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DOCUMENTS FROM THE ARCHIVES OF CHRIST  
CHURCH, CANTERBURY.

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I.

*Meopham.*

VIEW of the Account of Walter Chippe, the tenant ("*Firmar*'") there, from the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [June 24] in the twenty-ninth year [1451] of the reign of King Henry the Sixth since the conquest, unto the same Feast next following in the thirtieth year [1452] of the reign of the same king, for one whole year.

Arrears. None, as this is the first year Sum; nil.

Rent ("*Firma*"). But the same [Walter] chargeth himself with £40 for a year's rent ("*firma*") of the aforesaid manor with the Rectory of the same let to him for a term of five years, beginning at the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, in the aforesaid 29th year, to be paid in equal portions at the terms of Easter and Michaelmas, all rents, customary services of the land escheating to the office of "Bedell" only excepted ("*reddit' s'uic' consuet' t'r' esceat' ad officiu' Bedelli duntaxat except'*")—namely for the same terms within the time of this account, for this first year

Sum of the charge £40

Cash Paid. Whereof the same [Walter] reckons cash paid to the Lord Prior of his rent for this year, namely for the Easter term in the said 30th year, as appears by a bill sealed by the Warden of Manors [*custod' manerior'*] dated on the 21st of May in the said 30th year, which bill remains in the possession of the said Farmer £10

And to the same Lord Prior by the hands of Walter Hertford, Warden of Manors, of his rent aforesaid, as appears by a bill signed by the said Warden, dated on the 28th of October in

the said 31st year; shewn at this View and remaining in the possession of the said Farmer £10

Sum £20.

Pension. And paid to "Dom'" John Fulsham, vicar of the parish church of Meopham, for his pension issuing annually from the rectory aforesaid; namely for this year 106 s. 8 d.

Sum 106 s. 8 d.

Procurations. And paid to the Dean of Shoreham for procurations of the church of Meopham 6 s. 8 d.

Sum 6 s. 8 d.

Costs of the Chancel. And paid to John Benet for 4000 plain tiles bought of him for the covering of the chancel of the church there, with the carriage, at 4 s. 4 d. a thousand; 17 s. 4 d. And paid for 2 quarters 4 bushels of quick lime, bought of the same John for the work of the aforesaid chancel, 2 s. And paid for 3 cartloads of sand bought of John Joskyn at 5 d. a cartload ("*curtena*"); 15 d. And paid to Richard Eldrede, tiler, for tiling the said chancel according to agreement made with him for the job ("*ad tascam*"), 12 s. And paid for mending the glass of a chancel window, 20 d.

Sum 34 s. 3 d.

Repairs of the Manor. And paid for the mending and repairing of the oven and furnace ("*olibani & vstrini*") in the kitchen, 3 s. 4 d. And paid for the making of a prop ["*stipit*"] in the hall of the manor, 20 d. And paid for the making of a beam in the hall to hang hogs upon ("*pro baconibus desuper pendend*"), with "hokys" bought for the same, 3 s. 4 d. And paid to John Powr for the mending and repairing of "lez rakkes and maungers" in the stable of the manor aforesaid, for 6 days at 6 d. a day, 3 s.

Sum 11 s. 4 d.

Alms. And for 6 bushels of wheat and 6 bushels of barley distributed in Alms among the poor parishioners there, by order of the Lord . . . . 7 s. 6 d.

Sum 7 s. 6 d.

Sum of the Allowances and Payments £28. 6 s. 5 d.

And the balance is £11. 13 s. 7 d.

Of which is allowed to him 20 d. for the expenses of the Lord Prior his servants and horses when there ("*expens' d'ni Prioris s'uienc' & equor' suor' ib'm existenc'*") in the month of March of the 30th year, as appears by a bill, &c.

And the balance is £11. 11 s. 11 d.

## II.

Be it known to all men by these presents that I Reginald Sondes one of the executors of the will of Richard Martyn late of Feversham, in the county of Kent, "Gentilman," have, on the day of the completion of these presents, had and received from William Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, by the hands of John Amys, his farmer, ("firmarii"), of Copton,\* £20 of good English money in part payment and release of £40 of the money lately belonging to the said Richard for safe custody, delivered by me and my co-executors of the aforesaid will into the hands of the same Prior, and to be redelivered to me, or the other co-executors aforesaid, when the said Prior should be duly required so to do, to be expended for the welfare of the soul of the said Richard, and in fulfilment of his will, of which £20, etc., I acknowledge, etc., the said Prior and his executors are acquitted, etc., by these presents signed with my seal. Dated on the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula in the third year of the reign of King Henry the Seventh.

## III.

Bill of Provision for the office of Celarer for the year commencing at Michaelmas in the fourth year of Henry the Seventh [A.D. 1488-9].

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis of Simon Dundy 13 "barens,"† worth 16 d.			
each (Plus in all 2 d. more)	0	17	6
Item of Thomas Plott 80 "Multons"‡ worth 2 s. each	8	0	0
Item of John Newland 60 "Multons" worth 2 s. each	6	0	0
Item of Henry Gosborne 10 "barens" worth 15 d. each	0	12	6
Item 30 "Wedres"   worth 20½ d. each bought of Andrew Hawker	0	51	3
Item of William Wanstall of Molash, and others, 54 "Wedres" worth 2 s. each	5	8	0
Item of Stephen att Dane 40 "wedres" worth 21 d. each	3	10	0
Item of Henry Symon 8 bullocks	0	100	0
Item of Laurence Hille 3 bullocks	0	20	0
Item of John att Mayto 4 "barens"	0	5	4
Item of John Elys 2 hogs ["bacon"]	0	5	0
Item of Stephen 1 bull with 1 cow worth together	0	15	0
Sum	£34.	4 s.	7 d.
Sum	£67.	16 s.	5 d.

\* Copton is a Manor in Preston next Faversham, see Hasted, vi. 532.

† Barren ewes.

‡ That is muttuns.

|| Wethers.

Received as in the other part of this Bill.

	£
Imprimis October 5th . . . . .	5
Item October 17th . . . . .	10
Item October 31st . . . . .	5
Item November 12 . . . . .	7
Item December 4th . . . . .	9

Sum £36.

Received of Andrew Hawker from various Farmers and delivered to the Celarer's use and allowed in the accounts of the said farmers ("*firmarioru'*").

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis from the Farmer of Westwell Manor 20 "multons" worth 2 s. each . . . . .	0	40	0
Item from the "bedell" of Holingborne 21 "multons" worth 2 s. each . . . . .	0	42	0
Item from the Farmer of the Rectory of Sesaltry 10 "multons" worth 2 s. each . . . . .	0	20	0
Item from the Holingborne bedell 3 two-yearlings ("ij yerrynggs") worth 6 s. each . . . . .	0	18	0
Item from the Farmer of Copton 25 hogs ["bacon'"] . . . . .	4	0	0
Item from the same one boar . . . . .	0	6	8
Item from the Farmer of Godmersham 9 hogs . . . . .	0	30	0
Item from the Farmer of Ykham 42 hogs . . . . .	6	13	4
Item from the same one boar.			
Item from the Farmer of Estry 12 hogs . . . . .	0	40	0
Item from the Farmer of Barton ("b'ton'") 22 hogs . . . . .	3	0	0
Item from John Syluo farmer of the Rectory of Sesaltry 10 "barons" worth . . . . .	0	12	6
Item from the Farmer of Chartham 6 hogs . . . . .	0	18	0
Item from the Farmer of Rokynge 6 bullocks . . . . .	6	0	0
Item from the Farmer of the Rectory of Westwell, 2 bull calves ("bouett") worth 12 s. each . . . . .	0	24	0
Item from the Farmer of the Rectory of Challoc 2 bull calves worth 7 s. 6 d. each [ <i>This entry is erased in the manuscript</i> ] . . . . .		15	0

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