for his defrauding him of gamin [? sc. gammon] of bacon which hath not been as yet put in execution nor the warrant returned.

203 [blank] October 1744. Granted a warrant at the complaint of churchwarden of Easterton to take up Peter Bishop of Easterton, labourer, for his begetting a bastard child on the body of Elizabeth Pierce, single woman. But the prisoner has made his escape and hath not since been retaken nor the warrant returned. [The warrant was since returned 28 February 1745 *added in another hand.*]

204 21 February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Post of Great Chiverell to search after board and other things stolen of his property. No search hath been as yet nor the warrant returned.

205 [blank] February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Beckett of Littleton to search after stolen goods. No search hath been made as yet nor the warrant returned.

206 [blank] February 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James

Lemmon, gamekeeper to the earl of Abingdon, for the searching after guns, nets etc. within the parishes of East and West Lavington. The warrant as yet not returned.

207 28 February 1745. Upon the complaint of the churchwarden and overseer of the poor for the tithing of Easterton a warrant was granted by the Revd Mr Head and myself for bringing before us Elizabeth Pierce to take her second examination after the birth of her male bastard child, and Peter Bishop the person sworn by her to be the father. The aforesaid officers of Easterton was [sic] contented to take Peter Bishop's bond with his father and brother as sureties. Penalty £40 the tithing's indemnification.

[See 203.]

208 2 February 1745. Mark Witts of the parish of Patney appeared before me and was sworn tithingman of Patney aforesaid in the room of Nicholas Naish, deceased.

209 21 March 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of farmer Roger Lye of the parish of Potterne against John Still, Charles and James Staples of Littleton for wood-stealing. The parties agreed without appearing before me.

210 18 April 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Francis Lancaster of Market Lavington against Hannah Oram and Betty White of Earl Stoke for wood-stealing. They paid the complainant 5s. for damages.

211 5 April 1745. The Revd Mr Head and I granted a warrant upon the complaint of Mr John Smith of Bishop's Lavington against William Fuller, his servant, for departing his service before his time expired. For which offence, upon a hearing, we ordered him to pay his master 5s.

212 10 April 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Anne Davis against Elizabeth Kyte of Easterton for her carrying away three pewter dishes from the said Anne Davis. Upon hearing, they being all near relations, I persuaded an agreement between them, the defendant paying 3s. expenses.

213 10 April 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr John Fowle of Easterton against William Martin, Nathaniel Kill, John Cheater, and John Russel of the same for refusing to pay the poor's rate. But the warrant was returned without proceedings upon it.

214 8 April 1745. Granted a summons for overseers of the poor of Tilshead to appear and show cause why they would not relieve Frances Whitley and Mary Found, paupers of the said parish. They obeyed the summons and relieved them.

[See 180, 355.]

215 8 April 1745. Granted a summons against William Hayward of Great Chevirill on the information of James Lemon, gamekeeper to Lord Abingdon, for setting and pulling up snares for the destruction of the game, for which he was committed to the house of correction, but afterwards obtained his freedom upon the payment of £5 and charges.

[See 523.]

216 18 April 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of John Cooper of the parish of Urchfont against Robert Whelpley, senior, and Robert Whelpley, junior, for an assault upon the complainant and pulling down a

water-bay.¹ The father being ill, did not appear. The son was excused by the consent of John Cooper upon his promise of his good behaviour towards him for the future.

217 18 April [1745]. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Joseph Cooper of Urchfont against Robert Whelpley, Elizabeth Whelpley, his wife, Mary and Joan, their daughters, for an assault. They appeared and upon their promising to be of better behaviour for the future towards the complainant, I discharged them.

218 18 April 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of farmer Vincent Pierce of Urchfont against Anne Tyler, Mary and David Batt of the same for stealing sheep cages and shrouding trees. They appeared, and upon hearing, I ordered the sum of 7s. 6d. to be paid by the offenders to the complainant for satisfaction.

[Anne Tyler is called Mary Tyler in 220.]

219 20 April 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mary Draper of Easterton against Thomas Draper, her husband, for his beating and otherwise abusing her, likewise for turning her out of his house and refusing her maintenance. He appeared and upon his promising to receive his wife again and using her better for the future, I excused him.

220 22 April 1745. Mary Tyler, Mary and David Batt had upon their conviction an order granted for the payment of the money abovesaid which they obeyed.

[Mary Tyler is called Anne Tyler in 218.]

221 29 April 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Sarah Godwin of Littleton Pannel against Robert Naish of the same for an assault. But the parties agreed it, the defendant paying for the warrant.

222 4 May 1745. Granted a summons against the parish officers of Urchfont at the complaint of Anne Whitley, a pauper, for relief. She was relieved without appearance and the summons returned.

223 4 May 1745. Granted a summons against the same parish officers on the complaint of George Wiltshire for to find him labour or to relieve him. But upon their appearance, they promised me to find him employment and I dismissed them.

224 16 May 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of farmer John Sainsbury of Fiddington against Edward Draper of Easterton for wood-stealing. Upon his appearing was convicted and paid for his offence 10s.

[See 229, 524.]

225 18 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Sainsbury of Market Lavington against John Filkes of the same, her landlord, for an assault. I suffered them to agree it upon his payment of 20s. for his abusing her.

226 20 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Simon and Jane Rogers of Great Chevirill for various insults offered towards them by James Purnell, blacksmith, and William Smith, labourer, both of the same, and

¹ Construction for retaining water.

likewise being present at unlawful diversions on the Lord's Day. They sat in the stocks three hours for their crime.

[See 231.]

227 8 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of John Giles of Littleton Pannel against John Giles, his son, for abusing and assaulting his father. He was brought before me, and upon his refusing to find sureties, his mittimus was made and put into the tithingman's hand, from whom he made his escape.

228 20 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mrs Connop against William Gough of West Lavington for stealing of willow setters.¹ He was convicted before me upon confession and paid for his crime 15s.

[See 235, 525.]

229 18 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of farmer John Sainsbury against Edward Draper of the tithing of Easterton for wood-stealing. He was brought before me and upon his own confession was convicted and paid for his crime 10s.

[See 224, 524.]

230 21 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Draper of Easterton for an assault upon her by Elizabeth Plank, Mary Draper, Sarah Draper, Mary Draper, junior, and Elizabeth Jarvis, all of Easterton. Upon hearing the said complainant their mittimus was made to the house of correction, but afterwards were released by consent of the parties paying charges.

231 21 May 1745. James Purnell and William Smith of Great Cheviril were convicted before me for being present at unlawful sports on the Lord's Day and sat in the stocks three hours for their said crime.

[See 226.]

232 27 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Waddams of Tilthead against John Garret, John and William Pain of same for divers abuses offered her. But they agreed it without my hearing it.

233 15 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Samuel Draper of Earl Stoke against Robert Mathews of same on a suspicion of robbery. But upon hearing, found nothing material to prove the fact. I acquitted Mathews.

234 16 May 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Edward Mattock of Great Chiverel against Thomas Lavington of East Coulston for feloniously entering into his house and stealing from him 3s. Lavington fled from justice and has not appeared as yet.

235 22 May [1745]. William Gough of Bishop's Lavington was convicted before me for stealing Mrs Connop's willow setters² and paid 15s.

[See 228, 525.]

236 13 June 1745. Granted a summons on the complaint of Mary Pettit of Earl Stoke against the parish officers of same for them to relieve her. Upon their appearing, they allowed her 6d. a week.

237 20 June 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Samuel Cozens of

¹ See 150.

² See 150.

Marden against James Night, yeoman, for an assault and robbery. Upon hearing, Cozens being a man of little credit, and at his request, I let them agree it.

238 22 June 1745. Granted a summons for Thomas Brittle and Thomas Phillpot, intruders into the parish of West Lavington. Brittle did not appear but Phillpot was examined, and upon oath declared himself a parishioner of Lavington aforesaid.

239 28 June 1745. Granted a warrant against John Newman of the tithing of Marston, yeoman, at the complaint of Jane Biggs, wife of John Biggs of same, for his assaulting her with intent to have carnal knowledge of her body. Upon his appearance, the fact was so clearly proved upon him, upon the oath of the complainant, that I adjudged him to pay unto John Biggs for damages 5 guineas, and at the same time entered into a bond penalty £100 never to molest John Biggs or his wife any more.

240 25 June 1745. A warrant was granted by Stephen Street Esq. of Devizes at the complaint of Robert Rickets of Urchfont against John Crooke of same for an assault. It was heard before me and the parties agreed it upon Crooke's paying Robert Rickets half a crown.

241 31 May 1745. Granted a warrant against Robert Maslin of Urchfont for retailing beer and ale without a licence. He did not appear before me, but entered into a bond the penalty £50, payable to Sir William Pynsent, bt,¹ never to sell beer or ale more after the time limited for disposing of his stock. [See 190.]

242 5 July 1745. Granted a warrant against Francis Draper of Crookwood in the parish of Pottern at the complaint of Mary his wife, for an assault. He was committed to [the] bridewell, but bailed by George Hungerford of Devizes Esq.

[Draper appeared at quarter sessions at Warminster, 16 July 1745, to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 10.]

243 At the same time I granted a warrant at the complaint of Francis Draper to search after stolen goods in several suspected houses in Market Lavington which warrant is not yet returned.

244 9 July 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Hannah Gye of the parish of Urchfont against Anne Tyler, Sarah Tyler, Elizabeth Tyler, and Lucy Wells, all of same, for an assault. Upon the parties appearing before me, they came to an agreement.

245 31 July 1745. Granted a warrant against John Tibbs, junior, of Chittern, yeoman, for having in his custody one peruke the property of John Johnson of Westbury, complainant, which was some time since stolen from him. But upon due proof made, the Tibbses' servant found it. Johnson had his wig again, paying for the warrant and giving the farmer's servant 18d. for taking it up.

246 23 July [1745]. Granted a summons against Hugh Tilly of Earl Stoke at

¹ Wm Pynsent (d. 1765) was lord of the manor of Urchfont and probably a justice: *V.C.H. Wilts.* x. 178.

the complaint of John Mattock, his servant, for retaining 5s. of his wages. I adjusted the account between them, the defendant paying for the summons.

247 23 July 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Wadman of Imber Esq. against Christopher Beaven of same for departing from his work as a thatcher without leave of his master. Upon hearing his defence, I remitted his punishment upon his promise of returning to Mr Wadman's work and paying for the warrant.

248 25 July 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Joseph Silver, servant to John Wadman of Imber Esq., against Job Potter of same, shepherd, upon suspicion of his stealing a silver watch. But upon hearing his defence, I adjudged the grounds of it to be so very little that at the request of the heads of the parish I excused the said Job Potter.

249 6 July 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Richard Smith of Market Lavington, butcher, against John Kyte of Easterton, labourer, for assaulting him in the execution of his office of tithingman. I bound him over to the quarter session at Marlborough and indicted.

[Indictment found against Kyte, 8 Oct. 1745: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 18.]

250 25 July 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mary Whitley of Tilshead against John Cummins of same for retaining 1s. of her weekly pay. Upon his appearing, he paid the money and likewise for the warrant.

251 23 July 1745. Granted a summons against Thomas Axford of Little Chiverell, yeoman, for his refusing to pay his servant, John Godwin, his husbandry wages. Upon hearing, they agreed it upon the defendant performing his service.

252 6 July 1745. William Phipps Esq. and I issued out our precepts to the constables of the hundred of the east and west parts of Swanborough hundred about the highways which were both duly returned.

[See 13.]

253 Be it remembered that by virtue of a summons granted by me against Robert Sainsbury and Thomas Parry of Littleton Pannel, victuallers, on 9 July 1745 to appear before me and William Phipps Esq. at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington on 19th following to show cause why they sold beer and ale without licence. Upon their appearing, they were convicted by proper evidence and sent to his Majesty's bridewell at Devizes, it being for their second offence, where they remained one month.

[See 161.]

254 25 July 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Sarah Haines of Marston against Gabriel Westbury for an assault. But the parties agreed it, the defendant paying 2s.

255 22 July 1745. Granted a warrant [or summons *inserted above the line*] on the complaint of Bridget Green of Market Lavington, widow, against Robert Brunkall, victualler, for his detaining a pair of garden shears, her property. But they agreed it without a hearing.

256 11 July 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Richard Carpenter, tithingman of Marden, against William Evence of same [and]

B. Smith for refusing to assist him in the execution of his office. But they agreed it without a hearing.

257 9 July 1745. Granted a summons against Thomas Logden, James Staples, William Moor, Stephen Godwin, and Richard Sainsbury, all of West Lavington, for frequenting alehouses of a Sunday. Upon their appearing, the evidence against them not being sufficient to convict them, I dismissed them.

258 13 July 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mrs Holmes of West Lavington, grocer, against Mary Harvey of Imber for a misdemeanour. But the parties agreed it without coming before me.

259 12 August 1745. Granted a summons at the complaint of William Slade of Tiltshhead, gent., against Michael Found of the same, labourer, for departing from his master's service without leave. Upon hearing, they agreed it, the defendant returning to his service.

260 10 August 1745. Granted a summons at the complaint of George Dyett, gamekeeper to John Wadman of Imber Esq., against William Dowden and William Bolter of Great Chiverell. The said William Dowden was convicted and paid 50s. for the use of the poor.

[See 532.]

261 13 August 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Morgan of the city of New Sarum, pipe-maker,¹ against Mark Godwin of Littleton Pannell, labourer, and Philip Salter (servant to Mr Hulbert of the Devizes) for defrauding him of a gross of pipes at the Horse and Jockey at Potterne [*recte* West Lavington]. The parties agreed it without a hearing.

262 4 September 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Bayly of Great Chiverell, labourer, against Edward Coles of Great Chiverell, labourer, for his entering the house of the said Thomas Bayly in order to ravish his wife. He was bound over to the Marlborough sessions but suffered to take up his recognizance upon his paying the complainant three guineas for the assault upon his wife and all other charges, besides entering into a bond of £50 penalty never to molest them more.

[Coles appeared at quarter sessions at Marlborough, 8 Oct. 1745, to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 16.]

263 5 September 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Jane Hobbs of the tithing of Easterton against Peter and Joseph Bishop and John Francis of same, labourers, and Matthew Lamborne of Market Lavington, labourer, for their forcing of themselves into the house of the complainant and other misdemeanours. But the parties agreed it without a hearing.

264 4 September 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mrs Anne Connopp of the parish of Market Lavington, widow, against Robert Mead of the said parish, labourer, for entering upon her ground and robbing of her orchard. Upon his appearing before me, he was convicted upon proper evidence.

[See 265, 526.]

265 5 September 1745. Upon the conviction of the said Robert Mead I

¹ For Morgans, pipe-makers of Salisbury, see *V.C.H. Wilts.* iv. 224.

granted an order for the payment of 7s. 6d., half to Mrs Connopp and half to the poor of West Lavington, or to be levied upon his goods and chattels. Upon serving the order, he paid the money aforesaid.

[See 264, 526.]

266 14 September 1745. Granted a summons against Joseph Boulter of Earl Stoke, victualler, for suffering tipping in his house on the Lord's Day. Upon his appearing, he was convicted upon the oaths of two credible witnesses.

[See 267, 528.]

267 16 September 1745. Granted a warrant or order on the conviction of the abovesaid Joseph Boulter for the payment of 10s. which he forfeited for the use of the poor of Earl Stoke for his said offence, which money, upon the serving upon him the order, he paid, and was distributed accordingly.

[See 266, 528.]

268 9 September 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Thomas Goodwell of the parish of Pottern, veltmonger [*sc.* felt-monger], against Mary Allen of same, widow, and Thomas Allen of Devizes, horse-dealer, for robbing his orchard. Upon their appearing before me, the matter was agreed.

269 16 September 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of John Wadman of Imber Esq. against Samuel Perrat and John Perrat, his son, of Great Chiverell for stealing of sawn timber on his Hill farm in the parish of Stoke. Upon their appearing before me, they were convicted upon proper evidence.

[See 270, 527.]

270 17 September 1745. A warrant or order was granted by me and William Phipps Esq. for the above Samuel Perrat and John Perrat's paying to the use of the poor of Earl Stoke 5s. each and 5s. each more for damages sustained by the said John Wadman Esq., which money, upon serving the order, they paid for the uses intended.

[See 269, 527.]

271 17 September 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of William Potter of Great Chiverell, junior, against Samuel Perrat of Great Chiverell aforesaid, shepherd, for an assault. Upon hearing, it was agreed upon the defendant giving a note of hand not to strike the complainant any more.

272 19 September 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Thomas Newman, one of the overseers of the poor of the parish of West Lavington, against John Staples for begetting a bastard child on the body of Jane Leonard. When he appeared before me, he chose rather to marry the woman than to be sent to the bridewell for want of sureties.

273 19 September 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mr Timothy Somner of Great Chiverell against William Sainsbury of Great Chiverell aforesaid for his shrouding several willow trees and carrying away the same. The complaint upon hearing, proved so frivolous that I excused the defendant.

274 23 September 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mr Timothy Somner of Great Chiverell against Nicholas Crouch, Stephen

Singer, Thomas Glass, junior, Hester Marks, and Thomas Marks, all of Little Chiverell, their shrouding several willow trees and carrying off the same. The parties agreed it without a hearing.

275 19 September 1745. Granted a summons on the complaint of Charles Sainsbury of the parish of West Lavington, carpenter, against John Giles, the younger, collar-maker, Richard Sainsbury, James Sainsbury, Stephen Turner, [and] William Bartlet for sitting tippling in the houses of Robert Sainsbury and Thomas Parry, victuallers, who were at the same time summoned. But upon their appearing before me to answer the complaint, for want of better evidence they were not convicted.

[See 276–7.]

276 23 September [1745]. Upon the conviction of Thomas Parry for suffering the abovesaid persons to sit tippling in his house, I granted an order for his paying of the penalty. But upon his promise not to do the like any more, and considering him as a poor man, I returned him his money, only deducted charges.

[See 275, 277.]

277 19 September 1745. Granted a warrant against Robert Sainsbury and Thomas Parry for disobeying my summons to appear and answer to the complaint of Charles Sainsbury for the crime above mentioned. But upon their appearing, they excused themselves so well that I pardoned their contempt.

[See 275–6.]

278 16 October 1745. Precepts were issued out to the constables of the hundred of Swanborough by me and Thomas Phipps Esq. for presentments to be made of the condition of the highways at the Horse and Jockey in Bishop's Lavington on Friday 25 October. The precepts were duly returned.

[See 18.]

279 24 October 1745. Granted a summons against Joseph Boulter of Earl Stoke, victualler, for selling beer and ale without a licence. But he departed without showing cause.

[See 280.]

280 25 October 1745. William Phipps Esq. and I granted a second summons against Joseph Boulter for the same offence, who then appeared and was convicted upon the oaths of Mr James Francklyn, officer of the excise, and two other credible witnesses, it being his second offence.

[See 266–7, 281, 530.]

281 24 October [1745]. Granted a summons against John Pynsent of Market Lavington, mason, to appear and give evidence against Joseph Boulter, who appeared and gave it.

[See 280, 530.]

282 10 September 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Thomas Clerk of Urchfont, labourer, for great abuses offered to him by his son. But they agreed it without a hearing.

283 23 October 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Amor of Market Lavington against Thomas Hunt and Elizabeth Coleman of same

for taking and carrying away certain goods, the property of the complainant. Upon their appearing, they promised to restore the goods. Upon which they agreed it.

284 19 October [1745]. Granted a summons on the complaint of Phoebe Gibbs of the parish of Imber against the overseers of the poor of the said parish to show cause why they would not relieve her by reason of her bastard child. Upon their appearing, and not showing sufficient cause, they promised to relieve her.

285 19 October 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Robert Turner of Market Lavington, gardener, against Robert Brunkal and Matthew Lamberlin, his servant, for stealing some turnips out of his garden. Upon hearing it, the charge against the defendants appeared so very trifling that I persuaded an agreement between them.

286 19 October 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Potter of Great Chiverell against Robert Smith of the said parish, labourer, for his kicking and beating her. Upon hearing, I persuaded an agreement between them, the defendant paying for the warrant.

287 24 October 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Draper of Easterton against William Johnson of the same, tinker, for an assault. But they agreed it by my permission without a hearing.

288 25 October 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Anthony Smith of the parish of Market Lavington, gardener, against Thomas Wise and John Gutteridge of the same, labourers, for robbing his garden. Upon hearing it, they were convicted.

[See **289**, **529**.]

289 25 October 1745. An order was granted by William Phipps and I upon the offenders abovesaid for payment of 5s. each for their crime which money they paid for the uses intended upon them.

[See **288**, **529**.]

290 14 October 1745. Granted a warrant on the complaint of farmer Richard Norris against the persons following, namely John and James Bartlet, James Rickets of the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourers, and William Sainsbury of Great Chiverel, cordwainer, for stealing of walnuts, the property of his father. The delinquents appearing before me, they were convicted.

[See **291**, **531**.]

291 15 October 1745. I granted an order upon the abovesaid offenders for the payment of 2s. 6d. each for the said crime which money they paid upon serving the order.

[See **290**, **531**.]

292 26 October 1745. Mary Brown of Littleton Pannel in the parish of Bishop's Lavington, single woman, being big with child, voluntarily came before me and swore that John Staples of Littleton aforesaid was the true father thereof. At the complaint of Thomas Newman, one of the overseers of the poor, I granted a warrant and took John Staples who entered into bond with sureties to secure the parish.

- 293** 29 November 1745. At the complaint of Elizabeth May of Marston I granted a warrant to search for stolen goods, but the goods could not be found.
- 294** 29 November [1745]. Granted a warrant upon the complaint of Anthony Smith of Market Lavington against Thomas Still of Bishop's Lavington for stealing an iron chain. He was convicted, sent to [the] bridewell, but released at the quarter sessions held at Sarum. [Still appeared on 14 Jan. 1745/6 when no bill was found: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 24.] [See **295**.]
- 295** 27 November 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of farmer John Hill of West Lavington against Anthony Smith of Market Lavington for having in his possession the said chain. But bringing good proof that he bought it of Thomas Still, he was acquitted upon hearing. [See **294**.]
- 296** 25 November 1745. Granted a warrant for the apprehending divers wood-stealers at the complaint of Mr Sainsbury, steward to Lord Abingdon. Their conviction is recorded with their names write under it in another part of this book. Likewise made out two orders for their payment of the money which they obeyed. But the orders remain in Mr Sainsbury's hands. [See **534**.]
- 297** 29 November 1745. Granted a summons against the overseers of the poor of Urchfont on the complaint of John Smith for the relief of his sister. They relieved the pauper.
- 298** 25 November 1745. I granted a summons at the complaint of the parish officers of West Lavington against Betty Godwin and Hannah Staples for returning from their respective parishes after being sent away by a legal order. Hannah Staples left the parish before summoned and Betty Godwin brought a certificate from the parish of Tilshead.
- 299** 19 December 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Wadman of Imber Esq. against John Strong, Hugh Strong, and George Strong, three boys of the parish of Great Chiverell, for wood-stealing. But upon their humbling themselves to Mr Wadman, and their promising not to offend in like nature any more, they were forgiven by the complainant.
- 300** 26 December 1745. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Anne Heath of Great Cheverill against Samuel Perrat of Earl Stoake for his assaulting her with intention to lie with her. He appeared and I suffered them to agree it upon Perrat's paying her 8s.
- 301** 25 October 1745. Upon the second examination of Sarah Hobbs of Market Lavington wherein she charged Simon Burry of Stert with being the father of her bastard child, a warrant was granted by William Phipps Esq. and I for taking him into custody, and upon his appearance he gave a bond with sureties to indemnify the parish of Market Lavington.
- 302** 8 January 1746. Granted two precepts by William Phipps Esq. and I to the constables of the east and west part of the hundred of Swanborough to issue out their warrants for the surveyors of the highways to be appointed. They performed their duty and made regular returns of their warrants. [See **21**.]

303 16 January [1746]. At the complaint of the parish officers of West Lavington I granted a summons for the appearance of William Watts and John Staples to prove their settlements before William Phipps Esq. and I. Upon the strictest examination we adjudged William Watts to be parishioner in West Lavington but respited John Staples for a re-examination.

304 27 January 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Stephen Batchelor, woodard [sc. woodward] for John Wadman of Imber Esq., against several wood-stealers of the parish of Great Chevirill whose names are under their conviction in this book. Likewise granted an order upon the said warrant for their payment of 2s. 6d. each for their offence. But their great poverty and submission to Mr Wadman got them excused from payment.

[See 535.]

305 24 January 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of farmer Robert Dowse of Great Chevirill against Mary Hobbs of same for wood-stealing. She was convicted and ordered to pay 2s. 6d.

[See 306, 536.]

306 27 January 1746. Granted an order for the payment of the above sum which she paid for the use of the poor of Great Chevirill abovesaid.

[See 305, 536.]

307 25 January 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Thomas Purnell of Great Chevirill against Simon Rogers of same for wood-stealing. He was convicted and paid for his offence 5s. for the use of the poor and to the complainant without an order being made upon him.

[See 537.]

308 17 January 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of farmer Alexander Giddings of Urchfont against several wood-stealers of the said parish whose names are mentioned in their conviction. They were ordered to pay 1s. apiece for their crime.

[See 538.]

309 4 February 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mr Thomas Bruges of Connock against Philip Planck and Thomas Worrington of Urchfont, labourers, for stealing of wood, the complainant's property. It was agreed without a hearing.

310 19 February 1746. Granted a summons at the complaint of Bridget Hill against her servant James Lane for departing from her service. But upon his appearance to answer the complaint, he willingly returned to his service again and was excused of his fault.

[See 345.]

311 4 March 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Henry Franklyn Esq. of the parish of Worton against Robert Jones of Market Lavington for assaulting and beating him upon the king's highway. Upon hearing it, I found his abuse so great that I adjudged the said Jones to pay Mr Franklyn £4 4s. and all charges of prosecution, which he did accordingly, and Mr Franklyn forgave him.

312 24 March 1746. Granted a summons on the information of Stephen Philpott, a pauper of Little Chiverell, against the parish officers of the said

parish for refusing him relief. Upon their appearance before me, not showing proper cause why they would not, they consented to do it without an order upon them.

313 29 March 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of William Munday of Great Chiverell, cordwainer, against Betty Strong, Lucy Strong, Margaret Strong, John Strong, George Strong, Hugh Strong, and Lucy Bright of Great Chiverell aforesaid, touching their detaining a quail net, quail pipe, and the lock of a gun of the complainant's property. Upon their appearance before me to answer the complaint, they promised to restore the abovesaid things, paid for the summons, and were excused.

314 20 March 1746. Mary Laney of the parish of Bishop's Lavington declared herself to be with child of a bastard and upon her examination charged Benjamin Naish with being the father of it. A proper warrant was issued out by me upon the parish officers. Complainant and Naish being taken and brought before me, the parties consented and were married.

315 6 March 1746. Jane Plank of Urchfont being examined before me being with child of a bastard and having charged John Andrews of the said parish with being the father of it. He was taken up by my warrant and brought before me where he consented to marry the woman and they were married accordingly.

316 14 March 1746. Elizabeth Cummins of the parish of Horningsham was examined for being with child of a bastard which she charged John Eeles of the parish of Chapenslade with being the father of. I granted my warrant and took him up and upon his appearance he entered into a bond to indemnify the parish of Horningsham from all charges consequent upon the same.

317 20 March 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Robert Howell of Little Chiverell, labourer, against Thomas Bolter of the same parish, labourer, for an assault. Upon the appearance of the parties, I suffered them to agree it.

318 25 March 1746. Granted a search warrant on the complaint of John Gye of Market Lavington for bacon etc. stolen from his house, but nothing could be found.

319 19 April 1746. The Revd Mr Shergold, Mr Merewether, and myself issued out our precepts for summoning the assessors of the land tax for the east and west parts of the hundred of Swanborough, which were duly returned at the sign of the Green Dragon in Market Lavington, the house of William Bolter.

320 9 April 1746. William Phipps Esq. joined with me in issuing out our precepts to the constables of the hundred of the east and west parts of Swanborough hundred to appoint a sessions for appointing overseers of the poor for the said hundred, which were duly returned at the Horse and Jockey in Bishop's Lavington.

[See 27.]

321 19 April 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of James Glass of Little Chiverell against James Newman of the same parish, labourer, for an assault. But upon their appearance before me, I suffered them to agree it.

322 15 April 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Richard Cox, servant to Mr Wroughton of Eastcott, against Ruth Pierce,¹ Mary Durnford, and Martha Yates, labourers of the parish of Urchfont, for wood-stealing, the property of Mr Wroughton. But when they came before me, out of regard to their great poverty and their promises of not offending in the like again, I pardoned them.

323 28 April 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James Smith of Great Chiverell, servant to William Dowden of Little Chiverell, for his turning him away and refusing to pay his husbandry wages. But the parties agreed it without coming before me.

324 19 March 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mrs Mary Alexander of Little Chiverell, widow, against James Boulter, the younger of the same, labourer, for stealing wood of her property for which offence he paid 5s. for the use of the poor of the said parish.

[See 542.]

325 10 March 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mr Gilbert, keeper to Peter Delmé of Earl Stoke Esq., to search for wood and other things of his master's property in Stoke aforesaid and Coulston which warrant remains in Mr Gilbert's hands.

[See 326, 540-1.]

326 13 March 1746. Upon the search being made John Mattock of Stoke was brought before me, convicted, and by my warrant ordered to pay 8s. for his offence for the use of the poor of Earl Stoke which he submitted to. Likewise search was made in the parish of Coulston and the following persons were brought before me, namely Isaac Peplar, Thomas Ladd, and John Brown and were convicted for the same offence of wood-stealing, and by my warrant ordered to pay for the use of the poor of Coulston aforesaid 8s. which they paid upon demand.

[See 325, 540-1.]

327 12 May 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Richard Pitt of Pottern, baker, against Joseph Gallington of the tithing of Worton, shoemaker, for climbing trees in his rookery and stealing of his rooks upon the Lord's Day. Upon hearing of it, Mr Pitt forgave the offence upon the boy's making the required submission.

328 20 May 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Gabriel Holloway of the tithing of Worton against Thomas Biggs, Jane Biggs, his wife, William Biggs, Giles Biggs, their sons, John Phillips and Sarah Phillips, his wife, and Thomas Biggs of the tithing of Marston for assaulting and beating him. Upon appearing before me, I suffered them to agree it upon the defendants' paying Holloway 3s.

329 12 May 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mr John Axford of Earl Stoke against Samuel Perrat of the same parish, coward [*sc.* cow-herd], for selling his coward's [*sc.* cow-herd's] ale² upon the Lord's Day and

¹ The Ruth Pierce, whose story is inscribed on Devizes market cross, died in 1753 and was then said to be of Potterne: *W.N. & Q.* i. 241.

² See 110.

suffering the following persons to sit tippling in his house, namely Edmund Mathews and Mary, his wife, Jonas Ruddle, John Taylor, John Lancaster, Jacob Cross, and William Boulter, all of the same parish. But no prosecution was carried on against them and the warrant returned.

330 24 May 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Biggs of the tithing of Worton, labourer, against Thomas Ferris of Pottern, yeoman, for assaulting and beating him. When they came before me, I suffered them to agree it upon Ferris his giving the boy 3s. for his abuse.

331 30 May 1746. Granted a summons at the complaint of Mr Richard Parry, apothecary in Market Lavington, against Alexander Applegarth of the same, joiner, for detaining of coal ashes of the complainant's property. Upon his appearing before me, I suffered them to agree it upon the defendant's restoring the ashes.

332 23 May 1746. Granted a warrant upon the complaint of Samuel Mabbot of Market Lavington, victualler, against Thomas Hunt of the said parish, shearman, for an assault, but no prosecution upon it.

333 2 June [1746]. Upon the complaint of a parish officer of Market Lavington I granted a warrant against Israel Middleton for getting Anne Sutton with child. Upon his appearance he consented to marry the woman.

334 21 June [1746]. Granted a warrant on the complaint of William Fowle of Great Chiverell against William Hayward of same for an assault. Upon hearing, I suffered them to agree it.

335 19 June 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of James Alexander of Great Chiverell against Thomas Alexander and William Fowles of same for an assault. Upon their appearing and making some satisfaction to the complainant, I suffered them to agree it.

336 3 June 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of Henry Somner of Great Chiverell, baker, against William Glass of Little Chiverell, gardener, concerning a fraudulent delivery of faggots. Upon hearing, I dismissed it, being frivolous and the fraud not being made [to] appear upon proper proof.

337 3 June 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Sarah Oram of Market Lavington against Mary Jones for an assault. They agreed it before some neighbours without coming before me.

338 17 June 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Elizabeth Whitley of Urchfont against Robert Martin of same for an assault. Upon his appearing, I ordered him to pay the complainant 1s. 6d. for her injury received and for the warrant.

339 1 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Robert Mattock of Great Chiverell, yeoman, against Roger Thruce of Earl Stoke for cutting and carrying away of grass. For which, upon the hearing of it, I ordered Thruce to pay the complainant for damages 5s. which before me was paid to him.

340 5 July 1746. Granted a summons upon the complaint of Mary Whitley against the overseers of Tilshead to show cause why they would not relieve her bastard child. Upon their appearing and not showing cause why they should not, they relieved the said child without an order upon them.

341 24 June 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of William Green

of Market Lavington against William Bishop, James Parker, the elder, and James Parker the younger, of the borough of Devizes, sheriff's bailiffs, for an illegal seizure of goods. But upon their appearance (my warrant being first backed by the mayor of Devizes) I dismissed it and referred it to the opinion of counsel.

342 16 July 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of Samuel Perrat of Great Chiverell against David and Mary Perrat of the same for their taking and carrying away several goods and things out of his house and garden, but the goods were restored again, and no prosecution followed, nor was it heard before me.

343 18 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Anne Stratton of Tilshead against John Payne, Samuel Baker, and Thomas Phillpot of the same for an assault and breaking her windows. Upon their appearing before me, I suffered the parties to agree it upon the following terms, to wit, the defendant to pay for the examination and warrant, for the loss of the complainant's and witnesses' time, for my clerk's time and attendance, and likewise for mending the windows, the whole amounting to 18s. 4d.

344 21 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of the parish officers of Market Lavington against James Dalmer of the same for his neglecting and refusing to pay into their hands 1s. a week towards the maintenance of a male bastard child he got on the body of Mary Oram of the same, being ordered so to do by two justices. Upon his appearing, he consented to pay the said money.

[See 196.]

345 21 July 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of James Lane of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, against Bridget Hill of Littleton, widow, for her ill using the said James Lane, her covenanted servant for a year, and refusing to continue him in her service according to their agreement, and other misdemeanours. Upon her appearing, not being able to show cause to the contrary, she admitted the complainant into her service again, he paying for the summons.

[See 310.]

346 24 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Robert Lane of Bishop's Lavington, the elder, labourer, against John Hill and James Staples of Littleton, labourers, for an assault. But upon their appearing, they agreed it, the defendants paying for the warrant and examination.

347 25 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Draper of the tithing of Easterton against Francis Draper of the same, her husband, for his violently beating of her. Upon his appearing and promising of future good behaviour towards his wife and paying for the examination and warrant, I suffered them to agree it.

348 29 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Thomas Hutchins of Earl Stoke against Edmund Matthews of the same, labourer, for an assault. Upon his appearing I bound him over to the quarter sessions at Marlborough. [Matthews appeared on 7 Oct. 1746 to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 39.] [See 349.]

349 29 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of William Green of the parish of Earl Stoke against Edmond Matthews of the same. Upon his appearing, he was bound over to the quarter sessions at Marlborough.

[For his appearance see **348**.]

350 31 July 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Mary Holloway of the parish of Market Lavington against William Holloway, her husband, of the same, she having first sworn the peace against him. For want of sureties his mittimus was made, but found some afterwards for his appearance at Marlborough sessions where he was acquitted upon his wife's release.

[Holloway appeared 7 Oct. 1746: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 39.]

351 30 July 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of Jerome Dyke, gent., and William Wait, yeoman, of the parish of Woodborough, churchwarden and overseer of the poor, against Richard Hayward of the same parish, yeoman, being overseer of the poor for the year 1745, to appear before William Phipps and William Hunt Esqs. at a special sessions held for that purpose for his refusing and neglecting to give up his accounts as overseer. Upon his obeying the summons and appearing, he passed the accounts before the justices above mentioned.

352 2 August 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of Mary Holloway, a pauper of Market Lavington, against the parish officers of the same for the relief. Upon their appearing, they relieved her to my satisfaction without an order.

353 4 August 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Market Lavington against several defaulters for their not doing their statute labour. But they obeyed the orders of the surveyors without appearing.

354 22 August 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of Sarah Coleman of the parish of Great Chiverell against Elianor Bolter and Elizabeth Bolter of the same for an assault and other abuses. Upon their appearing, I suffered them to agree it upon the defendants' paying for the warrant and expenses.

355 20 August 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of Frances Whitley of the parish of Tiltshcad, widow, against the parish officers there for refusing her relief. Upon their appearing, they showed just cause why they refused her.

[See **180**, **214**.]

356 29 August 1746. Granted a summons on the complaint of Jane Hitchcock of the parish of Market Lavington against Anne Herring of the same for coming to her house and taking several pieces of money, which was left there by a farmer they did harvest work for, the said Anne Herring being one of them and refused to be accountable to the rest that worked with her. Upon her appearing, I settled the account between the parties.

357 4 August 1746. Granted a warrant on the complaint of James Edgell Esq. against Joseph Wild, the younger, Owen Sainsbury, Philip Sainsbury, the younger, William and John Wats, William Biffing, and Joseph Sainsbury, all boys of Bishop's Lavington, for robbing the orchard of the said Mr Edgell.

Upon their appearing they were all convicted for their first offence.

[See 358.]

358 23 August 1746. Granted an order against Joseph Wild, the younger, Owen Sainsbury and Philip Sainsbury, the younger, labourers, of Bishop's Lavington, for their stealing apples and fruit, the property of Mr James Edgill of the same parish. Joseph Wild was convicted to pay 2s. 6d., Owen Sainsbury and Philip Sainsbury 1s. each.

[See 357.]

359 29 August 1747 [? *recte* 1746]. Granted a warrant on the complaint of George and Thomas Boulter of Little Chiverell, labourers, against Robert Godwin residing in the same parish, labourer, for an assault and battery. On hearing thereof, the matter was respited.

360 10 September 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Grace, the wife of John Collings otherwise Peplar of Market Lavington, labourer, against her said husband for his assaulting and beating his said wife and his refusing to maintain her. On hearing thereof, they agreed on the defendant's paying for the warrant.

361 11 September 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Anne, the wife of William Potter of Great Chiverell, carpenter, against John Flewell of Market Lavington, clock-maker, for his violently assaulting the said Anne Potter. On hearing thereof, he was committed for want of finding sureties.

[Flewell appeared at quarter sessions at Salisbury, 14 Jan. 1746/7, to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 44.]

362 16 September 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Richard Parry of Market Lavington, an apothecary, against John Luffe of Market Lavington, labourer, for his violently assaulting of the said Mr Parry. On hearing thereof, was pardoned by the complainant.

363 30 September 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Staples of Great Chiverell, yeoman, against James Smith, James Heath, and James Purnell all of Great Chiverell aforesaid, for their coming to his house [at an] unseasonable time in the night, and there listening under his windows, as also the said James Smith's the same night assaulting and beating of him the said John Staples. The parties made agreement by my consent without hearing.

364 29 August 1746. A warrant was granted by John Talbot Esq. at the complaint of the Revd Mr Thomas Smith of Staunten Bernard against John Hobbs of the same parish, butcher, for his stamping upon the feet of the said Mr Smith. On hearing thereof before me, I bound the said John Hobbs to the quarter sessions at Marlborough.

[Hobbs appeared 7 Oct. 1746 to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 38.]

365 11 October 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Edward Mattock of Great Chiverell, labourer, against Alice Amor of Great Chiverell aforesaid, spinster, for her stealing, taking, and carrying away apples out of his orchard. On hearing thereof, she was acquitted on paying for the warrant.

366 11 September 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Anne

Heath of Great Chiverell, single woman, against Henry Somner of Great Chiverell aforesaid, baker, touching or concerning in particular his coming into her house at unseasonable time in the night and endeavouring to break into the said house, and upon hearing thereof, the defendant, Henry Somner, paid 2s. for damages and paid 1s. for the warrant.

367 16 October 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Smith of West Lavington against William Chapman and Mary, his wife, both of West Lavington aforesaid, for their stealing great quantity of fatches [sc. vetches], the property of him the said Mr Smith. But upon hearing thereof, they were pardoned upon their asking forgiveness and [promising to] be of future good behaviour.

368 30 October 1746. An order made by me upon the hearing of two credible witnesses, and as also upon the confession of Anne Martin of the parish of Market Lavington, who entertained ten rogues or vagabonds, for which I fined her 30s., and in obedience to the said order is since paid.

369 17 November 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Jane Naish, wife of James Naish of Bulkington, yeoman, against her said husband, James Naish, on oath for assaulting, beating, and abusing Jane Naish, his said wife, without giving him any sort of provocation, for which she desired the said Naish to find sureties of the peace, not out of any malice, hatred, evil will, or revenge, but purely for the preservation of her person from danger and harm. Upon hearing thereof, the said James Naish was bound with sureties to appear at the next general quarter sessions to answer the premises aforesaid. [Naish appeared at Salisbury, 14 Jan. 1746/7, to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 44.]

370 4 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr John Smith, one of the overseers of the poor of West Lavington, against Jonathan Bartlet of the parish aforesaid, labourer, touching in particular the said Jonathan Bartlet's being charged on the oath of Grace Cable of West Lavington aforesaid, single woman, to be the father of the bastard child she was then pregnant with. Upon hearing thereof they were married.

371 5 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Pierce of Wedhampton, yeoman, against Edward Crook of Wedhampton aforesaid, labourer, touching in particular the said Edward Crook's breaking, stealing, and carrying away large quantities of hedgewood, the property of William Pierce. But upon hearing thereof, I convicted him to pay 5s., and also he gave a note of hand on the penalty of £10 never to trespass on the complainant any more.

[See **380**, **543**.]

372 6 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Elizabeth Bartlet of Great Chiverell against John Watts and Matthew Spire of Great Chiverell aforesaid, labourers, touching in particular the said John Watts's and Matthew Spire's cutting some wood, the property of the said Elizabeth Bartlet out of a wood called Henning. The defendants agreed with the complainant without a hearing.

373 13 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas

Tilly of Earl Stoke, maltster, against Moses Long of Earl Stoke aforesaid, labourer, touching in particular the said Moses Long's cutting down one ash tree, the property of the said Thomas Tilly. The defendant Moses Long was acquitted for want of evidence.

374 18 December 1746. Granted a summons at the complaint of William Dowden of Great Chiverell, yeoman, against John Mattock, an apprentice to William Wicks of Little Chiverell, weaver, touching in particular the said John Mattock's illegally entering into a ground called the Common Ground in the parish of Little Chiverell aforesaid and from thence stealing and carrying away a quantity of turnips, the property of the said William Dowden. Upon appearance of the parties, I ordered them to pay for the summons.

375 18 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Timothy Somner of Great Chiverell against Katharine Glass and Anne Glass of Little Chiverell, spinsters, touching in particular the said Katharine Glass's and Anne Glass's entering upon the ground of the said Mr Somner and therefrom cutting and carrying away of hazel wood and young ashes of his property against the peace. Upon hearing thereof, it was respited.

376 22 December 1746. Granted a warrant by Stephen Street Esq., one of his Majesty's justices of the peace for the said county, at the complaint of James Knight of Manningford Bohune, yeoman, against Robert Smith, his servant, touching in particular his being lawfully hired by the year in husbandry business with his master and leaving before the end of his term. Upon hearing thereof before me, the said Robert Smith promised to return to his service and also to allow his master for the time he was absent.

377 29 December 1746. Granted a summons at the complaint of Elizabeth Whitly of the parish of Urchfont against the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish, touching in particular her being a poor sickly woman as also her husband having no work to do. The officers, upon appearance, consented to allow the complainant 6d. a week.

378 6 April 1746. Granted two precepts by William Phipps Esq. and I to the constables of the east and west part of the hundred of Swanborough to issue out their warrants for the collectors of the window tax to make new assessments for the said tax and to hear appeals, and also for the surveyors to present on oath of the state and condition of their highways. They performed their duty and made regular returns of their warrants.

[See 28.]

379 4 September 1746. Granted two precepts by William Phipps Esq. and I to the constables of the east and west parts of the hundred of Swanborough to issue out their warrants for the alehouse-keepers to renew their licences for the year ensuing, and also for the surveyors to present on oath of the state and condition of their highways. They performed their duty and made regular returns of their warrants.

[See 33.]

380 8 December 1746. Granted a conviction against Edward Crook of Wedhampton, labourer, upon the oath of one witness and also upon his confession of breaking, taking, and carrying away hedgewood, the property

of William Pierce of the tithing aforesaid, yeoman. I ordered him to [pay] the said William Pierce for damage 5s. or be whipped in case the money be not paid within five days after date hereof.

[See 371, 543.]

381 20 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr William Pitt of Pottern against Jacob Martin of Pottern aforesaid, labourer, for his illegally entering into a little ground belonging to the said Mr Pitt and carrying away from thence hedgewood of his property. The within named Jacob Martin was forgiven by the complainant without coming before me.

382 31 December 1746. Granted a summons at the complaint of Mary Hiscock of Pottern, higgler, against Thomas Hiscock of the same place, labourer, and Mary, his wife, for their detaining and keeping a great quantity of goods in their possession of her property. Upon the parties appearing, I made an agreement between them.

383 31 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Robert Mattock of Great Chiverell, yeoman, against Grace Bartlet and Rachel Bartlet or Capel of the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourers, for their illegally entering upon a ground called Planks Ground and cutting and carrying away wood, the property of the said Robert Mattock. The parties were excused by the complainant.

[See 544.]

384 31 December 1746. Granted a summons at the complaint of William Bartlet of Tinhead, yeoman, against William Price of Tinhead aforesaid, labourer, for his illegally deluding a mongrel mastiff dog, the property of the said William Bartlet. The dog was since restored to the complainant.

385 10 January 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of John Fowle of Great Chiverell, labourer, against Charles Sainsbury of the same parish, mason, touching or concerning the said Charles Sainsbury's refusing to pay unto the said John Fowle, his servant, the wages due and owing to him. The parties agreed without a hearing.

386 14 January 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Thomas Hayward of Little Chiverell, labourer, against Thomas Axford of the same parish, yeoman, for his withholding and keeping in his possession the husbandry wages lawfully due to the said Thomas Hayward the younger. Since which the said Thomas Axford paid him his wages.

387 17 January 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James Bartlet, overseer of the poor of Market Lavington, by William Phipps Esq. and I against Richard Winchester of the same parish, gardener, for his begetting a bastard child on the body of Patience Draper and leaving the same on the parish to be maintained. On hearing thereof, he entered into bond to indemnify the parish of Market Lavington from all costs and charges as may arise through the same.

388 19 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Samuel Sainsbury, steward to the right honourable earl of Abingdon, against John Hopkins, son of John Hopkins of the parish of Market Lavington, labourer, for forcibly entering into an outhouse of Gabriel Laste and taking from thence

a bundle of oak wood, and making upon Leah Laste, his wife, by laying hands upon her and dragging her upon the ground several yards. Upon hearing thereof, I convicted him for wood-stealing but forgave the assault.

[See 545.]

389 19 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Samuel Sainsbury, steward to the right honourable earl of Abingdon, against William Oram, son of Charles Oram of Market Lavington, labourer, and James, the son of Edward Wise of the same parish, labourer, for their unlawfully cutting and faggotting some oak wood in a coppice [belonging] to the aforesaid earl of Abingdon. Upon hearing thereof, the defendants were convicted and I ordered them to be whipped.

[See 412, 546.]

390 19 December 1746. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Samuel Sainsbury, steward to the right honourable earl of Abingdon, against Robert Naish of the tithing of Littleton Pannell in the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, for his carrying away a large bundle of furze which the said Mr Sainsbury suspected to be stolen. There was no proceeding against the defendant on this complaint before me afterwards.

391 16 January 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of John Sainsbury and Jonathan Woodman, churchwarden and overseer of the poor of Bishop's Lavington, against Susannah Aisher, John Peplar otherwise Collings, Elizabeth Chapman, John Snow, and Thomas Benham for their appearance before me and William Phipps Esq. to be examined touching their last legal settlement. Upon hearing of the said complaints, Thomas Benham was ordered to get a certificate, John Snow respited, and Elizabeth Chapman ordered to get a certificate from the parish of Coulstone.

[See 434, 437.]

392 16 January 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Charles Sainsbury of the tithing of Littleton, carpenter, against Daniel Salter of the parish of Great Chiverell, victualler, for his suffering Richard Sainsbury, son of the aforesaid Charles Sainsbury, to sit tippling in his house and for taking divers tools from his said son of his property as a pawn for his reckoning. The parties agreed with each other without hearing before me.

393 17 January 1747. Granted a summons by William Phipps Esq. and I at the complaint of the churchwarden and overseer of the poor of the parish of Market Lavington against Elizabeth, the wife of Moses Hiscock otherwise Lanham, for her intruding herself into the said parish of Market Lavington. On hearing of the said complaint, we ordered her to be removed to Hilperton being the place of her last legal settlement.

394 19 January 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Smith of Market Lavington, labourer, against John Smith of the same parish, labourer, for his illegally assaulting and beating of the said Thomas Smith on the king's highway. The parties agreed without a hearing.

395 26 January 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of William Slade of Tilshead, gent., against Grace Hampton of Little Chiverell, widow, for her abusing scandalously and illegally ill-treating the said Mr Slade. Upon

her appearance before me, she cleared herself of being the author of scandal.

396 28 January 1747. At the complaint of the overseer of the poor of the parish of Urchfont I took the examination of Mary Batt of the same parish, single woman, on oath who swore that John Kingman otherwise Cook of the said parish of Urchfont, miller, did beget the male bastard child named William born of her body on 28 December last and that he was the true father thereof.

397 3 February 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Robert Mattock of Great Chiverell, yeoman, against John Butcher of the same parish, yeoman, touching or concerning the said John Butcher's having in his custody or possession one ewe sheep, the property of the said Robert Mattock, and for his not giving a good account how he came by the same. Upon hearing thereof, the defendant was bound over to quarter sessions. [Butcher appeared at Calne, 28 Apr. 1747, when 'the matter was cleared to the satisfaction of Wm. Hunt, the justice': W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, pp. 49-50.]

398 3 February 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Edward Harris of the tithing of Fullway in the parish of All Cannings against James Giddings, William Hayward, Benjamin Crook, Simon Bury, and Thomas Chappell, yeomen and paymasters to the poor of the said tithing of Fullway, for their refusing to relieve the said Edward Harris the pauper. Upon the parties appearing before me, they agreed to allow the pauper 1s. a week.

399 6 February 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of George Hatter of Chirton, labourer, against the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Chirton aforesaid for their refusing to maintain the said George Hatter or to allow him any subsistence, and that he was like to perish for want of an house to cohabit in. Upon the officers' appearance before me, they relieved the pauper.

400 3 February 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Niblit of the parish of Uphavon, labourer, against John Phillimore of Uphavon aforesaid, miller, touching in particular the said John Phillimore's illegally entering upon his ground and cutting down his pales adjoining to his dwelling-house and afterwards threatening to cleave down his head if he made any opposition to him. The parties agreed it without hearing before me.

401 4 February 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of George Lewes of the tithing of Roundway, yeoman, against Margaret Pierce, widow, and Sarah Willis, wife of [blank] Willis, labourer, touching in particular the said Margaret Pierce and Sarah Willis's illegally entering into a coppice called Foxley and from thence carrying away two nitches [sc. knitch]¹ of wood, which he supposed they had cut in the above mentioned coppice of his property. On hearing thereof before me, I convicted them 25 February 1747. [See 552.]

402 4 February 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Farmer of Crabb Tree farm in the parish of Little Bedwin, yeoman, against

¹ A bundle.

William Seymour of Sabernacle forest, labourer, touching in particular the said William Seymour's violently assaulting and abusing the said William Farmer at the sign of the Cross Keys in Malbrough and committing great outragions [sc. outrages] on him and threatening to murder him several times. Upon the appearing of the parties, they entered into bonds of each side never to offend each other on the penalty of £100.

403 6 February 1747. At the complaint of James Bartlet, overseer of the poor of the tithing of Marston, I took the examination of Ursula Randoll of Marston aforesaid, single woman, on oath who swore before me that Roger Purchase of Marston, yeoman, did beget the bastard child named Samuel born of her body on 17 August last, and that he was the only father thereof. An order was made upon his examination but disobeyed.

404 7 February 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of the churchwarden and overseer of the poor of the tithing of Marston against John Joiner and Mary Joiner, his wife, of the tithing of Worten in the parish of Pottern, touching in particular the said John Joiner and Mary Joiner, labourers, illegally keeping in possession one bed, the property of Anne Watts of the said tithing of Marston, single woman. The bed was delivered without hearing.

405 7 February 1747. Granted an order against Philip Sainsbury of the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, upon his own confession of cutting down and carrying away wood, the property of the right honourable earl of Abingdon. I ordered him to pay Mr Samuel Sainsbury, steward to the said earl, 5s. for damages or to be whipped until his back was bloody.

[See 549.]

406 8 February 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James Wordley of the parish of Northnewnton, yeoman, against Mary Wordley, wife of John Wordley of the same parish, yeoman, touching in particular the said Mary Wordley's making an assault upon his body in her husband's house where he was in order to take down household goods of his own property and by the consent of John Wordley her husband. Upon hearing, I suffered the parties to agree about the assault.

407 9 February 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Bishop's Lavington against William Turner, the younger, of Tilshead, touching in particular his illegally living and cohabiting with Susannah Aisher or Chamberlain she having confessed before me to be with child by the said William Turner. The parties made oath before me that they were lawfully married.

408 13 February 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Edward Robinson and John Aldridge against John Smith of the parish of Market Lavington, labourer, touching in particular the said John Smith's illegally carrying and discharging of a gun on or near 7 January last, he not being qualified so to do. He was discharged on hearing before me.

[See 551.]

409 6 March 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Nicholas Bayly of the parish of Pottern, organist, against Nathaniel White and Jane White of the parish aforesaid, clothiers, touching in particular the said Nathaniel and

Jane White's making an assault upon the said Nicholas Bayly and Mary Bayly, his wife, in the parish of Pottern aforesaid. Upon hearing of the same, I suffered the parties to agree the assault.

410 10 March 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Adams of the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, against William May and Thomas Maishman of the parish of Pottern, labourers, touching in particular the said William May and Thomas Maishman assaulting the said William Adams upon the king's highway between Devizes and Pottern as he was travelling the road in his lawful business. The parties agreed without a hearing.

411 16 March 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Oram of Market Lavington, labourer, against Joel Green of Market Lavington aforesaid, carpenter and joiner, touching in particular the said Joel Green illegally detaining and keeping of one oval table in his custody, the property of the said John Oram. The defendant upon hearing, paid for the warrant and promised to deliver the table.

412 17 January 1747. Granted an order by William Phipps Esq. and I against William Oram, son of Charles Oram, and James Wise, son of Edward Wise, both of Market Lavington, labourers, for their stealing some oak wood, the property of the right honourable earl of Abingdon. They were ordered to be whipped on Wednesday, then next following.

[See 389, 546.]

413 12 March 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Elizabeth Skull of Tinhead in the parish of Edington and also wife of Richard Skull, labourer, against Richard Halliday of Tinhead aforesaid, yeoman, touching in particular the said Richard Halliday making a violent assault upon the body of the said Elizabeth Skull on Wednesday the 11th instant by striking her in the face with a pick and running the same into her arm. The parties agreed without hearing it, the defendant paying 4s. for damages.

414 23 March 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Edward Byng of the parish of Pottern, gent., against Elizabeth Coleman of the same parish and also wife of John Coleman, carpenter and joiner, touching in particular the said Elizabeth Coleman's stealing or receiving one sheet out of the house of the said Mr Byng, knowing the same to be stolen, and afterwards selling and disposing of the same, being the property of the said Mr Byng. The woman was committed to prison.

[On 28 Mar. 1747 at the Salisbury assizes she was found guilty of felony, value 4d., but not of breaking the house in the night. Sentenced to three months imprisonment and then to be discharged: P.R.O., ASSI 23/6.]

415 26 March 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Roger Bayly of the parish of Manningford Bruce, a pauper, against the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the same parish for their refusing to relieve him after he made application to them for the same. Since which they relieved him.

416 2 April 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mrs Anne Weston of Cote in the parish of Bishop's Cannings, widow, against Abraham Lovelock late of Etchilhampton, shepherd, upon suspicion of his burglarously

entering into the dwelling-house of the said Mrs Weston in the night-time and taking away from thence one silver snuff box, gilt with gold, and one black snuff box together with several gold rings and money of gold coin. Upon searching after the same, the snuff boxes, rings, and money were found in his possession. On hearing of the said complaint, I committed the said Abraham Lovelock to Fisherton gaol.

[On 1 Aug. 1747 at the Salisbury assizes he pleaded guilty of felony and burglary. Sentenced to be hanged but sentence respited. On 5 Mar. 1747/8 at same the sentence was commuted to 14 years' transportation: P.R.O., ASSI 23/6.]

417 7 April 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Waylen of Marston against Elianor Pottinger of the parish of Urchfont, single woman, touching in particular the said Elianor Pottinger hiring herself as a current servant with the said William Waylen and taking money in payment of her wages and afterwards hiring herself in another service without giving proper notice. On hearing the said complaint, I ordered her to return back and go into the service of the said William Waylen.

418 8 April 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James Boulter of the parish of Little Chiverell, labourer, against John Butcher of Worten in the parish of Pottern, butcher, touching in particular the said James Boulter losing one new spade, which he saw since in the possession of the said John Butcher whom he had great cause to suspect to have feloniously stolen the same. No prosecution upon the request of the complainant.

419 8 April 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Alexander Giddings of the parish of Urchfont, yeoman, against David Batt of the parish of Urchfont, labourer, touching in particular the said David Batt's illegally entering upon the ground of the said Alexander Giddings and taking of and disturbing a hen setting upon eggs and afterwards stealing and taking away the said eggs. The parties agreed upon hearing.

420 15 April 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Samuel Sainsbury of Worten, yeoman, against Thomas Biggs of Worten aforesaid, labourer, touching in particular the said Thomas Biggs's making a violent assault on the body of the said Samuel Sainsbury on the king's highway and beating him after an outrageous manner. The parties agreed upon hearing.

421 14 May 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Jane Robinson, the wife of Edward Robinson, now residing in the parish of Market Lavington, hatter, against John Oram, the younger, of the same parish, labourer, touching in particular the said John Oram's violently assaulting and beating the said Jane Robinson and threatening to dash her brains out. The parties agreed without hearing.

422 15 May 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Sarah Bryant of Rushall, spinster, against William Lewis of Rushall aforesaid, blacksmith, touching in particular the said William Lewis's illegally roaming about her mother's house at unseasonable times of the night and disturbing their peace. On hearing thereof, the defendant gave a note of hand never to molest the complainant again.

423 18 May 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of David Yates of the parish of Market Lavington, labourer, against Robert Brounckell of the same parish, inn-holder, touching in particular the said Robert Brounckell's illegally refusing to pay the said David Yates his husbandry wages according to the agreement made between them. Brounckell paid his servant's wages.

424 11 May 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Jane French of Earl Stoke against Mary Wise of the same parish, single woman, touching in particular the said Mary Wise's violently abusing of her the said Jane French so that she was actually in great fear of her life, as also her threatening to burn her house. She ran away so could not be apprehended whereby to be brought to justice.

425 13 May 1747. Granted by Thomas Phipps Esq. a warrant at the complaint of Mary the wife of Edward Tucker of Imber, carpenter, against Christopher Beaven of the same parish, thatcher, and Jane, his wife, for their violently assaulting and beating the complainant in a barbarous manner and threatening to shoot her with a pistol. The parties agreed without a hearing.

426 15 May 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Shipman or Sims of Allington, labourer, against Daniel Neat of the same parish, labourer, touching in particular the said Daniel Neat's unlawfully detaining and keeping in his custody divers household goods, the property of the said Thomas Shipman or Sims and for his refusing to deliver up the same on demand thereof. The parties agreed upon hearing before me.

427 15 May 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Swain of the parish of Urchfont, labourer, against James Allexander of the parish of Tilshead, labourer, touching in particular the said James Allexander taking up a hat in the market-place of Market Lavington and abusing it by pissing in it, the property of the said John Swain as he was about his lawful business as sack-carrier. The defendant made the complainant satisfaction for his hat.

428 15 May 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr John Gaisford of Worten against Benjamin Miall of Worten aforesaid, tailor, touching in particular the said Benjamin Miall's unlawfully detaining and keeping of three gold rings, one silver watch, and two silver spoons, the property of him the said Mr Gaisford and other misdemeanours by him committed against the peace. Dismissed upon the complainant's not appearing to make good his complaint.

429 19 May 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Hannah Beard of the parish of Market Lavington, spinster, against Henry or Harry Long of the same parish, cordwainer or labourer, touching in particular the said Henry or Harry Long's assaulting and beating of the said Hannah Beard without any provocation given to him by the complainant. The parties agreed without a hearing.

430 19 May 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Rachel Sutton of the parish of Market Lavington, spinster, against Hannah Beard of the same parish, spinster, touching in particular the said Hannah Beard's assaulting and beating and otherwise abusing the said Rachel Sutton for which she has prayed sureties of the peace for her good behaviour. They agreed without a hearing.

431 1 June 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of Bishop's Lavington against Stephen Chapman of the parish aforesaid, labourer, touching in particular the said Stephen Chapman's illegally picking, stealing, and selling of two waggon-loads of flints out of the common fields of the parish of West Lavington to John Sloper, yeoman, and John Grant, lime-burner, of the parish of Market Lavington. The defendant paid for the flints and all charges.

432 4 June 1747. Granted a summons by John Garth Esq. and I at the complaint of John Tucker, one of the surveyors of the highways of the parish of West Lavington, against Thomas Allexander, the other surveyor of the highways of the parish of West Lavington, touching in particular his unlawfully disposing of twelve loads of flints, which were provided by the inhabitants of the said parish for the reparations of the highways there, and neglected his duty and misbehaved in the due execution of his said office. Allexander appeared and was ordered to pay the parish 40s.

433 5 June 1747. Granted a summons by John Garth Esq. at the complaint of Thomas Drew, late servant to William Giddings of the parish of Bishop's Cannings, yeoman, against his said master, touching in particular the said William Giddings's refusing to pay the said Thomas Drew his wages for his said service. Upon hearing the said complaint before me, he paid his servant the full wages.

434 6 June 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Bishop's [? Lavington] for the appearance of Thomas Benham and Elizabeth Webb, both residing in the parish aforesaid, before me and some other of his Majesty's justice of the peace, touching in particular their last legal place of settlement. This summons was not obeyed and a warrant was granted upon it.

[See 391, 437.]

435 8 June 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Edward Smith of the parish of Market Lavington, cordwainer, against Edward Myall of the same parish, cordwainer, touching in particular the said Edward Myall's assaulting and striking the said Edward Smith in the street of the said parish on Sunday in the afternoon before the date hereof. I suffered the parties to agree it.

436 3 June 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of William Aishton of the tithing of Hilcott, labourer, against the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of Hilcott aforesaid, touching in particular the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor's not finding a house and providing labour or work for the said William Aishton to do [in] the parish. Appeared and promised to relieve the pauper.

437 9 June 1747. Granted a warrant by John Garth Esq. and I against Thomas Benham and Elizabeth otherwise Betty Webb residing in the parish of West Lavington, touching in particular their disobeying a summons granted for their appearance before us this day to be examined touching their last legal place of settlement. The parties appeared and were excused of the contempt.

[See 391, 434.]

438 12 June 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Richard Philpott of West Lavington, gardener, [against] James Sainsbury, labourer, and Richard Sainsbury, carpenter, both of the parish of West Lavington aforesaid, touching in particular the said Richard Philpott's having a very great suspicion that the above named James and Richard Sainsbury were the persons who robbed his garden of cucumbers and cherries in the night-time. The defendants, upon making oath of their innocence, were dismissed for want of evidence.

439 12 June 1747. Granted a warrant against Stephen Chapman of West Lavington, labourer, for his obstinately and contemptuously disobeying a summons by me granted for his appearing before me and some other of his Majesty's justices of the peace on 9 June last. I excused the defendant on his making submission.

440 12 June 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Hunt of Horton in the parish of Bishop's Cannings, labourer, against William Etwell, late master to the said Thomas Hunt, touching in particular the said William Etwell's refusing to pay his said servant his wages and detaining of his clothes and wearing apparel. The defendant was admitted into his service again.

441 12 June 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mary Bayly, wife of James Bayly of Urchfont, gardener, against the said James Bayly, touching in particular the said James Bayly's refusing to receive his wife into his house and for not allowing her a sufficient maintenance and likewise for his obstinately and contemptuously refusing to obey a summons by me granted. The complainant returned this warrant without hearing.

[See 457.]

442 15 June 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of West Lavington against George Stephens, millard [sc. miller] and Mary Chapman, spinster, both residing in the said parish of West Lavington, touching in particular their unlawfully intruding into the said parish, they having no legal settlement there. The parties were examined.

443 24 June 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Thomas Chappel of Fulway in the parish of All Cannings against Sarah Hobbs residing now in Fulway, touching in particular her intruding into the said parish of Fullway, she having no legal settlement there. The intruder appeared, but for want of another justice of the peace, could not take the examination at that time.

[See 449, 452.]

444 26 June 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Charles Giddings of the parish of Urchfont, yeoman, against William Noyes of the parish of Patney, yeoman, touching in particular the said William Noyes's feloniously stealing and carrying away one scratcher or prong hoe from or near a dung heap, the property of the said Charles Giddings. I acquitted the defendant upon hearing for want of proof.

445 21 June 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr William

Sainsbury of Market Lavington, clerk, to search after stolen wood. Philip Liddiard of Pottern, in whose possession the wood was found, was convicted upon his own confession and paid for damage 7s.; to the poor 8s.; to three evidences 3s.; warrants 2s.; the expenses at the June [sic] 2s. 8d.

[See 553.]

446 3 July 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Green of Market Lavington, labourer, against Robert Brounckell, inn-holder, and George Lanham both residing in the parish of Market Lavington, touching in particular the said Robert Brounckell and George Lanham's violently assaulting, beating, and abusing of the said William Green in the due execution of his office as a watchman duly appointed by the constable of the said parish. The defendants were acquitted upon hearing.

447 3 July 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Martin of the parish of Market Lavington, plumber and glazier, against Mary Coleman and Grace Draper of Market Lavington, brick-makers, touching in particular the said Mary Coleman's illegally cutting down one plum tree, the property of William Martin and likewise the said Mary Coleman's and Grace Draper's entering into William Martin's garden and destroying a large quantity of mustard seed. They were ordered to pay 5s. for damages.

448 26 June 1747. Granted a warrant by Mr Richard Tuck and I for the assessors of the window tax of the several parishes and tithings in the hundred of Pottern and Cannings to alter their assessments if any cellars, shops, and outhouses be charged or assessed by them in their said parishes and tithings.

449 30 June 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of one of the overseers of the poor of Fulway in the parish of All Cannings against Sarah Hobbs for her appearance before me and some other of his Majesty's justice of the peace, touching in particular her intruding into Fullway aforesaid as also her being big with child. This summons was disobeyed.

[See 443, 452.]

450 6 July 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of William Wait of Woodborough, yeoman, against Edith Hiscock and Mary Knight, labourers, of the same parish, touching in particular the said Edith Hiscock and Mary Knight's taking, stealing, and carrying away a quantity of peas of his property. The defendants upon asking pardon were excused.

451 7 July 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Thomas Maishman of Pottern and Joseph Maishmagn, his brother, rag-gatherers, against William Maishman, their brother, touching in particular the said William Maishman's illegally keeping and refusing to pay unto Thomas Maishman £1 9s. and to Thomas [? *recte* Joseph] 19s. 6d., being due to them for husbandry wages. Upon hearing, I gave the defendant 20 days' time to pay the money.

[See 453.]

452 7 July 1747. Granted a warrant by Stephen Street Esq. and I against Sarah Hobbs of Fullway in the parish of Allcannings, single woman, touching in particular her obstinately and contemptuously refusing to pay any manner of obedience to a summons lately granted for her appearance before me on a

certain day past. The party was committed for her contempt and for want of sureties.

[See 443, 449.]

453 9 July 1747. Granted an order at the complaint of Thomas and Joseph Maishman both of Pottern, rag-gatherers, against William Maishman, their brother, touching in particular his refusing to pay unto them their money due for wages in husbandry work. He was dismissed.

[See 451.]

454 10 July 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of the churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Great Chiverell against Mary Mattock residing in the same parish, single woman, touching in particular her having no legal settlement therein. She appeared before William Phipps Esq. and I and we granted an order for her to be removed into some other parish.

455 11 July 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Nathaniel Ricks of Staunten Bernard, miller, against Bridget Higgens and Mary Taylor of the same parish, labourers, touching in particular the said Bridget Higgens's and Mary Taylor's illegally entering into his house and from there stealing and carrying away a quantity of household goods the property of the complainant. Dismissed for want of proof, the charge being false against the parties.

456 20 July 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mary Hale, the wife of John Hale of Stert, labourer, against her said husband, touching in particular the said John Hale's violently assaulting, beating, and abusing of the said Mary Hale [so that she] is in great fear of being murdered by him. Upon hearing, the complainant released her husband upon his promise of allowing her 1s. a week towards maintenance.

457 28 July 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Mary Bayley, wife of James Bayley of Urchfont, gardener, against her said husband, touching in particular the said James Bayley illegally refusing to receive his said wife into his house and to allow her anything towards her maintenance. He received his wife.

[See 441.]

458 3 August 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James Lemmon, gamekeeper to the earl of Abingdon, against James Draper, servant of Mr Smith of Bishop's Lavington, touching in particular the said James Draper's illegally entering upon the ground called the hare warren and from [there] stealing and carrying away a quantity of plums of his property. The defendant upon hearing paid 2s. 6d. for damage.

459 17 August 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mary, the wife of Francis Draper of the parish of Market Lavington, labourer, against Jane Hiscock, Mary Hiscock, and Anne Hiscock all of the parish aforesaid, labourers, touching in particular the said Jane, Mary, and Anne Hiscocks' violently assaulting, beating, and abusing the said Mary Draper in the harvest field as she was about her lawful labour without giving any provocation. They agreed without hearing.

460 22 July 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of the Revd Mr

Thomas Smith of Staunten Bernard against Henry Mede and John Tucker both of the parish of Allcannings, labourers, touching in particular the said John Tucker's illegally entertaining the aforesaid Henry Mede and suffering him to sit tipping in his house, and the said Henry Mede for so tipping in the same house, and for other abuses to the said Mr Smith against the peace. Dismissed upon hearing for want of evidence. Henry Mede of Staunten Bernard convicted on oath for swearing in the hearing of two justices of the peace 17 September 1747.

461 30 July 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Mary Cromwell late of the parish of Market Lavington, widow, against Robert Brounckell of the same parish, victualler, touching in particular the said Robert Brounckell's illegally withholding, detaining, and keeping one chest, one trunk, and box together with some apparel therein, the property of the said Mary Cromwell. Upon hearing, they agreed.

462 4 September 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Francis Peplar of Earl Stoke, maltster, against Edward Tucker of the parish of Imber in the county of Wilts, carpenter, touching in particular the said Edward Tucker's making of two assaults on the body of the said Francis Peplar on Wednesday the third day of this instant September in the parish of Imber aforesaid. The parties agreed it without a hearing.

463 21 September 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Anne Commins late of Chitterne, spinster, against John Hayward of the same parish, yeoman, her master, touching in particular the said John Hayward's illegally beating and kicking of the said Anne Commins out of his house and also his refusing to pay her £1 1s. due to her for wages. The defendant's father promised to pay the wages for his son.

464 9 October 1747. Granted a searching warrant at the complaint of Mr John Axford of Earl Stoke to search after some willow luggs¹ lately cut down and stolen from his freehold estate in Stoke. The said warrant was returned without anything found upon the search.

465 10 October 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James Sainsbury of Bishop's Lavington, gardener, against Elisha Dowden of the same parish, labourer, touching in particular the said Elisha Dowden making two several assaults upon the body of the said James Sainsbury on Wednesday last before the date hereof. This complaint was heard before me and I suffered the parties to agree it one with the other which they did upon the defendant paying 5s. for the abuse and 2s. for the information and warrant and 1s. to be spent.

466 12 October 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Mr Flower Sainsbury of West Lavington to search after some billeting wood and paling wood which he had feloniously stolen out of his court near adjoining to his dwelling-house. The wood was found in the house of Robert Mead and [he] was convicted and paid 9s. for damages.

[Robert Mead *is called* William Mead *in* 554.]

¹ Pliable rods or twigs: Joseph Wright, *Dialect dict.* iii. 687.

467 12 October 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Stephen Chapman of the parish of West Lavington, labourer, against Elisha Dowden of the same parish, labourer, touching in particular the said Elisha Dowden's assaulting and beating of the said Stephen Chapman in the house of Jane Gillet in the parish aforesaid, victualler. The defendant paid for the warrant and expenses.

468 21 October 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Giffard Draper, son of William Draper of the parish of Market Lavington, labourer, against John Tyly of the same parish, labourer, touching in particular the said John Tyly's assaulting, beating, and violently abusing of the said Giffard Draper in a field belonging to Easterton on the twentieth day of this instant October without any provocation. The parties agreed, the defendant paying for the warrant.

469 17 November 1747. Granted a summons at the complaint of Mr William Slade of Tilshead against Mary Whitley residing in the same parish, single woman, touching in particular the said Mary Whitley illegally having in her possession and burning a quantity of oat straw, the property of the said Mr Slade. The party sent away by an order granted by Richard Head Esq. and I.

470 3 December 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Robert Kyte of the parish of Urchfont, yeoman, against David Batt of the same parish, labourer, touching in particular the said David Batt's illegally entering upon the ground of the said Robert Keyte and from thence cutting, stealing, and carrying away of ash shroud, the property of farmer Kyte. Convicted to pay 2s. 6d.

[See 555.]

471 21 December 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Jeffery Long, yeoman, for and on the behalf of William Wroughton of Eastcott Esq. against John Yates, Hester Yates, and Anne Yates, all of the parish of Market Lavington, labourers, touching in particular their stealing some posts and rails, the property of the said Mr Wroughton. Hester and Anne Yates convicted and I ordered them to pay 2s. 6d. each for damage or to be whipped.

[See 556.]

472 31 October 1747. Granted a warrant against Philip Salter of the parish of West Lavington, labourer, touching in particular the said Philip Salter's setting up one snare or engine in the ground called the Little Sand in the parish aforesaid for destruction of the game, he not being legally qualified to destroy the game. Salter appeared and was convicted to pay £5 this being for the first offence.

473 5 December 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Sainsbury of the parish of Market Lavington, thatcher, against Francis Draper of the parish aforesaid, touching in particular the said Francis Draper's violently assaulting and beating of the said John Sainsbury and other misdemeanours by him committed against the peace. The party complained of was dismissed upon hearing.

474 5 December 1747. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Frances Lavington of the parish of Chirton against William Barnes, the younger, of

Chirton aforesaid, yeoman, touching in particular the said William Barnes's coming to her house and then and there making a violent assault upon her body and beating her with a spade and pick and threatening to dash her brains out. Upon hearing, I suffered them to agree it.

475 15 January 1748. Granted a summons by George Hungerford Esq. and I at the complaint of the overseers of the poor of the parish of Market Lavington against Joan Myall residing in the same parish, single woman, touching in particular her having no lawful settlement in their said parish of Market Lavington. Joan Myall was examined and is since married.

476 15 January 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Staples, the younger, of Great Chiverell, labourer, against Stephen Clifford of the parish of Market Lavington, labourer, touching in particular the said Stephen Clifford's unlawfully taking one fowl, to wit one cock, from the backside of John Sainsbury of Littleton Pannell, miller, of his property. The fowl was not proved to be stolen and the parties agreed one with the other.

477 29 January 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Richard Neat of the parish of Coat, carpenter, against George Widows or Widhouse of the parish of Echillhampton, yeoman, touching in particular the said George Widows's or Widhouse's assaulting him upon the road as he was going to the Devizes in his lawful business. The parties agreed.

478 30 January 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of the Revd Mr Walter Post of Great Chiverell against Margaret Mattock of the same parish, spinster, touching in particular the said Margaret Mattock's stealing turnips out of his enclosed ground, the property of the said Mr Post. Convicted before me but forgiven by the complainant.

[See 560.]

479 11 February 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of James Tilly of the parish of Earl Stoke, baker, against John Draper, Samuel Wilson, Samuel Mundy, and James Moor all of the parish of West Lavington, labourers, touching in particular their cutting down in Stoke Hill Wood Coppice some wood and carrying it away from thence, the property of the said James Tilly. They were all whipped.

[See 483, 559.]

480 15 February 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Keyt of Eastcott, gunsmith, against Humphrey Eyres of the parish of Market Lavington, shopkeeper, touching in particular the said Humphrey Eyres violently assaulting and beating of him the said Thomas Keyt in his own shop and threatening to wrift his neck. The parties agreed. The defendant paid 7s. 6d. to the complainant for damage.

481 23 February 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Crass of the parish of Earl Stoke, labourer, for and on the behalf of Rachel his wife, touching in particular the said George Perat's of Earl Stoke aforesaid, labourer, violently assaulting, beating, and wounding of the said Rachel Crass in her own house on Monday last whereby she was in great danger of losing her life. The parties upon hearing, agreed it.

482 23 February 1748. Granted a summons at the complaint of Robert

Bartlet or Cable of the parish of West Lavington, labourer, against William Adams, Stephen Dark, Joseph Spearing, and William Haskence all of the same parish, labourers, touching in particular their illegally shooting dead one hare with a gun and afterwards taking the same into their possession, they being not legally qualified to kill or destroy the game. They were acquitted for want of proper evidence.

483 23 February 1748. Granted an order against John Draper, Samuel Wilson, Samuel Mundy, and James Moor all of the parish of West Lavington, labourers, for their cutting down and carrying away some wood from Stoke Hill Coppice Wood, the property of James Tilley of the parish of Earl Stoke, baker. They were all whipped seven lashes each by the tithingman of West Lavington.

[See 479, 559.]

484 11 February 1748. Granted a summons at the complaint of James Lemmon, gamekeeper to the right honourable earl of Abingdon, against Robert Naish of the parish of West Lavington, labourer, touching in particular the said Robert Naish's illegally taking into his custody one hare with a wire about his neck in an enclosed ground belonging to John Gyles in the parish aforesaid, he being not a qualified person to destroy the game. On hearing, I convicted him to pay £5 being for the first offence.

[See 564, 569.]

485 29 March 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Macklin of Easterton, labourer, against Edward Smith of the same place, cordwainer, touching in particular the said Edward Smith's illegally entering into an outhouse near adjoining to the dwelling-house of the said John Macklin in the night-time and stealing from thence two wheels for spinning-turns of his property. Francis Draper made an agreement with the defendant, his paying 9s. for damages and all expenses of prosecution.

486 1 April 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Thomas Purnell of the parish of Great Chiverell, blacksmith, against John Hobbs, the younger, and William Somner of the same parish, labourers, touching in particular their illegally shrouding of an oak tree, the property of the said Thomas Purnell. I convicted them both to pay 5s. each.

[See 487, 561.]

487 4 April 1748. Granted a conviction against John Hobbs, the younger, and William Somner of the parish of Great Chiverell, labourers, for their unlawfully shrouding one oak tree, the property of Thomas Purnell of the same parish, blacksmith. The money was [paid] as ordered.

[See 486, 561.]

488 8 April 1748. Granted a summons at the complaint of George Gibbs, an apprentice to Christopher Biffen of Imber, cordwainer, against the said Christopher Biffen the master, touching in particular the said Christopher Biffen's illegally and violently assaulting and beating of the said George Gibbs and threatening to kill him. The party did not appear but listed himself a soldier.

489 14 April 1748. Granted a warrant to search at the complaint of

Nathaniel Bishop of the parish of Potterne, schoolmaster, the house of Rebecca Kempton of the same parish upon suspicion of the said Rebecca Kempton's stealing and concealing in her house one bucket and chain for drawing water withal of his property. She was dismissed upon hearing.

490 16 April 1748. Granted a searching warrant at the complaint of Roger Purchase of Marston, yeoman, touching in particular his having lately had stolen, from his grounds, bounds round a hay rick in Marston aforesaid, and that he suspected divers lewd and disorderly persons in the parish of Great Chiverell to have stolen the same. He searched after the said rick bounds but found nothing.

491 23 April 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of John Taylor of the parish of Great Chiverell, butcher, against Thomas Biggs of Marston, labourer, touching in particular the said Thomas Biggs assaulting and beating of the said John Taylor in the backside of farmer Glass of Worten, yeoman, on Tuesday last. The parties agreed without hearing upon Biggs paying John Taylor 5s. for damage, warrant, and expense.

492 8 May 1748. Granted a warrant to search after a little black mare at the complaint of James Gaiton of the parish of Hilperton, scrubler [*sc.* scribbler], and more particular the buildings of William Maisman of the parish of Potterne, rag-gatherer. Upon the said search the said William [*? recte* James] Gaiton found his mare in the possession of the said William Maishman. Upon hearing thereof, it appeared the mare was strayed to James Barruck and not stolen.

493 7 May 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Roger Purchase of Marston, yeoman, against Thomas Workman otherwise Biggs of Worten, labourer, touching in particular the said Thomas Workman's, otherwise Biggs's, assaulting and beating the said Roger Purchase in the house of Mary Bond of Worten, aforesaid, victualler, without any provocation. Upon hearing, I committed him for his refusing to find sureties to the next quarter sessions.

[Workman *alias* Biggs appeared at Warminster, 12 July 1748, to answer his recognizance: W.R.O., q. sess. min. bk., 1745-63, p. 74.]

494 10 May 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Stephen Merrit otherwise Tyler of Wedhampton, labourer, against Arthur Orchard of the parish of Pottern, yeoman, touching in particular the said Orchard's entering into the orchards of the above complainant and stealing from thence two apple trees. They agreed it.

495 21 May 1748. Granted a summons at the complaint of Sarah Tanner of the parish of Pottern, widow, against John May of the tithing of Worten, victualler, touching in particular the said John May's illegally uttering and selling of cider in his house to the said Sarah Tanner on Thursday last, he having no lawful licence granted him for that purpose so to do. Upon hearing thereof, I convicted him to pay to the poor of Worten 20s., this being for the first offence.

[See **498**, **565**, **567**.]

496 24 May 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Jane Merrit, wife

of Simon Merrit of the parish of Pottern, labourer, against Susannah Bundy wife of William Bundy of the same parish, carpenter, and Jane Bundy, their daughter, and Sarah Glass of the same parish, touching in particular the said Susannah Bundy and Jane Bundy's assaulting and beating of the said Jane Merrit in Pottern churchyard on Sunday last, as also the said Jane Bundy and Sarah Glass's violently assaulting and beating of Sarah Merrit their daughter the same day at the place aforesaid. After hearing, they agreed upon the said Susannah Bundy and Jane Bundy's paying some part of the charges of prosecution to Jane Merrit.

497 21 May 1748. Granted a warrant at the complaint of Sarah Tanner of the parish of Pottern, widow, against Elizabeth May, wife of John May of Worten in the county of Wilts, victualler, touching in particular the said Elizabeth May's violent assaulting of the said Sarah Tanner in the house of Gabriel Holloway of Worten aforesaid, butcher, on Thursday last, as also by force of arms took from her one checkered apron. After hearing, I suffered them to make an agreement which they did upon the defendant's paying 13s. 6d. for charges.

498 23 May [1748]. Granted an order against John May of Worten, victualler, to pay 20s. to and for the use of the poor of the tithing of Worten aforesaid for his unlawfully uttering and retailing out of cider in his house on Thursday 19 May, he having no licence granted him for that purpose so to do. He paid the fine.

[See **495**, **565**, **567**.]

[*Eleven blank pages follow and the remaining 78 entries begin at the back of the book.*]

499 At a petty sessions held by Mr Townsend and I at the Horse and Jockey 8 November 1744 the following single persons were summoned to appear before us and were warned out of the parish to service by Lady Day [25 Mar.] next. Appeared: Mary Perry; Margery Leonard; Jane Leonard; Hannah Staples; Grace Cable; Mary Brown; Sarah Harsey; Mary Harsey; Mary Laney; Mary Cable; Elizabeth Bartlet; Susan Lane; Jane Burt; Elizabeth Price; Mary Wilkins; Anne Lemon; Mary Anne Potter; Elianor May; Mary Gibbs; Anne Naish. Not appeared: [blank] Mathews; Alice Lane; Elizabeth Chapman; Katharine Chapman; Elizabeth Sainsbury; Elizabeth Laney. Excused: Elizabeth Burt; Mary Scratchly; Mary Sainsbury.

[See **162**.]

500 A list of the poor 1742-3:¹ Mary Lemon, widow X, dead; Ben May XXX; Elizabeth Biffing XXX; [Ned Naish XXX *to right of list*]; Robert Mead XXX; [John Potter XXX *to right of list*]; Jane Gibbs, widow XXX; Joan Nutlane, widow XXX; Robert Nutlane XXX; Richard Nutlane XXX; Susan Cox XXX; Jane Cox XXX; James Godding XXX; William Purnel XXX; Joseph Wilde XXX; Dame Jane Sainsbury XXX, dead; Thomas Moor

¹ The right-hand side of the page has a column headed £ s. d. but is without entries. The significance of crosses and dots, which appear to be later additions, is not understood. The names show the poor to be of W. Lavington and Littleton Pannell.

XXX●; Martha Bishop XXX●; Sarah Hayter XXX; John Scratchley XXX; Thomas Rivers XXX; Jane Price XXX; James Birt XXX; [Stephen Godding *to right of list*]; Jane Watts, widow XXX; Robert Sainsbury X●●; [William Godding *to right of list*]; Jane Shore XXX; John Spearing, junior XXX; William Laney XXX; David Draper XXX; John Shore XXX●; Robert Lane ●●●; Thomas Garret XXX; Aunt Wilson XXX; William Wilson XXX; Mary Flower XXX; [Jane Purnell X, *dead to right of list*]; Jane Capel XXX; Edward Norris XXX; Edward Cummin XXX; Mol. [? Mary] Bennat XXX; Nancy Sainsbury X, *dead*; Kate Capel XXX; Francis Laney XXX; Elizabeth Stent X●●; John Spearing, senior XXX; Richard Chapman X●, *dead*; Sarah Wise XXX; Elizabeth Baish, widow X●, *dead*; Elizabeth Norriss XXX; Robert Saunders XXX; William Saunders XXX; William Chapman XXX; Richard Chapman XXX; Mary Moor, widow XXX; Philip Sainsbury XXX; Christopher Laney XXX; Deborah Oake, widow XXX; Thomas Saunders XXX; William Moor X●●; James Bartlet XXX; Pru. [? Prudence] Sainsbury XXX; Stephen Rickets XXX; John Ladd XXX; Grace Lane XX●; William Bartlet XXX; Mary Chapman XXX; William Cummin XXX; Mark May XX●; [John Harding XX *to right of list*]; Thomas Glass XX●; Stephen Brown ●●●; Robert Naish X●●; [Edward Lane X *to right of list*]; James Glass XXX; [John Potter X *to right of list*]; Else Capel, widow XXX; William Mathews XXX; William Smith XXX; Thomas Mundy XXX; John Godding XXX; Richard Godding XXX; Edward Naish XXX; Hannah Mattock, widow XXX; Robert Hamms XX●; Sarah Saunders, widow XXX; Rachel Saunders, widow XXX; Thomas Still XXX; John Still XXX; James Staples XXX; William Turner XXX; George Smith XX, *dead*; John Biffing XXX; Deborah Scratchley XXX; Jeremiah Staples XXX; Margaret Davis XXX; Margaret Meggs, widow XXX; Alice Willet, widow XXX; Thomas Willet XXX; Elizabeth Dewey XXX; Elizabeth Biffing, widow XX, *dead*; Mary Sainsbury XXX [Duke *written before this name in another hand*]; Harry Sainsbury XXX; Christopher Biffing, distributor, *anno* 1742-3 £2 9s. 0d. [See 34 for list of poor, 1747.]

501 Swanborough Hundred: All Cannings, Allington, Alton Barnes, Beachingstoke, Charleton, Chirton, Connock, Great Chiverell, Little Chiverell, Easterton, Eastcott, Echilhampton, Hewish, Imber, Littleton Pannell, Market Lavington, Manningford Abbots, Manningford Bohune, Manningford Bruce, Marden, North Newnton and Hilcott, Russall, Stanton Bernard, Stert, Uphaven, Urchfont and Wedhampton, Wilsford, Willcott, Oar, and Draycott, Woodborough.

502 An account of what expenses I have been at in acting as a commissioner of the land tax for the hundreds of Swanborough, and Potterne and Cannings from the year of my first acting being A. D. 1738: 20 July 1738: spent at two sessions, Swanborough 7s. 6d.; 27 July 1739: Swanborough, spent the first sessions 2s. 9d.; [spent] at the second 2s.; 20 September [1739]: spent at the sessions for appeals, Swanborough 2s. 6d.; 30 May 1740: spent at the first sessions for Swanborough 4s. 6d.; 13 June [1740]: at the second 3s. 3d.; 19 June [1740]: for the appeals 7d.; 6 June 1741: spent at the first sessions for

Swanborough 5s.; 13 June [1741]: [spent] at the second 4s. 5d.; 11 July [1741]: [spent] for the appeals 1s.; 14 June 1742: spent at the first sessions for Swanborough 4s.; 21 June [1742]: spent the first sessions for Potterne and Cannings 5s.; 22 June [1742]: spent at the second for Swanborough 3s. 8d.; 1 July [1742]: spent at the second for Potterne and Cannings 5s.; 12 July [1742]: at the appeals for same 2s. 7d.; 13 July [1742]: at the appeals for Swanborough 5s. 2d.; 31 May 1743: spent at the first sessions for Swanborough 3s. 10d.; 2 June [1743]: same for Potterne and Cannings 4s. 7d.; 7 June [1743]: at the second for Swanborough 4s. 6d.; 23 June [1743]: at the second for Potterne and Cannings 6s. 7d.; 28 June [1743]: at the appeals for Swanborough 3s. 6d.; 21 July [1743]: same for Potterne and Cannings 5s. 10d. [£4 7s. 9d. total].

[See 52.]

503 An account of my expenses as a commissioner for putting in force the Act for his Majesty King George II's better recruiting his forces and marines: 12 April 1744: held the second sessions at the Black Horse, Devizes, according to the said Act, spent 7d.; [Swanborough hundred in left-hand margin] 3 July 1745: held a session [P & C in right-hand margin]¹ for recruits at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington whence we admitted one man, my expenses 2s. 8d.; 5 July 1745: held a session for recruits for Pottern and Cannings hundred at the White Swan, Devizes, but no man was pressed, expenses 1s. 6d.; [Swanborough hundred in left-hand margin] 7 August 1745: held a session for recruits at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington where we admitted one man, spent at it 4s. 6d.; [Swanborough hundred in left-hand margin] 4 September [1745]: held a session for recruits at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington, spent at it 3s. [12s. 3d. total].

[See 52.]

504 11 May 1744. Held a sessions on the land-tax Act for Swanborough hundred and my expenses came to 3s.

505 18 May [1744]. Held our sessions for appeals for Swanborough hundred but there was no appeal came before us. My expenses were 3s. 6d.

506 10 April 1745. Held our first session on the land-tax Act for the hundred of Swanborough for qualifying commissioners at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington and my expenses came to 3s. 8d.

507 11 April 1745. For Pottern and Cannings for the same at the Black Horse, Devizes, 1s. 6d.

508 17 April [1745]. For signing assessing warrants, Swanborough hundred, at the Horse and Jockey, West Lavington, 2s. 9d.

509 18 April [1745]. For the same at the White Swan, Devizes, for Pottern and Cannings 3s. 1½d.

510 1 May [1745]. At the Horse and Jockey, West Lavington, for signing collecting warrants for Swanborough hundred 2s. 6½d.

511 2 May [1745]. At the Black Horse, Devizes, for the same, Pottern and Cannings 2s.

¹ This seems to have been added later and the entry appears to relate to Swanborough hundred as the left-hand margin heading says.

512 5 June [1745]. At the Green Dragon in Market Lavington for appeals and recruits 4s.

513 7 June [1745]. At the Black Horse in Devizes for the same 5s. 10½d. [£1 11s. 11½d. *total for entries 504–13: see also 52.*]

514 A list of the poor I gave the money to upon the conviction of Robert Lane, junior, James Lane, and William Wilson for wood-stealing [They were convicted before me 12 May 1744. W. Hunt *added later*]: Frances Lane 1s.; Sarah Rivers 6d.; Jane Watts, widow 6d.; Widow Biffing 6d.; Elizabeth Biffing 6d.; Elizabeth Cummins 6d.; Susan Cummins 6d.; [Dame *added in another hand*] Jane Sainsbury 6d.; Widow Nutland 6d.; Anne Nutland 6d.; Widow Moor 6d.; Anne Bartlet 6d.; William Wilson 1s. [7s. 6d. *total*]. [See 99.]

515 Upon the convicting of Richard and William Godwin and Robert Naish [for robbing Mr F. Sainsbury's orchard *added later*] 1s. was for the poor which I gave to the persons following: Elizabeth Godwin 4d.; Honor Naish 4d.; Robert Naish's wife 4d. [See 128, 130.]

516 8 November 1744. Robert Sainsbury and Thomas Parry were convicted before Mr Townsend and me for selling ale without a licence for which they paid £1 each for the poor. I gave it to the following persons: charges in receiving the money 1s.; paid Mr Webb, my clerk, for writing the two summons 2s.; the same for the two convicting warrants 4s.; gave to the widow Jane Watts 1s.; William Wilkin's wife 1s.; the widow Rivers 1s.; Philip Sainsbury's wife 1s.; William Laney's wife 1s.; to Dame Jane Sainsbury 1s.; David Draper's wife 1s.; John Spearing's wife 1s.; Christopher Biffing's wife 1s.; Robert Mead's wife 2s.; Susan Cummins, wife to William, 1s.; Benjamin May's wife 1s.; James Bartlet's wife 6d.; William Mead's wife 6d.; Thomas Saunder's wife 6d.; the widow Stent 6d.; the widow Laney 6d.; Jane Cocks 6d.; Catherine Cable 6d.; Jane Cable 6d.; the widow Willson 6d.; the widow Wise 6d.; Mary Flower 6d.; Edward Cummins's wife 6d.; Edward Lane's wife 1s.; Matthew Davis's wife 6d.; James Staples's wife 6d.; John Biffing's wife 6d.; John Spearing's wife 6d.; the widow Rachel Saunders 6d.; William Saunder's wife 6d.; Mary Sainsbury, spinster 6d.; Richard Godwin's wife 6d.; the widow Chapman 6d.; the widow Moor 6d.; William Chapman's wife 6d.; William Smith's wife 6d.; Thomas Still's wife 6d.; Stephen Ricket's wife 6d.; Richard Chapman 6d.; the widow Biffing 6d.; gave to Mr Francklyn, the excise man, for his charges and expenses in laying the information 5s. [£2 *total*].

[See 161, 253.]

517 A list of the poor the money left by the Revd Mr Moor was given to in the years 1743 and 1744.¹ Distributed by Mr John Barton, overseer of the poor, 1743: Richard Godding 1s.; Stephen Rickets 1s.; William Moor 1s.; Jonathan Bartlet 1s.; Richard Chapman 1s.; Robert Saunders 1s.; William Saunders 1s.; Stephen Smith 1s.; David Draper 1s.; Edward Cummins 1s.;

¹ At an unknown date a Mr Moor left £40 for the poor of W. Lavington. The charity had been lost by 1786: *Endowed char. Wils.* (1908), lxxx, p. 625.

William Cummins, junior 1s.; Thomas Garret 1s.; John Shore 1s.; William Shore 1s.; John Spearing 1s.; James Godding 1s.; William Laney 1s.; Benjamin May 1s.; Robert Nutlane 1s.; Richard Nutlane 1s. [20s. *total*]. Distributed by William Hunt, churchwarden, 1744: Benjamin May's wife 1s.; Anne Meade 1s.; Elizabeth Biffing 1s.; Dame Jane Sainsbury 1s.; David Draper 1s.; Dame Nutlane 1s.; Robert Nutlane 1s.; Richard Nutlane 1s.; John Scratchley 1s.; Harry Sainsbury 1s.; Susan Cummins 1s.; Mary Moor 1s.; Anne Saunders 1s.; Edward Lane's wife 1s.; Matthew Davis 1s.; John Biffing 1s.; Stephen Ricketts 1s.; James Bartlet 1s.; Thomas Still 1s.; Thomas Mundy 1s. [20s. *total*].

[See 522 for distribution 1747.]

518 28 January 1745. David Draper and Stephen Godwin of West Lavington were by my warrant brought before me and convicted for cutting and carrying away one oak tree, the property of the right honourable the earl of Abingdon. They paid for the damage done and charges 2s. each, and for the use of the poor of the said parish 5s. each more. The money was given to the persons following: David Draper's wife 2s.; Dame Jane Sainsbury 1s.; Benjamin May's wife 1s.; Anne Meade 1s.; Elizabeth Biffing 1s.; Hester Godwin 2s.; Mary Moor 1s.; Anne Saunders 1s. [10s. *total*].

[See 171, 173.]

519 [11 February 1745] Robert Sainsbury of Littleton Pannel was convicted before me for suffering tippling in his house of a Sunday and paid 10s., the penalty of an Act of Parliament in the case made and provided for the use of the poor. I disposed of it as follows: paid my clerk for a summons 1s.; the same for a convicting warrant 1s.; charges in receiving the money 6d.; gave to Robert Sainsbury, a pauper, 2s. 6d.; same to Elizabeth Biffing 6d.; same to Anne Nutlane 6d.; same to the widow Stent 6d.; same to Dame Jane Sainsbury 6d.; Philip Sainsbury's wife 6d.; the widow Rivers 6d.; Susan Cummins 6d.; Richard Godwin's wife 6d.; Anne Saunders 1s. [10s. *total*].

[See 193.]

520 15 February 1745. Robert Glass of Littleton Pannell was convicted before me for cutting hedgewood, the property of farmer Amor of same. He paid for the use of the poor 3s.

[See 195.]

521 [15 February 1745] convicted William Haskins of same. He paid 3s. for the same use. John Adams, junior, and John Mattock were upon the same warrant but they agreed it without a hearing with Mr Becket, paying him 1s. each and the same for the use of the poor. The money was disposed of to the following persons: to George Dowse 1s.; to Matthew Davis 1s.; to the widow Chapman 1s.; to Mary and Jane Chapman 1s.; to James Glass's wife 1s.; to Anne Haskins 1s.; to William Willson's wife 1s.; to Anne Saunders 1s. [8s. *total*, 520 and 521.]

[See 194.]

522 The Revd Mr Moor's money left to the poor of West Lavington was distributed by me to the following persons in 1745: the widow Chapman 2s.; Jane and Mary Chapman 2s.; William Purnell 1s.; Dame Nutland, widow 1s.;

Richard Chapman 1s.; Dame Jane Sainsbury 1s.; Mary Flower 1s.; Mary Moor, widow 1s.; Elizabeth Biffing 1s.; David Draper 1s.; Stephen Rickets 1s.; Sarah Spearing 1s.; William Godwin 1s.; Richard Godwin 1s.; William Willson 1s.; Richard Nutland 1s.; Philip Sainsbury 1s.; Anne Laney 1s. [**£1 total**].

[See 517 for distribution 1743 and 1744.]

523 3 May 1745. William Hayward of Great Chiverel appeared before me and was convicted for laying snares for the destruction of the game. The money forfeited to the poor was given to the following persons: to William Chapman 1s.; the widow Bishop 1s.; Benjamin May 1s.; Elizabeth Biffing 1s.; Robert Meade 1s.; Jane Gibbs 1s.; Mary Smith 1s.; Robert and Richard Nutlane 2s.; Susan and Jane Cox 1s.; Sarah Hayter 1s.; Hester Godwin 1s.; Jane Price 1s.; the widow Watts 1s.; William Godwin 1s.; Jane Shore 1s.; John Spearing 1s.; Christopher Laney 1s.; David Draper 1s.; the widow Willson 1s.; William Willson 1s.; Jane Capell 1s.; Edward Cummins 1s.; Mary Bennat 1s.; Katharine Capell 1s.; Francis Laney 1s.; the widow Oake, Mary Moor 2s.; Stephen Rickets, Thomas Saunders, Duke Mary Sainsbury, Susan Cummins 4s. [32s. **£1 12s. total**].

[See 215.]

524 The forfeiture to the poor upon the conviction of Edward Draper of Easterton for wood-stealing 1745. Gave by farmer John Sainsbury to the following persons: to Samuel Simms 1s.; Daniel Smith 1s.; Samuel Smith 1s.; James Bartlet 1s.; William Sainsbury 1s. [5s. **total**].

[See 224, 229.]

525 22 May 1745. William Gough of the parish of West Lavington, labourer, was convicted before me for stealing willow setters,¹ the property of Mrs Connop of the parish abovesaid, for which he forfeited for the use of the poor the sum of 7s. 6d. I distributed it to the following persons: Philip Sainsbury's wife 1s.; William Wilkins's wife 1s.; the widow Rivers 1s.; James Birt's wife 1s.; Thomas Still's wife 1s.; Thomas Mundy's wife 1s.; Dame Nutlane 1s.; Duke Mary Sainsbury 6d. [7s. 6d. **total**].

[See 228, 235.]

526 5 September 1745. Robert Mead of the parish of West Lavington, labourer, was convicted before me for robbing the orchard of Mrs Anne Connop, widow. For his crime I adjudged him to pay to the complainant 3s. 9d. and the same sum to the poor of Lavington aforesaid which I gave to the persons following: Christian Still 1s.; Lucy Mundy 1s.; Elizabeth Biffing 1s.; Elizabeth Wilkins 9d. [3s. 9d. **total**].

[See 264-5.]

527 Be it remembered that on 17 September 1745 Samuel Peratt and John Peratt, his son, of Great Chiverell were convicted before William Phipps Esq. and myself for stealing wood from the Hill farm in the parish of Earl Stoke, the property of John Wadman of Imber Esq. We adjudged them to pay for damages to Mr Wadman 10s. each and the like sum for the use of the poor of

¹ See 150.

Stoke. To my clerk for writing two warrants and expenses 2s. 6d. Gave to Jacob Cross 6d.; Roger Lacey 6d.; Thomas Perat 6d.; [Samuel Perat 6d. *deleted and X in margin*]; John Morris 6d.; John Prictoe 6d.; Mary Taylor 6d.; Mary Lancaster 6d.; Robert Lancaster 6d.; William Cook 6d.; William Stephens 6d.; William Lancaster 6d.; Thomas Wise 6d.; John Hawkins 6d.; Thomas Hawkins 6d.; John Simms 6d. [10s. *total*].

[See 269–70.]

528 Be it remembered that on 16 September 1745 that Joseph Bolter was convicted before me and William Phipps Esq. for his retailing beer in his house at Earl Stoke and suffering tipping there of a Sunday in time of divine service. For which offence we ordered him to pay 10s. for the use of the poor of the said parish. It was disposed of to the following persons: Jacob Cross 6d.; Roger Lacy 6d.; Thomas Perratt 6d.; Samuel Perratt 1s.; John Morris 6d.; John Prictoe 6d.; Mary Taylor 6d.; Mary Lancaster 6d.; Robert Lancaster 6d.; Samuel Perratt in Low Street 1s.; William Cook 6d.; William Stephens 6d.; William Lancaster 6d.; Thomas Wise 6d.; John Hawkins 6d.; Thomas Hawkins 6d.; John Simms 6d.; Mary Pettit 6d. [10s. *total*].

[See 266–7.]

529 Be it remembered that on 25 October 1745 Thomas Wise and John Aldrige otherwise Gutterige of Market Lavington, labourers, were convicted before William Phipps Esq. and me for stealing a quantity of turnips, the property of Anthony Smith of the parish aforesaid. We ordered them to pay 5s. for damages and 5s. for the use of the poor. Gave to Thomas Wise's mother and family considered as very poor 2s. 6d.; gave to John Gutterige 1s. 6d.; to my clerk for drawing the order 1s. [5s. *total*].

[See 288–9.]

530 Be it remembered that on 26 October 1745 Joseph Boulter of the parish of Earl Stoke in the county of Wilts, victualler, was convicted for retailing ale and beer without a licence according to the Act of Parliament before William Phipps Esq. and me.

[See 279–81.]

531 Be it remembered that on 15 October 1745 James Rickets, James and John Bartlet, and William Sainsbury all of the parish of West Lavington, labourers, were convicted for entering upon the ground called the Little Sands and stealing a quantity of walnuts, the property of farmer John Norris. I adjudged them to pay 2s. 6d. each half to the farmer for damages and half to the poor. But their friends being very poor I gave the poor's money as follows: Stephen Rickets 1s. 3d.; Anne Bartlet 2s. 6d.; William Sainsbury 1s. 3d. [5s. *total*].

[See 290–1.]

532 Be it remembered that William Dowden of the parish of Little Chiverel in the county of Wilts [on] 9 August 1745 was convicted before me at the complaint of John Wadman of Imber Esq. for carrying a gun and shooting of pigeons, for which I made an order upon him for the payment of £2 10s. for the use of the informer and the like sum for the use of the poor where the offence was committed. The informer gave William Dowden the money forfeited to

him. By the intercession of friends, considering him as a poor man, I gave him back £1 15s. The rest to Richard Godwin 5s.; to John Perrat's wife 5s. To my clerk for his trouble and expenses 5s.

[See 260.]

533 Meetings as commissioner of the land tax: 31 October [?1745]: met at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington on some business about the land tax and spent at it 4d.; 16 April 1746: Mr Shergold, Mr Mereweather, and myself met at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington and took the oaths appointed to qualify ourselves to act as commissioners of the land tax, spent 6d.; 26 April 1746: the Revd Mr Shergold, Mr Merewether, and self met at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington to appoint assessors for the land tax for the hundred of Swanborough and spent at the sessions to my part 4s.; 7 May 1746: the Revd Mr Shergold, Mr Merewether, and I met at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington and signed the collecting warrants for the land tax in the hundred of Swanborough, spent 2s. 6d.; 9 June 1746: spent at the Horse and Jockey in West Lavington upon the appeals of the land tax for Swanborough hundred and adjourned the sessions to Market Lavington 3½d.; 12 June 1746: spent upon the sessions for appeals for the land tax at the White Swan in Devizes for the hundred of Pottern and Cannings 4s. 6d.; spent at the abovesaid adjournment at the Green Dragon in Market Lavington 6d. [12s. 7½d. *total*].

534 Be it remembered that on 28 November 1745 Elizabeth Godwin, Elizabeth Potter, William Daniel, Richard, son of John Godwin of Littleton Pannel, Anne Hains, Richard and George Godwin, sons of Richard Godwin, William Mathews, Robert Naish, senior, Robert Naish, junior, all of Littleton aforesaid were convicted before me for wood-stealing [*signed* William Hunt]. Elizabeth Potter, William Daniel, Richard Godwin were ordered to pay 5s. each for the poor of West Lavington parish and it was given as follows: to Anne Sainsbury Dingle 1s.; to Sarah Godwin 2s. 6d.; to Elizabeth Potter 2s. 6d.; to Phoebe Mathews 2s. 6d.; to Robert Naish, senior 2s. 6d.; to Susan Cummins 6d.; to Elizabeth Godwin, senior 2s. 6d.; to Sarah Rivers, widow 1s. [15s. *total*].

[See 296.]

535 Be it remembered that on 27 January 1746 Elizabeth Coles or Newbery, Edward Hayward, junior, John Howell, William Hayward, junior, son of William Hayward, John Cross, junior, and John Mathews, all of Great Chevirill, were lawfully convicted for stealing of wood, the property of John Wadman of Imber Esq. [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 304.]

536 Be it remembered that [on] 24 January 1746 Mary Hobbs of Great Chevirill was convicted before me for hedge-breaking and carrying away the wood, the property of farmer Robert Dowse [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 305.]

537 Be it remembered that on 25 January 1746 Simon Rogers of Great Chevirill was convicted for shrouding of trees and stealing wood, the property of Thomas Purnell of Cheverell aforesaid, blacksmith. Purnell had 3s. 6d.

paid him for damages and 1s. 6d. was given to the following poor people: Mary Ball, Elizabeth Ball, and Susannah Way of Chevirill aforesaid 6d. each [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 307.]

538 Be it remembered that [on] 17 January 1746 Richard Worthington, Thomas, his son, Philip Plank, John Dunford, and George Wiltshire of the parish of Urchfont, were convicted before me for wood-stealing on the information of farmer Alexander Giddings of the parish aforesaid. Paid 1s. each damages [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 308.]

539 Be it remembered that on 14 April 1746 William Turner now residing in Littleton Pannel in the parish of West Lavington by virtue of my warrant was brought before me and convicted upon oath and his own confession of stealing and carrying away of ash wood, the property of William Becket, gent., attorney at law [*signed* William Hunt].

540 Be it remembered that Isaac Peplar, Thomas Ladd, and John Brown of the parish of Coulston, labourers, were convicted before me on 13 March 1746 for stealing of wood, the property of Peter Delmé of Earl Stoke Esq., for which offence they paid for the use of the poor of Coulston aforesaid 8s. and was gave [sic] to the following persons: to Jane Jefferies 1s. 7d.; Jane Cook 1s. 7d.; Deborah Alexander 1s. 7d.; Robert Perat 1s. 7d.; Robert Mattock 1s. 8d. [8s. total] [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 325–6.]

541 Be it remembered that John Mattock of Earl Stoke was convicted before me for stealing of wood, the property of Peter Delmé Esq. upon 13 March 1746, for which offence he paid for the use of the poor of the said parish 8s. which was given to the persons under written: to Thomas Wise 1s. 7d.; Robert Cook 1s. 7d.; Robert Lancaster 1s. 7d.; George Andrews 1s. 7d.; John Prictoe 1s. 8d. [8s. total] [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 326.]

542 Be it remembered that on 19 March 1746 James Boulter of the parish of Little Chiverell was convicted for stealing wood before me, the property of Mary Alexander of the said parish, widow, for which offence he paid 5s. for the use of the poor to be distributed at the discretion of the complainant, Mrs Alexander [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 324.]

543 Be it remembered that on 8 December 1746 Edward Crooke of the tithing of Wedhampton, labourer, was brought before me and lawfully convicted of stealing a large quantity of hedgewood, the property of William Pierce of the said tithing, yeoman [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 371, 380.]

544 Be it remembered that on 2 January 1747 Grace Bartlet late Capell of Littleton Pannell in the parish of Bishop's Lavington was brought before me and lawfully convicted for stealing wood, the property of Robert Mattock of Great Chiverell, yeoman [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 383.]

545 Be it remembered that on Saturday 17 January 1747 John Hopkins, junior, of Market Lavington, labourer, was convicted before me for wood-stealing and paid for damages 5s. to Mr Sainsbury, Lord Abingdon's steward [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 388.]

546 The same day and date [17 January 1747] two boys, to wit William Oram and James Wise of Market Lavington, labourers, were convicted for the same offence before me and ordered to be whipped [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 389, 412.]

547 Likewise Robert Lane, junior, of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, Robert Naish, and Anne Naish or Haines, his sister, of Littleton in the parish of West Lavington, labourers, were committed to [the] bridewell by William Phipps and me for the same crime, it being their second conviction [*signed* William Hunt].

548 Likewise Rachel Capell, spinster, of Littleton aforesaid was convicted, but her fault being slight and herself but young, she was forgiven upon her promise of amendment [*signed* William Hunt].

549 7 February 1747. Philip Sainsbury of the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, was convicted before me for wood-stealing, the property of Lord Abingdon, it being his first conviction.

[See 405.]

550 Memorandum that on 7 February 1747 Roger Purchase of the tithing of Marston, yeoman, convicted before William Phipps and William Hunt Esqs. for swearing and cursing 13 oaths and curses in the presence of the said justices, for which offence he paid to the poor of Bishop's Lavington 13s. [*signed* William Hunt]. Gave to Sarah Godwin 1s.; John Biffing 1s.; Elizabeth Biffing 1s.; Alice Draper 1s.; Robert Lane 1s.; Susan Cummins 1s.; Jane Shore 1s.; Mary Moor 1s.; William Godwin 1s.; William Smith 1s.; Widow Nutland 1s.; Elizabeth Purnell 1s.; Widow Rivers 1s. [13s. *total*]. N.B. the above conviction to be sent to the quarter sessions.¹

551 Memorandum that John Smith of Market Lavington, labourer, was convicted for carrying a gun and shooting with the same upon the information of Edward Robertson [*recte* Robinson] and John Aldridge of the same. It being his first offence, he paid for it 5s. 14 February 1747 before me [*signed* William Hunt]. I returned to him as a pauper 2s.

[See 408.]

552 Be it remembered that on 25 February 1747 Margaret Pierce, widow, and Sarah Willis, wife of William Willis, both of Urchfont in the county of Wilts were this day convicted before me for stealing of two nitches [*sc.* knitch]² of wood in the parish of Urchfont aforesaid [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 401.]

553 Memorandum that Philip Liddiard of the parish of Pottern in the

¹ Justices were required to send certificates of summary convictions to quarter sessions. Many, including this one, have survived in W.R.O. See *Guide to recs. in custody of Clerk of the Peace* (Wilts. County Council, 1959). 6.

² A bundle.

county of Wilts, labourer, came this day before me being 2 July 1747 and was convicted for cutting, stealing, carrying, and selling of 37 faggots of coppice-wood, the property of the Revd Mr William Sainsbury of Market Lavington in the county aforesaid, clerk [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 445.]

554 Be it remembered that [on] 12 October 1747 William Mead of the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, was convicted before me upon his own confession for illegally entering upon the ground of Flower Sainsbury of the said parish, gent., and for his stealing and carrying away from thence a large quantity of pales and other wood which was found in his house by virtue of a warrant of search obtained from me. Being his first offence I ordered him to pay the complainant for damages 5s. which together with his other expenses of prosecution in the whole came to 9s. [*signed* William Hunt].

[William Mead is called Robert Mead in 466.]

555 Be it remembered that on 3 December 1747 David Batt of the parish of Urchfont in the county of Wilts, labourer, was convicted before me for his cutting, stealing, and carrying away of some ash shroud, the property of Robert Keyte, yeoman, of the same parish in the sum of 2s. 6d. [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 470.]

556 Be it remembered that on 22 December 1747 Hester Yates and Anne Yates both of Easterton in the county of Wilts, spinsters, were convicted before me on oath of Mr Young, as also upon their own confession, for their stealing some posts and rails, the property of William Wroughton in the said county Esq., in the sum of 2s. 6d. each, in case not paid to be whipped [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 471.]

557 Memorandum that John Sewell *alias* Williamson was convicted before me 29 December 1747 for being guilty of several acts of vagrancy and apprehended by the order of John Wadman of Imber Esq. [*signed* William Hunt].

558 Memorandum that on 8 January 1748 Thomas Bayly of Great Chiverell in the county of Wilts, labourer, was convicted before me for wood-stealing, the property of John Wadman of Imber Esq. and ordered to pay 5s. damages [*signed* William Hunt].

559 Memorandum that on 23 February 1748 John Draper, Samuel Willson, junior, Samuel Mundy, and James Moor of West Lavington were brought before me and convicted for stealing of wood, the property of James Tilly of Earl Stoke, baker. Ordered to pay 3s. each or be whipped [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 479, 483.]

560 Memorandum that Margaret Mattock of the parish of Great Chiverell, spinster, was on 11 February 1748 convicted before me for stealing of turnips, the property of the Revd Mr Post, rector of the said parish. I ordered her to be whipped publicly, not exceeding ten lashes, but Mr Post forgave her [*signed* William Hunt].

[See 478.]

561 Be it remembered that on 4 April 1748 William Somner, son of Mr Timothy Somner, and Robert Hobbs, son of John Hobbs, both of Great Chiverell in the said county were convicted before me on the oath of Thomas Purnell of Great Chiverell aforesaid, blacksmith, for their illegally shrouding some oak trees in the said parish of Great Chiverell, the property of the said Thomas Purnell. I ordered them to pay 4s. a piece for damages to the said Thomas Purnell and 1s. a piece to the poor of the parish of Great Chiverell, being the parish where the offence was committed [*signed* William Hunt].
[See 486–7.]

562 29 February 1748. John Salter, Thomas Stow, Richard Coleman, and William Coleman of the tithing of Marston in the county of Wilts, labourers, were this day convicted before Thomas Beach Esq., one of his Majesty's justices of the peace for the said county, for their cutting down, stealing, and carrying away from the lands of William Hunt Esq. in Marston aforesaid a large quantity of shroud wood and wood growing in the hedgerows. He ordered them to pay to the said Mr Hunt 2s. each for damage and 1s. each for the use of the poor of Marston, this being for the first offence [*signed* Thomas Beach].

563 29 February 1748. Thomas Bigs *alias* Workman of the tithing of Worten in the said county, labourer, was this day convicted before Thomas Beach Esq., one of his Majesty's justices of the peace for the said county, for his cutting down, stealing, and carrying away from the lands of William Hunt Esq. in Marston in the said county a large quantity of shroud wood and wood growing in hedgerows and ordered him to pay to the said Mr Hunt 2s. for damage and 1s. for the use of the poor, this being for the first offence [*signed* Thomas Beach].

564 11 February 1748. Convicted before me Robert Naish of Littleton Pannell in the parish of Bishop's Lavington in the said county, labourer, touching in particular his illegally taking into his custody one hare with a wire about his neck in an enclosed ground belonging to John Gyles in the tithing of Littleton Pannell aforesaid, he being not a qualified person to destroy the game [*signed* William Hunt].
[See 484, 569.]

565 23 May 1748. Convicted before me John May of the tithing of Worten in the parish of Pottern in the county of Wilts, labourer, touching his illegally uttering and selling liquors in his said house without lawful licence, contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided. I ordered him to pay 20s. to the poor of Worten pursuant to the said statutes [*signed* William Hunt].
[See 495, 498, 567.]

566 Wilts to wit. 25 May 1748. William Week of the parish of Little Chiverell in the said county, weaver, was this day convicted before me, William Hunt Esq., one of his Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said county, on the oath of James Sainsbury of West Lavington in the said county, labourer, for having in his possession on Sunday last, being 22 of this instant May, two wires or engines together with a fish line and hook for destruction of the game on Little Chiverell clift [*sc.* cliff]. I ordered him to pay

for the same £5 pursuant to the statute [*signed* William Hunt].

567 23 May 1748. John May of the tithing of Worten in the parish of Potterne in the county of Wilts, victualler, appeared before me this day and was convicted for his uttering and selling beer etc. without licence in Worten aforesaid. The money forfeited to the poor was given to the following persons: Thomas Long 2s.; Roger Beard 1s.; Robert Jarvis 1s.; Harry White 2s.; William Gibbs 2s.; William Shawbridge 1s.; Robert Oram 2s.; William Holloway 1s.; Thomas Goodwell 2s.; to a person unknown 1s.; to the clerk for drawing warrant and information 2s.; to the clerk for drawing order upon the conviction 1s.; more to him for his trouble and journey to Worten and distributing the money 2s. [£1 *total*].

[See 495, 498, 565.]

568 23 July 1748. Convicted Hannah Beard of the parish of Market Lavington in the county of Wiltes, labourer, for her cursing and swearing six oaths in Lavington market-place on Friday 22 of this instant July in the presence and hearing of Mr William Sainsbury of Market Lavington aforesaid, clerk. I ordered her to pay the fine, which she refused, or to give security for the true payment of the same. Upon which I committed her to the Devizes bridewell there to remain for the space of ten days to hard labour.

569 11 February 1748. Robert Naish of Littleton Pannell in the parish of Bishop's Lavington, labourer, appeared before me this day and was convicted for taking into his custody one hare with a wire about his neck in the parish aforesaid. The money forfeited to the poor was given to the following persons: William Lawney 2s.; Betty Biffen 1s.; Anne Mede 1s.; Jane May 1s.; Dame Nutland 2s.; Anne Nutland 1s.; Elianor Nutland 1s.; Dame Purnell 1s.; Jane Pierce 1s.; Susan Wilson 1s.; Dame Shore 1s.; Jane Shore 1s.; Betty Cummins 1s.; Susan Commins 1s.; Mary Moor 1s.; Hester Godwin 1s.; Sarah Godwin 2s.; Robert Godwin 1s.; George Dowse 1s.; Anne Dark 1s.; Alice Draper 2s.; the Widow Whillet 1s.; Robert Naish's wife 5s.; Widow Rivers 1s.; Rag. [?] Smith's wife 2s.; Thomas Mundy's children 2s.; Mary Purnell 1s.; John Biffen 1s.; Stephen Ricketts 1s.; Sarah Spearing 1s.; James Glass 1s.; Robert Lane 1s.; Matthew Davis 1s.; Widow Maggs 1s.; William Godwin 1s.; James Godwin 1s.; Robert Saunders 1s.; James Bartlet 1s.; Duke Sainsbury 1s.; Hannah Hayward 1s. [£2 10s. *total*].

[See 484, 564.]

570 27 July 1748. Thomas Hawkense, Charles Oram, and Robert French all of the parish of Earl Stoke, labourers, were this day convicted before me for their coming upon the ground of Mr Joseph Axford of the same parish and from thence stealing and carrying away a quantity of carrots, the property of the said Mr Axford. I ordered them to pay 2s. to the complainant for the warrant and information.

571 15 February 1749. Benjamin May of the parish of West Lavington, labourer, convicted before me on the oath of Mr Flower Sainsbury of the same parish as also upon his own confession of his unlawful entering into an enclosed ground of the said Mr Sainsbury and stealing from thence wood of his property. I ordered him to pay 5s. for damages or to be whipped.

572 28 February 1749. William Coles, senior, and Thomas Bayly, both of Great Chiverell, labourers, convicted before me on the oath of John Butcher of the same parish, yeoman, for their stealing great quantities of wood, the property of Giffard Warriner Esq. I ordered them to pay 5s. each for damages or to be whipped.

573 6 March 1749. Jane Gibbs of the parish of West Lavington, widow, convicted before me on the oath of Mrs Anne Street, as also upon her own confession, of stealing wood, the property of the said Mrs Street. I ordered the said Jane Gibbs to pay Mrs Street 5s. for damage or to be whipped.

574 7 March 1749. William Dalmore and John Penny both of the parish of Market Lavington, labourers, convicted before me on the oath of Mr Samuel Sainsbury, steward to the right honourable earl of Abingdon, for their stealing of the shroud of an oak tree, the property of the said earl. I ordered them to pay 5s. each for damages or to be whipped.

575 15 March 1749. James Adams of Littleton Pannell in the county of Wiltes, labourer, convicted before me for his carrying and using a gun near Mr Beckett's rookery in Littleton Pannel aforesaid. Upon his own confession of the fact, I ordered him to pay 5s., one moiety thereof to the poor of the parish of West Lavington and the other moiety to Mr Becket for damages.

576 20 March 1749. Joseph Morris commonly called Corsham of Pottern in the county of Wiltes, cordwainer, convicted before me for his swearing one oath in the presence and hearing of me, the said justice, this present day. I ordered him to pay 1s. according to the direction of the late Act of Parliament for the use of the poor of Pottern aforesaid.

577 12 June 1749. William Franklin, labourer, and Elizabeth Few, spinster, both of the parish of Pottern in the county of Wiltes were this day convicted upon their own confession of stealing wood as well as upon the oath of a credible witness in the parish of Pottern aforesaid. I ordered the said William Franklin to pay 2s. 6d. and the said Elizabeth Few 2s. to and for the use of the poor of Pottern for the offence aforesaid being the place where the offence was committed.

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Chas	Charles	Margt	Margaret
Chris	Christopher	Mic	Michael
Dan	Daniel	Nic	Nicholas
Edw	Edward	Phil	Philip
Eliz	Elizabeth	Ric	Richard
Geo	George	Rob	Robert
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- p. xiv, line 15. For second read first*
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p. 41, line 16 [John atte Mere, pl.]. For of read to
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- p. 9, line 5 from foot. After this add , [comma]*
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p. 11, line 8. Close quotation marks
p. 38, line 23 from foot. For ? Farleigh Castle read Monkton Farleigh
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- p. xxvii, line 19. For title read tithe*
p. xli, line 9. For of "fine" read or "fine"
p. xliv, line 10 from foot. For father-in-law read brother-in-law
p. xlix, line 18. For Hillary read Cromwell and Style
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p. liv, footnote 1. For 192 read 181
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p. 101, lines 17, 13, and 1 from foot. For grantor read grantee
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- p. 102, line 20. For grantor read grantee*
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- p. x, line 8 from foot. Delete , Westbury*
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p. 17, item 296. For Nov. 1827. read Nov. 1827.⁴
p. 17, item 298. For ⁴ read ⁵
p. 17, note 1. Make The case [. . . .] the whole. into footnote 4
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p. 68, line 17. For III read XI

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- p. iii, line 2. Delete FIRST*
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- p. 161, s.v. Aldbourne. For 675–6 read 675–7*
p. 173, s.v. Devizes. For 648 read 642 and move 5, to sub-entry gaol at
p. 176, s.v. Foffant. Delete , Foffant
p. 176, after Foffant. Add new entry Foffont Magna. See Teffont Magna
p. 176, s.v. Fovant. Delete , Foffont Magna and 566(2),
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p. 205, s.v. Whittonditch. For 722 read 725

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- p. 52, note 1, line 7 from foot. For 1113 read 1013*
p. 71, line 17 from foot. For beer read ale
p. 71, line 11 from foot. For beer read ale
p. 190, s.v. Stoket. For 93–5 read 93–6
p. 199, line 11. For s.v. Bourcombe. For Borcombe read Burcombe read s.v. Borcombe. For Bourcombe read Bourcoumbe

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p. 237, s.v. *rongsoweles*. For *rongsoweles* [...] spokes read *rong soweles*: staves from which rungs for ladders or sides of carts could be made (sowel: a staff or stake)

p. 245, s.v. Osebern. For John read Joan

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p. 129, s.v. Devizes. For 635 read 645

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p. vi, line 9. For FELON'S read FELONS

p. 8, line 23. Delete minimum

p. 15, line 8 from foot. For Tewksbury read Tewkesbury

p. 56, line 5. For judgments read judgements

p. 158, line 3 from foot, after note 2. For mulo read ³ mulo

p. 237, line 5 from foot. For Wevemere read Wlvemere

p. 284, s.v. Cowesfield. After Cuvelesfeld' add , Cuvelesford

p. 285, s.v. Cuvelesfeld'. After Cuvelesfeld' add , Cuvelesford

p. 286, s.v. Eaton, Castle. For Etton, 84n. read ? Estratton', Etton', 79 and n.

p. 287, s.v. Estratton'. Before Stratton add Eaton, Castle;

p. 303, s.v. Stratton St. Margaret. Before Estratton' add ? [question mark]

p. 304, s.v. Upham. After Aldbourne], add 384 and make Hugh of, 374 a sub-entry

p. 306, s.v. Wick [in Rowde]. For Rowde read Devizes and place before Wick [in Downton]

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- p. 249, line 16. For juirleve read mirleve*
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- p. 4, line 16. For lieutenants read lieutenant*
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p. 205, before Cogan. Add new entry Clyffe Pypard, William Harrold of Bupton in, q.v.
p. 206, s.v. Daniell, William. For Stratton St. Margaret read St. Margarets [in Preshute]
p. 208, s.v. Fisher, Henry. For 'Weeke' read Liddington Wick
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p. 210, s.v. Harrold. For Bapton read Bupton
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- p. 211, s.v. Henton. *For in Wookey read i.e.* Hinton St. George
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- p. 218, s.v. Phillips. *After* Phillipps) *substitute for rest of entry* . *See* Phelips
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- p. 220, s.v. St. Margaretts. *For i.e.* Stratton St. Margaret *read in* Preshute
- p. 225, s.v. Wastfield. *For* Wastfield (Washfield) *read* Wastfeild (Washfeild)
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- p. vii, line 14. *For* Mr. *read* Mrs.
- p. 1, footnote 5. *For* Vol. sxiv *read* Vols. xiv
- p. 3, line 8. *For* howe- *read* how-
- p. 3, line 4 *from* foot. *For* thithing *read* tithing
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