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ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, NEW ROMNEY.  
RECORDS RELATING TO ITS REMOVAL IN A.D. 1550.

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Petition from New Romney to Archbishop CRANMER.

"In moste humble wyse . . . showeth vnto your good grace your devout oratours the Baylie, Jurats, and John Cryse Vycar of Newe Romeny of yr Graces Dioces. That whereas there are in the same towne twoo parishe Churches that is to sae the churche of Saincte Nicolas and the chapell of St. Marten annexed therenvnto whiche are appropriated vnto the Colledge of all Sowles in the vniuersitie of Oxforde.

"And for that the towne is not so populus, nor the devotions of the people so liberall in paying of personall tythes as thei have been heretofore the proffittes of the same arr not sufficient nor hable to fynde twoo curates to serve bothe the sayd churches and thei vntited were but a competent and reasonable lyving for one lerned curate. The churches when thei were together and either of them hable and mete to receyve all the people of the . . . and more and the keping vppe of theym bothe may . . . parsonage as the inhabitants of the sayd twoo parisshee cannot . . . well . . . to come to any one of the sayd churches. It maye therefore please your grace to assign and appoynte by your l'tres directed vnto the hole towne one of the same churches whiche shall seeme to your grace moste mete for thair parisshe churche willing and requiring the people to accepte the same for thair onelie parisshe churche. And further that your grace will take order that certyn honest men maye be charged with the goodes comyng of the churche whyche shalbe desolated to be ymployed to the benifite and commoditiie of the churche and towne so that thei maie stande bounde to yelde vnto yo'r grace accompte of the same frome tyme to tyme when and as often as you shall require the same. In accomplishing wherof yo'r grace's sayd oratours shalbe dailie bounde to prae to God for the long preservation of your good grace long to endure."

The Archbishop's Answer.

"To my loyng ffrendes the Baylif, Jurats and parisshons of Newe Rumney. After my right hertie recomendation found Perceyvyng by your application that you cannot agree amonge your

selfes whiche of your churches you may take for your onlie parisshe churche, you havyng twoe churches either of them mete for your sole towne and by cause that by no equytie nor without great consid . . . . the people of the churche may come to the chapell nor of the chapell to the churche, these are to . . . . wylle you to take the churche of Seynt Nycholas for your onlie parisshe churche. And that such as shall have or take the other churche and implements thereof shall before any alteration thereof be made be bounde by sufficient wrytynges obligatory before Peter Hayman my surveyor whom I have appoynted therewith for the employnge of theym and of the money thereof comyng, to the common poore and best proffyte of the towne and parisshe and to take a trewe accompt thereof . . . . as eyther an . . . . they, or any of them, shalbe therewith requyred. Thus hartelie fare you welle ffrom Lambethe the xxvij daye of May 1549.

"Your Lovinge ffrende,  
"T. CANT."

Here aft<sup>r</sup> folow<sup>th</sup> the Receipte of the goodes of Saint Martens Church in New Romeney as folowith.

Inp'mis Receyved of one Edenberie and of Will <sup>m</sup> part-	
ridge of Rie ffor iij thousand and Sixe hundredreth	
of bell metall to them sold at x li. x s. le thousand	xlviij li. iiijs.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge the iijde day of Ap'll Anno	
R' R' Edwardi vj dei gracia re'qui'to for c'ten lead	
to him sold at vj s. viij d. le hundredreth .....	v li.
It'm Rec' of Will <sup>m</sup> tadlow for viij c. d. [d= $\frac{1}{2}$ ] of lead	
to him sold the xxij <sup>th</sup> of Ap'll Anno p'dicto at vs.	xlij s. vjd.
le C. ....	
It'm Rec' of Willm Walter for v C. of lead to him sold	
at vs. le hundredreth .....	xxv s.
It'm Rec' of Peter Wallishe ffor xij C. of lead to him	
sold at v s. le hundredreth .....	iiij li.
It'm Rec' of Radulphe devonishe for x C. of lead to	
him sold at vs. le hundredreth .....	1 s.
It'm Rec' of John Whit ffor viij C. of lead to him sold	
at vs. le hundredreth .....	xl s.
It'm Rec' of Thomas Pelland ffor viij C. of lead to him	
sold at v s. le C. ....	xxxv s.
It'm Rec' of Nicolas ffan black Smith ffor iij C. d.	
[d= $\frac{1}{2}$ ] of iron to him sold at vj s. viij d. le hundredreth	xxx s.
It'm Rec' of the said Edenberie and partridge ffor x	
ffother of lead to them sold at v li. le ffother .....	1 li. [£50]
[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side c xvij li. vjs. vjd.	
	[£117 6s. 10d.]

John hoonle [?] pr. thom's hoonle Sm. grosse c xxxvi li. xvi s. x d.  
[£136 16s. 10d.]

*This sum gross or total is written at the foot of the first MS. page, not at the end of the account.*

Here ffolow<sup>th</sup> the iij billes specified in the Acompt grosse.

ffirst Rec' of gregorie holton ffor iiiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Richard buntiuge ffor iiiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Willm Walt <sup>r</sup> ffor viij gistes .....	iiiij s. x d.
It'm Rec' of John cheseman ffor ij gistes .....	xij d.
It'm Rec' of pet <sup>r</sup> Wallishe ffor iiiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor iiiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Willm dornell ffor iiiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of John curtes ffor one gist .....	vij d.
It'm Rec' of Marten padih'm ffor one gist .....	vij d.
It'm Rec' of John gorram ffor old wood .....	ij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt Snode ffor a bell fframe .....	xij d.
It'm Rec' of John curties ffor a bell fframe .....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Radulphe devonishe ffor a bell ffra'	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor a beame .....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of peter Wallishe ffor a bell fframe .....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of John Whit ffor ij C & viij li of lead .....	x s. vij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor the great bell fframe...	ij s. iiiij d.
It'm Rec' of Sand <sup>r</sup> Kepell ffor iiiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.

Thus endeth the ffirſt bill. [These words, and those in the line following, have been erased.]

Here ffolow<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> contentes of the ſecond bill.

It'm Rec' of Ric <sup>d</sup> buntinge ffor c'reten paving tiles to him ſold—Sm. ....	iiij s.
It'm Rec' of the ſame Ric <sup>d</sup> buntinge ffor a tombſtone ...	v s. iiiij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor a tombſtone .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Radulphe devonishe ffor c'ten paving tiell	vij s.
It'm Rec' of Richard buntinge ffor ij tombſtones* .....	vij s.
It'm Rec' of John Morres ffor parte of the timbr of the chaunſell* .....	iiij s.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor the ffounte .....	xij d.
It'm Rec' of John b'rgeſe ffor a table .....	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor c'ten boordſ† .....	v s.
It'm Rec' of Adrian M'den ffor the pulpit .....	xij d.

[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this ſide iiiij li. ij d. [£4 0s. 2d.]

It'm Rec' of Thom's belomie ffor c'ten timbr .....	ijj s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm Eppſe ffor c'ten ſtones‡ .....	ijj s. iiiij d.
It'm Rec' of John berre ffor c'ten lime that was in y <sup>e</sup> church .....	xvij d.
It'm Rec' of John Morres for ye ſelinge ov <sup>r</sup> y <sup>e</sup> Rood loft .....	ijj s. iiiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor a q't of pavinge tiell.....	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of xpoffor cowchman for c'ten old timbr§ ...	xij d.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm ffor a fform'e .....	vj d.

\* In the chancel of "our Lady," ſays another copy of this MS.

† From the back of the vestry.

‡ The cross ſtone.

§ From an altar.

It'm Rec' of Thom's harnden ffor a benche of stone & ffor vj other great stones .....	x s.
It'm Rec' of Symon padih'm ffor a preket * .....	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of John elson ffor a preket* .....	vj d.
It'm Rec' of thom's belomie ffor the sepulcre fframe † .....	vij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt bedle ffor ij C brick.....	xijij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt davie ffor xvij paving tyles .....	vij d.
It'm Rec' of James cristean ffor x paving tielles .....	v d.
It'm Rec' of m'ten padih'm ffor xx paving tielles .....	x d.
It'm Rec <sup>d</sup> of thom's parres ffor c'ten paving tielles ...	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor c'ten paving tielles ...	x d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm Epps ffor xxijij paving stones.....	vijj s.
Item Rec' of Robart bedle ffor ij C d. of pavinge tielles	iiij s.
It'm Rec' of x'poffer cowcheman ffor the tombe of y <sup>e</sup> sepulcre.....	xij d.
It'm Rec' of thom's tadlow ffor c'ten stones .....	xijij d.
It'm Rec' of oliver darbshire ffor c'ten old timbr‡ .....	xx d.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm and gregorie holton ffor bords .....	iiij s.
It'm Rec' of Symon padih'm Thom's tadlow & Marten padih'm ffor the up <sup>r</sup> loft of the Steple .....	x s. iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt brewer for ij pec's of timbr .....	vijj d.
It'm Rec' of James cristean ffor c'ten bricke .....	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric buntinge ffor a beame .....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar ffor a beame .....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor a beame.....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Marten padh'm ffor ij pecs of timbr .....	xj d.
It'm Rec' of Raffe devonishe ffor iiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar for ij gistes .....	xvj d.

[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side iiij li. viij s. x d.

[£3 8s. 10d.]

It'm Rec' of John parker ffor viij gistes .....	ij s.
It'm Rec' of John drincker ffor one gist .....	vijj d.
It'm Rec' of Robt davie ffor ij gistes .....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric Seed for iij gistes .....	ij s.
It'm Rec' of thom's parres ffor one giste .....	vijj d.
It'm Rec' of John gorram ffor an old Rotin gist [rotten joist] .....	ij d.
It'm Rec' of John clarke ffor ij gistes .....	xvj d.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm ffor iiij gistes .....	ij s. viij d.
It'm Rec' of Rich' geffray ffor one gist .....	vijj d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's tailor ffor a beame and ij small timbr peces .....	ij s. ij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's harnden§ ffor iiij load of ruff stone	ij s. vj d.
It'm Rec' of Adrian m'den   ffor a stole .....	v d.

\* A candlestick with pricket top.

† Framework of the Easter Sepulchre.

‡ From the porch. § Of Lydd.

|| Adrian Marden, a smith.

It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor a cowenter [? counter]	ijj s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's pelland ffor iiij C. paving tile ...		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm dornell ffor iij old planckes .....		vijj d.
It'm Rec' of Alex' Kepell ffor qt' paving tile .....		ijj d.
It'm Rec' of Symon padih'm ffor m <sup>l</sup> * paving tile .....	ijj s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor a fforne .....		vijj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' garrard ffor a tombestone.....	ijj s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor iij C. of bricke .....		xxj d.
It'm Rec' of [in another copy] Sir William the p'son of hope† ffor a deske .....		ijj d.
It'm Rec' of John curtes ffor a qt' of pavinge tile .....		iiiij d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor c'ten stones .....		xvijj d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor c'ten pavinge tile .....		x d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's parres ffor the bord of the ffount‡		ij d.
It'm Rec' of John cheseman ffor a torche .....		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod ffor a torche .....		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of John gorrom ffor a chist .....		xvijj d.
It'm Rec' of Thom's dod for a longe settle .....		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of John Mores ffor c'ten timbr tiele & stone§ to him sold .....	xx s.	
It'm Rec' of John Wells ffor c'ten old lathes .....		vijj d.
It'm Rec' of James cristean ffor vj C. tile .....	ijj s.	
It'm Rec' of Alex' Kebell ffor old lathes .....		iiij d.
[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side ijj li. xxij d. [£3 1s. 10d.]		
It'm Rec' of will'm hacket ffor ij C. tile .....		xij d.
It'm Rec' of John burges ffor lates .....		vj d.
It'm Rec' of oliver darbeshire ffor lates .....		ix d.
It'm Rec' of Ric <sup>d</sup> buntinge ffor m <sup>l</sup> paving tile .....	ijj s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of M <sup>rs</sup> dod widdow ffor iij C. paving tiles ...		xvijj d.
It'm Rec' of the glasiar of Rie ffor asses .....		vijj d.
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor vj C. tile .....	ijj s.	vj d.
It'm Rec' of oliver darbeshire ffor ij C. of tiles .....		xj d.
It'm Rec' of Simon padih'm ffor a pec' of lead .....		xvijj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' cheseman for one beame ij C. & d. of tile .....	ijj s.	v d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor c'ten stones.....		vj d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffor a doore .....	ijj s.	
It'm Rec' of thom's dod ffor p'te of the Ruffe of y <sup>e</sup> churche .....	xijj s.	
It'm Rec' of Robt galion ffor p'te of the Ruffe of the churche .....	xijj s.	
It'm Rec' of John padih'm ffor p'te of the said Ruffe	xijj s.	
It'm Rec' of will'm Walt <sup>r</sup> ffor parte of the same Roffe...	xijj s.	
It'm Rec' of Robt bedle ffor p'te of the same Roffe ...	xijj s.	
It'm Rec' of Ric' garrard ffor a beame.....		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of Will'm Walt <sup>r</sup> ffor vj C. tiles .....	ijj s.	vijj d.

Thus endethe the second bill. [These words have been erased.]

\* A thousand.

† The rector of Hope, in Romney Marsh.

‡ Font cover.

§ Forming the vestry.

It'm Rec' of Will'm padih'm for c'ten old timbr &		
c'ten Stones .....	vjs.	
It'm Rec' of leonard pomtes [? Pointes] ffor iij buttress & A beame.....	vjs.	vij d.
[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side iiij li. xvij s. vij d.		
	[£4	18s. 7d.]
It'm Rec' of Ric. Wallar ffor viij li. of lead .....	iiiij d.	
It'm Rec' of Adrean M'den ffor the stones that were in the churche porch .....	iiij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor a doore of the churche	iiij s.	v d.
It'm Rec' of w <sup>m</sup> finche of hoope fo <sup>r</sup> a looad ffree stone	iij s.	vij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' buntinge ffo <sup>r</sup> half a lood of tiles .....	iiij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of M <sup>r</sup> Kempe ffor ij thousand a half of pav- ing tiles .....	vij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of M <sup>r</sup> Kempe ffor one stone .....		xij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar ffor C. paving tiles .....		iiij d.
It'm Rec' of M'ten padih'm for iij C. tile .....		xvj d.
It'm Rec' of thom's pelland ffor ij C. tile .....		vij d.
It'm Rec' of John Clarke ffor iiij C. tile .....		xxij d.
It'm Rec' of Ric' Wallar ffor v C. tile .....	ij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of George Rowse for C. & d. pavinge tile & vj corn <sup>r</sup> tile .....		vij d.
It'm Rec' of thom's parres ffor a load of tile .....	vjs.	vij d.
It'm Rec' of John padih'm a thousand tiles.....	iiij s.	vij d.
It'm Rec' of Raffe devonish ffor half a load tile.....	iij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of John parker ffor half a lood tile .....	iij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of gregorie holton ffor half a load tiele .....	iij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of thom's dod fo <sup>r</sup> vj C. tiele .....	ij s.	vij d.
It'm Rec' of will'm dornell ffor half a load tiele .....	ijj s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of Robt bedell ffor a thousand pavinge tile..	ijj s.	vj d.
It'm Rec' of Robt bedell ffor half a thousand tile .....	ij s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of thom's parres ffor xxiv Rafters .....	ix s.	iiij d.
It'm Rec' of thom's dod ffor the Roode loft .....	x s.	

[At foot of MS. page.] Sm. on this side iiij li. xj d. [£4 0s. 11d.]

Recapitulation of sums at foot of the MS. pages	<i>£</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
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*In the MS. this total is noted on the first page of the account here concluded. Vide ut supra, p. 156, at foot.*