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**THE WARDENS OF THE TOWN
LANDS OF TONBRIDGE**

**THE ACCOUNT BOOK
1575 - 1760**

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The Wardens of the Town Lands of Tonbridge

The Wardens of the Town Lands of Tonbridge are Trustees of one of the 150 oldest charities in England. The Town Lands are first mentioned in a document of 1430 dealing with land near Lodge Oak – just under a mile south-east of the town centre. The donors are not known. In the earliest surviving Indenture made in the seventeenth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth (1575) the Wardens held “eight parcels of Land and Meadow commonly called The Town Lands containing in the whole by estimation Thirty Acres more or less....” The lands were so well known to the 1500 people of the huge parish of Tonbridge that it was not necessary to describe them further.

The Indenture names eight Wardens who, when their numbers were reduced to five by death, were to make over the lands to eight and so on for ever. Their duties were

“to let the lands for so much yearly rent as they conveniently may.... And with the profits to sustain and maintain or newly re-edify the bridges in the town of Tonbridge (excepting The Great Bridge which the Lord of the Town is in right to maintain) and upon one Sunday between Easter and Whitsuntide yearly immediately after service make accounts to such of the Parish as then shall be present.... What remains unbestowed, and if there be any surplusage over and above the needful reparation of the said bridges, the same to be employed for the amending of the ways within the said Town”

From that time the accounts, the works and the troubles of the Wardens have been recorded in a series of books, leases, bills and documents of many kinds still in possession of the Town Wardens. In the Gordon Ward Collection in Kent Archives (U442 7Q) is a manuscript copy of the first account book running to 1748. It is not an exact copy; some items are omitted and some are out of order. In addition there is an index of elections of Wardens, rents and cash in hand and, in connection with a dispute which arose about the maintenance of the bridges in the early seventeenth century, there are copies of legal documents and eye witness accounts of the condition of the town and bridges

By 1598 the books were in a muddle. None of the 1575 Wardens was in office, although some were still alive. It had become customary for the townspeople, not the parishioners, to elect two Wardens at Michaelmas every third year, on which occasion the outgoing Wardens made their accounts to the townspeople and handed their successors any unspent balance of the monies they had received. The difference between “Town” and “Parish” was jealously and zealously maintained to preserve the funds for use within the “Town” (Lansdowne Road to The Angel)

At Michaelmas 1598 Edward Clarke and Thomas Blunden were chosen Wardens and on the twenty fifth of December bought a book for twelve pence in which the Vicar, John Stockwood, by reference to “the olde booke” began to record “a true note of the letting out and disposing of the rents of the Towne Landes of Tonbridge” The “olde booke” is no more as far as can be discovered and the only accurate account in print of the Wardens and their works is in “Georgian Tonbridge” published by the Tonbridge Historical Society in 1994. The book in which the Vicar began to write in 1598 is the one which has been transcribed here. .

The book is about eight inches by six inches and bound in vellum. Its condition reflects the many decades in which it was in constant use – sometimes carefully cherished and sometimes used as scrap paper. The entries vary from good clear black ink to faint faded outlines and from perfectly lined carefully formed copy book script to disgraceful overwritten hardly legible scrawl. An almost empty page was sometimes used for a trial account which might be repeated later in chronological order. There are blots, erasures and later insertions in different hands. One hundred and eighteen leaves remain some of which are loose. Parts of leaves have been torn off and single leaves and blocks of leaves have been carefully cut out. The order of the pages has followed the original exactly, but the size and layout of the script varies enormously and although (as far as printing permits) minor liberties have been taken with original annotations and marginal notes, it has not been possible to match page for page. The method of rendering quantities of goods and money can vary from entry to entry and while

blocks of script follow the originals faithfully, where Roman numerals occur in columns of figures, they have been changed to Arabic. Alterations made in the original have been noted in square brackets e.g. ["parish" deleted and overwritten "Towne"] It is too much to hope that no mistakes have crept into this transcription.

In 1972 the Charity Commissioners considered the Tonbridge Charities dealing with Highways and Bridges and ordered that the Charity founded by Richard Mylls dated twenty third of April 1531 and the Charity known as The Town Lands founded by Indenture dated eighteenth September 1575 be administered as one Charity under the Title of Tonbridge Town Lands and Richard Mylls Charity. The Trustees were to be "four competent persons appointed by Tonbridge Urban District Council and subject to payment of expenses of management (Trustees) shall apply income from the Charity for such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Urban District of Tonbridge as the Trustees think fit" The appointments are now made by the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. The Charity now benefits that part of the new Borough which was formerly the Urban District of Tonbridge - a much wider area than the original "Town of Tonbridge" and now for the first time legalises the many good things the Wardens of the Town Lands, by a liberal interpretation of their powers, have been doing for centuries and continue to do today..

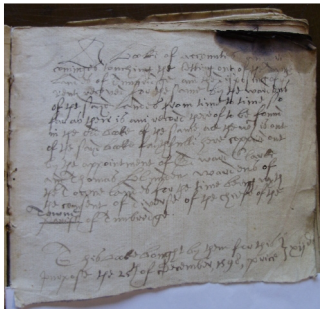
But for the conscientious interest in 1974 of the late Mr. Paul Baxter the then Clerk to the Wardens who had kept and guarded these records from 1947 they may well have been lost in the reorganisation of local government. With the enlightened consent of the then Town Wardens Mr. Baxter made sure that before the account books, leases, bills, reports and correspondence were deposited with Kent County Archives they would be available for study of the life in our small tight knit Town of Tonbridge

My thanks are due to Dr. Christopher Chalklin a past President of the Tonbridge Historical Society whose knowledge and experience in deciphering this first account book have been invaluable and to Denis Anstey and to Joy Sage for the production process. I am grateful to the present Wardens Mr. David Davis (Chairman) ex Councillor and Freeman of the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling; Miss Janice Browne ex Tonbridge Urban District Councillor and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillor and a Freeman of the Borough; Dr. Gordon Court Councillor of Tonbridge and Malling Borough and Mr. Norman Acaster MBE ex Treasurer of Tonbridge Urban District Council and former Finance Director of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Their kindness in lending me these valuable archives to study and enjoy has made it possible for this transcript to be made.

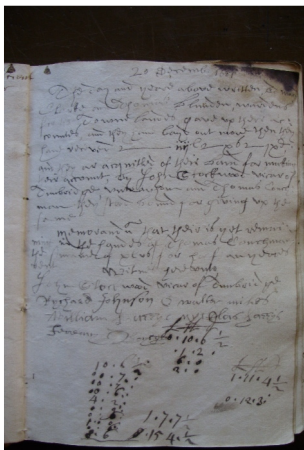
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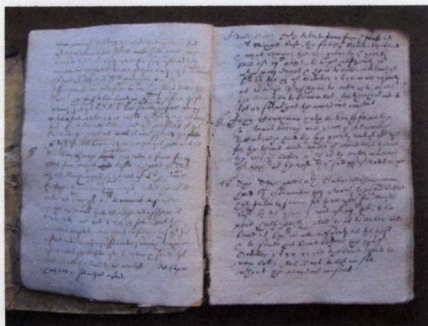
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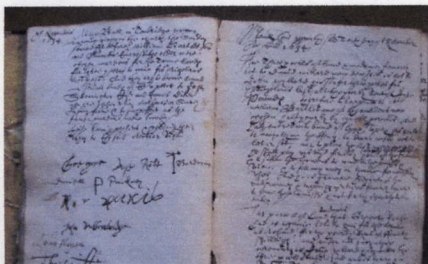
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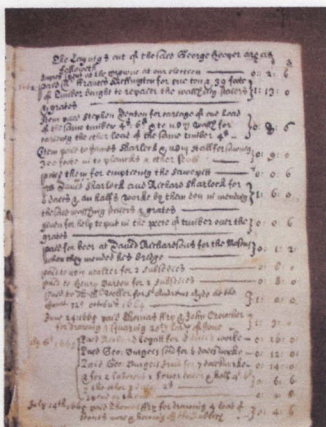
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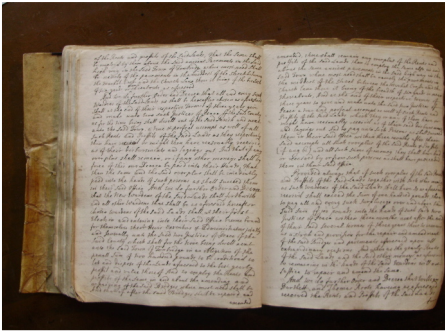
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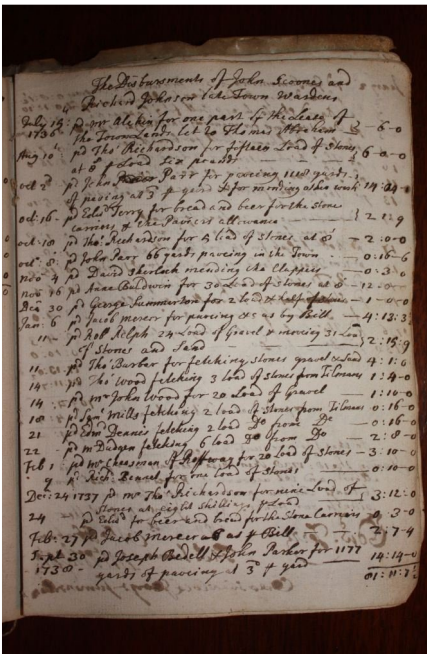
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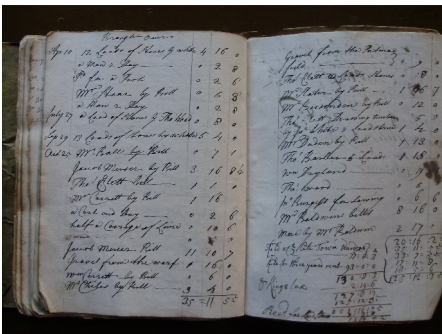
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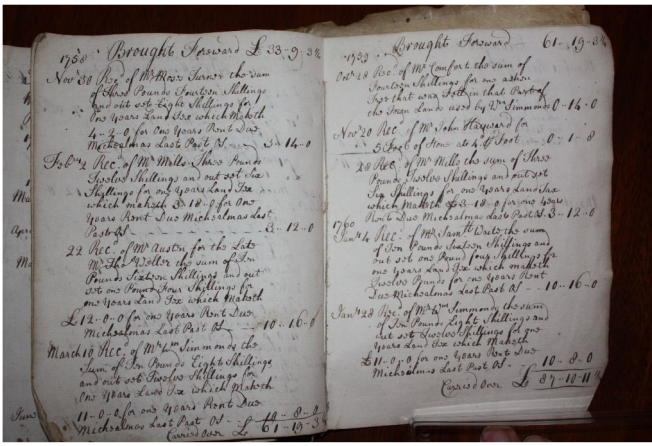
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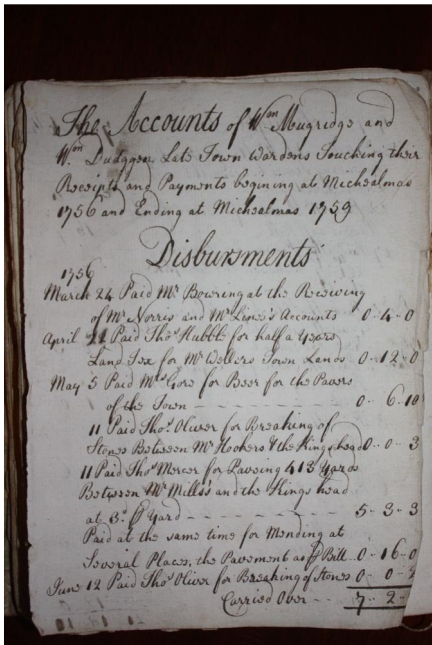
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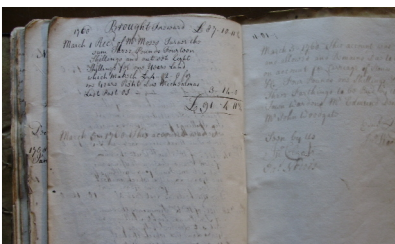
Change of Calendar
3rd September 1752 became 14th
September
John Slater & Richard Williamson:
Wardens



1758/9 (dates OS)
 Wm Muggeridge & Wm Duggen:
 Wardens



1756/9
 Wm Muggeridge & Wm Duggen:
 Wardens



1760 (dates OS)
 William Mugridge and William Duggen:
 Wardens
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The Booke of Accountes and [blot] cominges touching the letting out of the Towne Landes of Tunbridge and the disposing of ye rents receved for the same by the Wardens of the sayd Landes from time to time so far as there is ani record thereof to be found in the old booke of the same, all the wch is out of the sayd booke faythfulli here coppied out by the apppointment of Edward Clarke and Thomas Blunden Wardens of the Towne Landes for the time being wyth the consent of diverse of the chiefs of the ["Parish" deleted and in another hand overwritten at a later date] Towne of Tunbredge.

This booke bought by them for this purpose the 25th December 1598.

Price: xiid

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W.M.STRANGE ANNO DOMINI

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A true note of the Wardens of the Towne Landes of Tunbridge, wyth their accountes from time to time so set forth as ani record thereof can [in another hand in the margin "Quere where any to be found"] be found in the old Booke, and wch is truli written out again into this Booke that here it may be found together, by the appointment of Edward Clarke and Thomas Blunden chosen Wardens for the Towne Landes the 8th October 1598, and are from thense forth to continue for three yeares next ensuing and ending, on the Feast of Saint Michael the ArchAngel, in the yeare of our Lord 1601.

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Henri Stubbersfild

Md. the 12th day of December 1574 Henri Stubbersfild made account for the rents of the Towne Landes and there remained due to the Towne in the hands of the sayd Henri Receved of Henri Stubersfield in part payment of the sayd summe

£6 17s 5d

The remainder by Thomas Harris of William Woodgate for Henri Stubbersfild the xth Januare 1578

16s 0d

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There remaineth due unto the Towne of the sayd summe xiith day of Februari 1580

26s 4d

Nicolas Swayland

Itm. Nicolas Swayland made his account the sayd day, videlicet the xiith of December 1574, and there remained due to the Towne the same day

£10 05s 00d

Receved by Thomas Johnson, the next Warden of the Towne Landes of Nicolas Swayland, the xth of Januari, 1576

£7 00s 00d

Itm. Received more by Thomas Couchman the next Warden
after Thomas Johnson of the same Nicolas Swayland the
vth June 1579

£3 00s 00d

So remaineth unpayd the xiith Februari, 1580 due to the Towne
in the hands of the same Nicolas Swayland

05s 00d

Thomas Harris
Thomas Couchman

Thomas Harris and Thomas Couchman made their account for
the Towne Landes the xiith Februari, 1580 and Thomas Couchman
oweth to the use of the Towne the same day

44s 04d

And Thomas Harris oweth to the use of the Towne the sayd day

22d

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Thomas Chowne
George Oxley

The 12th of Februari, 1580 there was chosen Warden of the Towne Landes Thomas Chowne and George Oxley for three yeares, beginning at the feast of S. Michael The ArchAngel last past, upon condition that they shall be bound to William Harris and Robert Casynghurst, as Thomas Harris and Thomas Couchman was bound to them.

Robert Casynghurst
John Roffe

The xith day of October, 1583 there were chosen Wardens of the Towne Landes Robert Casynghurst and John Roffe for three years, beginning at ye feast of S. Michael the ArchAngel last past before the date hereof, unto the full end and terme of three yeares then next folowing, upon condition to be bound unto John Brooker and John Baldock, as others have bin before.

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It is to be noted that Robert Casynghurst and John Rolf Wardens of the Towne Landes have made their accountesq and have satisfied the Townes men of all the rent due for the same, and thereof ar clearli discharged, the 30th of October, 1586. Present at the account making Thomas Rootes, Thomas Chowne, John Baldock, Richard Seliarde, Thomas Johnson and Thomas Everist wyth others.

[Note: The following is the first entry which gives details of the lands, the tenants, and the rents.]

John Baldock.

John Brooker.

Md the second day of October Anno 1586 and in anno regni domine nostre Elizabethe nunc Regine xxviiiith were chosen Wardens for the Towne Landes John Baldock and John Brooker

And the next Sunneday folowing, viz the ixth of October 1586, they the same Wardens, did demise and let to these particular persons hereafter named, all the sayme landes, such parsels, and parcels of the same, as appeareth upon their particular heades, and for the prises there also set downe, for three yeares beginning at the feast of S. Michael The Archangel last past.

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And first they the sayd Wardens have demised for three yeares from the said feast to William Basset one parcel of land called Postern fild pound, parcel of the same Towne landes, by estimation tenne acres, by the yearli rent of 3li vis viiid half yearli to be paid, wyth condition, that yf he plows the same parcel, or ani parcel thereof the last yeare, then he shall pay vii for the last yeares farme thereof.

William Basset

William Wallis hath taken of them the sayd Wardens two parcels of the same Towne landes, adjoyning to the maine river next to the Posterne, for the sayd three yeares by the yearli rent of xxxiiv, to be payd in maner aforesayd, upon the condition, that he shall not plowe the same, or ani parcel the last yeare, upon the paine of dubbling of the rent of the same, the last yeare.

Signum William Wallis.

The same Wardens have demiset to Jeremi Boycat two parcels of land and wood, parcel of the same landes, lying between S. Thomas Fanes, landes and Richard Couchmans landes, for the same three yeares, by the rent of 52s 6d by the yeare to be payd, as is aforesayd, reserving all the wooddes thereon, except hedgeboote to be there appointed by the sayd Wardens and upon

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he like condition, that he shall not sowe ye same or ani parcel thereof the last yeare, upon paine of paying for the same the last yeare viii vis

Jeremi Boycat

The same Wardens have demised to Thomas Walter two parcels of the same landes by estimation five acres, lying to the landes of Ward, for the sayd terme, and by the rent of xxxv viiid in like maner to be payd, and wyth the like condition, that yf he sowe the same, or ani parcel thereof the last yeare, then he shall pay for the last yeares farme of the same, the summe of fifti and five shillinges.

Thomas Walter

The same Wardens have demised unto Thomas Abraham one parcel of the same landes, lying at Haseden, by estimation iiij acres for the sayd terme and by the rent of xxxi by the yeare, in like maner to be payd, and wyth the like condition, that yf he plowe the last yeare he shall pay for the last yeares rent thereof Ls. This parcel is let to Robert Swayland by the rent of xxxv ijd ye yeare.

Signum X Thomas Abraham.

The same Wardens have demised unto Thomas Johnson the Elder one parcel of land, parcel of the same landes, lying next to ye Priori meade by estimation ii acres more or lesse for the terme aforesayd, by the rent of xxxs by the yeare in like maner to be payd, and wyth the like condition, that yf he plowe the same the last yeare, he shall paye

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paye for the last yeares rent thereof xxxvss. This parcel is let again unto Matthew Lampard under the conditions aforesayd, but for the rent of xxxiiis viiid.

Md the sayd Wardens are to put in sufficient bond to Thomas Rootes and Thomas Everist in such maner as other Wardens have bin before them.

Robert Newman
Nicholas Harris

Md the fift day of October 1589, and in the xxxith yeare of the reigne of Queene Elizabeth were chosen Wardens for the Towne Lands Robert Newman and Nicholas Harris for the terme of three yeares.

Md that the sayd Wardens are to put in sufficient bond to Richard Seliard and Alexander Rottenbridge in such maner as other Wardens have bin before them.

Richard Seliarde
Alexander Rottenbridge

Md the ivth of October 1592, Anno Elizabeth xxxiiii were chosen Wardens for the Towne lands Richard Seliarde and Alexander Rottenbridge for iii yeares, and they are to put in sufficient Bondes to Thomas Harris and Thomas Couchman.

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George Bishop.
Thomas Prat

Md the fift of October, 1595, were chosen George Bishop and Thomas Prat, Wardens for the Towne Landes for three yeares. And they ar to put in sufficient Bondes to Edward Clark and Thomas Blunden

October the viiith 1598
Edward Clark
Thomas Blunden

Edward Clark and Thomas Blunden chosen Wardens for the Towne Landes for three yeares next insuing and ending on the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel wch shall be in the yeare of our Lord 1601, under condition that they enter into Bondes between this and the xvth of this present October folowing unto John Stockwood, Vicar of Tonbridge and Thomas Couchman, Constable, in the summe of an hundreth markes to give in a iust account of the bestowing of the sayd rents for the landes letten, to the use of the Towne, wythin three monthes after the going out of their office.

A note of the land letten by them, together wyth the parties unto whom they ar letten, and the yearli rent, that they severalli pay.

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Roger Umfrey

Imprimis it is agreed that Roger Umfrey shall for three yeares next insuing have the occupation of one parcel of land called Postern pound fild, conteining by estimation x acres at the rent of iiii xiiiiis by the yeare, by equal portions, and that he shall nether streepe nor wast the same.

Item it is further agreed that the sayd Roger Umfrey shall for three yeares next insuing have the occupation of a peece of landes, lying at Haseden, conteining by estimation iiii acres, for the rent of xxxixs by the yeare, by equal portions, and that he shall nether streepe, nor wast the same.

Widow Plane senr.

Item it is further agreed that widow Plane shall for three yeares next insuing have the occupation of a parcel of the Towne lands, neere unto Bright Fay, containing by estimation ii acres, more or lesse, for the yearli rent of xxxiis by the yeare by equal portions, and that she shall nether streepe nor wast the same.

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Samuel Irland

Item It is further agreed that Samuel Irland shall for three yeares next unsuing have the occupation of certain parcels of the Towne Lands, nameli two parcels lying unto the river, conteining by estimation ii acres and an half for the yearli rent of xxxiiiiis by equal portions, and shall nether make wast, nor streepe the same.

Thomas Couchman.

Item it is further agreed, that Thomas Couchman shall for three yeares next insuing have the occupation of another parcel of the Towne Landes, conteining by estimation viii acres, more or lesse, by the yearli rent of iiii xs, by equal portions, and shall nether streepe, nor wast the same

Alexander Rottenbridge

Item it is further agreed, that Alexander Rottenbridge shall for three yeares next insuing have the occupation of one parcel of the Towne Landes, conteining by estimation five acres for the yearli rent of xxxiiiiis by the yeare, by equal portions, and shall nether streepe, nor wast the same.

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And it is lastli fully agreed that all the sayd Tenants shall enter into several Bondes for the true payment of the rent unto the forenamed Wardens, and performe the same by the xvth of this present October otherwise to leese their sayd several farmes.

The accounts of certain of the Wardens for the Towne Lands, wherein they were behinde, and now have yelded up the same unto Edward Clark, and Thomas Blunden wardens for the time being, by the consent of sundri of the chiefest of the ["Parish" deleted] Towne.

12th November 1598
The accounts of John Baldock

Md That John Baldock one of the Wardens for the Towne Landes from the yeare 1586 until the yeare 1589 made his accounts for so much moni for the rents of the Towne Landes, as he received for his part during his time and xxxxs more received of his partner John Brooker the whole summe coming unto xxil xis iiid of the which he hath layd out upon his account the ful summe of that which he received

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His partner John Brooker remaineth to make his account.

The Accounts of Robert Newman and Nicholas Harris	The same day and yeare Robert Newman and Nicholas Harris Wardens for the Towne Landes from the year 1589, until the yeare 1592, made their accounts for the rents received if the sayd landes during their time, coming unto and they have layd out	£60 17s 02d £60 17s 10d
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The accounts of Alexander Rottenbridge and Richard Seliarde	The same day and yeare Alexander Rottenbridge and Richard Seliarde Wardens for the Towne Landes from the year 1592 until the yeare 1595, made their accounts for the rents received for sayd landes during their time, coming unto xxxixl xvis and they have layd out xxxivl viiis xd
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So remaineth in the hands of Widow Seliard at the same accounts making: 5l [sic] the which is to be payd unto Edward Clark, and Thomas Blunden, Wardens for the time now being. [the following squeezed between the lines] The forenamed five poundes hath sinc bin payd to Edward Clark and Thomas Blunden by William Fether.

The former accounts made before John Stockwood, Vicar of Tonbridge, Thomas Chowne, Edward Couchman, Richard Johnson, Thomas Couchman. and mani others.

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31th December, 1598

Payd unto Mr Stockwood for the new writing out of all these former recordes and notes by EdwardClark and Thomas Blunden Wardens of ye Towne Landes for the time being and wyth the consent of sundri of the [parishoners" deleted] Towne of Tonbridge. ["Towne" and "iiis iiid" by the hand which deleted "parishoners"]

October. 4. 1601.

Richard Johnson and Wm Harris Taylor chozen Wardens for the Towne Landes for three yeares next insuing and ending on the Feast of S. Michael, the ArchAngel wch shall be in the yeare of the Lord 1604, and have entred into bondes of an hundreth markes unto Nicholas Harris and John Langham, alias Collin to give in a iust account of the bestowing of the sayd rents for the landes letten to the use of the Towne wythin three monthes after the going out of their office.

Alixander Rottenbridg hath taken to farme of ye foresaid Wardens ii parcells of land called lodge oak conteyning fyve Acres for three yeares from the Feast of St Michaell last past paying yearely xxxiv at the two usuall feasts by equall portions And the same att thende shall leave well fenced and enclosed as it hath bene And therefore shall enter in bonde within one moneth

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Thomas Budyon hath taken to farme one parcell of land lying att Haseden of the sayd Wardens cont iiiii acres from the feast of St. Michaell last past for iii yeares paying yearly xxxiis at 2 usuall feaste by equall portions and the same shall nether stripe nor wast and in thende shall leave it well fenced and enclosed And the same the last yeare shall futher pay for it xxxxs if he do plow it And he must enter into bondes for performing of the covenantes within xiiii dayes.

Wedow Plane hath taken to farme one parcell of Land next Brightfay cont ii Acres of the sayd wardens for iii yeares next coming paying xxxvs yearley by equall portions and shall enter into bondes within 14 dayes for the performance of it.

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Willm Rootes hath taken to farme one parcell of land next postern pownd cont x acres of the said wardens paying yerely iiii xiiis iiiiid att the two usuall feastes by equall portions And the same shall neither strip nor wast And in thende shall leave it well fensed & enclosed And for it shall enter into Bondes within xiiii dayes Allso 2 parcells lying next the River paying yerely xxxxivs viiid wth like conditions

Thomas Couchman hath taken one parcell of Land cont viii Acres of the said Wardens paying yerely viiis vid att the ii usuall feastes by equall portions And the same shall neither fell, lopp, nor digg any tre or trees And the same shall kepe well enclosed & maintayne the markes & boundes and in thende leave sufficiently fenced & enclosed it beginith at S Michael last past & endith at three yeares ende & to enter into bondes as afore said.

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Allso he promised to enter into sufficient bond that nether he nor any other shall make any wast

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20th Decemb. 1601

The day and yeare above written Edward Clarke and Thomas Blunden, Wardens for the Towne Landes gave up their accountes and they have layd out more then they have received iiii xs ix d, and they are acquitted of their bond for making their account, by John Stockwood Vicar of Tunbridge, unto whom and Thomas Couchman they stood bound for giving up the same.

Memorandum that there is yet remaining in the handes of Thomas Couchman the summe of xxxvs for half an yeares rent.

Witness hereunto

John Stockwood Vicar of Tunbridge,
Nycholas Harrys,

Rychard Johnson & Walter Miles,
Jeremy Boycot.

William Harrys,

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30th Sept. 1604

Richard Darel, and Thomas Fisher Cutler chosen wardens for the Towne Lands for three yeares next ensuing and ending on the Feast of S Michael the ArchAngel in the yeare of our Lord 1607 and they must enter into bondes of an hundreth markes unto Mr Johnson and Mr Hatch to give a just account of the bestowing of the sayd rents for the landes letten for the use of the Towne within three monthes after the going out of their office/

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7th October 1604

Widow Playne hath taken to farme one parcell of Lande lying next brightfay conteyning by estimation two Acres of xxxvs the saied wardens for three years next coming payeing xxxvs yearely by equall pcions and shall enter into bonde within xiiii daies for the performance of it wardens Richard Dorrell & Thomas Fyssher.

1604

William Abraham hath taken to Fearme one parcell of lande lying at Hayesden of the sayed wardens Richard Dorrell & Thomas Fyssher conteyning by estimacion iiii acres from the Feast of St. Michaell Tharchangell laste paste for three yeares paying yearely xxxixs at two usuall Feasts by equall porcions and the same shall neither stripp nor waiste and in the end shall leave it well fenced and also he muste enter in to bondes wthin xiiii daies the same 7th of October.

The 7 of October 1604

William Hede hath taken one peece Lande conteyninge viii acres of the foresd wardens at the rent of Fyftye one shillings 4 [d] at two usuall Feasts from the Feast of St Michaell Tharchangell for three yeares next cominge/ an to enter into bonde wthin xiiii daies not makinge strippe nor waiste & leaveing it well inclosed.

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The 7 of October 1604

Richard Abraham hath taken to Fearme to parcells of Lande of the foresd wardens called Lodge Oake conteyninge v Acres from the Feast of St Michaell Tharchangell laste paste payeing yearely xxxxs at two usuall Feast by equall porcions And the same at the end shall leave well fenced & inclosed as it hath bine and shall enter in to bonde wthin xiiii daies/

The 7th October 1604

William Rootes hath taken to Farme one parcell of Lande next posterne pounce conteyninge by estimation x Acres of the foresd wardens and alsoe two peeces of Land conteyninge 3 Acres lying next the River at the Rent of fower pounce Ten shillings at two usuall Feastes by equall porcions and the same shall neither strippe nor waiste and the same shall leave well inclosed and enter into bonde wthin xiiii daies

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William Harrys and Richard Johnson made ther acouptnt the 22th of December 1604 for ther receyts and layinges out for the towne lands for the three yeeres last past and ther remayned in the handes of Wyllyam Harys xxxs. and in the handes of Richard Johnson xxxixs.iiiiid

This account was given in the presence of Mr. Stockwood, Mr. Hatch, Richard Dorell, John Collin, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Rootes, Wilyam Rootes and Henry Allin and they are acquytted and dyscharged of ther bonde wherein they stood bound for the towne landes.

John Collines Churchwarden

Md that all the xxxs above mentioned remayning in William Harrys his hands excepte iiis. iid which he paid over to Richard Darrell the next yeers warden was bestowed by the said William ['towards' deleted] to the use ['expense of the' deleted] of the Townne and thereof he was acquitted by all the parties above named some whereof in testimonie of the truth have subscribed ther names.

Richard Darrell, Alixander Rottenbridge, William Rootes.

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4th October 1607

Thomas Rootes and Wm Bartlet chosen wardens for the Towne Lande for iii yeares from the time above specified to be fulli completed and ended and they ar bound to give in their accounts wythin thre monthes after the expiration of their three yeares unto Richard Darrel and George Bishop or their Executors in a bond of one hundreth markes.

George Bishop by the old rent of xxxvs hath taken the parcel wch widow plane had, and under the same conditions Wm Abram is to have his land again upon the former rent of xxxixs by the yeare

['Gabriel Couchman' deleted] Nicolas Dixon had taken the viiith acres wch widow Head had for the rent of xL. xiis. by the yeare. The five acres wch Richard Abram had at Lodge oak Alexander Rottenbridge hath taken at the rent of xl. vis8d. by the yeare

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The land which William Rootes had called posterne pound being three parcel Gabriel Couchman hath taken for the rent of vii iiii by the yeare.

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Memd yt Thomas Rootes and Wm Bartlatt gave upp their accompts in the yeere of our Lord 1613 the xxxi October eodem Anno., And they have laid out more then came to their hads xl iis iid whereof they say, that xLs remaynes in the hands of Alexander Rottenbridge as yet unpaid by him for the rent of the land formerly by him hired wch xxxxs is yet to be had of him the said Alexander and the said Wm Bartlat being out of pursse the said xl iis [~~'craveth'~~] is to be allowed the said xl due by Alex: Rottenbridge and the rest of ye next [~~'overseers and &'~~] survivors vizt said iis iid [~~'vizt said iis iid or els the whole of them'~~] and so it is thought fitting it should be in the presence of Richard Durrell, Ed Clark, John Langham, James Dicker, Tho Webb and others. [The following squeezed in with a differen quill] Re of Alexander Rottenbridg the 23th of April 1615 the some of xl by me Will Bartlatt.]

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Md that upon the xxxth day of September Ao Dni 1610 Richard Pratt and John Langham als Collyn, mercer, were and are chosen Wardens for the Towne lands of Tonbridge for three whole yeres from Michas last, and they are to bee bound to [~~'Fraunces Couchman and Thomas Everest'~~] Mr Johnson and Fraunces Couchman and in such sommes and manner and under such condicions as the last wardens stand bound and wyth farther condicion that [~~'they have laid shall not'~~] none of the woodes uppon the towne lands shalbee cutt downe or by them or ther assigns to ani other use then aboute needfull things touching the amending of the waies or bridges vizt clappers of the Towne: and this bond is to be sealed uppon the next sabboth day wylbee the 7th of September 1611

The bond is CC markes that the wardens are entred into: underwoods and the topps of such pollards as are in the hedges of the premisses are to be excepted in the condicon of the bond because of hedgeboote for the tenants

George Bisshopp by the yearly rente of xxxvs hath taken to farme from Michmas last for 3 yeares the parcel of land called the towne lands next Cottons, to be paid at Thanuntiacon and Michas or within xiiii days by equal porcons to John Langham at his howse, and the Tenante is to kepe the fence at his owne charges without anie allowance of stuff excepte underwoods and the toppings of such trees as stand in the hedgerowes of the same yf ther be anie there and he is to fell no bodies of anie other trees nor to take the topps of anie other trees nor cummit anie strip or wast nor plough the last year

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uppon painne of dubling the rent that yeare, but yf the wardens them selves shall have anie ocaasion to fell anie woods therefor for such uses as they may employ the same by vertue of their bonds the tenant his exec and assigns shall permit them so to do. and suffer them at their pleasure to come and see and view the same and he is to be bound in xLI to performe these covenants and to yeld up the premises wel fenced and thi-s bond is to bee sealed before the xith of this instant October 1610 or else this Land is then or at any tyme after to be new let/ and the president of this land to be thus entred into [~~'or els'~~] is now shewed the [~~'said'~~] viiith of October 1610 when this parcell was let.

William Harrys, ["senior" erased] myller hath taken to ferme for iii yeeres from Michas ["nexte" erased] laste, the parcell of land wh Wm. Abraham had by the rent of Is p Annum halfe yeerely or within 14 days, And he is to enter into bond of 1 li, to occupie it under all the conditions that George Bysshop is to enter into, and not to let or set without the wardens consent: and he is before the xith of this instant October with a sufficient surety whereof the wardens shall like of, to enter and seal this bond or els the land to be new lett/ [In new hand] ut supra and not to let or set without consent.

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Roberte Piper hath taken to ferme from ye Feast of St Michall last, the fields yt Nicholas Dixon had and Wyat Chowne the last yeere, by ye yeerly Rent of iii1 xixs to be pd halfyeerely or whin xiiii dayes and he is to enter into bond of 1l by the xith of October 1610 in all respects as George Bysshop is to enter into or els the land then to be new let, further he is not to let or set without the wardens consent.

John Cowchman hath taken to ferme the v Ars beeing one parcell yt Alexander Rottenbridge had by the yeerly rent of 1ls 6d for the terme and under ye condicions that all the rest is letten and he is to enter into bond of xxxiL as the rest by ye said xith of October.

The Three parcells wch Gabriell Cowchman had by estimacion xii Acars the said Gabriel hath taken to ferme for three yeeres from Michmas last by the yeerely rent of iiiL x s to bee paid half yeerly. And he is to enter into bond of lx li in all respects as the rest and to seale his bond before the xith of October 1610. or els the land then to be new let. And is not to let or set without the wardens consent.

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Memd that uppon the xxth of October Ao Domini 1613 Richard Prat and John Langham the last Surveyors did yeld up their Accomps for their tyme And the Rents by them receyved come to xlvii li vid And they also receyved for wood of the toppings of trees employed in the Towne & about the Clappars and payvemts in the Towne & for the Tan thereof xiis vizt. in all xiviii xiis vid

Whereof layd out by them about the repaying of the pavemts of the towne of Tonbridge in divers places thereof as by the particulers of their Accompts appeareth And for stones and gravell used thereabouts in all the sume of xl viis iii d. So there resteth in their hands to bee paid over by John Langham to the next Surveyors the some of xiis iid wch xiis iid was then paid over to Thomas Webb and James Diker the new Surveyors in the presence of Thomas Roots Richard Darrell John Hooper & others.

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Memd yt uppon the third day of October Ao Domini 1613 Thomas Webb gent and James Dicker Mercer were chosen Wardens for the Towne lands of Tonbridge for iii yeers from Michas now last paste And they are to become bound to [cannot read] John Collyns mercer in CC marks under such condicions to bee performed as the last wardens were bound to performe, And this bond is to be intred in to this Day Seavenighte: vizt the xth of October above said chosen by and wth the consent of these persons the Townsmen of Tonbridge; vizt Richard Prat & John Collins the last wardens:

Geo Bysshopp,	Thomas Roots,	Ed Clark,
Alexander Rottenbridge,	Wm. Bartlat,	
John Cowchman and others.		

Geo Byshopp uppon the xth of October 1613 tooke to ferme that parcell of land next cottons wch he had the last yeere from Michas last for iii yeeres by the old rente to bee paid as he did before, under all other' covenants as he hired the same, and is specified in the last note taken the iiird of October 1610 registered before in this booke/ And he is to enter into bond of x li as he did before, before the xxivth of this instant October 1613 yf he fayle hereof the land is to bee new lett.

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The xth October 1613

The same parcell wch William Harrys the Miller had the last three yeers ["John Bray" erased] William Abraham hath taken to ferme from Michas last for iii yeeres at the yeerly rent of iiils xiid [sic] to be paid half yeerly at the Feast of Thannunc and Michas or wthin xiiii dayes alwayes [exc ?] & he is to enter into bond of 1 li wth all such condicions to bee performed as Geo Bysshop is to performe: And his bond is to bee entered into uppon or before the xxiiii of October above said.

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[and crosswise below in the same hand is written]

William Brown,	Geo Jefferson,	Thomas Woodgate,
Thomas Woodgate,	William Parker,	Thomas Kipping,
Thomas Jefferson,	William Ware,	James Wall.

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xth of Oct 1613

John Cowchman by thold rent farmeth by new leasse taken the xth of October 1613 that v Acars wch he had the last terme under all other covenuntes as he entred into when he hired it last; wth a bond of xxxL as he did before the old rent is xls vid the terme iii yeers from Michas last/ it lieth in one parcell. The three parcells which Gabriell Couchman had by est xii Acars, he hath taken to ferme for 3 yeers from Michas last by the old rent wch is vL xs and he is to mayntayne the footeway [a deletion] out of his owne lands acrossse the posterne lane to the two lower parcells being by the river, either wth a Style, or [deletion] otherwyse as sufficient./

Also the said Gabriell hath taken to ferme those viii Acars wch Robert Pyper had for the terme afforsaid for thold rente which is iiiL xixs, and he is to enter into all other covents as Geo Bysshopp is to enter into reference beeing had to the note taken Ao 1610 And Gabriell Cowchmans bond is to bee CL to be sealed in fra quatuordecim dies [fourteen days]

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Memd yt upon the xiii day of October Ao Dini 1616, Thomas Everest & Wm. Roots butcher were chosen wardens for the towne lands for three whole yeeres from Michas last & they are to become bound in CC marks to the old last wardens vizt Tho Webb & James Dicker under such condicions as thold wardens last before them were bound & to enter into this bond within viii dayes now next coming chosen by and wth the consent of these Townsmen following: Tho Prat, Geo Bysshopp, ["Henry Gransden" erased] Jerard Gatland, Henry Allen, Alexander Rottenbridge, Rbt Boardman, Richard Howe, John Cowchman, Gregory Rose, John Holmden, Jo Hooper & others Upon the xxth of October Ao Dni 1616: Geo Bysshopp took to ferme of the above named wardens the parcell of land next Cottons at the yeerly rente of Thirty & fyve shillings to be pd as it was wont: And he is to enter into bond to the new wardens this day fortnight or before, to use it as he was bound to the last wardens/

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The parcell wch Wm Abraham had the last lii yeeres ["Thomas Carr" erased] John Bray took to ferme of the new wardens at the yeerely rent of three pounds iis ["iiis vid" erased] to bee pd them half yeerly, And he is to enter into bond of Fyfty pounds to pay the rente and to use it under such other covents as the same was to be used when it was last lett within fourteen daies now next coming ["and he is to bee bound wth John Abraham of Hadlow his suretie within xiiii daies to performe all things according to the old bonds" erased] That parcell of land by est v Acars that John Cowchman hadd, Henry Gransden Gent hath taken to ferme at

the yeerely rent of iiiL iiis to bee paid half yeerly And he is to enter into bond of xxxi to pay the rent, and to performe all other things as the other occupiers of the said lands are to performe.

The three parcells wch Gabriell Cowchman had the last yeers and did assigne to John Hooper the said John hath taken to ferme yeerely rent of vli xiis and he is to enter into bond of ixl as the rest are to doo.

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The fild wch is viii Acars wch Gabriell Cowchman assigned to Robert Pyper John Rottenbridge hath taken to ferme of the new wardens at the yeerly rent of Fyve pounds vid to bee pd halfyeerly or wthin xiiii daies & all other covenunts to be performed as by the other Tennaunts, & to the performance hereof of the said John is to enter into bond of ixli wthin these xiiii dayes next/

Memd that Thomas Carr Recanted and would not take the parcell of land according as he had taken it: therefore the xth of November 1616 he was releassed wth an intendent he should never bee admitted to hire in this kynd and of the said lands: and the said xth of November John Bray took the sd parcell to ferme for three yeeres at £iii iis & under all other covenunts that the rest are to performe & enter into bond of 1li.

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Memd yt uppon the 1 day of December Ao Domini 1616 James Diker and Thomas Webb the last wardens for the towne lands did yeld up their accompts for their tymes, And the rents by them recyeyved for three yeers for the said lands extended to 481i 16s 6d & they also rec for toppings of trees by them felled of and from ye said lands to amend the clappers & other necesfull places xxs xd, And also of the old wardens they had xiis iid pd over to them: So they are charged in all with the Some of fyfty pounds nyne shillings and sixpence

Whereof laid out by them for repayring of the pavements in the towne of Tonbridge there already made & decayed and for others by them new made in needfull places of the towne for paveing at iiid the yard Stones at ivs vi the load gravell & other things as the particulers of their accompt dooth show And also for the Rayling of the causway above Mr. Webbs howse & for small stones gravell sand & the like in all the Some of fifty pounds fourteen shillings and three

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pence, So that they are out of pursse iiiis ixd the wch iiiis ixd was then paid them by William Roots one of the new wardens the day aforesaid: these whose names are subscribed being present at the casting up and the perusing of this their accompt vizt./

John Skevington Esquier,
Henry Allen,
Walter Miles,
John Cowchman,
John Hooper.

Jerrard Gatland,
Wm Roots,
Robert Boardman,

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Memd Yt uppon the xth day of october A Dni 1619 Henry Allen and Henry Gransden gent were chosen wardens for the towne lands of Tonbridge for 3 whole yeeres from Michas laste, and they are become bound in two hundred pounds to Tho Everest one of the last wardens and to Robert Boardman constable under such condicions as thold wardens last befor were bound, within xiiii days next coming, & they were chosen by theise townsmen whose names are subscribed then present Vizt. Tho Everest: Thomas Webb: Thomas Rootes: James Dicker: Gregore Rose: Tho Blundell: Robt Boardman: John Freake: Jo Holmden, George Chowne & divers others/

The parcell of land wch George Bysshopp took to ferme the last three years his widow hath taken to ferme for three yeeres from St Michell last at the yeerely rent of xxxvs & he [sic] is to enter into bond to the new wardens within xiiien dayes next for payt of the rent & for performing of all such covenunts as the said George Bysshop was bound to performe/

Memd Henry Allen hath yelded up his accompt & it Appereth that he hath truly bestowed xxviii vis vid wch he had receyed, whereof for tan xis & xiiis vid for wood & the rest for rents: saving that iiii xviii thereof Henri Gransden had, for wch he must accompt.

The parcell wch John Bray had the last three years John Bray hath likewise taken to ferme for 3 yeeres from Michas last at the yerely rent of Three pounds iis & he is to enter into bond of so much as he did before within xiiii days The parcell wch John Cowchman had v Acars Richard Smyth hath taken to ferme for 3 yeeres from Michas Last at the rent of Fourty six shillings viiid per annum and he is to become bound/

The three parcells wch John Hooper had Robte Day at viL xs per annum hath taken to ferme for the terme afforsaid, and he is to enter into bond as John Hooper did before [then added later] Memd that of his rent ther was abated xxxs to Robt Day who took it when it was given over by Cowchman that had bidden for it the said rent

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The parcell that John Rottenbrege had viii Acars, Edward Woodhowse hath taken to ferme as the rest for the yeerly rent of vli And he is to enter into bond of so much as John Rottenbrege did & become bound in xiiii dayes

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Memd that Henry Gransden both for the money by him receyed of the Rents and for the iiii xviii wch he had of Henry Allen his fellow accomptant hath accompted And it appears that he hath truly bestowed the money receyed for the rents & for the said iiii xviii uppon stones for the pavement of the Town sand and gravell & for paveing: November xxth Ao Dni 1622/Hijs pretibus.

Gregore Roose,
Will Bartlett,
Jo. Hooper, et al.

J Skevington,
James Diker,

John Holmden,
Robte "T" Boardman,

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October the 17th: Ao 1622
Gregorie Roase & John Holmden

By an assembly at the Crowne there holden uppon warning the Sondag before given in the church were chosen wardens for three yeeres from Michas last past for the Towne lands of Tonbridge.

Memd, that the said Gregory Roase and John Holmden gave up their accompts and did charge themselves with the rents of the said Towne lands, for three yeeres ende at the Feast of St. Michael tharchangell Ao Dni 1625 extending to Fourty eight pounds And it appered that they have truly laid out for stones, and gravell employed In and about the paveing of the Towne, And the pavier for payveing: all the said Rents, except one pound, seaven shillings & ten pence whereof John Holmden hath to answer for xviii and Gregory Roase hath xix vid present at the yealding up of this their Accompt: December 1625 27th

James Diker,	J Skevington,	George Chowne,
Will Bartlett,	Rbt "T" Boardman,	Jo. Hooper, et al.

November the xth Ao Di 1625

By the voyces of the Assembly at the Crowne the said day upon warning as aforesaid Roberte Boardman & George Chowne were chosen wardens for the Towne lands of Tonbridge for three yeeres from Michaelmas last: they are to enter into bond of CCCC li to let the sd lands and to dispose of the rents, to repayer the pavements wayes and lanes of the said Towne unto John Skevington Esq and Wm Bartlet: within ten dayes now next ensuing: these being present & yelding their voices to the said election vizt.

J Skevington,	Will Bartlett,	James Diker,
Gregore Rose,	John Holmden,	Daniell "P" Pinckney,
George Putland,	Thomas Webb,	John Hooper & others.

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November the xth Ao Dni 1625

An Bysshop of Tonbridge widdowe hath taken to ferme the parcell wch she had before by est 2 Acres at the yeerely rent of xxxvs & under Such other agreants as is mentioned in a bond of Ten pounds wch she hath entred into/

The peece of land of v Acres, yt Richard Smyth had lieng neer Lodge oke the said Richard Smyth hath taken to ferme at xxxiiis iiiii d: & he is to enter bond of xxli, as above said/

The peece of viii Acres that Richard Smyth had from Thos Car Richard Smyth hath also taken at iii li xvi s: & he is to enter into bond of ["xli xs" deleted] lx li as above/ vizt lxxx li for both parcells.

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The three parcells that Ro: Day had cont x Acres he has taken again at vl & he is to enter into bond of lxxx li to pay rent & to performe the rest/

The parcell of land at Hasden vi Acres that John Bray had John Betts hath taken at 1v s xv d [doubtful] p Annum/ And he is to enter into bond of lx li with a surity as above & he hath liberty ten days to enter into bond.

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28th October 1628

Memd that George Chowne one of the wardens last chosen Ao Dni 1625 gave up his accompte for three yeeres rent of the Towne lands by him receyved & ended at Michealmas Ao Dni 1628 And for the laying out thereof uppon the paveing of the Towne of Tonbridge And it appeared uppon his accounts that he had receyved within the said three years for parte of the said rent wch came to his hands xxiii li xvii s: and that the day above said he had laid out & bestowd uppon Stones and gravell and workmanship to payve the Streetes at the towne & some other chardges incident thereunto the some of xviii xixs viiid/ So that there was then remayning in his hands vli viis ivd whereof he paid to Robert Boardman wch he was then out of pursse is iiiid this his accompt beeing passed examined & allowed by us/

J Skeffington,	Richard Chowninge,	Will Bartlett, ,
Robart Bartlett	Jo. Hooper,	George Putland and Daniell "P" Pinckney

The remainder uppon his said accompte beeing v li vi s, he is to lay out as above said & to count for it hereafter

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28 October Ao 1628

Robert Boardman fellowe warden wth George Chowne, charged himself with xvii li ii s ii d by him receyved of the rents of the Towne lands of Tonbridge for three yeeres ended at Michelmas in the said yeere. And it appeared to us whose names are subscribed that he had laid out upon Stones to pave the said towne for cx loads of gravell employed thereabouts and for posts & Rayles to save the said pavements & some other charges & the workmanship to dig & pave the streets of the said towne in all, the some of xvii li iii s vi d So that he was out of pursse is iiiid then paid to him by the said George Chowne: this his accompt & the particulers thereof beeing seene perused & allowed by us.

J Skevington,	Will Bartlett,	Robart Bartlett,
George Putland,	Thomas Everest,	Daniell "P" Pinkney.
and John Hooper.		

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October the xxxth Ao Dni 1628

By the voyces of the assembly at the Crowne the same day, uppon publique warning given in the church of Tonbridge the Sunday before Richard Chowning & George Putland were chosen wardens for the Towne lands of Tonbridge from Michelmas last for three yeeres And they are to enter into ["severall" inserted] Bonds of a Hundred Pounds apeece to let out the said Lands for the said three yeeres And to dispose of the Rents thereof ["severally by them receyved" inserted] uppon the paveing repaying and amendment of the pavements & ways [words obliterated] of the said Towne of Tonbridge unto John Skevington Esquier & Wm Bartlet as they shall appoint and the said bonds to be entered into by them severally within xiiii days now next ensuing

J Skevington, Alex. "E" Rottenbridge Snr ["E" is his mark],
Will Bartlett, James Diker Gregore Rose, Thomas Everest,
Robt "T" Boardman ["T" is his mark], John Hooper & others.

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October the xxxth 1628

The parcell of land that An Bysshop had Gregorie Roase hath taken to ferme for iii yeeres from Michelmas last, at the yeerely rente of xxxvs/ therfore to bee paid half yeerely by equall porcons And under such other covenants agreaments as formerly she entered into bond to performe: And he is to enter into a bond of Ten pounds to George Putland one of the wardens this day chosen for paymt of his rent & to performe & keepe such other covenants & agreaments aforsaid, now agreed upon & as they are mentioned in the former bonds. The Three parcells of land conteyning ten Acres that Robert Day held the last three yeeres, are now let unto David Wyllard broadweaver for three yeeres from the feast of St Michaell aforsaid at & for the yeerely Rent of Fyve Pounds [# # #?] [for three years indicated].whch he is to pay to George Putland one of the wardens this Day chosen: & is to enter into bond of lxxx li as Gregorie Roase is to doe.

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The pcell of land conteyning viii Acres wch Richard Smyth had from Thomas Carr is let unto Robert Day with the v Acres also yt Smyth held for three yeeres as aforsaid at & for the yeerly rent of Fyve pounds # # to bee paid to Richard Chowning one of the wardens now chosen, And is to enter into bond of lxxx li also as aforsaid.

The parcell of Land by estimacion vi Acres lieng at Haseden wh John Betts held, are now let for the terme aforsaid unto William Abraham for the yeerly Rent of xvi s viii d wh is to bee paid to Richard Chowning one of the wardens aforsaid to whom also he is to enter into bond of lx li as the other before named This is suspended for a weeke.

["The parcell of land by estimacion Five Acars neere Lodgeoke that Richard Smyth held is now let unto Roberte Day aforsaid for the yeerly Rent of xxxiiis iiiid to bee paid by him unto Richard Chowne one of the new wardens aforsaid and, to bee bound to him in xxli, to the effect of the condicion of the bond first mentioned to be entred into by the before named Gregorie Roase" all deleted]

This last is let together with the viii Acres to Robert Day.

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Memd that George Chowne ["the" deleted] did give accompte for the vli vis remayingn uppon his accompte formerly yelded up; And it appeared that for 10 loads of stones to John Davids he had paid 40s And that he had bestowed those stones uppon paveing and that in ripping up & amending the needfull places where the payvements in the towne were decayed hee had paid for paveing of 174 yards 2li 3s 6d for gravell 9s And more for 48 yards of paveing 12s In all extending to vli vs So that he hath is in hande to pay over when it shalbe demanded. Allowed by us whose names are subscribed.

J Skevington, William Johnson, Will Bartlett,
Daniell "P" Pinkney, Thomas Everest, John Hooper and others.

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November 1 Ao dni 1631

Memorandum that uppon the first day of November Anno Dni 1631 Richard Chowning gave up his accompt for three yeeres that ended the Michelmas before And his accomptes beeing perused by us whose names are subscribed it appeared that he had receyved of the Rents of the Towne Land within the said three yeeres in al

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And that he had laid out uppon paving in Divers needfull places of the towne For stones gravell sand and workmanship as by the particulers of his accompte dooth appeare in all the some of

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So that he hath nothing remayingn: this accompte beeing seene, perused and allowed by us.

J Skevington, William Johnson, Will Bartlett,
James Diker, Anthony Paris, Daniel "P" Pinckney,
Thomas Everest, Gregore Roase, and John Hooper.

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The day & yeere on the other side beginde vizt, the first of Nov 1632 [sic] George Putland warden with Richard Chowning gave up his accompte as the said Richard did before us whose names are hereunto subscribed And it appeared that the said George Putland had receyved of the Rents of the Towne lands during three yeeres ended at Michelmas 1631 In all the some of

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and that he had laid out for stones, gravell & sand employed in needfull places to repayer the pavements in the Towne & about rayles to save the pavements. In all the some of

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So that he hath in hand xis vd to pay over to the next wardens, this accompt beeing seene examined perused & allowed before us

J.Skevington, William Johnson, Will Bartlett,
James Diker, Anthony Paris, Daniell "P" Pinkney,
Thomas Everest, Gregore Roase, Jo. Hooper & others

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By the voyces of the Assembly at the Bull in Tonbridge, uppon warning the sixth of December Daniell Pinkney and Anthony Parris were chosen wardens for the Towne lands of Tonbridge, for the Terme of three yeeres from Michelmas last past & from thence next ensueing And they are to enter into severall bonds of A Hundred Pounds a peece to let out the said Lands & to dispose of the Rents thereof as heretofore it hath beene accustomed the said bonde to bee made to John Skevington Esqr & William Bartlet theise beeing present and yielding their voyces to the said election vizt

John Holmden,	Nicholas Hatcher,	Gregore Roase,
Roberte "T" Boardman,	Thomas "E" Carr,	John Roots,
William Roots and divers others		John Hooper.

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December the sixth 1631

The parcells of land wch Roberte Day had one conteyning viii Acres, the other v Acres, is let againe to the said Roberte Daye for three yeeres at and for the yeerly Rent of Fyve pounds # to bee paid to Daniell Pinkney/ one of the new wardens and he is enter into bond of lxxxli to pay the rents halfyeerly, and not to cut downe any of the woods uppon the said lands

The three parcells of land that David Willard held is now againe let unto him for the said three yeeres at the yeerly rent of Fyve pounds And he is to pay his Rent to Daniell Pinkney And to enter into bond of lxxxli as above said per estimacion X Acres

The parcell of land wch William Abraham held, is again let unto him the said William for the yeerly Rent of xlviis viiid to bee paid to Anthony Parrys & he is to enter into bond of 1xli, as ye others doo it conteyneth by estimacion vi Acres.

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The parcell of land wch Gregory Roase held conteyning 2 Acars is letten to the said Gregory Roase at the yeerly rent of xls and he is to pay his rent to Anthony Paris & to enter into bond of Ten pounds.

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James Strange His Book Anno Domini

James Strange is my name
And England is my nation
Tunbridge is my dewling place
And Christ is my Salvation

James Strange His Book 1745/6
Christofer Baker Anno Domini

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xth Novembris 1634

At the Bullin Tonridge uppon warning given in the church in the Soday seavenight before William Bartlet Snr. And Thomas Everest the elder were chosen the wardens for the Towne Inds for three yeeres to come from Michelmas last past: And they are to become bound in severall bonds of Cli a peece to John Skevington Esqr and James Diker who are chosen to be overseers or Surveyors. In such forme & to such effect, as the former wardens were bound/ These being present & yel.ding their voyces to the said election vizt:

Gregore Rose, Robert "T" Bordman, Daniell "P" Pinkney,
R Paris [large single letters], John Rottenbridge,
John Hooper, Tho: Webb

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Mend that upon the said Tenth day of November Ao. Dni. 1634: The Three parcells of land and medowe formerly let to David Willard now deceased is let to John Wyllard his son for three yeeres from Michelmas last, At the yeerly Rent of Fyve Pounds therefore to bee paid to William Bartlet one of the wardens now chosen half yeerly by equall porcions: And hath entred into bond of lxxxli to pay his rent to maynteyne the Fences, to doo no waste, not to let or set, nor to plow the last yeere excepte he shall pay vis viiid ["above the yeers rent" inserted] for every yard of the ground and to suffer the Wardens to come on the premisses and view: and to fell any woodes or tymber for necessary uses, And he is graunted hedgboote of the underwoods & toppings of trees formerly topped to fence the premisses and not for any other use to be taken/

The parcell of Land 2 Acars that Gregory Roase had, is againe let to him for the terme above said, for the yeerly Rent of Fourty Shillings, and under all such other covenunts as John Willard hath taken the three parcells above said and is to pay his Rent to Tho. Everest And is to enter into bond of xli when it shallbee required/

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One parcell of the lands that Roberte Day formerly had by estimacion viii Acars is let to John Rottenbridge for 3 yeers from Michelmas last 1634 At the yeerly Rent of three pounds and ten shillings: and is to pay his Rent to Wm Bartlet half yeerly And hath entred into bond of 1xli to pay his Rent And to performe all things els as John Willard hath agreed/ and is menconed in the condicion of the bond that he is entered into/

The said other parcell of Land which Robert Day had which is 5 Acres is let out to John Brightling for the terme of three yeeres aforesaid: At and for the yearly Rent of thirty and fyve shillings to bee paid to Thomas Everest # by equall porcions half yearly: And he is to enter into bond of xxxli, to pay his rent accordingly: And to performe all other covenunts as the others/

The parcell of land that William Abraham had is let to Robert Boardman: for the yearly Rent of Three pounds and # # To bee paid half yearly And he is to pay his rent to William Bartlet: And to enter into bond for the payeng the rent accordingly And to performe all other covenunts as the others in the some of Sixty pounds.

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[Up to this point the entries have been carelessly written. There is now a gap in the accounts and a set of pages may have been torn out. The next page dated 1662 is carefully set out and beautifully written in the hand of George Hooper - the scrivener]

Mm that uppon the 25th day of June Anno Domini 1662 George Hooper and Nicholas Brookshhead were elected Wardens for the Towne Lands for 3 yeares to comence from the Feast of the Anunciation of the blessed vergin Mary Last past and Mr Thomas Weller was chosen their Supervisor, notice being geven publiquely in the Church of Tonbridge the Sondag before of such electeon to bee made.

[The following entry has been inserted at a later date in a different hand]

The omission of the accts from 1631 were very likely ocasiond by the disputes wch happend between the Town Wardens and ye County on whom a Tax was laid for the repair of the Bridges, which should have been repaired by the Town Lands: And after Several Orders of the Judges of the Asizes, Commissioners of charitable uses their Decree and likewise the Decree of the Lord Keeper, the Town Wardens being at the several charges & the repayment of the taxes upon the County must ocasion the expense of several years Revenue of the Town Lands and for that reason there is no account in their books of accts of moneys recd or paid on the account of the repair of the Bridge or pavements. See the case incerted in this Book after the accounts passed 12 August 1736.

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[George Hooper and Nicholas Brookeshead are the Wardens. This is the account which is painstakingly and beautifully written and begins on the back of the page which is cut off below the suggested explanation for the gap in the accounts.]

	£	s	d
The accompt of George Hooper & Nicholas Brookeshead wardens for the Towne lands.			
Receaved by George Hooper the 24th June 1663 of Thomas Worsley for his yeares rent due at the Annunciaton of the Lady Mary last past	02	10	00
Received of Richard Sharlock for Chuck	00	01	00
Sold Mr. Weller a ground end about 5 foote of timber	00	03	04
Receaved of Thomas Worsley for his yeares rent due at the feast of the Annunciaton 1664 the 30th May 1664	02	10	00
Receaved of Thomas Worsley for his yeares rent due at Lady day 1665	02	10	00
And receaved of Alexander Rottenbridge for his 3 yeares rent due at Lady day 1665 at £5.10.0 per ann	16	10	00
[Rest of page cut off]	24	04	04

The Layings out of the Said George Hooper are as followeth

	£	s	d	
1662 Impres spent at the crowne at our election	00	02	06	
Paid Mr Frances Skeffington for one tone & 39 foote of Timber bought to repaier the wassing staiers & grates	01	13	00	
item paed Stephen Denton for cariage of one load of the Same timber 4s 6d & to Wm Wassh for carieing the other load of the same timber 4s	00	08	06	
Item paed to James Sharlock & Wm Hall for sawing 300 foote into plancks & other stuff	00	09	00	
Paid them for emptieing the sawepitt	00	00	06	
pd David Sharlock and Richard Sharlock for six daies & an halves worke by them don in mending the said wassing staiers & grates	01	06	00	
given for help to put in the peece of timber over the grates	00	00	06	
Paid for beer at David Richardsons for the masons when they mended his bridge	00	01	02	
paid to Wm Walter for 2 substedies	00	08	00	
paid to Henry Barton for 2 substedies	00	08	00	
paid to old Mr Weller for St Andrews Ayde at the Court 12 Octobris 1664	01	00	00	
June 24th paid Thomas Fry & John Crowcher for drawing and 1665 squaring 20ty loads of stone	01	03	00	
July 8th Paid to Richaerd Legatt for 8 daies worke	00	16	00	
1665 Paid George Burgees Snr for 6 daies worke	00	12	00	
Paid George Burgees Jnr for 7 daies worke & for 2 laborers 1 Fower daies & half 4s 6d & the other 3 daies 2s spend on them	00	14	00	
July 4th paid Thomas Fry for drawing 4 load of stones more & 9:13:10 hewing off the Rubbish	00	04	06	
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1665	paed to Richard Leggatt for 6 dais worke thes weeke	00	12	00
Saturday	To George Burgess Snr for the like	00	12	00
July 15th	To George Burgess Jnr for the like	00	12	00
	To Thomas Wenner for five daies worke	00	05	00
	To Goodman Coyfe for 6 daies worke	00	06	00
	To Thomas Latter for 6 daies worke	00	04	00
	Spent on them	00	00	04
July 29th	paid to William Wassh for a load of Lyme and cariage			
1665	thereof	01	04	00
	Paid him for xi Loads of sand	00	16	00

9. 13.10	Paid to John Bassett for cariage of 24 loads of stone from Culverden quarry to the lower bridge	04	16	00
9. 19.4	Paid to Mr. Downes for those 24 loads of stone	00	12	00
August 9th 1665	paid to Richard Sharlock for setting of 3 stumps & amending the Clappers	00	03	06
	for a planck 5 foot in length	00	00	10
9.13.10	for the said 3 stumps & one short stump	00	01	06
10.6. 8	for 3 stumps more	00	01	06
20.0. 6	Item paid for new bottomming of wheat seive wch was used sifting the sand	00	01	04

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Nicholas Brookeshead hath received for 3 yeares rent due for the Towne
Lands in the occupacon of Thomas Brasier and Richard Wood the sum
of £22.10 which 3 yeares ended at Lady day 1665 and Thomas Brasier
payd £5:10s p annum and Richard Wood iiii p annum in all

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The disbursements of Nicholas Brokesede are as followeth:
Imprimis due to the Said Nicholas uppon his last accompt

£ s d
00 04 10

1662	spent when he gave up is last accompt	00	03	06
	for dowble 10d nailes	00	00	02
	for spikes for the staiers at the great Bridge	00	02	04
	for spikes for the plancks there	00	02	00
	for more spikes 8d & 1s	00	01	08
	for a planck & 2 grpes of yron for the clappers	00	02	02
	for 4 plates of yron weight 5lbs for the Clappers	00	01	08
	for nailes & brads for the plates	00	00	09
3d Bridge	paid to Nic: & Coyfe for sewing the water under the 3d bridge	00	05	00
	paid to Wm Marlow to goe to Ramherst	00	00	03
	for 14 Busshells of Lyme used about that bridge	00	07	00
	paid to Cob for removeing stones there	00	01	02
	paid to Goodwife Richardson for beere for the masons	00	01	04
	paid to Burgees for his worke there	00	09	04
	paid to Rich: Legat for his worke there	00	09	04
	To Thomas Wenham their Laborer	00	04	04
	paid to young Coyfe for removing the stones & helping about the bayes	00	00	09
	paid to Goodman Brasier for sand	00	02	00
	paid to [?] Wykes for fetching of stones	00	02	00
	paid to David Richardson for the use of bords	00	00	06

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	for Brads & mending an yron for the clappers	00	00	04
	for yrons & brads for the clappers	00	02	04
	for a planck for the clappers	00	01	04
	paid to Mr. Weller for 2 yeares for St. Andrews Ayde vizt for 1662 & 1663	02	00	00
	for spikes for the Railes at the great River	00	00	04
5:6:5	for a staple used there	00	01	00
22th of	paid for 5 daies worke don by Richard Legat	00	10	00
July 1665	To Geo. Burgees Snr. for 5 daies & an half worke	00	11	00
about the	To Geo. Burgees Jnr. for the like	00	11	00
Lower	To Thomas Latter their boy for 5 daies	00	03	04
Bridge	To John Coyfe for 4 daies	00	04	00
	To Thomas Wenner for half a day spent on them in beere	00	00	06
July 29th	paid Rich: Legat for 5 daies work	00	10	00
1665	To Geo: Burgees Snr for the like	00	10	00
	To Geo: Burgees Jnr for the like	00	10	00
	To Tho: Wenner for the like	00	05	00
	to John Coyfe for 2 daies & an half spent on them	00	02	06
4. 1. 10	To Latter their boy for 3 daies worke	00	02	00
5th of	paid George Burgees Jnr for 4 daies worke and a half	00	09	00
August	To Richard Legatt for the like	00	09	00
1665	To old Burgees for one day an half	00	03	00
	To Thoomas Wenner for 1 day & half	00	01	06
	To their boy	00	03	00
1. 6. 0.	Spent on them	00	00	06
total huc				
10:14:3				

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1665	Paid George Burgees Snr for 5 daies worke	00	10	00
Saterdag	paid Richard Legat for 4 daies & half	00	09	00
August	paid to George Burgees Jnr for 4 daies worke	00	08	00
12th	paid Thomas Wenner for 4 daies & an halves worke	00	04	06
	paid John Coyfe for 4 daies worke	00	04	00
	spent then uppon them in beere	00	01	00
Saterdag	paid Richard Legat for 5 daies & an half worke	00	11	00
August	paid George Burgeis Snr for 6 daies worke	00	12	00
19th	paid Geo: Burgeis Jnr fo 5 daies worke	00	10	00
	paid Thomas Wenner for 4 daies	00	04	00
10:14:3	spent on them	00	01	00
3: 15:6	paid John Coyfe for 1 day	00	01	00

Total huc 14:9:9

	paid to Richard Legatt for 8 daies worke	00	16	00
Saterday	paid to George Burgees Jnr for 11 daies and an half	01	03	00
September	paid to George Burgees Snr for 2 daies worke	00	04	00
17th	paid Tho: Wenner for 6 daies worke	00	06	00
1665	& to their boy for 7 daies & and an half worke	00	05	00
	Item for yron bolte for the Lower Bridge			
	66lbs the weight whereof in all is 6 lbs	00	16	06
	Item for 24 busshells of Lyme	00	12	00
	For a Grindstone	00	01	00
	given to the stone carrier man to drink	00	01	06
	For the nayles spikes and brads to amend the clappers	00	02	10
7:19:10	Item paid to Mr Weller for 48 court load of stones had out of the castle	02	08	00
14: 9: 0	Item paid John James for cariage thereof	01	04	00

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Nicholas Brookeshead hath receaved by the 3 years rent of Thomas Brasier & Richard Wood due at Lady day 1665	22	10	00
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Hee hath disbursed	22	09	07
soe hee is in Purs only	00	00	05

George Hooper hath receaved as before appeareth	24	04	04
hee hath disbursed as before apeareth	20	01	10

[Inserted in a different hand] Remaineth yn his hands	04	02	06
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(Original hand)			
Whereof was spent at this meeting by the said George Hooper	00	05	00
Soe rest	03	17	06

Which £3:17s:6d remayning in the hands of the said George Hooper and the 5d remayning in the hands of the said Nicholas Brookeshead was paid into the hands of Geroge Petley and the said Geroge Petley and Stephen Putland are elected wardens for the Towne lands of Tonridge for three yeares to commence from Lady day last and Mr Thomas Weller is elected their Supervisor and the accompts of the said Geroge Hooper and Nicholas Brooeshead were seene aproved and allowed of by us the xxviiiith day of September Anno Dni 1665 publique warning being given of this meeting the Sunday before in the Church.

Joh: Stileman, Geo Petley, Thomas Weller, Richard Roots.

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Md. that 2 parcells of meadow conteyning by estimiacion three acres and one parcell of land arable conteyning by estimation Tenne acres adioyning to the posterne hearth parcell of the Towne lands are demised to Thomas Brasier for 12 yeares to commence from Michaelmas 1665 at the yearly rent of sixe pounds by Leas in writing wch rent Geroge Petley is to receave and hath that Same Leas in Custody Md. that 3 peeces or parcells of land conteyning by estimiacion sixteene acres parcell of the towne lands are

demised to Alexander Rottenbridge Jnr for the 12 years to commence from Michmas 1665 at the yearly rent of Sixe pounds by Leas in writing: wch rent Stephen Putland is to receave & hath the Same Leas in his custody

Md. that by Leas bearing date the 18th October 1665 one parcell of land parcell of the Said Towne lands conteyning about 5 acres lying nere Haisden in Tonbridge was demised by George Petley and Stephen Putland wardens to Thomas Worsley for 12 years from Michmas 1665 at the yearly rent of 55s only it is agreed that during the Life of the Said Thomas Worsley hee is to pay only 50s which Rent Stephen Putland is to receave & hath the Same Leas in custody

Md. that by leas bearing date the 18th of October 1665 one parcell of meadow conteyning 2 acres or thereabouts adioyning to Brightfay and the Cottons in Tonbridge aforesaid is demised by George Petley and Stephen Putland wardens to Richard Wood for 12 years from Michmas 1665 at the yearly rent of 45s which rent Geroge Petley is to receave & hath the Same leas in custod

[End of page and the well written entries of George Hooper]

The account of George Petley one of th Towne Wardens made & given upp
the second day October 1671

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Item he chargeth himselfe with the receipt of one half yeers Rent due from.....£.....s.....d	
Thomas Brasier at Michas 1665.....	02.....15.....00
Item of one halfe yeare from Richard Wood then due.....	01.....00.....00
Item with the receipt of 3-17-11 from George Hooper & Nichklas Broxhead last Wardens	03.....17.....11
Item with the receipt of [deletion] yeers one half Rent due from Thomas Brasier at [deletion] Lady day 1668 at [?] p Annum.....	15.....00.....00
Item with the receipt of two yeers & an halfe Rent due from Richard Wood.....	05.....12.....06
.....
Sum total of his receipts.....	28.....05.....05

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Item paid for one yeer St Andrews Ayde at St Andrews 1664.....	01.....00.....00
Item pd by him for 26 loads of Stones.....	06.....10.....00
It pd in pte for 21 loades more.....	02.....15.....00
Bread and beer for the carriers.....	00.....19.....07

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Item paid in pte for paving 1146 yards at 3d pr yd 1666.....	07.....06.....06
ltn pd in pte for carriage of 185 load at 5d ye load gravell ye remans[?].....	02.....00.....00
Item pd in pte for paving in the yeer 1668.....	07.....10.....04
Item pd George Burges for worke.....	00.....04.....00
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Total disbursed is.....	28.....05.....05....

And his accompte is even

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The Accompt of Stephen Putland the other Towne
Warden made and given upp the thirteenth day of October 1671

Item Received of Thomas Worsley for 4 yeeres Rent & an haffe			
due at Michas 1669 at 50s p Annum	11	05	00
Item of Alexander Rottenbridge for one halfe yeer Rent due at Mich 1665.....	02	15	00
Item more of him for five yeere & an halfe due at Lady day 1671 at £6 per Annum.....	33	00	00
Item of William Head for three yeeres Rent due at Ladyday 1671 at £6 per Annum.....	18	00	00
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Total of his Receipts.....	65	00	00
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The Disbursmts. Of Steven Putland are as followeth

Imprimus	Payd George Burgies and his Sunn for paveing			
January	the Bridg at Whitesenden Stille and the fowerth Bridg			
1665	and a hole near the Clapers two days apeece.....	00	08	00
	Wm. Wash 5 load of sand.....	00	07	06
23 April	Henry Allen in part for 21 load of stones.....	02	10	00
1666	Spent at the Bull with them.....	00	00	10
	Robert Turner for 2 Ramers.....	00	02	06
	paid John Carter in part for paveing 1146 yds at 3d.....	07	00	00
	Spent on the pavers at times.....	00	01	06
	paid Mr Weller for 185 load of gravill at 3d ye load.....	02	06	03
	pd John Banester for his Carying it & removing			
	Stones in part at 5d ye load.....	02	00	00
29 April	paid Geroge Burgeis 3 dayes woorke & his man 3			
1667	dayes ½ mending Bridg at Whitesenden Stile.....	00	09	11
	In beer on them.....	00	00	10
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	15	07	04

[Witsenden Stile is probably where the path from the Great bridge to the Postern crossed the the Botany Stream (the old main river) at Strawberry Vale-"Wichenden"]

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	Paid to Nicholas Brookshead for 16 Bushells of lime	00	08	00
	for two speeks	00	00	03
	paid Wm. Wash for on load Sand an Carying on load			
	Stones	00	02	06
	paid to Tho. Brayser for Carying Stones out of the			
	Castle	00	02	09
	paid David Richardson for 2 posts to set at that			
	Bridg	00	01	00
	paid Georg Burgies for Taking Stones out of the River	00	00	06
12th	In expence at the Bull 6d and with the pavers at other			
October	times 18	00	02	00

1688	pd John Carter in pt for his paveing 954 yds at 3d	04	09	00
	Alowed for Carying his Tolles twice	00	06	00
	pd Mr Weller for 136 load of gravill and Caryadg at 8d	04	10	08
	paid Nich: Brookshead for the use of his sledg for ye pavers	00	01	00
November	paid David Shearlock and his son for felling and hewing			
1670	and framing the washing place and mending ye clappers at 3/4d			
	per day and 8d for woork over on Night	03	07	04
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November	Payd to James Shearlocke & his Brother Richard			
1670	for sawing 760 foot at 3s per C	01	02	09
	Edging alogg 20 foot at 1½d	00	02	06
	Making A Sawpitt and felling it up againe	00	02	00
	paid them for A dayes work and better apeece to			
	healp David Shearlocke	00	04	00
30 December	paid William Wash for Carying this Timber out of			
1670	the Town lands and removing it from on place to			
	An other – 9 load	01	10	00
	Carying 6 load of Stones and diging them	00	06	00
	paid for Bear in all this woork at 3 times	00	04	00
	paid to John Burch for the Spiks and nayles for the			
	washing place & Clapers as appeareth by his Bill	01	17	08
July	paid to Georg Burgies for mending the 2 and 3			
1671	Brdgs and Lime and Sand	00	05	00
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		05	13	11

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25 September	Payd to Thomas Martin for A pick Axe: 10lb wayt	00	03	06
1671	payd for putting in the hand1	00	00	03
	paid Georg Burgeis and Tho: Corke for Carying			
	the Clappers out of the floud	00	00	06
	paid Mr Weller for 26 load of Stones and			
	Caryadg at 2s 6	03	05	00
	paid for Adays worke to King	00	01	00
	paid to Mr Weller for 6 years St Andrews Ayd			
	ending at St Andrew last past	06	00	00
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		09	10	03
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	Total expended	44	02	06
	Wch deducted out of the Rents	65	00	00
	Remained in this accomptants hands	20	17	06

Item he is charged with the Receipt of 19s 3d of Richard Wood Rent wch was laid out about the Rails at the Great River Soe he accompteth for that	00	00	00
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Stephen Putland paid to William Freeman and Edward Moyce the next Wardens the Sume of	20	10	00
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and he paid for the expences of this meeting	00	07	06
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Soe his accompts are even

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A note what is now in the tennants hands this 13th day of October 1671
and to be received by the next Wardens

Itm primus owinge from Richard Wood for 3 yeeres & an halfe Rent at 2-5-0 per Annum due at Mich '71 7-17-6 of expended as on the other Side 0-19-3 So Remin in his hands	06	18	03
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Itm owinge from Moses Bennett for 2 yeeres due at Mich 1671 at 2-15-0 per Annum	05	10	00
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Item owinge from William Head for half a yeere due at Mich 1671	03	00	00
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Item owinge from Alex Rottenbridge for halfe a yeere due at Mich 1671 out of wch he is to be allowed for a gate 5s	03	00	00
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18	08	03
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Item there is tenn loads of Sande in the hands of Roger Strange wch cost at least	00	10	10
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Item there is delivered to Edweard Moyce the next Warden one Rammer
and a picsax cost 3s 6d for the publics use

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Mdd That William Freeman & Edward Moyce are chosen Wardens for three yeere insuing & Edward Moyce
receaved of Stephen Putland 10-5-0 & William Fereeman receaved of Stephen Putland 10-5-0
And Will Freeman is to receive the Rent due & to grow due from William Head and Richard Wood
And Edward Moyce is to receive the Rent due & to grow due from Alex Rottenbridge & Moses Bennett

These accmpts were perused & approved the xiiith day of October 1671 by us

Thomas Weller,	William Grigge,	Geo. Hooper,
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Thomas Johnson,	Alex Rottenbridg,	Will Freeman,
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[Edward M obliterated] Edw E Moyce [his mark].

[The "E" represents the mark of Edward Moyce]

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The accompt of Mr Edward Kent and Robert Wybarne the two wardens of the Townelands made the 11th day of January Anno Domini 1686 touching all their Receipts and disbursements concerning the Towne lands in Tonbridge from the Feast of St Michael tharchangell Anno Domini 1681 until the Feat of St Michael tharchangell 1686 being five years

Imprimis Mr. Edward Kent chardgeth himself with the Sume of 11:19:00 received of William Freeman one of the former wardens remayingn uppon his account	11	19	00
Item with £30 received of Mr. Weller for 5 years rent for part of the said Towne Lands ended at Michaelmas 1686 a viL per annum in all	30	00	00
and of Mr. John Wood for the other part of the said Towne lands for 5 year at £2:5s per annum ended Michas 1686 in all	11	05	00
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So his whole charge is	53	04	00

The disbursements of the said Mr. Kent are as follows

Imprimis paid for bringing of 118 loads of stones at 6s. Per load inn part £25:8s – and £10 the residue was paed by Ro: Wibarne	25	08	00
Item paed in part for paveing of 2284 yards at 2½d per yard for bringingthe pavers' tooles & casting up of drift sand this was paed by Ro: Wibarne	12	00	00

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Item paed to John Bannister for carrieing of sand and other worke by him don as by his bill apeareth in all	06	04	04
Item oaud William Johnson in part of his bill for worke don in amending clappers	07	01	06
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37.08.00	Soe Mr. Kent hath disbursed in all	50	13	10
13.0510		<hr/>		
	Soe he hath in hand	02	10	02

50.1310

Item paed for necessaey chardges expended by the said Mr. Kent	01	00	00
So resteth yet in his hands which he paid into the hands of	01	10	02

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Robert Wibarne the other of the Said wardens hath in chardge which he recd of Moses Bennett for rent in arreare & due before Michas 1681	01	15	06
Item he hath in charge for 5 yeares rent due and ended at Michas 1686 of Moses Bennett at 50s p an: abating 5d for a Militia tax	12	09	07
Item with xxxL for 5 yeares rent recd of William Wallis & John Rogers at 6L oer abb ebbed at Michas 1686	30	00	00
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So he hath reced in all	44	05	01

The disbursements of the Said Robert Wibarne are as followeth

Impris paed George Burgeis for laying stones	00	01	06
To Edward Sharpe for 2 load of stones	00	05	00
To George Burgeis for mending the bridges	00	05	00
For lime & other things used about the bridges	00	07	06
For sand for Edward Roase	00	01	06
paed in making an accompt with Moses Bennet	00	02	06
for shovelling up the drift sand	00	03	00
for bread and beer for the Stone pavers	02	09	02
for yron worke about the clappers	00	18	00
for more yron wworke to John Baldock	01	08	09

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paed toward bringing the stones	10	00	00
paed toward paveing	12	03	10
paed to Wm Johnson for mending the clappers at the washing place	00	06	10
for a load of stones & a load of sand used at the bridge	00	02	06
for 300 bricks used about the bridges	00	06	00
for Hookes used at the clappers	00	00	04
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So he hath dispursed in all 35 04 07

06.01.11
29.00.02
35.04.07

So he hath yet in his hand 09 00 06

which he pd to Tho. Overy & Edward Overy: These accmpt were
Seene allowed and approved by the 11 day of January Anno Dni
1686 bu us

Thomas Weller, Hen. Saxby,
Edward Overy, John Rogers,
Geo Hooper and others.

The mark of Thomas "O" Oliver,
William muggeridge,

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Md that Thomas Oliver and Edward Overy are elected wardens for the saed Towne lands for three yeares which did commence from Michas Anno dni 1686

And the Said Thomas Oliver did receive of Robert Wybarne the 11th January 1686: of the Said £9:00s:06 in Robert Wybarne hands	05	00	06
and the Saed Edward Overy did receive of the Said Robert Wyborne the resedue of the Said £9:00:06 vizt	04	00	00
And the Said Edward Overy recd of Mr Kent the money remayning his hand vizt and Thomas Oliver is to receive the rents of the Towne lands in the occupation of Mr. Weller and William Eldridge being £vi p ann	01	10	02

and the rent of the land in the occupation of Mr John Wood bein
£5 per ann

And Edward Overy is to receive the rent of the Towne lands in the occupation of John Rogers & late of
William Wallis at £vi per ann

and the rent of the land in the occupation of Moses Bennett
being at £8 p an

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Md on the 9th day of January Anno Dni 1691 Thomas Oliver & Edward Overy wardens of the towne lands
passed and gave up their Accompt as followeth

The Said thomas Oliver Recd of Robert Wybarne the last warden and for 5 yeares Rent ended at Michas 1691 of Mr Weller 3 yeares rent at £6 per anno & the 2 last yeares at £7 per ann in all	05	00	06
and of Mr John Wood for 3 yeares at 45s and the 2 last yeares at 50s in all	32	00	00
	11	15	00

Soe he had in chardge	48	15	06
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Edward Overy Recd of the former Wardens as before is specified	05	10	02
He Received of John Rogers for the first 3 yeares as Rent £16 and he rcd of him for the two last yeares rent taxes allowed £1:16:0d	18	00	00
He rcd of Moses Bennett for 5 yeares rent ended at Michas 1691 12:10:0 out of which allowed for taxes 18s 1½d Soe recd	14	04	00
	11	11	10½

Soe his whole chardge is	49	06	00½
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Thomas Oliver hath disbursed as followeth	£	s	d
Paed to Thomas Baldwin & William Coppinger for stones at 6s per load	15	18	00
paed to the Pavors at ii½ per yard	11	10	06
paed to William Dan for carrying gravell and other worke	04	10	00
for 291 load of gravell & digging at 4d per load	04	17	00
Paed to David Sharlock as by bill apeareth for mending the			
Clappers and Stares at the washing place	01	17	06
Item to John Piper for sawing	01	06	04
Item to Thomas Martin for nailes & Yron	00	03	02
Item paed to John Banester for Stones	00	13	06
for felling of two tree	00	02	00
& for digging a saw pit & mending a bridge	00	02	00
for shovelling up gravell at the great Bridge and at the mill	00	06	00
Pd William Dudson for mending the 4th bridge	00	05	00
for lime and sand	00	03	00
for a Rammer for the Pavors	00	02	06
for carrying 3 load timber	00	07	06
for Hookes Rides nailes & Spikes	00	02	02
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tot disbursed	42	06	02
So he hath in his hands	06	09	04

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Edward Overy hath disbursed as followeth

Imprimis for stones to Thomas Baldwin and William Coppinger	15	18	00
Item to the Pavors for there worke	11	19	11
Item to John Banester for small stones & spreading	01	15	08
Item to Henry Downs? for small stones	00	12	06
Item for taking stones out of 2 Rivers	00	03	00
for bringing the Pavors tooles	00	04	00
for bread & beer to the carriers & other expenses to the workemen	03	04	02
Item paid to John Luck for iron worke about the washing place	00	07	10
spent at this accompts given up	00	05	00
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Total disbursed	38	18	07
Soe he hath in hands by this accompt	10	07	07
and he hath in his hands for stones sold to William Freeman	00	03	03
So he hath in hands in all	10	10	10
Thomas Oliver being in purse as aforesaid	06	09	04
pade the same to Thomas Johnson the succeding Warden Edward Overy			
being in purs as aforesaid	10	10	10

These accompts were seene perused and allowed the 9th January 1691 by us
 Thomas Weller, Tho Johnson, John Wood, William Johnson, Geo Hooper.

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John Wood hath disbursed as followeth

August 1692	paid to Thomas Page for masons work at the 2nd bridge	07	03	09
October 92	more paid to Thomas Page for worke at the 4th bridge	03	00	00
October 25	It more paid to Page for worke at the [second deleted] 4th bridge	02	10	00
Dec 92	It more [paid for work done deleted] paid to page for worke at the second bridge	02	00	00
	It paid Henry Dennis for 22 Loade of stones £2:11:4 and for spreading 1s-8d	02	13	00
July 1693	It paid for 4 Loade of Stones from the parsonage to pave with	01	05	04

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1693	It paid for Taxes for Towne Lands	00	04	00
	It paid Silvester for paving in part 1106 yards	06	00	00
	It paid for fower Taxes	00	04	00
	It paid for 86 Load of gravell and carrying	05	07	07

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1694	It paid for twenty Load of Stones that were bought of Mr. Dallison	06	00	00
	It paid for five dayes worke for Two men and a Court	00	12	06
1695	It paid to Dennis for stones & for carrying & spreading	02	16	00
	It paid to John Hooker for 10 load of Stones [Expensive! Were they ashlar from the Castle?]	03	00	00
	It paid to Tho White for 2 dayes worke & spreading of stones	00	02	00
1696	It paid Henry Dennis for 33½ Load of Stones 95 and 96	04	03	09
1697	It paid to page at severall times for worke at the Lower bridge	13	02	06
	It paid to Edmund Dudson for worke	00	05	04
	It paid to Thomas White for worke	00	09	00
	It paid for Two men & a Cart	00	02	06
	It paid Dennis for 24 Loade of Stones	03	00	00
	It paid to John Wilkins? For A Mathooke	00	06	03
	It paid for 3 yeares Taxes	00	12	10

[Added un the same hand as before]
Disbursed in all being £64:19:05

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Thomas Johnson has disburst as followeth

Oct 92	To Thomas page for worke att the 4th bridge	06	00	00
Dec 92	It to him for worke at the 3rd bridge for 97 foot	04	03	09
	And for 48 foot at the west side the 4th bridge	03	00	00
	paid him more for worke at the Second & Third bridges	00	10	00

13	13	09
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1694	Paid page for mending 104 foot at 3rd bridge	06	10	04
	and 40 foot of old worke thereabouts	01	13	04
1695	paid him for 64 foot at the 4th bridge	03	15	00
Oct 97	paid more for worke at the 3rd bridge 12 and more			
	for work done there	01	04	02
	paid him for work at the lower bridge	15	01	00
91	paid for carrying of Stones out of the River	00	01	00
93	paid Mrs Miller for Stones	00	06	00
	paid Will Dutson for paveing worke	01	15	00
93	paid Tho Martin for worke at the clappers	00	02	01
94	paid John Luck for worke at the same place	00	01	06
	paid Tho Sammon for work 1s and James Walter 1-4d	00	02	04
	paid Silvester in part for paveing 1106 yards	05	14	00
	And gave his servants	00	02	06

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	paid Wid Simmons for bread and beare for the stone carriers	00	19	02
	paid John Wheeler for Twenty Loade of paveing stones	06	00	00
	paid John Luck for work at the clappers	00	02	06
	more paid him and John Brookeshead	00	01	06
1695	paid to James Walter for worke	00	01	08
	paid John Luck for work at the clappers	00	01	00
	paid Brookeshead for worke & lime	00	02	10
	paid Will Dutson for paveing Bets causeway	00	06	04
96	paid Robt Cheeseman for spreading of stones	00	01	06
	paid Tho White for worke	00	01	00
	paid John Luck for mending the clappers	00	00	07

	paid Will Camrel for carrying of Stones & gravell	00	09	06
97	paid Will Johnson for Timber at the bridge foot and Clappers	00	13	08
	paid John Luck for mending the clappers	00	01	00
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		43	11	02
	paid for carrying the pavers tooles 2.6		02	06
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		43	13	08
58:08:03	Thomas Johnson recd aforesaid			
57:14:01	in all 058:08:03			
	Spent upon giving up these accounts	00	06	08
00:14:02		<hr/>		
		44	00	04
		13	13	09
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	disbured in all	57	14	01
	Rests in hand	00	14	02
	which he paid to Thos Orton			
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	M John Wood having in charge as aforesaid in all	67	10	10
	He hath disbursed as aforesaid	64	19	05
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	Rests in his hands	02	11	05
	[Squeezed in later] Which he hath paid to George Hooper the 8th of May 1699			

2nd of Jul y 1698 These accompts were seen and allowed by us.

[The space usually occupied by signatures is blank, and although it is George Hooper's account, the writing is untidy and careless with words and figures overwritten and altered]

George Hooper and Thomas Orton were elected Towne Wardens at the Court Leete held at Michas 1697 for 3 yeares.

Geo Hooper is to receive the rent of John Rogers for the lands in lease to him at £08 p anno and of M ["Henry Saxby the" deleted and overwritten] Mrs Mary Wood the Rent ["at Haisden" deleted] for the land in her hand at £2 10s p anno

Thomas Orton the rent of Mr Thoms Weller at £7 p anno

And of ["John Wood" deleted] Mr. Christofer Dobson his rent at £2.10 p Anno

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[The two following pages are almost illegible with words and lines crossed out and overwritten. What follows may not be accurate in all details]

	£	s	d
George Hooper received of Wm. Wood the money in her hands upon the old accomp	02	11	05
the 8 th of May 1699 I he received of Wm Wood one yeares rent due at Michas last 1698 pt & outset for taxes 4s	02	06	00
29th July 1699 received of John Rogers in money £10 11s 6d & outset 6d in tax & five taxes at 4s 6 p tax in full for one year & a half rent due at our Lady day last recd	10	11	06
6th of December 1699 Received of John Sharlock for Three woods? of timber felld from the Towne Lands	05	00	00
2[?]th of February 1699 Received of John Rogers £3.11s & allowed 9s for 2 taxes for his half years rent due at Michas last	03	11	00
The 20th of May 1700 I rcd of Mrs Wood 48s & outset 2s for taxes for her yeares Rent due at Michas last past	02	08	00
The 1st of November 1700 received of John Eastland Four pounds & Sevn shillings & outset 5s taxes in full of his whole years rent for the rest of the field last occupied? By John Rogers due at Michas last	04	10	00
Then also recd of Richard Mills Fifty and five shillings & outset 5s for the taxes for the half years rent due for the other field at Michas last	02	15	00
The 23 of July 1701 I Received of Mr. Joseph Gouldsmith for one years & a half rent for the field lett to Mr. Wood £3.12s and outset 3s for taxes due last Lady day	03	12	00
The 27th Feb 1701 I recd of John Eastland Four pounds Ten shillings & Richard Mills Two pounds fifteen shillings and outset 15s & taxes for this years rent due at Michas last	07	05	00
The 20th of October 1702 recd of Richard Mills Fifty and three shillings & outset 7s for taxes for his rent due last Michas02	02	13	00

[Note in margin] More recd by him two leaves forwards.

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28th of Dec 98

George Hooper paid for picking & cariage of Two loads of small stones laid upon the Bridges	00	04	00
for carriage of Two loads from John Surreys and spreading them on the bridges	00	01	00

26th March 99

for 2 loads of small stones had of Nathaniel Barchell	00	04	00
for two loads of gravel & sand	00	01	00
[lines deleted]			
paid Richard Bennett one day throwing	00	02	00
paid Richard Sharelock 2 daies felling	00	03	00
for drawing the tymber to the Sawpitt & carying in the same	00	05	00

2nd June 99

paid John Sharelock for cravill	01	00	00
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14th July

paid Nicholas Silvester for paveying of 843 yards in the Towne	08	15	06
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spent upon the paviours & others about measureing there worke	00	02	06
Six daies & half with one coart & two men removing and spreading Rubbish	00	19	06
for carrying of 47 loads of Gravell from John Sharlocks	00	11	09
for digging & carrying of six loads of Gravell from John Arrowes pitt	00	03	00
paid Thomas Earl? For saweyers work for the Gates railes & planks	01	02	00
6th of December 1699			
paid John Sharlock foar daies worke & six daies for his man at the Greate bridge & felling the tymber	01	05	00
paid Thomas Martin for Smiths worke about the Gates & railes [lines deleted]	00	03	11
£1.5s The 18th of March 1699 paid John Arrow for his work in postern field	blot		
paid John Wells for carying 48 loads of Gravell & some stone & Rubbish	01	00	00
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The 3rd May 1700	I paid John Eastland for carrying 26 loads of stone at 7s. 6d load each load being 35 hundred weight Then paid David Sharlock for making and hanging of Two Gates for John Eastland & Richard Mills and one for Mr. Dobson In all	09	15	00
29th Sbr 1700	paid John Wells for Tenn Waggon Loads of small stone And for fetching Timber from Lodge Oak	03	10	00
18th June 1700	for a Coart and Two Men Five daies carying laying & spreading those stones and several loads of sand For Tenn load of Gravill from Davis	01	02	00
10th August	for one load of Tymber caried from Lodge Oak to the Lower River paid John Sharlock Dvd Sharlock Robert Warden & Ed Page one days worke apeece there For 22 spikes there used & at the clappers	00	02	00
24th of July 1701	paid Wm Hartridge for the cariage of 26 loads of stones from Igtham to the Towne 35 hundred weight paid John Bellingham and John Tigipott? for casting up Gravell at the horse wash & mill For a new Rammer 1st Sbr paid Wm Hartridge for one load of hard stone & 36 loads of Gravell for 3 daies with a Coart removing Rubish	09	15	00
		00	06	00
		00	02	00
		01	06	00
		00	09	00
37.14.08				

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17s	For 14 loads of Gravel & cariage For Seventy seven loads of Gravell caried by George Olliver	00	blot	
23 of Sbr	paid Sam piles for drink for the carriers of the stone	01	08	06
		00	11	06

1701				
26th of February	paid John Eastland for cariage of Eighteen loads of stone used last anno 35 hundred	06	15	00
1702				
24th of August	for Three Rails & worke & nailes	00	02	00
	for halfe a Loade of lyme	00	12	06
	For 7 Loads of Stone & carriage at 6s 6d	02	05	06
	For carying & spreading Three loads of small stones from Mrs. Surreys	00	02	06
1702				
The 10th of October	paid Thomas Luckhurst and Thomas Walter for five daies work at the Cage	00	16	08
	for one daies work with a Coart	00	03	00
	For half a day more	00	01	06
	For cariage from John Sharlocks of Two load of sand	00	01	06
	Paid John Wells for loads of sand	00	02	06
	Spent upon the workemen at the Cage and for the cariage of the stones	00	03	06
	For 200 & 14 foot of tymber 50 foote of board the doore rofe window & Eves boards	01	06	00
	For Fower daies work to thomas Luckhurst & Thomas Waller	00	13	04
	For Five Bushells of haire to Ms Puxley	00	03	04
	For sixe Coart loads of small stones to Robert Olliver paid	00	15	00
	For making a Lease to Mr Dobson only which he did not sign	00	08	00
16:17:10	Disbursed in all	62	11	02
0 2 6				
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17 08 4				
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	George Hooper having Received in all Sixty Fower pounds & Eleaven pence	64	00	11
	He hath disbursed as aforesead in all Sixty two pounds Eleaven shillings and Twopence	62	11	02
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	Rests in his hands nine & twenty shillings and nine pence	01	09	09
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16 18 0				
64 0 11	Geo Hooper [weak shaky signature]			

[The "2 leaves forewards" referred to earlier now follow]

	£	s	d
George Hooper Received more			
Rcd of John Eastland the 3rd of November 1702 his yeares rent for the Town land due at Michas last past 14s allowed for taxes	04	06	00
The 7th ditto Rcd of Johseph Gouldsmith his yeares & an halfe rent due last Michas allowed 5s for taxes	03	10	00
The 22th of November 1703 Rent of Mr. Joseph Gouldsmith six & Fourty shillings & outsett foure shillings for Taxes for his yeares rent due last Michas	02	06	00
The 26th Ditto Recd of John Eastland Foure pounds foure shillings & outset 16s for taxes for his yeares rent due last Michas	04	04	00
The 7 th Of December 1703 Rcd of Richard Mills Two Pounds Twelve shillings & by tax eight shillings for his yeares rent due last Michas	02	12	00

16:18:00

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1698	Thomas Orton Received of Thomas Johnson the money in his hands	00	14	00
1698	of Mr Henry Saxeby one yeares Rent deducting for taxes 08s	02	02	00
	of Mr Puxley for 16 yards of Tann	00	11	06
	of Mr Thomas Weller one yeares Rent	07	00	00
1699	of Mr Weller his yeares rent	07	00	00
	of Mr Henry Saxby his yeares rent tax outset	02	04	00
1700	of Mr Thomas Weller his yeares Rent	07	00	00
	of Mr Christofer Dobson his yeares rent outsett for taxes 05s	02	05	00
1701	of Mr Weller his yeares rent	07	00	00
	of Mr Dobson outset for taxes 3s 6d	02	06	06
1702	Mr Weller his yeares Rent	07	00	00
	of Mr Dobson his yeares rent deduct 6s 6d	02	03	06
1703	of Mr Weller his yeares Rent	07	00	00
	of Mr Dobson his yeares rent deducted 08s	02	02	02
	Rcd in al	56	08	06

Disbursed by the said Thomas Orton as followeth

1698	Paid Widow Surrey for three loads of small Stone	00	03	00
1699	Paid John Mowcombs For digging of gravell	00	15	00
	Paid Mr. Fern for one & fifty loads of Stone	02	11	00
	Paid John Edwards for paving 619 yards	06	08	06
	[619 inserted in space left for the purpose.			
	At 2½d a yard – should have been 617]			
	for beere for the paviors	00	01	00
	paid Mr. Thomas Weller for cariage of 25 loads of stone each load being 35 hundred weight [figure inserted later – costly ashlar?]	09	10	00
	paid for paveing the Causeway in Mill Lane	00	15	00
	paid Thomas Martin for iron & nailes	00	06	08
	paid David Sharlock for making Turnpicks	00	03	00

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1701	paid the pavior for paving of nine hundred & Fourty yards [at 2½ should be 9.15.10]	09	16	00
	paid George Olliver for digging and Carying of Gravell	02	16	06
	paid Mr. Ferm for Fourty sixe loads of stone	02	06	00
	paid George Sharlock for tymber at the Third Bridge	00	17	00
	paid William Dudson for mending the stonework at the same bridge	00	06	00
	paid Thomas Martin for hookes & rides for a Gate and for Spikes	00	06	06
	And for mending the greate pickes	00	01	00
	paid Goodman Stone for Thirty & one Loads of Stones	01	11	00
1702	paid Widow Surry for three loads of small stones	00	03	00
	paid Thomas Luckhurst mason and his labourer for one weekes worke	01	00	00
	For beere for them	00	00	06
	paid John Sharlock for nine daies worke	00	18	00
	paid him for two loads of Sand	00	02	00
	For beere for them	00	00	06
	paid for fifteen pounds of Lead for the Bridge	00	01	03
	paid Thomas Martin for Lime laths & naile	01	10	00
	paid Mr. Thomas Weller for 2200 of bricks and cariage	01	19	06
	For 500 of tiles	00	07	06
	For 500 of Tiles and cariage	00	08	06
	For 200 of Tiles	00	03	00
	For Sixty Corners thirty five gutters and three Ridge tiles	00	08	05
1703	For beere at setting up the whipping post	00	00	06
20 13 08	Thomas Orton Disbursed in all	45	16	04
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	Thomas Orton having Received as aforesaid	56	08	06
	Hee hath disbursed as aforesaid	45	16	04
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	Soe rests in his hands	10	12	02
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	Which he paid to the new Wardens Nicholas Sharley & John Putland.			
	George Hooper having received as aforesaid	64	00	11
	Hee hath disbursed as aforesaid	62	11	02
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	Rests in his hands	01	09	09
		10	12	02
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[Squeezed in later]		12	01	11
5 – 16 – 0	John Putland received Five pounds & sixteene & Nicholas Sharley £5: 16s			
5 - 16 - 0	And the rest 9s 11d was spent at the giving up these which he also paid to the new Officers			
11 – 12 – 0				

John Putland & Nicholas Sharley elected Towne Wardens at the Court Leete held at Michas 1703
 John Putland is to receive the rents of Mr. Thomas Weller for
 part of the Towne lands which he holdeth at the Rent p Ano £7
 And of Mr. Christofer Dobson for the Towne lands at Haiseden which he holds at p Anno £2 10s 0d
 Nicholas Sharley is to receive the Rents of John Eastland for thee field he holds at Anno £5
 And of Richard Mills for his part £3
 And of Mr. Joseph Gouldsmith for his field £2:10s:00

The 24th of February 1703 These accompts were then seen passed and allowed by us

John Putland,	Thomas Weller,
the mark of Nicholas "N" Sherley,	Wm Head,
Joseph Gouldsmith,	John Shearlock.

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Moneys Recd by John Putland Town Warden		£	s	d
Oct	Recd In hand when I took ye Accompts	05	16	00
1704	Rcd of Richd Mills fo one yrs Rent Due Michas last			
	Outsetting taxes 8s Rcd	02	12	00
Dbr	Recd of John Eastland 5th for one yrs Rent	04	04	00
Mch				
23	Recd of Mr. Dobson £2.2s Outsetting for taxes Recd	02	02	00
1704	Recd of Mr. Joseph Gouldsmith £2. 6s			
	Outsetting taxes 9s Recd in money	02	06	00
1704	Recd of Mr. Weller 1 yrs rent	07	00	00
	(Recd of Mr. Weller 1 yrs Rent	07	00	00
	(Recd of John Eastland 1 yrs Rent	04	04	00
1705	(Recd of Richd Bennitt his Rent taxes 8s	02	12	00
	(Rcd of Mr. Goudlsmith 1 yrs Rent	02	06	00
	(Recd of Nich Frances 1 yrs Rent	02	02	00
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		42	04	00

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Moneys Paid away Upon ye Town Lands Acct by
 John Putland Town Warden

Imp	Paid John Johnson for a Rammer	00	02	00
	pd John Constable for getting stones out of ye River	00	01	06
	Pd John Maddox for spreading of Rubbidge	00	02	00
	Pd ye Pavers In part as by bill apearst	03	01	03
Sept 1704	Spent on ye Pavers & Others at measuring their wk	00	02	00
	Pd Mr. Rogers for Gravell & Removing of Stns	05	17	00
17th	Pd Goodman turner and Weight for Sawing	00	15	00
Oct 1704	Spent on ye Sawyers	00	00	06
Nov 7th	Pd Folio for bringing of Stones from fant	00	09	00
	Pd Maxfeild Gladsell for 19 Load of Stones	15	14	00

Dec 15	Pd John Eastland for bringing of Timber to Town for Use of ye Clapers and dipping place	01	10	00
ye 18th	Pd for drink for themselves	00	01	00
Jan	Pd Geo Olliver for 3 Load of Stones	00	03	00
	Pd Christopr Turner for work	05	02	06
	Pd John Brooksted for Iron Work us'd at ye Clapers and dipping place	02	00	00
Mch 15	Pd Mr. Rogers for Small Stones	00	08	00
Aug 10	Pd for laying ym and gravell yt was got out of ye River	00	02	00
1705	Pd for two Letters	00	00	05
Oct 20	Pd Mr. Molton for boards etc. for ye round house	00	08	06
	Pd Wid. Shearly for moneys disburst by [?]	00	09	03
Jan 21	Pd John Wells for 5 load of Stones	01	15	00
June 10	Pd Christophr Turner for Posts: and Railes	00	17	04
1706	Pd John Madox for getting Stones out of River and Spreading of Rubbidge	00	05	00
June 11	Pd Jonathan Long for 12 Load of Stones	03	16	00
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1706	Recd of Mr. Weller his years Rent	07	00	00
	Recd of John Eastland his yrs Rent deducting taxes 16s rcd	04	04	00
	Recd of Richard Bennitt his yrs Rent deduct for taxes 8/- Rcd in money	02	12	00
	Recd of Mr. Gouldsmith his yrs Rent deduct for taxes 4/- Rcd in money	02	06	00
	Recd of Hugh Banes his yrs Rent deduct for Taxes 8/- Rcd in money	02	02	00
	18.4.00			

1707	Rcd of Mr. Weller one yrs Rent	07	00	00
	Rcd of John Eastland one yrs Rent) deduct for Taxes 16/- Rcd in money)	04	04	00
	Recd of Richd Bennitt one yrs Rent) deduct for Taxes 8/- Rcd in money)	02	12	00
	Recd of Mr. Gouldsmith one yrs Rent) deduct for Taxes 4/- Rcd in money)	02	06	00
	Reced of Hugh Banes one yrs Rent) Deduct for Taxes 8/- recd in money)	02	02	00
	18.4.00	<hr/>		

Due on ye other side	42	04	00
[added later] this side comes to	78	12	00

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	£	s	d
Paid as appears on ye other side	33	02	03
Sept Pd John Larg for paving 1227 yards	15	06	09
1706 Pd John Burgis for 57 Load of Stones`	18	01	00
Pd Mr Rogers for 152 Load of gravell	15	04	00
Pd John Allen for Casting up of Sand and carriage and spreading of Small Stones	03	00	06
Pd Isaac Luckhurst for Copeing Stones	00	10	00
Pd John Eastland for bringing of timber	01	01	00
Pd John Shearlock and Sawyers etc	06	01	00
Pd Christp' Turner for work at ye Clapers	00	07	06
Pd Goodman Martin for iron work	00	06	05
Pd Goodman Bennitt	00	01	00
Pd Thos Walter for casting up of sand and carrying of small Stones & spreading	00	16	04
Pd Widow Surrey for 5 Load of Stones	00	05	00
Pd Henry Arrow for small stones	00	02	00
Pd Wm Dudson and Laboruer for mending ye paveing betwn ye bridges & other places	00	02	06
Expended in getting ye clapers out of ye Medes and att other times	00	05	00
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	94	12	03
Memorandum yt Nicholas Shearly paid ye moneys he recd of ye former Wardens as followeth being	05	16	00
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Paid to Joanes for paveing	03	01	03
Paid to Jonathan Long for Bread & Beer	00	08	-
Paid to John Wells for 3 Load of Stones	01	01	-
Paid to Turner and Wait for Sawing	01	15	-
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whereof John Putland ye other W/n

06.05.03

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Oct	Recd of Hugh Banes 1 yrs Rent Due Michas				
1709	last Outsett Taxes 8/-	Rcd in money	02	02	00
No	Recd of Mr Weller 1 yrs Rent Due Mich last		07	00	00
No	Recd of John Eastland 1 yrs Rent Due Mich last				
	Outsett Taxes 16/-	Rcd in money	04	04	00
No	Recd of Richd Bennett 1 yrs Rent Due Mich last				
	Outsett Taxes	Received	02	12	00
No	Recd of Mr. Gouldsmith 1 yrs rent due Mich Last				
5th	Outsett Taxes 4/-	Recd	02	06	00
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			18	04	00
1708		Recd as appears on ye Other side	78	12	00
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			96	16	00
		Paid as appears on ye other side	94	12	03
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		Rests due	02	03	09
[Added later]					
whereof paid to John Wood £1					
And to Roger Strange £1					
And expended at giving these Accompts					
			00	03	09
John Putland					
[End of page]					

Memd att the Court Leete held at Mich1708 John Wood and Roger Strang were elected Towne Wardens for Three yeares next ensuing

John Wood is to receive Mr Wellers rent	07	00	00
And Mr. Goldsmiths rent	02	10	00
Roger Strange is to receive John Eastlands rent	05	00	00
Richard Bennetts Rent	03	00	00
And Hugh Banes rent	02	10	00

The 4th of March 1708

These Acompts were seen and passed by us

Geo Hooper, Thos Weller, John Wood,
John Brooksted, Roger Strange.

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February 9th 1709

1709	Received of Mr Weller Seaven pounds for a years Rent due at Mich		07	00	00
	November 9th red of good man Bennett		02	12	00
	December 2d Rcd of John Eastland		04	04	00
	December 9d rcd of Hugh Banys		02	02	00
	March ye 21st Received of Mr. Goldsmith		02	06	00
	Received of Christopher Turner for a tree		02	07	00
	Received £1 in hand		01	00	00
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	This all Received by me Roger Strange		21	11	00

November ye 3rd 1710

	Received of Mr Weller	07	00	00
November ye 3d	Receivd of Goodman Bennit	02	12	00
Dec ye 27	Received of Hugh Banes	02	02	00
	Received of Mr Goldsmith	02	06	00
Dec ye 27th	Received of Goodman Eastland	04	04	00
	In all	18	04	00

Received by Roger Strange

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An Account of What I have In 1709	£	s	d
Paid Goodman Burgis for 21 Load of Stones	06	06	00
Paid Daniel Chapman & William Dutson for Work done to the bridges	04	11	11
Paid Goodman Cheesman for Iron done to ye bridges	00	10	07
Paid for Led for the Bridges	00	08	06
Paid for 31 Load of Gravill	03	02	00
Paid Thos Walter for removeing of Stone	00	08	08
Paid Goodman Chapman for 4 postes for ye bridge	00	04	00
paid for bringing of 2 Load of Stones from Rest hall	00	10	00
Paid Goodman Jeffery for bringing of 4 Load of Stones	00	12	00
In June 1709 for new paveing in the Town 247 Yards 3d per yard done by Will Dutson & Daniel Chapman	03	01	09
Paid for bread & bear	00	10	04
Paid Daniel Chapman for mending of pavements	00	02	06
[End of Page] Paid in all by Roger Strange	20	08	03

Nov ye 3d 1710

Paid Goodman Burgis for thirty Load of Stones	09	00	00
November ye 3d paid Thomas Walter for carrying Sand And stones	00	14	08
Nov ye 3d paid to Mr Baker for bread & Bear	00	12	00
Dec ye 27 paid Will Durton & daniel Chapman for 402 yardes and for mending of paveing and meanding ye bridges	05	00	06
Dec ye 27 paide Tho Walter for moveing of stones	00	03	04
Dec ye 27 paide for 80 load of gavel	08	00	00

January ye 15th 1711

6 Load of Gravill	00	12	00
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January ye 16th 1711

Paid Goodman Dudson for mending the town Between the Bridges	00	12	08
Paid in all by Roger Strange	30	12	08

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Dec ye 16th 1711

	£	s	d
Received of Mr Weller Jan ye 1 1711	07	00	00
Rec of Goodman Banns Jan ye 16 th 1711	02	02	02
Rec of Goodman Eastland February ye 5 th 1711	04	04	00
Red of Goodman Bennitt	02	12	00

March ye 5th 1712

Received of Mr Vandelure	02	06	00
Mr Wood one pound in hand	01	00	00

Received by me	Roger Strange	19	04	00
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[Added later in a blotted scrawl]

28th of March 1712	19	04	00
	21	11	00
This Accompt was seen and Examined by us	18	04	00

Rcd	58	19	00
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[There are no signatures more expenditure comes later]

	20	08	03
	30	12	08

	51	00	11
	04	05	07

Paid	55	06	06
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Rests in hands	03	12	06
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An Account What I have Paid 1711

Paid Goodman Turner & Goodman Cheesman	00	03	07
Paid Goodman Burgis Jan ye 1st 1711 for four Load of Stones	01	04	00
Paid for Bread & Bear	00	01	04
Paid for 16teen Load of Gravill	01	12	00
Paid Thomas Walter	00	04	08
Paid William Dudson for Sixty yards of paveing	00	15	00
For mending the Second bridge	00	05	00

In all paid by me	Roger Strange	04	05	07
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28 of March 1712

These Accompts were seen and perused And then expended six shillings and six pence And paid Thirty & Three shillings to James Beecher & Thirty Three shillings to John Putland

Geo Hooper, James Beecher, John Putland, Thomas Corke.

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Mr. James Beecher to recv ye Rent of Mr Tho Weller of Seven pounds a year	07	00	00
and ye Rent of Mr Vandelure of two pounds ten shillings yr	02	10	00
John Putland to recv ye Rent of John Eastland at	05	00	00
of Richd Bennitt at	03	00	00
and of Hugh Banes at	02	10	00

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John Putlands Accompts of ye Town Lands 1712

Resting in my hands When I took ye Accompt	01	13	00
Recd of Hugh Banes for one years Rent deduct for taxes 8/- Recd	02	02	00
1712 Recd of Richard Bennitt one years Rent			
Deducting Taxes 8/- Recd	02	12	00
Recd of John Eastland one years Rent deducting			
Taxes 16/- Rcd	04	04	00
Recd of Hugh Banes one years Rent deducting Taxes 6/ Recd	02	04	00
1713 Recd of Richard Bennitt one yers Ret deducting 6/ Recd	02	14	00
Recd of Jn Ring one years Rent deductin Taxes 12/- Recd	04	08	00
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	19	17	00

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1712 Paid John Burgeis for 18 Load of Stones at 6/4 ye Load			
as by Bill	05	14	00
Pd Wm Dann for 22 Load of Gravill as by his bill	01	13	00
Pd Mr Rogers for 5 Load of Gravill as by his bill	00	07	06
Pd Wm Dudson Junr for paveing etc. as by his bill	02	15	04
Expended measuring ye work etc.	00	02	00
1713 Pd Jn Burgeis for 16 Load of Stones at 6/4 ye Load as			
by Bill	05	01	04
Pd Tho Walter for Carrying gravill Removing Stone & ye			
Rubbidge as by Bill	02	17	04
Pd Wm Betts for 76 Load of Gravill at 14d ye Load as			
by Bill	04	08	08
Pd Tho Walter for Works	00	01	07
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	23	00	09

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1714	Recd of apears on ye other side	19	17	00
	Recd o Hugh Banes one years Rent deducting			
	Taxe 4/ Recd	02	06	00
	Recd of Richard Bennitt one years Rent deducting			
	Taxe 4/ Recd	02	16	00
1714	Recd of Jn Ring one years Rent deducting			
	Taxe 8/ Recd	04	12	00
	Recd of Christopher Turner four pounds for four Trees	04	00	00
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		33	11	00

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	Pd as apears on ye other Side	23	00	09
	Pd John Burgeis for 2 Load of Stones as by bill	00	12	08
1714	Pd Henry Cheeseman as by bill	00	06	04
	Pd by Christopher Turner as by bill	05	04	00
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		29	03	09
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	Pd to ye New Town Wardens	04	07	03
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		33	11	00

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Jams Beechers Account of ye Town Lands 1712

	Resting in my hands When I took ye Account	01	13	00
	Red of Mr Vandlure One years Rent Deducting for			
	Taxes 4s/	02	06	00
1712	Red of Mr Weller One years Rent	07	00	00
1713	Red of Mr Vandlure One Years Rent	02	07	00
	Red of Mr Weller One Years Rent Deducting for Taxes 3s/	07	00	00
1714	Red of Mr Vandlure One Years Rent Deducting for			
	Taxes 2s	02	08	00
	Red of Mr Weller One Years Rent	07	00	00
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	Red In all	29	14	00
	To last Mich paid	16	09	04
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	[a later entry]Paid to ye New Town Wardens			
	Being whatt Remaind in My hand	13	04	08

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An Account of What Jams Beecher hath paid as foloweth/

	£	s	d
1713 Paid Richard dorman for Twenty to Lode of Stones at 6s 4d p lode as by his bill	06	19	04
1714 Paid Willm Dutson for paveing In ye Town as by his Bill	06	10	06
1714 Paid Richard Dorman for Six Lode of stones at 6s 4d p Lode	01	18	00
And for a Map of ye Town Lands [not found]	01	01	06
paid	<hr/>		
	16	09	04

The 24th March 1714 [in a disgraceful scrawl]

These Accounts were seen and approved by us And then they Accomptants paid to the New Wardens
Seventeen pounds And expended at the passing these Accts Eleven shillings being the balance

Geo Hooper Samll. Vanderlure, John Danvers,

Dan. Silden, Thos Abraham, Wm Waller,

Chris. Turner, Wm. Mugeridge.

[the two new Wardens signed with a different quill and ink from the others]

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[There may be a connection between the dreadful scrawl and the expenditure of the balance of the odd
eleven shillings and eleven pence at the passing of the accounts]

Memo At the Court Leet 1714

Samuel Vanderlure and Thomas Abrahams were elected Town Wardens for Three years next ensuing for
the Town Lands.

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Thomas Abrahams Warden Accompt of of ye Town Lands 1714

Rest in My hands When I took ye Accounts	08	10	00
Xber Received of Hugh Banes for one Years Rent			
Deducting Taxes 4/- & bridge Money 2d Recd	02	05	10
Feb 18 Reced of Richd Bennitt one years Rent			
1715 Deduct Taxes 4/- Recd	02	16	00
March 17 Reced of Robt Right halfe a years Rent Deducting			
1715 Taxes 8/- bridge money 2d Reced	02	11	10
1716 Reced of Chris Turner for 20 foot of ???	00	06	08
No 1716 Reced of Richard Bennitt one Years Rent			
Deducting Taxes 6/- Reced	02	14	00
now on ye other Side	<hr/>		
	19	04	04

Reced as appears on ye Other Side		19	04	04
Feb Reced of Hugh Banes one years Rent Deduct Taxes 6/ 1716	Reced	02	04	00
Mch Reced of Robt Right one years Rent Deducting Taxes 12/ 1716	Reced	03	08	00
No Reced pf Richard Bennitt one yers Rent Deducting Taxes 1717	Reced	02	13	00
Dec Reced of Hugh bBnes one years Rent 1717 Deducting Taxes 7/	Reced	02	03	00
Dec Reced of Robt Right one years rent 1717 Deducting taxes 14		03	06	00

[End of page]	Total	32	18	04
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Apl 22 Henry Gallad for Church & poor Ceases for ye Land 1715 late used by Ring		00	03	06
12th 1715 Pd Mr David for half a years Tyth 1717		00	00	09
Pd Tho Walter for Carrying Gravell and Moving Stones as by bill		08	00	08
1717 Pd Wm Betts for Gravell as by bill		17	14	08
1717 Pd for Bread & Beer as a/cs by Receipts for ye Same		01	05	04
1717 Pd Dennis for Stones as by bill		07	12	06
1717 Pd Olliver Glover as by bill		00	10	00
1717 Pd Wm Dudson as by bill		23	12	04
1717 Pd Christopher Turner as by bill		00	14	00
1717 Pd for beer for ye Workmen		00	02	06
1717 Pd Tho Barbar as by bill		00	03	06
1717 Pd Jn Coppin for Carridge		00	01	-
1717 Pd Henry Cheesman		00	00	08

£60.1.5

Total	60	01	05
	32	18	04

out of pockitt	27	03	01
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Sam: Vandelure Warden

1714	Account of ye Town Lands 1714			
	Rest in my hands when I Took ye Accounts	08	10	00
	Rcd of Tho Weller for Three Years Rent			
	Duue at Michaelmas 1717	21	00	00
1715	Sam Vandelures Rents for one year Deducting			
	Taxes 2/- Recpt	02	08	00
1716	More for one Years Rent Deducting Taxes 3/- Rec	02	07	00
1717	More for one Years Rent Deducting Taxes 3/6 Rect	02	06	06

36	11	06
25	08	04

	Remaines in my hand	11	03	02
	[Added in another hand]			
	No tax paid for ye above land Samll Vandelure usd Char'd In ye above account	00	08	06

11	11	08
00	10	00

and now the day[?] befour

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per	(Paid to Richd Dorman & Burges for 76 Load Stones			
1717	(at 6d per load	22	16	00
per	(Paid Wm Betts for 20 Load of			
8 17	(Gravell at 14d p Load	01	03	04
1717	Paid to Geo Sherlock as p his Bill	00	19	10
1717	Paid Jn Johnson for a New Stile as p his Bill	00	09	02

25	08	04
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the Sum on ye other side £12:1:8

Febr 17th 1720 Samll Vandelure paid to Tho Abrahams twelve pounds one shilling & Eight pence towards reimbursing him what he is out of pocket and Remains due to him now fifteen pounds one shilling & five pence to be paid him by the ["next" erased] present new Wardens & at the time of Statinge these accounts the same was seen and approved of by us

John Brooksted,

Geo Shareloke.

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The Account of John Brookstead & Geo Sherlock of the Rents of the Towne lands of Tonbridge during the tyme of their being Wardens beginning att Michas 1717 & ending at Michas 1720 vizt John. Brookhd.

Receved of Mr. Thom Weller the Sum of twenty one pounds) for the three years Rent Du att Michelmas 1720)	21	00	00
Receved of Mr Vandeler the sum of seven pounds ten shillings for thre years Rent Du att Michellmes 1720	07	10	00
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28:10: 0	28	10	00
23:17:10½			
04:12:01½ Remains in hand from Brookshead to ballance etc	04	12	01 ½
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March 3	payed to Mr Dormond for the half of seven load of			
y 1719	grett stone	01	04	06
Octo y 20	payed to Mr Dormond for 13 Load of grett stones	04	11	00
1719	payed to Mr Dormond for 4 Load of grett stones	01	08	00
Oct 18	payed Mrs Jefraye for 10 Load of Stons for the briges	00	10	00
1720	payed to John [p27]asses for Carieg of stons	01	10	00
	payed to Thomas Walter for Cariege of stons and gravfill and sand	03	04	08
	payed to Will Beates for 19 Loads of gravfiells	01	02	02
	payed to Mr Strange for 3 Load of gravifill	00	04	06
	payed to Mr Weller for 3 Load of gravifell	00	04	06
	payed to Mr Johnson for bere and bread	00	07	10
	payed to Jacob Maser for worcke	01	01	00
	payed to Will Dutson for worcke and pavfinge	04	12	03
	payed to Gorge Rogers for pavfing	00	17	09
	payed to John Broockshd for worke and Lime	02	19	08 ½
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		23	17	10 ½

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Recd by the other Warden Geo: Sherlock

Octob: 18th 1718	Recd. of Hugh Banes for one year's rent due at Michas last outsett for Taxes 6s	02	04	00
Octob: 19th 1719	Recd. of Hugh Banes for a year's rent due at Michas last and allowed for Taxes 6s	02	04	00
Octob: 18th 1720	Recd of Hugh Banes for a years rent due att Michas last & allowed for Taxes 6s	02	04	00
Janry 9th 1718	Recd of Richard Bennett for a years rent due att Michas last & allow'd for Taxes 6s	02	14	00
Novemb 3rd 1919	Recd of Richard Bennett for a year's rent due at Michas last & allowd for Taxes 6s	02	14	00
Decmb 9th 1720	Recd of Richard Bennett for a years rent due att Michas last allowed for Taxes 6s	02	14	00
Febry 12th 1718	Recd of Robert Wright for one years Rent due att Michas last & allowd for Taxes 11s:3d	03	08	09
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Decemb 4th 1719	Recd of Robert Wright for a years rent due att Michas last & allowd for Taxes 9s:0d & bridge 2½d	04	00	09 ½
Feb:3d 1720	Recd of Robert Wright for his years rent due att Michas last & allowd for Taxes 9s	04	01	00
	Recd of Mr Twort for Tann from the Towne Lands	00	11	00
	recd by rubbidge Stones left in paving the bridges	00	07	00
		<hr/>	08	19 09 ½
			18	02 09
	G. Sherlock, recd in all	27	02	06
March 3d 1718	pd Richd Dorman for Stones	01	04	06
April 27th	paid Edwd Hilman & Wm Curd for 2 days & a half work felling & flawing of timber	00	09	02
May 9th 1719	pd John Coppin for Carriage of 5 loads of Stones for the bridges	01	10	00
May 30th	pd Jacob Mercer for amending the pavemt. For my owne work 2 days @ 2½	01	01	00
	2 Servts. Working 3 days hewing of timber & other work	00	05	00
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			05	01 08
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	For my owne work 3 days about the 3d bridge	00	06	00
	2 Servants working 4 days apeec	00	16	00
	pd Coppins Man for drawing Timber out of the Land to the bridge	00	00	06

Sept 2d 1720	2 Servts. Work one day att the lower bridge Spurring up a post & setting up a post & rail at the Steps	00	04	00
Oct 23d	pd fir beer & bread to the Carvers of the Stones to the bridges	00	03	06
Dec 17 1719	pd for Sawing	01	09	08
Janry 9th	3 Servts work 2 days and 1/2 posting & railing in Wrights Land	00	12	06
Janry 14th	pd Jacob Mercer for work about the bridges & paving	06	03	06
Febry 9th	2 mens worke 2 days about the Clappers & a footbridge in Mr. Vanderlure's field for 2 peeces of Slabbe & nails used about the Clappers	00	08	00
Sept 16	pd for bread & drink for Dorman & the Stone Carrier	00	02	04
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		10	06	06

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Oct 24th	pd for drink at putting up the Timber work att the Bridge for a Stout Gate for Bane's Lane	00	02	06
	for my Servts felling of a pollard for a post and hanging the Gate and mending another Gate & other work	00	09	00
	for a Stout Gate in Mr Vanderlure his Land	00	04	00
	& a Stout hanging post	00	09	00
	One Rail	00	02	06
	One days work hanging the gate & mending the Clappers att the Great Bridge	00	00	08
	Carrying the Gate & post & rail	00	04	00
	One Days work trying up the planks & Slabbs	00	01	00
	pd for carrying Tymber from the Towne Lands to the bridges	00	02	00
	& for carrying 3 loads another tyme	00	06	00
	helping about it 2 days	00	10	00
	pd for drink for John Parris the Carryer of the Tymber etc	00	04	00
		00	01	03
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	£ s d	02	15	11
Disbursed in all 18:	4: 1	05	01	08
remains in Sherlock's hands to balance	8:18: 5	10	06	06
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		18	04	01
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4:12: 1½

8 18: 5

13:10:6½

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The 8th day of February 1720

Then the last Accompts were seen & approved & the Accomptants John Brookshead & George Sherlock paid to the New Wardens the Sume of Thirteen pounds Ten Shillings & Six pence half penny being the balance vizt. To Thomas Smither £4:12:1½ & to Henry Cheesman Eight pounds Eighteen shillings & five pence.

Seen & assented to by us John Danvers
Geo Hooper, Thomas Smither, Henry Cheesman,
Roger Strange, John Johnson, Samll: Vanderlure,
The mark of John "O" Paris, Richard Rose.

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Memdm. Att the Court Leet 1720

Henry Cheesman & Thomas Smyther were elected Towne Wardens for Three years next ensuing for the Towne Lands

And that one peece of Land cont 8 acres or thereabouts is Leased out to ["Thomas Abrahams" deleted] Robert Wright for 15 years from Michmas 1720.

4:18:0 Att £4:18:0 p Anno which rent ["Thomas Smyther is to receive" deleted] Henry Cheesman is to receive. One peece of Meadow Land cont 2 acres neare the Cottons

2:18 att £2:18: p Anno to be received by Thomas Smyther & One peece of Land near to Lodge Oake cont 5 acres

3:6 is leased to Mr. George Hooper for the like Terme at £3:6: per Anno

2:18 And one peece of Land neare Haiseden cont 5 acres is Leased to Hugh Banes Att £2:18 p Anno for the like Terme The rent of which first and 2 last peeces Henry Cheesman is to receive.

8:0:0 And four peeces of Land cont 15 acres neare the posterne heath is Leased out at £8:0:0 p Anno to

Thomas Weller for the Same Terme ["which Leases _____ are in he Custo- deleted] The Rent of which four last

22:0:0 peeces is to be received by the said Thomas Smyther/

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The accompt of Thomas Smyther & Henry Cheesman the 2 Wardens of
the Towne Lands of Tonbridge touching their receipts & disbursemts concerning
the same comencing from Michas 1720 & Ending at Michas 1723 vizt

	£	s	d
Imprs. the said Tho: Smyther chargeth himself with £4:12:1½ by him received of John Brookshhead & Geo: Sherlock the former Wardens	04	12	01 ½
And for a year's Rent recd by him of Mr Vanderlure for 2 acres of meadow Land neare the Cottons Due at Michas 1721	02	18	00
1721 And for 4 pieces of Land neare the posterne recd of Thomas Weller	08	00	00
1722 And for the like of the Sd. Thos Weller due at Michas 1722	08	00	00
1723 And for the like of him due at Michas 1723	08	00	00
1723 And the like of Mr. Vanderlure for his year's rent due at Michas 1723	02	18	00
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Total reced by Tho: Smyther	34	08	01 ½
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The Disbursemts. of the said Thomas Smyther are as followeth vizt.

	£	s	d
Paid Thomas Lorkin for paving 86 yards of ground ["Paid for Beer 00:00:06" deleted]	01	01	06
paid alsoe to thesd. Tho: Lorkin for paving of 42 yrds more	00	10	06
And for Beer paid	00	00	06
paid for paving 600d yards £7:10s.00d	07	10	00
paid alsoe 4s for making & hanging one New gate for Tho Weller's Towne Lands	00	04	00
paid Richd. Dormer for 26 loads of Stones for paving the Towne	09	02	00
paid John Rogers for making & hanging of a New Gate in the Towne Lands for	00	05	00
paid Jacob Mercer for mending the Copping of the Bridges Walls	00	01	00
paid Tho Knight for 10 Loads of Stones	03	00	00
paid an ½ part of paving of 1145 yds in the Towne to John Hughes	07	03	00
paid Richard Dormer for 15 loads of paving Stones for the Towne in ["part" deleted] full of his bill of 4:10:00	04	10	00
[2:05:0 deleted]			
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rests in Smyther's hands to balance	33	07	06
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Henry Cheesman the other of the said Wardens chargeth himself with having reced of John Brookshead and George Sherlock the former Towne Wardens the Sum of	08	18	05
And with £3.6s.0d reced of Richard Bennett part of the Towne Lands leased out to Mr. Geo: Hooper due at Michas 1721	03	06	00
And alsoe with £4:18s:0d by him reced of Robert Wright due at Michas 1721	04	18	00
And alsoe with £2:18s:00d by him reced of Hugh Banes for his years rent due at Michas 1721	02	18	00
And alsoe with £4:18s:00d by him reced of Robt Wright for his years rent due Michas 1722	04	18	00
And alsoe with £2:18:00d by him reced of Mr. Saml Vanderlure for his years Rent due at Michas 1722	02	18	00
And alsoe with £3:6s:0d by him reced of Richd Bennett due for Mr. Hoopers at Michas 1722	03	06	00
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	31	02	05

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And alsoe with £2:18s:0d by him recd of Hugh Banes for his yeares rent due at Michas 1722	02	18	00
And alsoe for a year's rent more due for Wrights Mr. Hoopers and Bane's at Michas 1723	11	02	00
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£: s: d	14	00	00
14:0:0	31	02	05
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	45	02	05

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The disbursemts of the Sd. Henry Cheesman are as follows vizt	s	d
for 10d Na: & doubls.	01	02
For 2 large Spikes & dobl. & 10d Na:	00	10
for sharpening the great pikes at both ends	00	04
for a large pike to use to pave the Towne	05	06
for 27 Spikes	03	04 ½
for a hoop for ye Rammer	00	06
for a gate Staple	00	04
for Hooks thimbles & Staple	03	01
for 3 doubls & 2 Spikes	00	05
for 30 Spikes	02	06
for double lons	01	00
for 2 pieces of iron to mend the Clappers	00	08

for doub: ions 4D Na:	01	06	
& a quarter of 10d Na:		00	02 1/2
for 9 loads of Small Stones	01	04	09
for Sand & Spreading of them		03	00
for beer & bread		02	06
for 3 loads of Small Stones		07	06
for spreading them		01	00
for 12 loads of Small Stones	01	10	00
paid for bread and beer for the pavers & Waggoners		07	03

[End of Page]	(the 7d altered to 5d)	04	17	07
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paid for beer for the pavers	00	03	00
for moving the stones	00	00	06
for the like again	00	00	08
["paid for bringing of Gravell 0.15:00" deleted]			
paid George Sherlock as appears p his Bill	01	04	06
pd for bread & beer for the Stone Carriers	00	07	08
pd more for the Stone Carriers Drink &tc	00	06	08
paid for bread & beer at bringing of the Stones	01	01	00
paid for 10 loads of Gravell	01	00	00
paid for carrying out the Stones	00	10	06
paid John Paris for moving of the Stones	00	06	06
paid John Hughes for paving of 1033 yds in the Towne	05	08	03
paid for Stones for the pavemt.	09	02	00
Paid Mr. Bourne for Gravel	00	08	00
paid for 60 Loads of Gravel & carriage of the same	06	00	00

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Outsett and allowed for the Land Taxes	00	19	06
for the Lands used by Mr. Hooper being for 3 years	00	15	00
The like for the Lands used by Hugh Banes	01	02	06
the like for Robert Wrights	07	03	00
paid to John Hughes for paving ["3:17:00 deleted]			
paid Reuben Baldwin for 11 Loads of Stones	03	06	00
paid Thomas Baldwin for 10 Loads of Stones	03	00	00

	16	06	00
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The 6th day of February 1723.

Then these accompts were perused and approved of by us

Geo Hooper, Geo Sherlock, Tho Abraham, Geo Everest, John Johnson,
William Latter, Wiliam Muggridge.

Memdm There rests in Tho Smither's hands to pay to Henry Cheesman £1:0s:7½d & then H Cheesman will be out of pocket £0:19:7½

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Memdm at the Court Leet in 1723

Mr. William Muggridge & George Everest were Elected Wardens for the Towne Lands of Tonbridge &

Mr. Muggridge is to receive the rents of Mr. Hooper's, Robert Wright's & Hugh Banes'

George Everest to receive the rents of the Lands used by Mr. Vandelure & Tho: Weller & the severall leases thereof were delivered to them by Tho: Smyther & Henry Cheesman the former Wardens/

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The accounts of William Mugridge & George Everest the 2 Wardens of the Town Lands of Tonbridge touching their respective Receipts & disbursements concerning the same comencing from Michas 1723 & Ending at Michas 1726 vizt.

	£	s	d
Imprs. the said WM. Mugridge chargeth himselfe with One years Rent by him Reced of Hugh Banes for part of the Town Lands due at Michas 1724 – the Taxes being 4s outsett	02	14	00
And for the like of the sd Hugh Banes due at Michas 1725	02	14	00
And for the like of the sd Hugh Banes due at Michas 1726	02	14	00
And for One years Rent by him reced of Robt Wright for other pt of the Town Lands due at Michas 1724 ["the taxes being 6s outsett" deleted]	04	12	00
And for the like of the sd Robt Wright due at Michas 1725	04	12	00
And the like due at Michas 1726 reced of the sd Robt Wright	04	12	00
And for One years Rent by him reced of Mr Geo. Hooper for other pt of the Town lands due at Michas 1724 the taxes being 6s outsett	03	00	00
And for the like rent of the sd Mr Hooper due at Michas 1725	03	00	00
And for the like rent of the sd Mr Hooper due at Michas 1726	03	00	00
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Total reced by Wm. Mugridge	30	18	00

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The Disbursmts of the said Wm Mugridge are as follows vizt.	£	s	d
Paid for Bread & Beer for bringing in of Stones for the use of the towne	00	09	00
Paid Richard Bennett for 28 Loads of small Stones	11	04	00
Paid Robert Dormer for 15 loads of Stones	05	05	00
Paid for Bread & Beer for the Caryers	00	05	00
& paid for spreading the same	00	02	00
Paid Richard Dormer for 20 load of paving stones	07	00	00
& for bread Beer etc. for the Cariers for 41 loads	00	13	08
Paid George Sherlock for work done	01	06	07
Paid Willm Johnson for carying 2 load of amendmts	00	02	00
Paid with agreeing with the paviers & at severall times at their paving	00	08	00
Paid George Somerton for work don	00	02	03
Paid for use of a wheelbarrow for ye paviers	00	02	00
Paid John Slatter for smithy work &c	00	02	00
Paid Mr Woodgate for stones	00	02	00
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rests in Wm Mugridges hands to ballance £3:13:10	27	04	02

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George Everest the other of the said Wardens chargeth himself with having reced of Tho. Weller for Three years Rent of part of the Town Lands due at Michas 1726 at £8 p Annum	24	00	00
And with Three years rent reced of Samuel Vandelure for other pt of the Town lands due at Michas 1726 at £2:18s:0d p Annum	08	14	00
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	32	14	00

The disbursmts of the said George Everest are as follows --

Paid Mr. Strange & Tho. Walter for Sand & cariage	03	18	06
Paid Wm West for spreading of Stones & for beer	00	07	06
Paid Mr. Jones for half a Cariage of Lyme	00	12	06
& for Bread & beer etc for the Caryers & the pavior	00	08	06
Paid for 800 yards of pavement	10	00	00
paid for mending the Bridges	03	01	10
Paid for Gravel	01	11	06
Paid for cariage of Stones & Grvel	02	00	00
Paid Richd Dormer for 21 Load of Stones	07	07	00
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	29	07	04

remaining in Geo Eversts hands to balance £3:6:8

Memd Mr Strange returned £1:4s:0d wch he reced for Sand as above.

Soe yet there remaining in Geo Everests hands £4:10s:8d

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The 9th January 1726

Then the last Accompt was seen approved & the Accountants William Mugridge & George Everst paid ["to the new Wardens" deleted] the summe of Eight pounds & Four shillings & Six pence being the balance [words obliterated] into the hands of Thomas Hollamby one of the New Wardens, with the consent of William Johnson the other Warden

Seen & assented to by us & the Four Shillings & Six pence being spent upon passing these acct. Soe yt the New Wardens receth only ["Four" deleted] Eight Pounds.

Geo: Hooper, Robt. Weller, Jans. Beecher,
Roger Strange, William Latter, ["Thos Ho" deleted]
Edwd Terry.

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The Accompt of Wm Johnson & Tho: Hollamby the 2 Wardens of the Towne Lands of Tonbridge – touching their Receipts & Disbursements concerning the Same, comencing from Michalmas 1726 & Ending Michalmas 1729 Viz

Imprimis the Said Tho: Hollamby & Wm Johnson chargeth themselves to have

Reced of Wm Mugridge & Geo: Everest the former Wardens	08	00	00
1727)Reced of Mr Hooper for 1 Years Rent	03	00	00
)of Hugh Banes	02	12	00
)of Thomas Weller	08	00	00
)of Robert Wright	04	09	00
)of Saml Vandelure	02	18	00
)of Wm Wells for 2 Slabs	00	02	00
1728)Reced of Mr Hooper for one Years Rent	02	19	00
)of Hugh Banes	02	12	00
)of Saml Vandelure	02	18	00
)of Tho: Weller	08	00	00
)of Robert Wright	04	07	06
)of Geo Sherlock for 3 pieces of Timber & a plank	00	16	00
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	50	13	06

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Brought over	50	13	06
1729 Reced of Mr Hooper for 1 Years Rent	02	19	00
of Hugh Banes	02	12	00
of Tho: Weller	08	00	00
of Samll Vanderlure	02	16	06
of Robt.. Wright	04	09	00
of Geo Sherlock for the old Timber left at the Bridge	00	08	06
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Total	71	18	06
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	61	13	04 ½
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The Disbursements of the Said Wm: Johnson &
Thso: Hollamby were as follows Viz

Jan 14 1726	for 2 Load of Sand laid at the Clappers	00	03	00
	for picking up Stones & laying ym in ye Road	00	01	00
March 2:	for 5 Load of Sand laid in ye Towne	00	07	06
	for Carrying 3 Load of Stones	00	01	06
July 24th 1727	for 4 Load of Stones laid against the Bull	00	04	00
27	for fetching 4 Load of timber from Lodge oak	00	10	00
Augst 3	for fetching 3 Load Ditto	00	07	06
4	for 5 Load of Stones laid agst ye Bull	00	05	00
24	for fetching 3 pcs of timber from Lodge=oak	00	03	00
Sept 8	for Drawing Timber & helping the Carpenters	00	03	00
14	for 5 Load of Gravel	00	07	06
15	for 3 Load of Ditto	00	04	06
	for Carrying 5 Load of Stones & laid agst The Bull	00	02	06
	pd Wm West for 3 Days work	00	04	00
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		03	04	00
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Brought over		03	04	00
Pd Robert Arrows for a Wheelbarrow`		00	07	06
Sept 16 1727	for 9 Load of Gravel	00	13	06
18	for 8 Load Ditto	00	12	00
21	for 4 Load Ditt	00	06	00
	2 Load Stones laid agst ye Bull	00	01	00
2	for 8 Load of gravel	00	12	00
25	for 5 Load Ditto	00	07	06
2	for 12 Load Ditto	00	18	00
2	for 3 Load Ditto	00	04	06
	for Carrying 3 Load Stones from Mr. Strange's			
	to the Pavers	00	01	00
Oct 2	for 3 Load of Gravel	00	04	06
	paid the pavers	12	15	00
	Pd Jn: Ireland for Beer for the pavers	00	11	06
	more pd him for bread & Beer for the Stone Carrier	00	17	06
4	forr Carrying 5 Load of Stones in the Road	00	02	06
12	pd Widd Club for beer for the Workmen at the River	00	04	00
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Brought over		22	02	00
Jan 17 1727	Pd Simon Humphrey for Bread & Beer for the Stone Carriers	00	01	06
20	Pd Ruben Baldwin in pt for Stones	10	00	00
Feb: 6	Pd Tho. Baldwin for 15 Load of Stones in full	05	05	00
	Pd Jn. Slatters Bill	01	10	05 ½
May 3: 1728	for Carrying 5 Load Stones in ye Road	00	02	06
Aug 28	Pd a Man for Spreading Stones	00	00	06
30	for Carrying 2 Load Stones in ye Road	00	01	00
Jan 22:	Paid Ruben Baldwin	03	06	00
Feb: 20:	Paid Geo: Sherlock for Work done at the Great Bridge	05	17	06
June 9: 1729	for 1 Load Sand for ye Lower brg.	00	02	00
Aug 25:	for 1 Load of Gravel Do	00	01	06
	For 5 Load of Sand for the Gutter Near Chris: Turner	00	05	00
	Pd: Nich. Ashdowne Spreading Stones for Carrying 3 Load & laying them in ye Road Near the Red Lyon	00	01	04
		00	01	06
	Pd Richd: Relfe for 5 Load Stones	00	12	06
	Pd Jn: Parris for 4 Load Gravel	00	08	00
	Spent of Tho: Weller	00	01	00
[End of page]		49	19	03 ½
Brought over		49	19	03 ½
Paid the Sawyers Bill		01	10	00
Nov: 24 1729	Pd Ruben Baldwin in full	05	05	00
	Pd Robt: Arrow mending ye Wheelbarrow	00	02	00
	Pd Tho: Walter for 2 days work with: his Cart	00	05	06
	Pd: Thos Wicken for ½ days work	00	00	06
	Pd Simon Humphrey for Bread & beer for the Stone Carryers	00	03	04
	for Carrying 2 Load Stones in ye Road	00	01	00
	Spent on Tho: Weller	00	01	00
	Pd Geo: Sherlock for 2 Posts Set at the Lower Bridge	00	04	00
	paid Jacob Mercers Bill	04	01	00
[End of page]	Total	61	13	04 ½

Dec: 29: 1729: Then these Accompts were perused & approved by us -- and the acomptants Thos Hollamby & Wm Johnson pd. the Sum of Ten Pound Five Shillings and Three halfpence Being ye Ballce into the hands of John Johnson and Tho. Scoones The new Wardens
 Seen and asented to by us and Spent Two Shill 3½d ["3½d" added later] there remains in ye New Wardens hands only Ten pounds three shilling

Geo. Hooper, Thos. Scoones, John Jonson,
 W Woodgate, Edwd Terry,

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The Rents of the Town Lands as let p an. To the Several Tennants upon
Lease dated 1720 for 15 years viz:

	A.R.P	£	s	d
Mr. Hooper fro Lodge Oak Lands	5:1:24 p. an	03	06	00
Robt. Wright for Do. Lands	8:3:10	04	18	00
Tho: Weller Lands by ye Postern Hea	15:1: 7	08	00	00
Saml. Vandelure Do. Bright Fair	2:0:26	02	18	00
Widow Banes Do. At Haisden	6:1: 0	02	18	00
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[King George 1st died 11th June 1727 and was succeeded
by his son George I1]

The Account of John Johnson & Thos. Scoones the two wardens of the
Town Lands of Tonbridge touching their Receipts & Disbursments
Concerning the Same beginning from Michaelmas 1729 Ending Michaelmas 1732

		£	s	d
Imprimus the Said John Johnson and Thos. Scoones chargeth them Selves to have Receivd. Of Wm Johnson & Thos Hollamby the former Wardens)		10	03	00
1730 Recd. Of ye widow Banes for one years Rent less deducted 5-3½		02	12	08 ½
of Mr Hooper for one years Rent ddted for taxes 5s		03	01	00
of Mr Weller		08	00	00
of Mr Vandelure		02	18	00
["of Robt. Wright" deleted]				
1731 of Mr Hooper one years Rent deducting taxes four shillings & 4d		03	01	08
of wid. Banes deducting taxes 4s & 4d		02	13	08
Recd of Tho Hollamby for two Load of stones		00	04	00
of Ths. Weller a years Rent		08	00	00
of Mr Vandelure one years Rent		02	18	00
1732 of Wid. Banes deducting three shillings taxes		02	15	00
of Mr Hooper dducting taxes three shillings taxes		03	03	00
of Tho Weller one years Rent		08	00	00
of Mr Vandelure deducting 3 years Land Tax 6s		02	12	00
of Rbt. Wright 3 years rent 14:14:0 the 3 years taxes deducted 18s – remains		13	16	00
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The Disbursents. of John Johnson & Thos. Scoones

Oct 18 1730	pd to Simon Humphrey for bread & beer for Stone Carriers	00	06	08
Nov 2	pd to Jacob Mercer for paveing as p Bill	04	14	06
15	pd to John Paris for gravill & moveing stones etc	02	04	04
	pd to Geo Somerton as p Bill	00	04	05
19	pd to Tho Baldwin for 15 Load of Stone at 8s p Load	06	00	00
Dec 5	pd Tho Walter as p bill	00	04	00
May 17 1731	pd to Richd Dormer for 16 Load of Stones at 7s pLd	05	12	00
20	pd to Widow Rawlings for 3 load of Small Stones	01	04	00
26	pd to Tho Richardson for 14 Load of Stone a 7s p Load	04	18	00
June 12	pd to Wm Dudson for 118 yards of paving at 3d p yd	01	09	06
27	pd to Simon Humphrey for for bread & beer for ye Stone laying	00	10	08
Sept 22	pd to Tho Walter for Sand & moveing Stones a p Bill	01	04	10
Dec 4	pd to Jacob Mercer for paveing as p Bill	05	05	00
17	pd to Wm Dudson for paveing as p bill	01	06	08
Jany 4	pd to George Summeryton as p Bll	00	05	03
6	pd to Tho Hollamby for gravell as p Bll	00	10	00
Febr 23	pd to Tho Baldwin for ten Load of Stones at 7s	03	10	00
July 13 1732	pd John Johnson as p Bill	04	02	00
31	pd to Tho Richardson for 8 Load of Stones at 7s	02	16	00
Sept 30	pd to Tho Richardson for a Load & hi Stones	00	10	06
Nov 29	pd to Jacob Mercer for paveing as p Bill	02	13	00
Dec 2	pd to To Hollanby as p Bill	00	14	08
2 0	pd to Simon Humphrey for bread & beer for ye Stone Carriers	00	02	08
26	pd to John Johnson as p Bill	00	04	06
27	pd to John Paris as p Bill	03	04	04
	pd to Geo Summerton for Spikes	00	00	06

73: 18: 0	Total of ye charge	54	08	00
54: 08: 0				

19:10: 0

15:01: 5 pd to Abrahams

4: 8: 7

4: 7 expended

4: 4: 0 remains pd to the new wardens.

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John Johnson & Thos Scoones Charged as before in Their Receipts Seventy three pounds eighteen shillings Dischargd as by account before fifty four pounds eight Shillings remains in hand nineteen pounds ten Shillings: orderd: that fifteen pounds one Shilling and five pence part thereof be paid to Thos Abraham a former warden who was so much out of pockeg in passing his accounts & orderd: that Four Shillings Seven pence be paid for expenses at passing their accounts and the remainder four pound four shillings be paid to William Wells & James Dejous the next wardens Decmbr: 28th 1732 Seen Examined and Alowed by us

Wm Wells,	James Dejous,	Robt Weller,
Samll Vandelure,	Wm Johnson,	George Summerton,
Jn Scones,	Edwd Terry.	

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The accounts of James Dejoues and William Wells late Town
 Wardens touching their Receipts and Disbursments beginning
 at Michs 1732 and ending at Michs 1735.

Imprimis the said Accountants charge themselves to have recd of the late Wardens John Johnson and Thos Scoones the balance of their accts	04	04	00
Recd of Thos Weller 3 years Rent	24	00	00
of Joseph Searles one years Rent 2.17.0 outset 1s for Taxes in all	02	18	00
Recd of Mr Hooper £3.4s.0 out Set 2s taxes in all	03	06	00
Recd of Mr Vandelure 2:17.0 out Set 1s for Taxes in all	02	18	00
Reced of Mr Abrahams £4:15 out 3s for Taxes for one years Rent in all	04	18	00
Recd of Jos Searles 5.12..0 out set 4s taxes for 2 years Rent in all	05	16	00
Recd of Mr Hooper 6.4.0 out set 8s taxes for two year Rent in all	06	12	00
Recd of Mr Vandelure 5.12.0 outset 4s Taxes for two years Rent in all	05	16	00
Recd of Tho Abraham £9:4:0 out Set 12s Taxes for 2 years Rent in all	09	16	00
Recd of Geo: Sherlock for Gravell	00	01	06
Recd of the Workhouse for Stones	00	07	00
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	70	12	06
	33	17	06
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Ballance to be paid to the next Wardens	36	15	00
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The Disbursmts. Of James Dejous and William Wells

paid Thos Richardson as p 2 Bills for 36 Load of Stones at 7s p Load	12	12	00
paid Richd Dorman for 5 Load of Stones as p Bill at 7s p Lo	01	15	00
paid Robt Relfe for 26 Load of gravell at 2s p Load as p Bill	02	12	00
paid Mr Wood for 18 Load of Gravell as p Bill	01	16	00
paid Jacob Mercer for paveing etc 2 Bills	08	00	00
pd Tho Dudson for paveing etc as p Bill	02	02	11
pd Daniel Waghorn paveing etc as p Bill	00	11	04
pd John Paris as p Bill	00	07	00
pd George Sherlock as p Bill	00	14	00
pd George Summerton as p Bill	00	01	08
pd Simon Humphrey being allowance for the Carriers	00	15	06
pd Robt Arrows for a wheelbarrow as p Bill	01	08	06
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	31	15	11
More to be allow'd taxes as discounted to ye Tennants	01	15	00
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	33	10	11
Expended passing these accts	00	06	07
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	33	17	06

August the 12th 1736 then these accts were seen and allow'd by us whose hands are underwritten and the accountants James Dejous and William Wells paid the Sum of thirty six pounds fifteen shillings into the hands of John Scoones and Richard Johnson being the ballance of their accounts.

Robt Weller,	Geo. Hooper,	Richd Johnson,	Tho.Scoones,
Geo Sherlock,	Jn Scoones,	Jn Colgate,	Thos Abraham
Jn Slatter,	Geroge Summerton,	Wm Johnson,	Chris Turner.

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[The following entry in the Town Wardens' Account Book, although dated the same day as the last entry, is nothing to do with their accounts. The Waylands Charity deals with the repair of Highways near to Tonbridge and no doubt the Trustees of that Charity were at times also Wardens of the Town Lands. [The Charities were amalgamated by the Charity Commissioners Order Oct 1972]

Memd. Mr. Hooper passed his accts. of the Waylands 12 Aug: 1736

Charge	Discharge
Rents of the Waylands from Michs 1723 to Michs 1735 12 years at 6:10: 0 p an 78: 0: 0	by the acct in his Book 92:18:10 by the Taxes on the Land 3:18: 6
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The ballance of his last act 12:15: 6	96:16: 6
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	90:15: 6
So He is Cr. In this acc. 6: 1: 0	
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	96:16: 6

Memd. He charg'd in this acct. disbursements He made this year, but did not charge himself with this years Rent, so that this Rent when rec'd will make the acc. about even.

[Then added in a different hand] in the accounts of the discharge He made himself creditor about 40s for the assignment of the Lands to ["fresh" deleted] new Trustees, but shewed no such assignment.

His accts. Are signed in the book of accts kept by himself
and by those that signed the Town Wardens accts the
Same day.

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Case concerning the Town Lands

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contra
Nevill Hays et alioi

The Case concerning the Bridges at Tonbridge

7th July 1628

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By an order made 3: Car: at the Assises it was ordered that £220 should be levied of the County for the repair of the 4 lesser bridges there, which sum was then distributed on several Laths, and £100 laid on the Lath of Aylesford.

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3:Car

At the Assises following the Court being inform'd that certain Lands called the Town Lands were given for the repair of those Bridges, and that therefore the £220 was not wholly paid in the Court did nevertheless order.

1. That the money should be forthwith collected and paid in
2. That a Comission for Charitable uses should issue forth.

That if upon the Comission it should be found that those Lands were given to that use then

1. That the moneys levied or to be levied by reason of that Order should be repaid by the Wardens of the Town Lands ratably according to the taxation and payments made upon the Laths.
- 2..That out of the moneys to be repaid an allowance should first be made for the true necessary charges expended in the procuring & prosecuting the Comission.

15 June 1634

9: Car

A Comission was sued forth & by Inquisition before the Coms. 9:Car it was found those several Lands called the Town Lands being 30 acres of the yearly value of £13:6:8 were anciently given for the repairing those bridges, that if any overplus were, the same to be employed for the reparation of certain pavements there and thereupon it was decreed by the Comissioners inter al

1. That the proffits of those Lands should be employ'd by Wardens to be elected every year by the Inhabitants of Tonbridge for the repairing those bridges
2. That the Surplusages if any were, Should be empty'd about the repairing certain pavements in the Inquisition mentioned.
3. That Such as Should be chosen Wardens of the Land, Should at the entering into their Office become bound to the two next Justices of Peace in a bond of £200 condition'd to let those Lands at the best proffit, and at the years end to make their accounts, and to pay the money in their hands to their Successors. They

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They decreed likewise that the Wardens for several years last past as having misemployed the Rents, should be answerable for the whole mean proffits of the Lands.

Hil: 10 Car
1635

To this decree the Inhabitants of Tonbridge put in their Exceptions and Hil: 10: Car: the Cause came to be heard at which time the Defendants did produce a Copy of the Indenture deposed to be written out of the original Indenture dated 17: Eliz: whereby the Said lands were settled in certain Feoffs for their employment of the said Lands for repairing of the 4 lesser bridges in the inquisition mention'd: and if any over pluss the same to be employ'd towards paveing of the ways there: and a Fine was likewise then produced in confirmation thereof the next year following.

Upon this my Lord Keeper did confirme the Decree of the Comissioners for the Employment of the proffits of those Lands according as was express'd in the Said Deed, and added further.

But whereas the exceptants have employ'd the proffits heretofore towards paveing their Said Town and other uses, and were decreed to answer the mean profits.

The Court in regard they were ignorant of the uses and employment of the Same Lands, and conceiv'd they had employ'd

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the Same to the right uses; hold not fit to charge them with the measn profits of the Same Lands, which were expended before the Said Decree, unless of such moneys as were converted and employed to their own use and behoofe.

12: Car:
1637

The Defendants did after the Sessions holden 12: Car: move the Court that they might be allow'd their Charges in prosecuting the Comission from the Wardens of the Town Lands according to the order 3: Car: & the Defendants having before that time by the Direction of the Court shew'd a Bill of Charges to the Wardens of the Town Lands, the Court did order that the moneys so expended should be paid again being £62:7s:3d by the said Wardens according to the Order of 3: Car as by the Inquisition Decree & Several Orders may appear.

Reasons why the Wardens of the Lands should pay back the Charges

- 1.The Court did order that a Comission Should go forth and that the prosecutors Should have their charges and upon that encouragement it was sued forth
- 2.The Bridges are repaired by the moneys levied out of the County, and not out of the profits of those Lands, neither will they need any further repair a long time whereas they out to have been repaired

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by the profitsof the Town Lands, So that the Town is at no loss, in regard the county hath done that, which they ought to have done

3.The Town is sufficiently ["repaired" deleted] paved so that the town is not like to be at any charges for many years.

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The Accounts of John Scoones & Richard Johnson late Town Wardens touching their Receipts and Payments beginning at Michs 1735 and ending Michs 1738

Imprimis the said Accountants charge themselves to have received of the late Town Wardens James Dejous & William Wells the ball: of ye accts	36	15	00
Recd. of Thos Abrahams three years Rent being twenty five pound.			
Deducting two pounds fourteen Shillings Ks tax remains	72	06	00
Recd. of Mr. Dudgen for Small Stone	00	03	00
Recd. of Tho. Dennis for Small Stones	00	05	00
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	109	09	00

John Scoones and Richard Johnson let the town Lands in Lease to Thomas Abraham for fifteen years the Rent p an ["fifteen" deleted] 25:0:0 to commence from Michs 1735 being put up at the Court Leet to the best bidder.

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The Disbursements of John Scoones and Richard Johnson late Town Wardens

July 15th 1736	pd Mr Alchin for one part of the Lease of the Town Lands let to Thomas Abraham	00	06	00
Aug 10t	pd Tho Richardson for fifteen Load of Stones at 8s p Load Six pounds	06	00	00
oct 2d	pd John ["Prier" deleted] Parr for paveing 1118 yards of paving at 3d p yard & for mending other work	14	04	00
oct 16	pd Edwd. Terry for bread and beer for the stone carriers & the Paviers allowances	02	01	09
oct 18	pd Tho Richardson for 5 load of stones at 8s	02	00	00
oct 8	pd John Parr 66 yards paveing in the Town	00	16	06
Nov 4	pd David Sherlock mending the clappers	00	03	00
Nov 16	pd Anne Baldwin for 30 Load of stones at 8s	12	00	00
Dec 30	pd Geroge Summerton for 2 load & half of stones	01	00	00
Jan 6	pd Jacob Mercer for paveing & c as by Bill	04	13	03½

11	pd Rob Relph 24 Load of Gravel & moveing 31 Load of Stones and sand	02	15	09
11	pd Tho Barber for fetching stones gravel & Sand	04	01	00
14	pd Tho Wood fetching 3 load of stones from Tilmans	01	04	00
14	pd Mr John Wood for 20 Load of Gravell	01	10	00
18	pd Saml. Mills fetching 2 load of stones from Tilmans	00	16	00
21	pd Edmd. Dennes fetching 2 load do from do	00	16	00
22	pd M Dudgen fetching 6 load Do from Do	02	08	00
Feb 1	pd Mr Cheesman of Roffway for 20 Load of Stones	03	10	00
9	pd Richd. Bennet for one load of stones	00	10	00
Dec 24	pd Mr. Tho Richardson for nine Load of stones at 1734 eight shillings p Load	03	12	00
24	pd Edwd. For beer and bread for the Stone Carriers	00	03	00
Feb:27	pd Jacob Mercer ["at" deleted] as p Bill	02	07	04
Sept 30	pd Joseph Bedell & John Parker for 1177 yards of 1738 paveing at 3d p yard	14	14	00

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Janry 2d	pd Geo: Summerton a Bill Iron work for ye Clappers	00	08	01½
2	pd Edw. Terry Bread & beer for ye Carriers as p bill	00	12	10
3	pd David Sherlock as p Bill for ye Clappers etc	02	18	02
3	pd Danl. Waghorn for mending the Bridges a p bill	00	13	04
3	pd Saml Peckham a Bill for bread & beer	00	07	04
10	pd Tho Richardson for 2 Load of Stones	00	16	00
11	pd Tho Wood fetching 10 load of stones at 8s	04	00	00
13	pd Tho Barber fetching stones & other load with his Cart	09	05	10
17	pd Mr Strange for 21 Load of Gravell at 2s more for moveing of stones	02	02	00
		00	01	08
17	pd Robt Relph for 14 load Gravell at 2s	01	08	00
17	pd Wm Queif 2 load of Sand stone for ye Bridges	00	15	00
18	pd Richd Williamson for 4 load of Gravel	00	06	06
18	pd ["Stephen" deleted] Will Hodsall & Nic Stevens for 32 Load of stones at 2s	03	04	00
1736	pd Tho Lock for shoveling up Sand &c	00	04	03
1738	pd Do for Do	00	10	00

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expended for auditing the accts.

So that the accounts were even -

January the 18th 1738/7 then these accounts were seen and allow'd,
and the accountants having expended foar shillings and foar pence the
accounts are even – wittness our Hands.

W. Johnson, Robt. Weller, Ewdw Terry, Wm Wells,
Thos Scoones, W Woodgate, Geo Sherlock, George Summerton
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Tho. Abrahams,

We whose hands are underwritten having observ'd in the accounts before mention'd, that there is Sixteen Shillings and Six pence paid for paveing a Causway. The Town Wardens in their excuse alledge that such work having been allow'd in the accounts of former Town Wardens, ["and" deleted] think themselves excus'd on that account. We haveing consider'd the said excuse have allow'd of it for this time: but as such Presidents may be of ill consequence if they should be always allow'd, do think fit that for the future no such powers should be allow'd to the Town Wardens, and that if such articles of expense be in any future accounts they should not be allow'd for the same.

Geo Sherlock	Robt. Weller
George Summerton	Jn. Slatter
Jn Scoones	Wm Johnson
W Woodgate	Wm Wells
Edmd. Terry	Thos. Scoones
Thos. Abraham	Richd. Johnson

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At a Court Leet held at the Crown Inn in Tonbridge on the 23rd Octr. 1738 William Woodgate and George Summerton were chosen Town Wardens for three years viz from Michs 1738 to Michs 1741.

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[From time to time the Wardens' accounts had been muddled, as the first entry in this book implies. They also ran into legal difficulties about what they ought and ought not to spend the profits on. Bearing in mind the note following the last account, the next entries in the book are a prudent reminder to future Wardens of the most recent legal ruling about their duties and the earliest document found dealing with the Town Lands.

The Wardens never seem to have been inhibited by the original Decree – perhaps the fact that having once been found guilty of spending the profits improperly and being ordered to repay the monies, they had on appeal “got away with it” was regarded by them as a more reliable and convenient “President” than the findings of the Decree]

Copy of a Decree concerning the Town Lands

Kent Ss:

WHEREAS by an Inquisition taken at Maidstone in the County aforesaid the fifteenth day of June in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovreign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c before us Sir George Fane Sir Edward Duke & Sir Robert Filmer Knts: Robert Barnham James Franklyn Henry Clarke and Thomas Fludd Esqrs by virtue of his Majts. Commission under the great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster in the County of Middx. The 22nd day of June in the eight year of the Reign of our Sovreign Lord Charles by the Grace of God King &c unto us and others directed for the the due execution of the Statute made the 43d year of the Reigne of our late Sovreign Lady Queen Elizabeth of blessed memory entitled an Act to redress the misemployment of Lands goods and money given unto charitable uses, by the oaths of William Godfrey Henry, Hudson, John Hylls, Edwd. Egnot, Richard Sculthrop, John Bogherst, Will: Boreman Henry Newman, Willm. Raunce, Henry Lanes, Edwd. Symson, Willm. Starthop, Lyving Iden, Willm. Combe & Humphrey Laroche being fifteen good and Lawfull men of the said County, upon hearing the Parties interrested in the Lands in question, It was then and there presented by and upon the oaths of the Said good a Lawfull men:

That -

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That Certain Lands containing by estimation 30 acres commonly called by the name of The Town Lands in Tonbridge in ye County aforesaid, were heretoeofore given for & towards the amendment and repairing of the Bridges in the Town of Tonbridge aforesaid, And that if any of the overplus of the Rents or proffits of the said Lands did or should remain, then the Same to be employed towards the repairing of the ancient Pavements in the high way of the Town of Tonbridge aforesaid: namely between the Market Cross there & the Church lane about six yards in breadth & in the midst of the street there. And at the Same time the Said Jury did then also present upon their oaths that the said Lands are of the yearly value of £13:6:8; And at the Same time the said Jury did then and there also present upon their oaths.

That William Bartlett & Thomas Roots of Tonbridge aforesaid in the year of our Lord God 1610 were according to an ancient usuage there elected Wardens of the Lands above named And from thenceforth received the proffits of the same Lands for 3 years together. And that imediately after them Thomas Webb & James Dicker of Tonbridge aforesaid were also elected Wardens of the Said Lands for 3 years together and also received ye proffits of the Said Lands for 3 years together. And that immediately after them Thomas Everist & William Roots of Tonbridge aforesaid were also elected Wardens of the Said Lands and received the proffits of the Said lands for 3 years together And that after them Henry Gransden & Henry Allen of Tonbridge aforesaid were elected Wardens of the Said lands and also received the proffits thereof for 3 years together And that immediately after them George Roase & John Holmden of Tonbridge aforesaid were elected Wardens of the Said Lands

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And also received the proffits thereof for 3 whole years together And that immediately after them Robt. Boardman and George Chowne of Tonbridge aforesaid were elected Wardens of The Said Lands and also received the proffits thereof for 3 whole years together And that immediately after them Richd. Chowning and George Putland of Tonbridge aforesaid were elected Wardens of the Said Lands and also received the proffits thereof for 3 whole years together, And that immediately after them Daniel Pinkney and Anthony Paris of Tonbridge aforesaid at Michmas was a twelve month were elected Wardens and do so continue And are at the time of the takeing this Inquisition, And do and have ever Since their Election receiv'd the proffits of the ye Lands aforesaid

And, at the same time the Said Jury did then and there also present that none of the parties abovenamed (being Wardens of the said Lands aforesaid) have emply'd the proffits of the said Lands towards the amendment of the said Bridges in Tonbridge aforesaid or any of them altho the said Bridges have been in decay by the space of 22 years last past and more, But have employ'd the Rents of the said Lands to and for other purposes as in and by the said Inquisition taken as aforesaid & return'd unto us the day and year first above written under the hands and seals of the said good & Lawfull men of the said County more at large it doth and may appear.

For a Reformation of which said abuses and for the recontinuing of the Said true good and ["lawfull" deleted] charitable uses and due employment of

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of the Rents and yearly Proffits of the said Lands according to the true intent of the Donor and Donors thereof And for that by the Testament of diverse persons and by some ancient writings it did appear unto us. that the original Deed or Deeds expressing as well the Donor and Donors names as the said use and intent of the said gift of the said lands is concealed if not suppress'd, And it is very probable by Some of the Said Wardens or by some of the Inhabitants of the said parish of Tonbridge

Wee the said Commissioners takeing into our considerations the great use & Benefit that the said Bridges have been and are to his Magies. leige people, and the great charge that the said bridges have been ["and are" deleted] to the said County & considering that the Rents and proffits of the said lands ought to be and to have been employ'd for and towards the amendment and repairing of the said bridges, And the overpluss thereof (if any remains) for and towards the repairing of the Said ancient pavements in the high way in the

said Town of Tonbridge, Do by virtue of the said Commission and Statute aforesaid hereby order and Decree That the Said Daniel Pinkney and Anthony Paris the now Wardens of the said lands shall continue in their Said Office until the end of three years to be accompted from Michs last was twelve months according to an ancient custom there used, And shall dispose of Lett and Sett the said Lands and receive and keep the Rents & proffits of the Same And shall during the Said terme employ and bestow the Same in and about the amending & repairing of the said Bridges where most need shall be And that if after the said bridges shall be repaired & amended there shall remain any overpluss of the Rents & proffits of the said Lands that the Same shall be also employ'd by them in & about the repairing of the said ancient pavements in the
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the midst of the street between the Market Cross and the Church Lane there, being of the breadth of six yards or near ["near" inserted] thereabouts And we do further order and Decree that the said now Wardens shall in and upon the first day of October which shall be in The year of our Lord God 1634 give and make unto and before the Two Justices of the Peace of the Said County which dwell out of the Said Parish of Tonbridge and next thereunto a true and perfect accompt as well of all such Rents & proffits of the Said Lands as they ["then" inserted] have or might have reasonably receiv'd as of their Said disbursements and layings out. And if any overpluss shall then remain, or if any other moneys shall by virtue of this Decree be paid into their hands, That then the said moneys and overpluss aforesaid shall be imediately paid unto such persons as shall succeed them in their Office of Wardenship of the Said Lands. And we do further Order and Decree that the Inhabitants of the said Parish shall for ever hereafter according to their Said Custome) at every three years end, namely in & upon the feast day of St. Michael the Archangell and between the hours of two and foar a clock in the afternoon of the Same day assemble themselves in the Parish Church of Tonbridge aforesaid and shall then & there choose two Sufficent & able men of their Said Parish to be Wardens of the Said lands, and so from three years to three years for ever, which Said Wardens so to be chosen successively shall dispose of lett and sett the Said Lands & shall receive and take the Rents & proffits of the Same, and shall during their Said respective Termes of three years employ and bestowe the Rents & Proffits of the Said Lands in & about the amending & repairing of the Said Bridges where most need shall be, And that if after the Said Bridges shall be repair'd & amended there shall remain any overplus
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of the Rents and proffits of the Said Lands. That the Same shall be employ'd by them about the said ancient Pavements in the Said high way in the Said Town of Tonbridge where most need shall be namely of the pavements in the midst of the street between the Market Cross and the Church Lane there it being of the breadth of six yards or near ["near" inserted] thereabouts as aforesaid. And we do further Order and Decree that all and every such Wardens of the Said Lands as shall be hereafter chosen as aforesaid Shall at the end of their respective Termes of three years give and make unto two such Justices of Peace of the said County as for the time being shall dwell out of the Said parish and next unto the Said town, a true & perfect accompt as well of all Such Rents and Proffits of the Said Lands as they respectively then have received or might then have reasonably received, as of their disbursements and laying out. And that if any overplus shall remain, or if any other moneys shall by force of this our Decree be paid into their Hands, That then the same and the Said overplus shall be immediatly paid unto the hands of such persons as shall succeed them in their said Office
And we do further Order, and Decree that the new Wardens of the said Lands shall at their first Election and entering into their said Office become bound for themselves their Heirs Executors & Administrators jointly and severally unto the said two Justices of the Peace of the said County which shall for the time being dwell next unto the said Town of Tonbridge in an obligation of the penall Sum of Two hundred pounds to be condition'd to let and dispose of the Lands aforesaid to the best yearly proffit and value thereof And to employ the Rents and proffits of the Same in and about the amending and repairing of the Said Bridges where most need shall be And that if after the said bridges shall be repaired and

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amended, there shall remain any overplus of the Rents and proffits of the said Lands then to emply the Same also in and about the same ancient pavements in the Said high way in the Said town where most need shall be namely the pavements in the middest of the street between the Market Cross and the Church lane there it being of the breadth of Six yards or near Thereabouts, and at the end of their respective termes of three years to give and make unto the Said two Justices of Peace a true and perfect accompt as well of such Rents and Proffits of the Said Lands which They or any of them have or might have reasonably receiv'd as of their Said disbursements and laying out And to pay unto Such persons as shall succeed them in their Said Office within three months after their Said accompts all such overplus of the said Rents & Proffits (if any be) and all Such sums of money they shall have had or received by or from such persons as shall have preceeded them in their Said Office.

Provided always that if such overplus of the Said Rents and Proffits of the Said Lands together with Such other monies as Such Wardens of the Said Lands shall have so as aforesaid receiv'd shall exceed the Sum of one hundred pounds, then to pay all and every Such Surplusage over and above the Said Sum of 100 pounds into the hands of Such Said two Justices of Peace within three months next after the end of their Said Several termes of three years there to remain as a stock and provision for the repair and amendment of the Said Bridges and pavements aforesaid upon all extraordinary ocassions And when as the yearly Rents of the Said Lands and the Said other moneys as aforesaid so remaining in the hands of the Said Wardens will not suffice to repair and amend The Same.

And we do further Order and Decree that Wiliam Bartlett and Thomas Roots haveing as aforesaid received the Rents and Proffits of the Said Lands

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for and by the space of three years amounting to the Sum of £40 and haveing not employ'd the Same towards the amending of the Said Bridges nor any of them altho the Said Bridges were during the Said three years in decay but have misemploy'd the Same,

That they the Said Willm. Bartlett and the Executors of the Said Thomas Roots, He the Said Thomas being dead, shall upon notice to be given to them by and under the hands and seales of four or more of us the Said Commissioners pay unto the Said two next Justices of peace before the feast of St Michael the Archangell next ensuing the Said Sum of £40

And the Said Thomas Webb and James Dicker haveing also as aforesaid receiv'd the Rents and Proffits of the Said Lands by the space of other three years amounting to the like Sum of £40 and haveing not employ'd the Same towards the amending of the Said Bridges or any of them altho' the Said Bridges were during the Said three Years in decay but have misemploy'd the Same, that they the said Thomas Webb and James Dicker Shall up on the like notice pay unto the Said two next Justices before the feast of St Michael the Archangell next ensuing the Said Sum of £40:

And that the Said Thomas Everest & William Roots &c

And that the said Henry Gransden & Henry Allen ye like

And that the said Gregory Roase and John Holmden to do the like

And the Said Robt Boardman & George Chowne to do the like

And that the Said Richard Chowning & Geo: Putland &c to do the Same.

All and every of of which Said Sums of money so as aforesaid to be paid unto the Said two Justices of Peace

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Wee do Order and Decree Shall be to and for the building and repairing of the Bridges and Pavements aforesaid.

And lastly to the end that all accompts Receipts & Payments and all other Proceedings in the premises may be orderly kept And that these our Orders and Decrees may be continued in memory to all Posterity Wee do hereby Order and Decree that these our Orders and Decrees be forthwith fairly written in a Book to be provided by the Now Wardens of the Said Lands and the Same to be locked up in a chest to be likewise provided by them and to be kept in the Church of Tonbridge under three several locks and the Keys of one thereof to be kept by the Said Wardens and their Successors for the time being for ever, and one other by the Minister of the Said Church for the time being and the Key of the third to be kept by the Surveyor of the Highways there for the time being

And wee do Order and Decree that all Receipts of Rents of the Said Lands Payments Disbursements and accounts so as aforesaid to be had and made in the premisses to be likewise for ever hereafter fairly written into three several books to be likewise successively provided by the Wardens of the Said Lands and their Said Successors Successively, Whereof one to remain in their own keeping and the other in the hands of the said two Justices of Peace for the time being that shall take the Said accompt, and the third to be kept in the said Chest under the Said Locks and Keys to be kept as aforesaid

In Witness whereof Wee the Said Commissioners have hereunto Subscrib'd and Set our Hands and Seals and publish these our Said Orders & Decrees

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the Twentieth day of June in the Said ninth year of the Reign of our Sovreign Lord Charles by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith etc ye Anno Domini 1633

30 Oct: 1633 Recd. Of William Dixon Esqr. The Sum of thirty Shillings for a copy of the Decree in this Cause taken out of*

and for my fee

*County Bag

per me Richard Heling

1575 – Copy of a Deed concerning the Town Lands

THIS INDENTURE made the eighteenth day of September in the Seventeenth year of the reign of our Sovreign Lady Elizabeth by the Grace of God Queen of England France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c Between William Harte and Thomas Johnson of Tonbridge in the County of Kent Yeomen of the one part and John Baldock Edmon Brewstow Richard Pratt the younger Richd. Johnson Son of William Johnson Thomas Johnson the younger Willm. Harris the younger Thomas Dixon Son of Humphrey Dixon and Henry Roots of Tonbridge aforesaid Yeomen on the other part WITNESSETH that it is covenanted granted condescended and agreed between the Said parties in manner and forme following that is to say that the said William Harte and Thomas Johnson shall on this side of the feast of Thannunciation of our Lady next comeing levy one Fine and enfeoffe the Said John Baldock Edmon Brewstow Richard Pratt the younger Richard

Johnson

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Johnson, Thomas Johnson William Harris Thomas Dixon and Henry Roots and their Heirs of and in eight parcells of Land and meadow comonly call'd the Town Lands containing in The whole by estimation thirty acres more or less scituate lying and being in the Said parish of Tonbridge WHICH Fine and Feoffment shall be And all persons seis'd thereof and of any parcell thereof shall stand and be seised to the uses and intents

hereafter mention'd and to no other uses or intents THAT is to say that the Said Feoffees and every of them their Heirs and Assignes shall let to farme the premisses and every parte thereof to other persons for so much yearly Rent as they conveniently may lett the same And with the Rents commodities and proffits thereof to sustein and maintain or newly to reedifie all the Bridges in the Said Town of Tonbridge (excepting the great Bridge which the Lord of the Town is in right to maintain) and upon one Sondag between Easter and Whitsontide yearly imediatly after Service make accompts to Such of the Parish as then shall be present as well of the Receipts of the Farme and proffits of the Said Land as how the same money receiv'd hath been bestow'd upon the Said Bridges and what remaineth in their hands unbestow'd And if there be any Surplusage over and above the needfull reparations of the Said Bridges then the Same to be employ'd for the amending of the ways within the said Towne

AND the Said John Baldock Edmond ["Brewster" deleted] Bristow Richard Pratt Richard Johnson Thomas Johnson William Harris Thomas Dixon and Henry Roots for them their Heirs and Assignes do covenant and grant to and with the said William Harte and Thomas Johnson their Heirs Executors and Assignes and with every of them that after the death of any three of the Said

Feoffes

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Feoffes which shall fortune first to die, that they the other Five Surviving Feoffees shall make a Feoffment to eight other of the premisses to the uses and Intents before express'd in this Indenture and that all assureances hereafter to be made of the premisses and of every part thereof shall be to the like purposes and Intents. In WITTNES whereof the parties above named to these presents their hands and Seales interchangeable have set dated the day and year first above written

Sealed and delivered in the presence
of Will: Smith, Will: Johnson John Row

Vera copia Scripti indentatt Sive
Feoffment: preedict: Scripta et examinat:
p/ me Johannan Hooper xxvi die Januarii
anno 1604. ad instantian Will: Harris

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The Accounts of George Summerton and William Woodgate late Town
Wardens touching their Receipts & Payments beginng at Michs 1738 and
ending at Michs 1741

Imprimis The said Accountants charge themselves with three years Rent

Recd of Thomas Abrahams Tennant to the Lands, being Seventy five ppounds and deducting the Ks Tax being four pounds one shilling remains	70	19	00
Recd of George Sherlock for old Posts and some ends of new slabs	00	05	00
Do of David Sherlock for slab	00	02	06
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	71	06	06

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The Disbursements of George Summerton
and William Woodgate late Town Wardens.

Oct:15:1739	pd Geo: Summerton for 3 load of stones used at the Bridges	01	10	00
Do 30	pd Tho Pincen Pavier as p Bill	00	18	03
Novr:6	pd Tho Wood a Bill for carriage	01	10	00
	pd Edwd Davis for Beer for ye Paviers	00	04	04½
Do: 10	pd Daniel Waghorn Pavier	01	12	00
25 Febr	pd Will Wingate for carriage of stones 10 Load	04	00	00
1740 April 7	pd Tho Pincon pavier	01	05	06
Do 29	pd Tho Wood for carriage of stones	04	00	00
Do	pd Tho Tapsell for carriage	00	08	00
12 May	pd Daniel Waghorn for paveing	01	10	10
4 July	pd Tho Pincon pavier	00	08	06
Do 26	pd Do paveing	03	03	06
Do	pd Daniel Waghorn paveing	03	03	04
Aug: 7	pd Tho Barbar for carriage of stones	03	15	06
Do 11	pd Walter Foreman for carriage of stones	00	03	06
Sept: 11	pd Robt. Relph for gravell	00	13	00
Oct: 11	pd Will: Selby Esq for 22 load of stone	02	04	00
16	pd Nickolas Stevens for 18 load of Do	01	16	00
Nov 6	pd Widow Arrows for a wheelbarrow	00	11	00
Decr: 10	pd George Sherlock felling 2 trees	00	04	00
22	pd John Greenwood fetching stones	01	00	00
26	pd David Harris carriage of stones	01	08	00
29	pd Th Weller carriage of stones	02	00	00
Janry 3	pd Tho Abrahams car: of stones & gravel	01	02	00
Janry 10	pd James Beecher a load of ["stones" deleted] gravel	00	02	00
1741 Aug 17	pd Tho Pincon for paveing	01	13	06
Oct: 30	pd John Roots removeing stones	00	06	00
Janry 2	pd Edwd Terry for bread and beer	01	08	10
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		42	01	07

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1741	brought over	42	01	07
Janry 2d	pd Daniel Waghorn pavier	04	03	00
Do	pd Do for paveing	01	00	04
Do	pd Geo: Sherlock Carpenters work	02	19	09
Do: 3	pd Tho Abrahams for gates & Post	01	13	00
Do: 4	pd Will Wingate for carriage of Timber	00	12	00
4	pd John Eldridge carriage of two trees	00	08	00
5	pd Tho Weller for carraige of stones	08	00	00
5	pd John Burgis for stones	02	00	00
6	pd George Summerton a Bill	01	13	05
Do	pd Do a Bill pd for Pavior's work	04	01	00
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		68	12	01
Expended at passing the acct.		00	04	05
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Total Discharge		68	16	06
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Total Charge 71: 6: 6
Discharge 68:16:6

Remains 2:10:0

January 7th 1741-2

Then Seen and allow'd these accounts and the Ballance being two pounds ten shillings The Accountants George Summerton & William Woodgate the late Warden paid into the hands of Mr Robt Weller. Wittness our hands

Thos. Scoones	Robt. Weller
Edw. Terry	J Hooker
Saml. Mills	Tho: Abraham

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At a Court Leet of the Mannor of Tunbridge held at the Rose & Crown on Monday the 26th of October 1741 Robert Weller Esq; and Mr John Colegate were chosen Town Wardens for three years (viz) from Michaelmas 1741 to Michaelmas 1744

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The Accounts of Rob Weller Esq and Mr John Colgate late Town Wardens touching their Receipts and Payments beginning at Michs 1741 and ending Michs 1744

Imprimis the Said Accountants charge themselves with three years Rent
 Recd of Mr Thomas Abrahams Tenant to the Lands being Seventy five pounds
 deducting the Kings Tax being five pounds and eight Shillings remains
 Recd being the Ballance of the last Wardens accts
 Recd for four Load of Small Stones Sold to John Hide at 2s p Load

	69	12	00
	02	10	00
	00	08	00
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Total charge	71	10	00
Discharge	57	00	00
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Balance Rem.	15	10	00
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The Disbursements of Robert Weller Esq and
 Mr John Colgate late Town Wardens

Sep 2 1743	paid Tho Pinson a Bill for paveing	3: 5: 1			
Do 14	pd Do	0: 9: 0			
Oct 13	pd Do a Bill	0:15:10	04	09	11
Nov 21	pd John Everest for beer for ye Paviors		00	05	09½
	pd Tho Wood carr 22 load of Stones 1743	8:16: 0			
	pd Do carriage of 20 load of Stones 1744	8: 0: 0			
Oct 11	pd Do carriage of Stones from the Castle	0:12: 0	17	08	00
	beer		00	00	03
1744	pd for the bread and beer for the Stone carriers		00	07	04
June 7	pd Tho Baldwin for 22 load of stones		02	04	00
1744	had in 1743 at 2s p load				
Aug: 21	pd Saml Burton for beer for the Paviors		00	04	06
Do 22	pd Mr Williamson fetching small stones & gravell		07	11	00
Sept 15	pd Tho Pinson bill for paveing	2:17: 3			
Do	pd Do p Do	4: 1: 7	06	18	10
	bread and beer for the Stone Carriers		00	06	08
Oct 25	pd Robt Relph for 9 load of gravell		00	18	00
Do 26	pd John Roots for carrying Stones and for the pavements		00	16	07
Nov 2d	paid Mr Hooker for 32 load rubbish stones		01	12	00
21	pd John Roots carrying stones in the Town		00	07	00
Do	pd William Chalklin for a wheelbarro'		00	07	00
Do 26	pd Mr George Walter for gravell		02	00	00
Dec 13	pd Mr Baldwin for 20 Load of stones at 3s p Load				
	had 1744		03	00	00
Do 28	Mr George Summerton a Bill		00	06	00
Jan 3d	pd Jacob Mercer Bill for Sand Stones and mending the Bridges		01	15	00
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			50	18	06½

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	Brought over	50	18	06½
Janry 19	paid Will. Brissenden Carpenter for work at the dipping place and Clappers	02	12	02
Do 26	pd Tho Pinson a Bill for paveing	00	04	04
Do 28	pd Mr Walter for carriage of Gravell	00	02	00
Do 30	pd John Roots carrying Stones	00	01	06
Do 31	pd Everist for beer for the Paviors	00	04	04½
Febr: 20	pd Will. Brissenden new makeing the Stage at the dipping place	01	12	02
	pd Will. Brissenden for a cupboard to be put in the Vestry Roome to keep the Town Wardens accts in	00	18	00
	pd for a book to transcribe the Town Wardens' accounts in to be kept in the Vestry Roome	00	03	06
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		56	16	07
	expended at passing these accts	00	03	05
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		57	00	00
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Aprill 11th 1745 Seen and allow'd these accts and the Ballance being fifteen pounds ten shillings the accountants Robt Weller and John Colgate the late Wardens paid into the hands of Thomas Whiffen and William Strange the Succeding Town Wardens Wittness our Hands

Wm. Strange,	Wm. Davis,
Edwd. Terry,	Wm Johnson,
William Brissenden,	Thomas Abraham,
John Hyde,	Thos. Whiffen.

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[The book which was bought on the 20th February 1745 to be kept in the Vestry may be the one now in the Kent County Archives at Maidstone. Ref U442 Q7. It is an almost complete copy of this book to 10th November 1634 with the addition of the questions and answers given by townsfolk in August 1634 at an Inquisition into the bridges and work of the Town Wardens. It contains an index of persons.]

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Robt. Mercer		
	Tonbridge	
		Kent
Thomas		1827
	Robt. Mercer	

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THE ACCTS of Thos. Whiffen and William Strange
Late Town wardens For Tonbridge Touching
their Receipts and Payments beginning at Mich: 1744
and Ending at Michaelmas 1747

Imprimis The said Accountants Charge themselves with Three Years Rent Recd of
Mr. Abrahams Deceased and Sence of the Reverend Mr Elcock his Executor
Tenant to the Lands being Seventy five Pounds Deducting the Kings Tax being
five Pounds and Eight Shillings

Remains	69	12	00
Recd by the Ballance of the Last Wardens Accts	15	10	00
By Mr Beecher for 1 Load and half of Small Stones	00	03	00
By Mr Slater for 8 Bushells	00	01	04
By Geo. Barnaby for 3 Load	00	06	00
By Jn Lines for 7 Load	00	14	00
By Mr Mills for Small Stones	00	14	00
	87	00	04

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DISBURSEMENTS of Tho. Whiffen and Wm Strange Late
Town=Wardens to Michaelmas 1747

		£	s	d
2 Bills	To Mr Tho Scoones for Stones and Gravel of the Compy. River Midway -2 bills-	22	03	06
2 bills	To Jacob Mercer ye Elder for work and Materials	02	14	04
2 Do	To Jacob Mercer ye younger for Paving ye Town	17	15	05
2 Do	To Mr Baldwin for Stones	14	00	00
	To Deborah Rose for Beer and Bread for Teams & Labours	02	04	09
1 bill	To Wm Wait for Carring 20 Load of Stones	08	00	00
	To Thos Elliott for Carring 2 Load Stones	00	10	00
First Bill to Medway Navigation		67	08	00

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	Brought over	67	08	00
1 bill	To Mr Duggen for fetching and Paying Small Stones and Gravel	01	17	06
2 Do	To Thos Wood for Carring Stones and Gravel Severals	03	13	00
3 Do	To Charles Peters for Severals fetching Stones and Gravel	02	13	06
1 Do	To Mr Geo Walter for Gravel 5 Load	00	12	06
1 Do	To Jn Pattenden for 2 Loads of Stones	00	04	00
1 Do	To Mr Elcock for fetching Gravel and Stones	00	15	04
1 Do	To Geo Sherlock ye Younger for Work & board	00	02	01
1 Do	To Mr Slater for Nails Spikes & Iron Work	00	14	08

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1 Bill	To Wm Strange for fetching Stones	02	08	00
1 Do	To Jn Lockyer Wheelwright mending Ye Wheelborough and Handles for Picks	00	04	00
1 Do	To Jn Collins for Sawing Timber for the Midle Bridge	00	09	03 ½
1 Do	To Geo Barnaby for fetching Stones and Gravel from ye Warf	00	12	06
1 Do	To Geo Wise for Mending pick hevels and Wheelborow	00	01	04
1 Do	To Mr Rich. Williamson for fetching Stones	00	18	00
2 Do	To Mr Mills for fetching Stones from ye Warf	00	14	02
1 D	To Wm. Olliver and the Labours	00	13	01
2 Do	To David Sherlock for Carpenter Work and Measuring the Paving	01	17	00

		07	17	04 ½
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Brought to

		78	00	07
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Total Disbursements

		85	17	11 ½
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Disbursements	85	17	11 ½
Expenses at Passing of Acct.	00	02	04 ½

Recd. In all	86	00	04
	87	00	04 ½

Balance	01	00	00
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April ye 25th 1748

THESE ACCOUNTS

Where Seen and allow'd by us Whose Names are Under Written and the
Balance being one Pound Paid into the Hands of Mr. Jn Wood
and Mr. Saml. Mills Suckseeding Town=Wardens
Witness

Robt. Weller,
Jn Slatter,

John Wood,
Richd Johnson,

Saml Mills,
David Sherlock.

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The Accounts of Mr Jn Woods and Mr Saml Mills Late Town Wardens Touching
there Receipts and payments Beginning Att Michaelmas 1747 and Ending att
Michaelmas 1751

Imprimis the Said Accountants Charge themselves With three years Rent Recd
of the Rev Mr Tho Elcock Tennant To the Said Lands Being Seventy five pounds
Deducting three years Kings Tax Being five pounds Eight Shillings

Remaines	69	12	00
Recd of the Last Town Wardens	01	00	00
Recd of Jacob Mercer Senr for Small Stones	00	09	00
By Sam Mills for Small Stones	00	03	00
Recd of Mr Jn Cork for Timber Sold to Him	75	00	00
Recd of Robt Weller Esq for a Book Charged In his Acct When Town Warden	00	03	06

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Disbursements of Mr Jn Wood and Mr Saml Mills Late Town Wardens

To Michaelmas 1750

1748

May 19	pd Robt Comfort as p Bill	00	10	06
21	pd Wm Constable p Do 7 Ld Stones	02	16	00
28	pd John Curd p Do 1 Ld Do	00	08	00
June 2	pd Th Elliot p Do 5 Ld Do	02	00	00
7	pd Charles Snashal p Do 2 Ld Do	00	16	00
Oct 11	pd Jn Tipping for 6 Ld Stones	02	08	00
11	pd Wm Dugden for 1 Ld Small Stones and one Days Work With His Cart	00	11	06
25	pd Tho Barber for 6 Ld Small Stones	02	08	00
Nov 17	pd Mr Steers for Beer for Jacob Mercer when paveing & repairing ye Bridges	00	07	09
26	pd Jacob mercer Jnr. for paveing And Repaireing ye Bridges as p Bill No 10	07	06	08
29	pd Wm Wingate for ½ Carridge Lime	00	11	00
Dbr 6	pd Mr London for five Load Stones	02	00	00
Janr16	pd Tho Wood for Stones as p Bill	01	12	00
Febr21	pd Wm Wingate for Do as p Do	00	08	00
Mar 4	pd Tho Cox for A Wooden Rammer	00	01	06
Apr 21	pd Tho Elliot 2 Ld Stones	00	16	00
1749	pd When Sold the Timber	00	02	00

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Brott Over

25 02 11

1749

May 15	pd Jacob Mercer Jnr for paveing & Repaireing ye pavement	06	14	11
June 7	pd Charles Snashal 1 Lod Stones	00	08	00
30	pd the River Co by Mr Scoones for Stones & Gravel as p Bill	14	10	00
Dec 15	pd Charles Snashal for fifteen Loads Small Stones & Carridge	06	00	00
Febr 22	pd David Shearlock for Timber And Repaires and for Measureing ye pavement	04	09	00
22	pd Jacob Mercer Jnr as p bill for paveing & Repaireing ye Town	04	12	06
28	pd Jn Cork for a Timber Tree sold and not Deliverd	01	05	00

1750

May 21	pd Mr Dugden for 4 Ld Small Stones & Carridge	01	12	00
June 30	pd the River Co: By Mr Scoones for Stones And Gravel	14	14	03
7br 29	pd Jacob Mercer for Reaireing & paveing ye Town	05	01	10

Carried Forward

84 10 05

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1750	Brott Forward	84	10	05
Novr 26	pd To Tho Cox for Materials And work on Mr Millses			
1751	Town Land 1751 Field as p Bill	02	06	00
Apr 2	pd the River Co: To Mr Scoones for Stones & Gravel as p Bill	05	10	09
Mar 22	pd Moses Turner for Materials and Work Do on Jn Turners Town Land Field as p Bill	03	01	00
May 20	pd Tho Elliot for 2 Ld Stones & Work as p Bill	00	17	00
Augt 8	pd David Shearlock for Work And Materials as p Bill	01	17	00
9	pd the Revd Mr Ellcock as p Bill for 3 Gates 4 posts for ye Town Lands	02	05	00
10	pd Mr Slatter For Repaireing ye paviers Tools and for Sundry	01	18	02
10	For A Horse And Cart Carrying Gravel & Stones And To Labourers for Spreading Stones &c from Apr 28 1748 To July 1750 as p Acct Examined of Mr. Millses	06	06	05
[End of page]		108	11	09

Expended As On ye Other Side		108	11	09
Augt 12	Pd To Jacob Mercer	00	01	06
1751	pd for the Counter part of the Lease as ye Receipt Expended at passing ye Accts and Signing ye Leases	01	01	00
		00	05	00
		108	19	03

Recd as appears Back

Two Leafs 146: 7: 6
 108:19: 3

 037: 8: 3

Augt 12 1751 these Accounts Were Seen and allowed by Us Whose Names are Under Written And the Balance Being thirty Seven pounds Eight Shillings and 3d paid Into the Hands of Mr Jn Slatter and Mr Richard Williams Succeeding Town Wardens

George Summerton
 Jas Norris Richd. Williamson
 Tho. Weller Moses Turner

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“Susan Mercer has not had enough dinner” [Heavily smeared]
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The Account of Mr Jn. Slater and Mr Richd Williamson Town wardens from 1750
to Michaelmas 1753

[Some bills and receipts have survived for these Wardens' accounts.
They show some items have been charged for twice and some detailed
paving and other receipted billa have not been charged for.]

Aug 20	7 Load of Stones	02	16	00
	Carrying out and Spreading	00	07	00
Sep 6	8 Loads of Stones	03	04	00
	Carrying out and Putting in Ruts	00	04	00
Oct 10	4 Loads of Stones	01	12	00
	Carrying out	00	02	08
Nov 5	3 Loads of Stones at the Secd Bridge	01	04	00
Dec12	10 Loads of Stones Above the Kings head	04	04	00
	a cart and a man one day	00	02	06
1752	two Men two Day each	00	05	04
Mar10	11 Loads of Stones by Dryland	04	08	00
[End of page]		18	05	06
	Brought over	00	03	06
Mar 15	Pd for Spreading and putting in Rutes			
	2 men a Horse and Cart two Days Eatch	00	08	00
	11 Carrying 7 Loads of Stones and 2 Loads of Gravel	00	04	06
	A Man 3 Days	00	04	00
May 19	Tho Elett 12 Loads of Stones	04	16	00
	24 by Jn White 9 Loads Ditto	03	12	00
	25 Carrying 6 Loads of Stones and 3 Loads of Gravell	00	04	06
June 2	a Man to Days	00	02	08
	2 Pd Wm Dryland for Beer	00	16	00
	2 Mr Chiles 13 Loads of Stones as by Bill	05	04	00
	6 Tho Elett 3 Loads of Stones	01	04	00
	10 Tho Wood 9 Loads Sts & Grav	00	04	06
	16 Mr Geo Roves? One Load Sto	00	08	00
[End of page]		17	11	08
June 15	By Jn White 19 Loads Stones	07	12	00
	a Man 2 day	00	02	08
	24 a Bill from the Warf	04	14	00
	a Man half a day	00	00	08
July 4	a Man 2 Days	00	02	08
	22 Mr Dudgen 9 Loads of Stones	03	12	00
Oct 13	Mr Chiles 4 Loads of Stones	01	12	00
Dec 24	a Man 2 Days and a Half	00	03	00
	27 Jn Vorgo by Bill	03	09	08 1/2
	a Cart and a Man one day	00	02	06

[gravel and stone by the ton]			
a Cart one day	00	02	06
half a Carrige of Lime	00	10	06
Jacob Mercer bill	11	10	07
Gravel from the warf	01	16	00
Wm Carrett by Bill	00	06	00
Mr Chiles by Bill	03	04	00
[8 load Stones from Plaxtol]			

35 11 05 ½

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Gravel from the Portmed field	00	09	00
Tho Elett 2 Loads Stones	00	08	00
Mr Slater by Bill	01	06	07 ½
Mr Brisenden by Bill	00	12	00
Tho Elett Drawing timber	00	05	00
by Jn White 3 Load stone	01	04	00
Mr Duden by Bill	01	13	00
Tho Barleer 5 Load	01	15	00
Wm Dryland	00	19	01
Tho Woo	00	05	00
Jn Burgess for sawing	00	06	06
Mr Baldwins bills	08	16	00
More by Mr Baldwin	02	17	00

20 16 02 ½

35 11 05 ½

33 07 05 ½

Recd of ye late town Wardens
recd for three years rent

£ s d
37: 8: 3
93: 0: 0

17 11 08
18 05 06

125 12 03 ½

130: 8: 3
2:19: 6

[Added later ye Kings tax]

127: 8: 9
125:12: 3 ½

01:16: 5 ½
0: 3: 0

Recd. For Load Stones

1:19: 5 ½

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Oct Ye 30 1754 this Account was Seen & Allowed & the money paid to these present Town Wardens Mr James Norris & Mr Jn Lynes which was One pound Nineteen Shills & five pence halfpenny

Recd by us £ s d
 1=19= 5 ½

In ye presence off

Saml. Mills, Jas. Norris , George Summerton,
 John Lines, Henry Bowring.

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The accounts of John Lines & Jas. Norris Late Town Wardens Touching their Receipts & Payments beginning at Michaelmas 1753 and Ending at Michaelmas: 1756

Disbursements

1754

Jan ye 9	8 Foot of Square Oak & Spikes	00	02	02
Feb ye 21	Pd Wm Carrett for Carridge of Stones & Gravil as per Bill	00	09	06
Octo 29	Pd Rich, Chalklin for half a Years Land Tax for Mr Weller Town Lands	00	06	00
30	Pd Jacob Mercer Widow for Paveing 23 Yd at ye Lower River at 3d	00	05	09
30	Pd Mr Bowring at Receiving Mr Williamson & Mr Slatters accounts	00	04	00
31	Pd Mr Thos Scoones junr for ye Medway Company for 70 Tons of Stones & 102 Ton of Gravil as per Bil	20	17	00

1755

April 16	Pd Rich Chalklin for half a Years Land Tax	00	06	00
May 31	Pd Thos Elliott for fetching Two Load of Stones from Prats Quarry	00	06	00
		00	10	00

Carried Over

23 00 05

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1755	Brought Over	23	00	05
June 4	Pd ye Widow Mercer for beer & Bread for ye Stone Carriers & Measuring	00	02	04
7	Pd Mrs Goose for Beer for ye Paviours	00	07	09
9	Pd Thos Mercer a bill for paving 324 Yd at 3d per Yd between ye Bridges is 4: 1: 0 & also paid him for Mending ye Bridges & Ye pavement 1: 9: 3 as per Bill	05	10	03
July 5	Pd George Pratt for Two Load of San Stone to Mend ye Lower Bridge	00	06	00
June 30	Pd Mr Scoones for 35 Ton of Stones & 43 Ton & ½ of Gravil	10	01	00
July 22	Pd Mr Slatter for mending ye Paviours Toules	00	09	06
July 31	¼ hd. Of 10d Na ¼ hd. Of 6d & Two Spikes & Oak boards to mend ye Clapes	00	01	03
Augs.13	pd Thos Mercer for Paveing 441 Yd in ye Middle of ye Town at 3d	05	10	03
13	Pd ye Widow Mercer for Beer	00	01	00
Octo 26	pd Richd Relf for ½ a years Land Tax for Mr. Weller Town Land	00	06	00
[End of page]		45	15	09
	Brought over	45	15	09
1755				
Octo 30	Pd Mrs Gooar for beer for ye Pavo	00	05	06
Decbr31	Pd Mr Scoones for 64 Ton of Stones & 31 Ton of Gravil	15	19	00
1756				
Febry13	Pd Mr Scoones for 9 Ton of stones & 14 Ton of gravil	02	14	06
April 11	Pd Richd Relf for ½ a Years Land Tax for Mr Weller Town Land	00	06	00
June 17	Pd Thos Mercer fro Paveing 75 Yd & 7 foot on ye South Side of ye Lower Bridge at 3d per Yd	01	17	03 ½
17	Pd Mrs Gooar for beer for the Paviours	00	03	00
30	Pd Mr Scoones for 14 Ton of Stones & 10 ton & ½ of Gravil	03	13	06
Augs 6	Pd Thos Hubble for ¼ Years Land Tax for Mr Weller Town Lands	00	06	00
Octo29	Pd Thos Hubble for ¼ years Land Tax for Mr Weller Town Lands	00	06	00
Decbr11	Pd Mr Slatter a Bill	00	02	06
1757				
March 14	Pd John Lines Bill for Careag of Stones & Gravil & Labourers Work	09	15	05
	Carried Over	81	04	05 ½
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1757	Brought Over	81	04	05 ½
June 15 1754	Pd Jacob Mercer on account Five pounds & Five Shillings	05	05	00
March 24th 1757	Remainds in my Hands to pay for ye Remandr. part of Jacob Mercer Bill Jas. Norris	04	06	02 ¾
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		90	15	08 ¼
	Due to balance	04	07	03 ¼
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		95	92	11 ½

March 24th 1757 This account was Seen and allowed & ye Money of ye Ballance paid to ye Succeeding Town Wardings Mr Wm Duggen & Mr Wm Mugridge ye Sum of Four Pound Seven Shillings & Three Pence Farthings

Seen by us & allowed	Recd p us
John Colegat	Will. Duggen,
Geo Sumerturn,	Wm Mugridge,
Tho Austen,	Sml Mills,
Jn Slatter.	

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Cash Received of ye Several Tennants & Other People by John Lines & Jas Norris 1754

Octo 23	Recd of Mr Saml Mills in Cash 3:14: 0 & Outset for One Years Land Tax four Shillings which maketh 3:18: 0 for One Year Rent due Michaelmas Last OS			
30	Recd of Mr Slatter & Mr Williamson ye Late Townwardens ye balance of their account	03	14	00
Novbr 26	Recd of Mr John Scoones for Stones	01	19	05 ½
Decbr 7	Recd of Mmmerton for Stones	00	04	00
Decbr 26	Recd of Wm Simmons Ten Pounds Fourteen Shillings in Cash and Outset Six Shillings for one years Land Tax maketh Eleven Pounds for one years Rent due Michaelmas Last past OS	00	03	00
		10	14	00
1755				
Febry 28	Recd of Mr Thos Weller for one Years Rent Due last Michaelmas	12	00	00
June 19	Recd of Mosses Turner 3:18: 0 in cash & Outset four Shillings for One Years Land Tax maketh 4: 2: 0 for One Year Rent due Last Michaelma OS	03	18	00
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[End of page]		32	12	05 ½

		Brought Over	32	12	05 ½
1755					
Nov	1	Recd of Mr Thos Alchin for Three Load of Small Stones	01	07	00
1745					
Febry	25	Recd of Mr Weller one Years Rent	12	00	00
	27	Recd of Wm Simmons 10:14: 0 & Outset 6 Shillings for one Years Land Tax	10	14	00
	28	Recd of Mr Mills 3:14: 0 & Outset 6 Shillings for one Years Land Tax	03	14	00
May	5	Recd of Mosses Turner 3:18: 0 & Outset 4 Shillings for One Years Land Tax	03	18	00
Octo	21	Recd of Mr Mills 3:13: 0 in Cash & Outset 5 Shillings for One Years Land Tax	03	13	00
Decbr	10	Recd of Moses Turner 3:16: 0 in Cash & Outset 6 Shillings for One Years Land Tax	03	16	00
Janry	28	Recd of Mr Weller Twelve pounds for One Years Rent Due last St Michael Old St	12	00	00
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Brought over

83 14 05 ½

1757					
March	12	Recd of Mr Wm Simmons by ye Hand of his Son Wm Simmons Ten Pounds Eleven Shillings in Cash & Outset Nine Shillings for one Years Land Tax in full for one year rent due Las St Mich. Old stile	10	11	00
March	14	Recd of Mr John Lines Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence for 15 foot of Oak Timber for his Own Use	00	17	06
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The Accounts of Wm Mugridge and Wm Duggen Late Town Wardens
Touching their Receipts and Payments beginning at Michaelmas 1756 and
at Michaelmas 1759

DISBURSEMENTS

1756

March 24	Paid Mr Bowring at the Receiving of Mr Norris and Mr Lines's Accounts	00	04	00
April 21	Paid Thos Hubble for half a Years Land Tax for Mr Wellers Town Lands	00	12	00 ½
May 5	Paid Mrs Gore for Beer for the Pavers of the Town	00	06	10 ½
11	Paid Thos Oliver for Breaking of Stones Between Mr Hookers & the Kings head	00	00	03
11	Paid Thos Mercer for Paveing 413 Yards Between Mr Mills's and the Kings head at 3d per Yard	05	03	03
	Paid at the same time for Mending at Several Places, the Pavement as per Bill	00	16	00
June 12	Paid Thos Oliver for Breaking of Stones	00	00	02
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	Brought Forward	07	02	06 ½

1757

Novr 15	Paid John Walter for Two Days Spreading Stones between the Two Lower Bridges	00	02	04
22	Paid Mr Burton for Beer for the Pavers as per Bill	00	16	07 ½
27	Paid Thos Pinson for Paveing 201 Yds 7 foot between the Turnpike and the Lower Bridge at 3 per Yard	02	10	05
Decr 5	Paid Thos Oliver for Throwing of Gravell out of the Gutter upon the New Pavement	00	00	03

1758

Janry 3	Paid Mr Steer for Liquor at Receiving the Rent of Mr Thos Weller	00	01	00
3	Paid Thos Mercer for Paveing of 814 Yards Between the Turnpike and Lower Bridge at 3d per Yard	10	03	06
6	Paid Wm Johnson Blacksmith for Mending the Paveing tools at several times	00	10	03
April 22	Paid Wm Eldridge for Half a Years Land Tax for Mr Wellers Town Lands	00	12	00
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		Brought Forward	21	18	11
1757					
May	30	Paid Mr David Sherlock for Carpenters Work &c as per Bill	00	16	05
	31	Paid Thos Mercer for Paveing of Drylands crossWay as per Bill	00	04	02
	31	Paid Mr Thos Scoones on account of the Company of the River Medway for Stones and Gravell as per Receipt	10	00	00
Sept	10	Paid Thos Pinson for Mending at the Logershead Bridge	00	00	06
1759					
Febry	2	Paid Mr Wm Johnson as per Bill	00	02	05
March	22	Paid Mr Thos Scoones on account of the Company of the River Medway	20	00	00
August	28	Paid Thos Mercer as per Bill	00	12	00
Oct	31	Paid Thos Mercer as per Bill	02	12	10
Novbr	14	Paid John Grenaway for Spreading Stones	00	01	02
	28	Paid Mr David Sherlock for Work done as per Bill	00	13	02
	28	Paid Mr Wm Johnson Blacksmith as per Bill	00	06	01
	28	Paid Jacob Mercer for Mending Part of the Logerhead bridge	00	01	06
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Brought Forward			57	09	02
1759					
Novr	28	Paid Henry Smith for Beer for the Workmen Mending the Pavement as per Receipt	00	04	10 ½
	28	Paid Henry Smith for the Use of Mr Mabb for 4 Top Ends of Timber Containing 27 Foot at 4d per Foot	00	09	00
1760					
Janry	31	Paid Mr Thos Scoones for the Company of the River Medway in Full	25	17	09
Febry	1	Paid Mr Duggen on account for Carrying of Stones & Gravel &c	06	00	00
			90	00	09 ½
March	1	Pd Mr Duggen more on Account	01	04	01 ¾
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Cash Received of the several Tenants and other People
by Wm Mugridge and Wm Duggen

1757					
March 24	Recd of the Late Town Wardens the Ballance of their accounts		04	07	03 ¼
Novbr 10	Recd of Mr Smal Mills the sum of three Pounds Twelve Shillings & Outset Six Shillings for one Years Land Tax which Maketh £ 3:18: 0 for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS		03	12	00
1758					
Jan 3	Recd of Mr Thos Weller the sum of Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings and Outset Twelve Shillings for Half a Years Land Tax which Maketh 12: 0: 0 for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past Os		11	08	00
	Recd of Mr Wm Simmons the sum of Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and Outset Twelve Shillings for one Years Land Tax which Maketh 11: 0: 0 for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS		10	08	00
April 8	Recd of Mr Moses Turner the sum Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and outset Eight Shillings for one Years Land Tax which Maketh 4: 2: 0 for One Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS		03	14	00

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Brought Foreward

33 09 03 ¼

1758					
Novr 30	Recd of Mr Moses Turner the sum of Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and outset Eight Shillings for One Years Land Tax which Maketh 4: 2: 0 for One Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS		03	14	00
Febry 2	Recd of Mr Mills Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and outset Six Shillings for one Years Land Tax which maketh 3:18: 0 for One Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS		03	12	00
22	Recd of Mr Austen for the Late Mr Thos Weller the sum of Ten Pound Sixteen Shillings and set one Pound four Shillings for One Years Land Tax which Maketh £12: 0: 0 for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last past OS		10	16	00
March 10	Recd of Mr Wm Simmons the Sum of Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and outset Twelve Shillings for one Years Land Tax which maketh 11: 0: 0 for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS		10	08	00

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		Brought Foreward	61	19	03¼
1759					
Oct 28		Recd of Mr Comfort the sum of Fourteen Shillings for one ashen Tree that was Fell in that Part of the Town Lands used by Wm Simmons	00	14	00
Novr 20		Recd of Mr John Hayward for 5 Foot of Stone at 4d per Foot	00	01	08
	28	Recd of Mr Mills the sum of Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and outset Six Shillings for one years Land Tax which Maketh £3:18: 0 for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS	03	12	00
1760					
Jany 4		Recd of Mr Samll Waite the sum of Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings and outset one Pound four Shillings for one Years Land Tax which maketh Twelve Pounds for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS	10	16	00
Jany 28		Recd of Mr Wm Simmons the sum of Ten Pounds Eight Shillings and outset Twelve Shillings for one Years Land Tax which Maketh £11: 0: 0 for one Years Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS	10	08	00
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		Carried Over	87	10	11 ¼
		Brought Foreward	87	10	11 ¼
1760					
March 1		Recd of Mr Moses Turner the sum Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and outset Eight Shillings for one Years Land Tax which make the £4.2.0 for one year's Rent Due Michaelmas Last Past OS	03	14	00
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March 5 1760 This account was s[?]			91	04	11 ¼
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March 5 1760 This account was seen and allowed and Remains Due to Mr Duggen on account for Carriage of Stones & Gravell &c Four Pounds One Shilling & Two Pence Three Farthings to be Paid by the ensuing Town Wardens Mr Edmund Dennis & Mr John Woodgate

Seen by us

John Colegate
Jn Norris

Edward Dennis,
John Woodgate.

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James Strange

