

APPORTIONMENT of the RENT-CHARGE in lieu of TITHES in the Parish of Goudhurst in the County of Kent

(Stamp showing) Received by the Tithe Com. on 19 September 1843

Whereas an AWARD of RENT-CHARGE in lieu of TITHES in the Parish of Goudhurst in the County of Kent was, on the twentieth day of January in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty two, confirmed by the Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales, of which Award, with the Schedule therein comprised, the following is a Copy:-

Know all men by these Presents that I *Thomas Smith Woolley* of South Collingham in the county of Nottingham having been duly appointed and sworn an Assistant Tithe Commissioner according to the provisions of the Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales and having been also duly appointed to ascertain and award the total sums to be paid by way of Rentcharge instead of the tithes of the parish of Goudhurst in the county of Kent do hereby award as follows that is to say:

Whereas I have held divers meetings in the said parish touching the matters aforesaid of which meetings due notice was given for the information of the landowners and the titheowners of the said parish

And whereas I have duly considered all the allegations and proofs tendered to me by all parties interested and have myself made all inquiries touching the premised subject which appeared to me to be necessary

And whereas I find that the said parish is within a certain District called or known by the name of the Weald of Kent and that by virtue of a certain custom existing in and extending over all the lands of the said district no tithe of wood is payable from any part of the lands of the said parish

And whereas I find that the undermentioned lands of the said parish that is to say certain lands called or known by the name of Combwell Farm of which lands William John Campion of Danny Park in the county of Sussex Esquire is the owner and Thomas Barton is the present occupier and the estimated quantity in statute measure of which lands amounts to two hundred and and seventy eight acres and twenty seven perches and certain other lands called or known by the name of Combwell Woods of which lands William John Campion aforesaid is the owner and present occupier and which lands are well known by metes and bounds and contain by estimation three hundred and sixty four acres and eleven perches and certain other lands called or known by the name of Chingley Farm containing by estimation two hundred and seven acres three roods and eight perches of which lands the said William John Campion is the owner and Thomas Barton the present occupier

And certain other lands well known by metes and bounds containing by estimation four acres and one rood of which lands the said William John Campion is the owner and Elizabeth Bearsby is the present occupier

And certain other lands comprised in the farm called or known by the name of Stone Crouch Farm containing by estimation one hundred and seventeen acres and seventeen perches of which lands the said William John Campion is the owner and Charles Prickett is the present occupier and which lands are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Kilndown Farm contain by estimation ten acres one rood and twenty three perches of which lands the said William John Campion is owner and Thomas Brissenden is the present occupier and which lands are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Piles Heath Farm containing by estimation thirty five acres one rood and seventeen perches which lands are the property of the said William John Campion and are occupied by the said Thomas Brissenden and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands containing by estimation fourteen acres three roods and thirty five perches which are the property of the said William John Campion and are in the occupation of William Carr Viscount Beresford and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands comprised in the farm called or known by the name of Bewlbridge Farm containing by estimation sixty acres one rood and fifteen perches of which lands John Jones of the said parish of Goudhurst is the present owner and occupier and which lands are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Bewlbridge Hill Farm containing by estimation seventeen acres and thirteen perches which lands are the property of Edward Hussey of Scotney Castle in the parish of Lamberhurst Esquire and are now occupied by Samuel Bartholomew and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Scotts Rough containing by estimation twelve acres one rood and twenty one perches which lands are the property of the said Edward Hussey and are occupied by Edward Scott and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Forge Farm and Dunsters respectively containing by estimation seventy seven acres one rood and seven perches which lands are the property of the said Edward Hussey and are now occupied by James Wallis and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands containing by estimation four acres and fourteen perches which lands are the property of the said Edward Hussey and are now occupied by Elizabeth Boorman and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands part of the lands called or known by the name of Scotney Lands containing by estimation forty four acres one rood and six perches which lands are the

property of the said Edward Hussey and are now occupied by Richard Springett and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Nursery Farm containing by estimation thirty two acres three roods and thirty perches which lands are the property of the said Edward Hussey and are now occupied by John Waters and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of part of Kiln Down Lands containing by estimation five acres and thirty nine perches which lands are the property of the said Edward Hussey and are now occupied by James Pooley and are all well known by metes and bounds

And a certain other parcel of land called or known by the name of Kiln Down lands containing by estimation one acre three roods and sixteen perches which land is the property of the said Edward Hussey and is now occupied by William Freeman and is well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of part of Kiln Down Lands containing by estimation one acre three roods and three perches which lands are the property of the said Edward Hussey and are now occupied by Thomas Bartholomew and are well known by metes and bounds

And a certain other parcel of land called or known by the name of part of Kiln Down Lands containing by estimation three acres one rood and eight perches which land is the property of Edward Hussey aforesaid and is now occupied by Ann Vousden and is well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the names of Coach Road Wood Holly Wood and Shern Fold Wood respectively containing by estimation one hundred and forty two acres which lands are the property of and are now occupied by Edward Hussey aforesaid and are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of part of Pillory Farm containing by estimation one hundred and ten acres and thirty nine perches of which lands John and Henry Noakes of the parish of Ticehurst in the county of Sussex are the joint owners and occupiers and which lands are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Lady Oak Lands containing by estimation six acres one rood and fourteen perches of which lands John Vousden of the said parish of Goudhurst is the owner and present occupier and which lands are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Chingley Wood containing by estimation two hundred and forty five acres and thirty six perches of which lands John

Collens of the parish of Postling in the said county is the owner and present occupier and which lands are well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Dodges Lands containing by estimation two acres two roods and five perches which lands are the property of Richard Springett of Goudhurst aforesaid Esquire and are now occupied by Thomas Bartholomew and are well known by metes and bounds

And a certain other parcel of land called or known by the name of Giles land containing by estimation one acre two roods and four perches which land is the property of Richard Springett aforesaid and is now occupied by Thomas Hodgskin and is well known by metes and bounds

And certain other lands called or known by the name of Shernfold Wood containing by estimation eighty seven acres three roods and twenty four perches of which lands Richard Springett aforesaid is the owner and present occupier are by prescription or other lawful means absolutely exempt from payment of all manner of tithes

And whereas I find that the estimated quantity in statute measure of all the lands of the said parish which are subject to payment of any kind of tithes amounts to seven thousand seven hundred and ninety six acres and seventeen perches which are now cultivated and used as follows that is to say

Three thousand acres one rood and fifteen perches as arable land including the hop grounds of the said parish
One thousand nine hundred and sixty four acres as meadow or pasture land
One hundred and forty five acres as orchards and fruit plantations and
Two thousand and eight acres one rood and six perches as woodland
One hundred and ten acres are the homesteads and yards and
Five hundred and sixty eight acres one rood and thirty six perches are the hedgerows roads gardens and sites of houses and buildings of the said parish

And whereas I find that all the lands of the said parish except as hereinbefore excepted are subjected to payment of all manner of tithes in kind

And whereas I have estimated the clear annual value of the said tithes in the manner directed by the said Act of Parliament and have also taken into account the rates and assessments paid in respect of the said tithes during the seven years of average prescribed by the said Act

And whereas due notice was given to me to value separately the tithes of the lands of the said parish now cultivated as Hop Grounds

And whereas I find that the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary of Rochester are Appropriators of all the tithes of Corn Grain and Hops arising from all the titheable lands of the said parish except as hereinafter excepted And

that Richard Springett Esq aforesaid holds a Lease for years of the said tithes under the said Dean and Chapter

And whereas I find that William John Campion aforesaid is Impropiator and owner of all the tithes arising from certain lands of the said parish comprised in a farm called or known by the name of Pillory Farm which lands contain by estimation fifty five acres and are the property of Samuel Smith and John Noakes and Henry Noakes and are well known by metes and bounds

And whereas I find that the Vicar of the said parish for the time being is entitled to all the tithes except the tithes of Corn Grain and Hops arising from all the lands of the said parish except as hereinafter excepted

Now know ye that I the said Thomas Smith Woolley do hereby award that the annual sum of seven hundred and fifty five pounds by way of ordinary Rentcharge subject to the provisions of the said act shall from the first day of October next preceding the confirmation of the Apportionment of the said Rentcharge be paid to the said Richard Springett and to his executors or assigns during the continuance of the said lease and from and after the expiration or other determination thereof then to the said Dean and Chapter for the time being and to their successors instead of all the tithes to which the said Dean and Chapter are so entitled as aforesaid

And that a further annual sum of Twelve pounds and ten shillings by way of ordinary Rentcharge subject to the provisions and to commence from the time aforesaid shall be paid to the said William John Campion and to his heirs or assigns instead of the tithes to which the said William John Campion is so entitled as aforesaid

And that a further annual sum of five hundred and seventy four pounds one shilling and nine pence by way of Rentcharge subject to the provisions and to commence from the time aforesaid shall be paid to the Vicar of the said parish for the time being instead of all the tithes to which the said Vicar is so entitled as aforesaid

And I do hereby declare the said parish of Goudhurst to be a District within which the undermentioned extraordinary charge and all provisions of the said Act relating to Hop Grounds shall prevail

And I do hereby further award that all such of the lands of the said district as are now or may be at any time hereafter cultivated as Hop grounds shall be charged with and pay to the said Richard Springett as such Lessee as aforesaid or to his executors or assigns or to the said Dean and Chapter for the time being or to the said William John Campion or to his heirs or assigns as the case may be as aforesaid an additional annual sum of seventeen shillings per imperial acre and a proportionate sum for any quantity less than an acre by way of extraordinary rentcharge so long as they shall continue to be so cultivated as Hop grounds as aforesaid

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty two

(Signed)

Thos Smith Woolley

Now I John Stevens Senr of Pluckley in the County of Kent having been duly appointed Valuer to apportion the total sum awarded to be paid by way of Rent-charge, in lieu of tithes, amongst the several lands of the said parish of Goudhurst Do hereby apportion the Rent-charge as follows:-

Gross Rent-charge payable to Tithe-owners in lieu of Tithes for the parish of Goudhurst in the County of Kent

One thousand seven hundred and three pounds one shilling and five pence – viz

	£	s	d
To the Vicar	574	1	9
To the Dean and Chapter of Rochester or Richard Springett their Lessees Appropriators including £359.2.11 Extraordinary charge on Hop grounds at 17/- per acre	1114	2	11
To William John Campion including £2.6.9 Extraordinary charge on Hop grounds at 17/- per acre	14	16	9
	1703	1	5

Value in Imperial Bushels and Decimal parts of an Imperial Bushel of Wheat, Barley and Oats – viz

	Price per Bushel	Bushels and Decimal parts
Wheat	7 . 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	1617.15925
Barley	3 . 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2868.32983
Oats	2 . 9	4128.65656

We the Undersigned Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales do hereby confirm the within written Apportionment In Testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our respective names and caused our official seal to be affixed this Thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

(Seal of The Tithe Commissioners for England and Wales)

(Signed)

Wm Blamire

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