

50 families receive an allowance at home, which amounts, weekly, to £ 8, 10s. Several poor persons have their house-rent paid by the parish; and others receive occasional relief. About £ 1400 were collected last winter, and distributed among the Poor in different parts of Colchester.

Feb'y, 1795.

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BRISTOL.

THE extent of the city of Bristol, and it's liberties, is about 3 miles from east to west; and 2½ miles from north to south. Of the population, the accounts are very various. One of the Bristol Guides states the number of houses, in 1757, at 13,000, and of inhabitants at 90,000; and in 1794 at 100,000, including the Hot-wells and Clifton. In another similar publication, the number of houses, in 1793, is estimated at 16,000; and of inhabitants at 88,500, including the Hot-wells and Clifton. The great increase of population, which has taken place within the present century, has been chiefly confined to the out-parishes. Almost half of what is properly called the City has been destroyed to make room for the Exchange, the Market, the Bridge, Clare-street, Union-street, &c.; and although many houses have lately been built, yet many more have been pulled down: the new buildings are on a larger scale and take up more ground, but they are not so well inhabited as the old ones: many of them have been turned into mere offices for brokers, insurers, attorneys, &c. or warehouses for tradesmen, who have in a great measure deserted their houses in town, and retired with their families to the neighbouring villages. It is owing to these circumstances that the number of births and burials within the city is lessened; and that the conclusion, they afford, is, that the population

lation of Bristol has declined within the last 20 years. The number of marriages, however, has considerably increased; and it should be further remarked, that, in the following enumeration, the baptisms and burials of Dissenters, of whom there are many very numerous sects at Bristol, are not inserted. The numbers were extracted with great fidelity from the parish registers, by a clergyman of the Church of England.

In all the parishes the numbers of	<i>Baptisms,</i>	<i>Burials,</i>	<i>Marriages,</i>
were, in 12 years, from 1689 to 1700,	7864	7920	2414
in 12 years, from 1729 to 1740,	15343	15123	5435
in 12 years, from 1769 to 1780,	14321	14843	6409

An actual enumeration was made in the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob, in 1781, when the number of houses was found to be 1594, (of which 65 were either warehouses, or uninhabited,) of males, 4435; of females, 5415; total number of inhabitants, 9850. Notwithstanding the present war has taken off many of the parishioners; the marriages have increased almost a seventh, and the baptisms more than a seventh, since the year 1780.

The number of marriages for 15 years previous to 1780 was	-	1504
Ditto - - - for 15 years to the end of 1795	-	1711
Increase of marriages in 15 years	-	207

The number of baptisms for 15 years previous to 1780 was	-	3939
Ditto - - - for 15 years to the end of 1795	-	4620
Increase of baptisms in 15 years	-	681

Bristol is not more a commercial than a manufacturing town: independent of the various trades immediately connected with shipping concerns, there are several important manufactures carried on here. Glass-making is the principal. There are near 20 glass-houses in and near the city, for making bottle, crown, or flint-glass; several works for lead, in every stage of it's manufacture; brass-wire, and brass-works; several iron and copper founderies; potteries; two large floor-cloth manufactories; &c.

The prices of provisions are : beef, from 4½d. to 5d. a pound ; mutton, 5d. to 6d. ; veal, 6d. ; bacon, from 9d. to 10d. ; butter, from 11d. to 1s. ; potatoes, 6d. a peck ; bread, 4lb. for 1s. ; wheat, 12s. a bushel ; barley, 4s. 2d. a bushel ; oats, from 3s. to 3s. 6d. a bushel ; coals, cost about 3½d. the bushel. they are chiefly brought from the extensive mines at Kingwood, about 2 miles from the city ; the colliers of which speak a jargon that is peculiar to them, and perfectly unintelligible to a stranger.

The wages of labourers in the different manufactures vary from 7s. to 35s. a week. common labourers earn 1s. 6d. a day, throughout the year, without victuals : from 10s. to 15s. appear to be the common earnings in a week. children are employed in the cotton-manufacture, and earn from 1s. 6d. to 3s. a week.

The number of ale-houses in the city of Bristol is 354. The land-tax amounts to £ 7391. 10s. 8d. and is paid by the tenants. The rent of land in the neighbourhood of the city, is from £ 3. to £ 5. an acre.

The Poor of Bristol are managed by a corporation called "The Corporation of the Poor," and are partly supported in a work-house called St. Peter's Hospital, and partly at home by a parish allowance. The number at present in the work-house, is 287 ; viz. 61 men, 190 women, 19 boys, and 17 girls : there are also 63 poor persons of different descriptions in an hospital, or pest-house belonging to the work-house : total, 350. In 1794 there were in the work-house 70 men, 198 women, 25 boys, and 31 girls, and 66 in the pest-house : total, 390. The persons in the work-house are mostly old people and children, insane, lame, blind, &c. The only work at present is picking oakum, by which very little is earned¹. A few years ago a manufactory for spinning wool was set up, but after 3 years experiment, it appeared they had lost £ 600. by it, and it was therefore wholly discontinued. The master says that the house was not built with a view

¹ In a pamphlet published in 1681, entitled, "Some Proposals for the Employment of the Poor, by F. Furmen," the author says, that the city of Bristol contracted with one Mr. King and others, for the employment of 500 of their poor people, in the way of spinning, and that for the first year he was obliged to pay them 2½d. for 1600 yards of yarn. If we suppose that each spinner spun 800 yards of coarse yarn every day, (which is a moderate day's work,) the weekly earnings of each would be 7½d., and the weekly earnings of 500 spinners would have amounted to £ 1. 12s. 6d., so that at this rate, the expence, in 1681, of employing such, (or, perhaps, all) of the Poor of Bristol, that were able to work, was £ 812. 10s.

to its present use, and is, therefore, not one of the most convenient. There are 12 or 15 beds, principally of flocks, in each apartment: it is probably owing to this circumstance, and the number of old and diseased persons, that the house is infested with vermin, particularly bugs: to a visitor, there appears, upon the whole, to be a want of cleanliness.

Bill of Fare.

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
Sunday,	Water-gruel.	Soup made of bullock's head.	Bread and cheese.
Monday,	Ditto.	Pease soup.	Ditto.
Tuesday,	Ditto.	Meat and potatoes.	Ditto.
Wednesday,	Broth.	Bread and cheese.	Ditto.
Thursday,	Water-gruel.	As Tuesday.	Ditto.
Friday,	Broth.	Pease-soup.	Ditto.
Saturday,	Gruel.	Bread and cheese.	Ditto.

1 lb. of meat, and the same quantity of bread, are allowed to each person, on meat days. On Sundays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, 6 oz. of cheese are allowed for the 2 meals; and on other days, 3 oz.: the Poor eat their victuals in their lodging rooms.

The following account of the receipts and disbursements of the Corporation for the Poor, in the year ending in 1787, is copied *verbatim*, from the printed statement of St. Peter's hospital. I have added a few other years, for the information of such persons as may wish to investigate more fully the domestic economy of a large city work-house.

Account of Disbursements ending the 31st of March 1787.

			£.	s.	d.
To balance of last year's account, due to John Innall			-	-	25 9 2
	C.	qrs. lb.	£.	s.	d.
To beef and mutton, 333	1	0	at different prices	426	11 6
To cheese -	85	2	0 at ditto	123	8 7
To bacon -	-	-	-	0	3 6
To flour, 300 sacks	-	-	-	468	15 0
			£.	s.	d.
To grats, 130 bushels, at different prices	43	0	0		
To pease, 147½ ditto, at ditto	47	1	6		
				90	1 6
Carried over	-		£ 1109	0 1	25 9 2

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over,	1109	0	1	25	9	2
To salt, 34 cwt.	-	-	-	19	11	0
To butter	-	-	-	9	0	0
To garden stuff, bought of sundries	-	-	-	16	3	11½
To rice, 14 cwt 0 qrs. 12 lb. at different prices	-	-	-	18	16	5
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To malt, 823 bushels, at ditto	-	-	-	209	10	6
To hops, 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lb. at ditto	-	-	-	21	17	9
To barm	-	-	-	7	3	6
To wine, brandy, and ale for the sick	-	-	-	2	19	7½
To milk	-	-	-	20	16	2½
	£.	s.	d.			
To grocery	10	16	9			
To starch and blues	1	3	6			
	<hr/>			12	0	3
To vinegar	-	-	-	2	14	10
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				267	2	8

CLOATHING, VIZ.

To William Till Adams, for shoes	-	-	17	12	11	
To leather, bought of Thomas Salmon	-	-	13	10	0	
To hemp and wax, bought of sundries	-	-	0	7	1	
To breeches, paid for 16 pair of leather	-	-	4	0	0	
To linen bought of William Bayles	-	-	41	0	0	
To haberdashery bought of John Howard	-	-	5	6	0	
To hosiery bought of sundries	-	-	12	11	6	
To kerseys and ferges bought of John Bryant	-	-	10	3	0	
To druggets, 2 pieces, bought of Richard Pearson	-	-	8	8	9	
				18	11	9
To linseys and ferges, bought of sundries	3	17	10			
To linsey, paid John Player for 1 piece	2	0	3			
To paid — Hunt for 2 great coats	-	2	4	0		
To paid — Viner for hats	-	1	4	0		
				9	6	1

FURNITURE, VIZ.

To earthen-ware, baskets, befoms, brushes, &c. bought of sundries	-	-	8	6	6
To a mahogany writing-desk bought of Tho. Shapland	3	13	6		

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over,	12	0	0	—1587	8	7½
To tin-ware and oil bought of George Williams	£.	s.	d.			
- - - - -	3	10	0			
To lamp-lighting, paid Edward Stone	0	15	0			
				4	5	0
To brazery, paid William Wafbrough	-	-	0	9	0	
To thumbs and cards, paid fundries	-	-	2	2	3	
				18	16	3

REPAIRS, VIZ.

To John Huith, for tyler's work	-	14	3	6		
To — Clifford, for white-lining	-	1	2	6		
To hair for tyler's use	-	0	6	8		
					15	12 8
To Austin and Lewis, for bricks and lime	-	-	-	6	7	6
To Sarah Lewis, for glazing	-	-	-	9	1	0
To James Perry, for hooper's work	-	-	-	10	4	0
To Joseph Panting, for carpenter's work	39	13	6			
To ditto, for coffins of different sizes	-	27	3	0		
To Edward Stock, for ditto do.	-	10	15	0		
					77	11 6
To James Begg, for mason's work	-	16	14	0		
To Daniel Hague, for ditto	-	5	14	6		
					22	8 6
To John Broom, for ironmongery	-	-	-	5	15	0
To Benjamin Hill, plumber	-	-	-	0	8	5
To — Durnell, for sweeping chimnies	-	-	-	0	12	8
To Sufannah White, pump-maker	-	-	-	0	14	0
To Thomas Hancock, wheel-wright	-	-	-	2	0	0
To Aaron Austin, for mending the clock	-	-	-	0	6	6
To Walter Swayne, for a new furnace, &c.	-	-	-	4	2	0
					155	3 9
To candles, 22 dozen, bought of Thomas Shapland	-	-	-	8	8	0
To soap, 8 cwt. bought of ditto	-	-	-	26	8	0
To lees	-	-	-	5	13	9
					40	9 9
To coal, 1525 horse loads, bought of Mary Lear	-	-	-	-	-	82 12 0
To James Norton, for stationary	-	£4	16	0		
To indentures, &c.	-	2	12	0		
				7	8	0
Carried over,	£7	8	0	—1884	10	4½

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over,	7	8	0	—1884	10	4½
To Cocking and Rudhall, for printing and advertising	26	17	6			
To Samuel Bonner, for ditto do	12	3	0			
To William Pine, for ditto do	9	14	0			
To William Routh, for ditto do	8	1	6			
	<u>56 16 0</u>				64	4 0
To Sir John Hugh Smith Bart for 1 year's interest of £1000.					50	0 0
To Poor, and land-tax for the lodge	£1	16	9			
To the Chamber of Bristol, for chief rent	3	8	0			
To the Dean and Chapter, for ditto	0	8	4			
	<u>5 13 1</u>					
To Richard Hill, assignee to the estate of Mr. Mills, for 3 year's rent of the lodge, at £10 <i>per annum</i>	30	0	0			
	<u>30 0 0</u>				35	13 1

SALARIES AND WAGES, &c.

To the Rev Thos Broughton, chaplain, 1 year's salary	£72	0	0			
To John Brown, apothecary, for 1 year's attendance and medicines	120	0	0			
To John Innal, master	£50	0	0			
To ditto during the vacancy of a matron, for extra service	10	10	0			
	<u>60 10 0</u>					
To Anne Turner, matron, for 9 months and 3 weeks salary, at £30. <i>per ann.</i>	24	4	6			
	<u>244 14 6</u>					
To Edward Allen, clerk, 52 weeks at 16s.	£41	12	0			
To James Brown, officer, 52 ditto at 8s.	20	16	0			
To John Baxter, ditto, 52 ditto at 12s.	31	4	0			
To William Collier, ditto, 52 ditto at 7s.	18	4	0			
To M. Paradise, baker, } 46 ditto at 2s. 6d.	5	15	0			
deceased						
To—Hulbert, ditto, deceased, 6 do. at 9s.	2	14	0			
To Francis Hobbs, brewer, 52 ditto at 1s.	2	12	0			
	<u>122 17 0</u>					
To Hester Clayton, knitter, 6 ditto at 2s.	0	12	0			
To ditto ditto, 46 ditto at 3s.	6	18	0			
	<u>7 10 0</u>					

Carried over, £.375 1 6—2034 7 5½

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over,	375	1	6	2034	7	5
To Mary Trapp's executors, 1 month's salary - - - - -	2	6	0			
To Anne Dagge, midwife, 1 year's ditto	6	0	0			
To nurses, washers, barbers, cobblers, gate-keepers, &c. - - - - -	26	14	5			
				35	0	5
To sending home 199 Irish vagrants - - - - -				97	10	0
To taking up and removing vagrants to their parishes - - - - -	91	3	8			
To Osborne and Seager, solicitors, for drawing passes and orders, attendance, and taking affidavits - - - - -	106	0	0			
				197	3	8
To Walter Wiltshire for conveying passengers to London - - - - -				9	10	0
To burials, 285 - - - - -	28	9	8			
To extra reliefs paid by the master - - - - -	694	3	6			
To paid with 25 apprentices, put out to different trades - - - - -	26	6	0			
To sundry incidental expences paid by the master and matron - - - - -	36	19	6½			
To farmer John Hopkins, 1 year's disbursements on Shirehampton estate - - - - -	35	15	6			
To a deposit to Bath hospital - - - - -	3	0	0			
To William Witherell for hauling oakum and cord wood - - - - -	6	8	0			
To Daniel Burgess, for convicting Susannah Milledge, alias Miller, of a felony - - - - -	16	11	0			
To sundry churchwardens for the rent of their almshouses - - - - -	40	0	6			
				887	13	8½
<i>To paid by the several churchwardens, from the 31st of March 1786, to the 29th of September following, viz.</i>						
To 1072 Poor on pay bill - - - - -	£2561	17	9			
7	Carried over,	£2561	17	9		
				£3636	6	9

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over,	2561	17	9	3636	6	9
To 1115 casual reliefs	-	-	1157	17	6	
To 10 burials	-	-	3	15	0	
				3723	10	3
<i>To paid by the several churchwardens, from the 29th of September 1786, to the 25th of March 1787, viz.</i>						
To 1048 Poor on pay bill	-	£2330	16	0		
To 1074 casual reliefs	-	-	1012	18	0	
To 11 burials	-	-	4	2	6	
				3347	16	6
				7071	6	9
				10707	13	6
To balance to the 31st of March 1787, in the treasurer's hands	-	-	-	3230	10	11
To ditto in the master's hands	-	-	-	58	6	4
To ditto in the matron's hands	-	-	-	2	16	10½
				3291	14	11½
				£13999	7	1½

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
By balance of last year's account in the treasurer's hands	-	-	-	2580	10	8
By ditto in the late matron's hands	-	-	-	1	3	10
				2581	14	6
By cash received for fines of sundry guardians	-	19	18	6		
By ditto received for repayments of sundry persons	-	15	17	4		
By ditto received for the maintenance of ditto	-	108	17	8		
By ditto received for spinning	-	-	0	11	10	
By ditto received for oakum	-	-	22	3	0	
By ditto received for burials	-	-	1	0	6	
				168	8	10
By amount of several small receipts	-	-	-	249	4	3½
By the year's assessment on the inhabitants	-	-	-	11000	0	0
				£13999	7	7½

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The assessments on the several parishes were as follows:

	£.	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
All Saints —	249	14	0	St. Michael —	544	10	0
St. Augustine —	1201	4	0	St. Nicholas —	1037	6	0
Cattle-Precincts —	595	2	0	St. Peter —	457	12	0
Christ-Church —	597	6	0	St. Philip and Jacob —	523	12	0
St. Ewen —	133	2	0	St. Stephen —	1113	4	0
St. James —	1699	10	0	Temple —	491	14	0
St. John Baptist —	368	10	0	St. Thomas —	646	16	0
St. Leonard —	231	0	0	St. Werburgh —	249	14	0
St. Mary-Port —	282	14	0				
St. Mary-Redcliff —	577	10	0				
					£ 11009	0	0

Medium Number of the Family in each Month in the House.

1786—April	324 persons.	October	294 persons.
May	313 ditto	November	300 ditto
June	300 ditto	December	305 ditto
July	296 ditto	1787—January	305 ditto
August	296 ditto	February	313 ditto
September	297 ditto	March	334 ditto

Receipts and Expenses of the Corporation of the Poor, from the 31st of March 1787, to 31st of March 1788.

DISBURSEMENTS.

PROVISIONS.

	Cwt.	qrs.	lb.		£.	s.	d.
Beef and mutton, —	334	2	13	—	451	14	0
Cheese, —	86	0	23	—	129	19	0
Flour, 313 sacks	—	—	—	—	520	10	0
Gruts, 130 bushels, £38. 7s. 6d.; pease, 156 bushels, £42. 16s.	—	—	—	—	81	3	6
Salt, butter, garden stuff, and rice	—	—	—	—	60	18	10
Malt, 938 bushels	—	—	—	—	225	18	8
Hops, harm, wine, brandy, milk, and groceries	—	—	—	—	51	10	2

Carried over £ 1521 14 2

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	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	1521	14	2

CLOATHING.

Shoes, breeches, linen, haberdashery, flannel, hosiery, kerseys, and boys' cloaths, worsted, hats, and sundries	-	-	170 14 4
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FURNITURE.

Fin-ware, lamp-oil, brushes, baskets, earthen-ware, &c.	-	-	16 13 8
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REPAIRS, &c.

Tiler's work, paint, &c. £10. 11s.; mason, £32. 1s.; glazier, £4. 15s. 6d.; hooper, £3. 13s.; cord, wood, and faggots, £45. 9s.; carpenter, £77. 4s.; ironmonger, £13. 16s. 6d.; lime, chimney-sweeper, pump-maker, and wheel-wright, £9. 1s.	-	-	196 11 0
Candles, soap, and lees	-	-	27 4 0
Coals, 1655 horse-loads	-	-	89 12 11
Stationary, stamps, indentures, &c.	-	-	6 15 2
Printing and advertising	-	-	7 17 6
One year's interest on bond for £1000	-	-	50 0 0
Pool and land-tax, chief-rent, ground-rent, and renewal of lease, and rent of the lodge	-	-	51 16 4

SALARIES AND WAGES.

Chaplain's salary, £40.; apothecary's, £120.; master, £50.; matron, £30.	-	-	240 0 0
Clerk, parish officers, baker, brewer, nurses, and knitter	-	-	177 16 0
Midwife, barbers, washers, cobblers, gate-keepers, &c.	-	-	31 16 4
Sending home 249 Irish vagrants	-	-	121 13 0
Removing other vagrants	-	-	160 6 1
Burials, 310	-	-	31 0 2
Extra reliefs paid by the master	-	-	1024 3 5
Putting out 70 apprentices, £73. 3s. 10d.; incidents, £30. 10s. 1½d. Charges on Shirehampton estate, £35. 17s. 8d.; Bath hospital, £10. 4s. 3d.; rent of alms-houses, £40. 0s. 6d.; to poor house-keepers, £5. 8s. 10d.	-	-	195 5 2½
Carried over	-	-	£ 4120 19 3½

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Brought over - £. s. d.
4120 19 3½

OUT POOR.

Paidby church wardens to 1062 Poor { from 31 March 1787 } on the pay bill { to 29 Sept. 1787 }	2505	3	6
1253 Casual reliefs, £1102. 2s. ; and 10 burials, £3. 13s. -	1105	17	0
1037 Poor on pay bill, from 29 Sept. 1787 to 25 March 1788	2295	8	9
1207 Casual reliefs, £1096. 16s. ; and 8 burials, £3. - -	1099	16	0
Bond paid off - - - - -	1000	0	0
Balance to 31st of March 1788, in the Treasurer's hands, } - - - - - £2686 2 2 }	2734	19	0
Ditto in the Master's hands - - - - - 48 16 10 }			
	£14862	3	6½

RECEIPTS.

By balance of last year's account in the Treasurer's hands -	3230	10	11
Ditto ditto in the Master's hands -	58	6	4
Ditto ditto in the Matron's hands -	2	16	10½
Sundry small receipts - - - - -	435	17	7½
By dividend in the 5 per cent. annuities - - -	5	18	10
One year's rent of Shirehampton estate - - -	110	0	0
Of Tho. Shapland for 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lb. of tallow - -	15	7	3
By the year's assessment on the inhabitants - - -	11000	0	0
By balance due to Anne Turner, matron - - -	3	15	8½
	£14862	3	6½

The assessments on the several parishes were as follows :

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
All-Saints - - -	249	14	0	St. Michael - - -	544	10	0
St. Augustine - - -	1201	4	0	St. Nicholas - - -	1037	6	0
Castle-Precinct - - -	595	2	0	St. Peter - - -	457	12	0
Christ-Church - - -	597	6	0	St. Philip and Jacob - - -	523	12	0
St. Ewen - - -	133	2	0	St. Stephen - - -	1113	4	0
St. James - - -	1699	10	0	Temple - - -	491	14	0
St. John Baptist - - -	368	10	0	St. Thomas - - -	646	16	0
St. Leonard - - -	231	0	0	St. Werburgh - - -	249	14	0
St. Mary-Port - - -	282	14	0				
St. Mary-Redcliff - - -	577	10	0		£11000	0	0

* There seems a mistake of 20s. in this account: the various items of receipt, altogether, amount to £14862. 13s. 6½d.

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Medium Number of the Family in each Month in the House.

1787—April	345 Persons.	October	297 Persons.
May	321	November	309
June	307	December	314
July	307	1788—January	321
August	292	February	327
September	287	March	327

An Account of Receipts and Expenses of the Corporation of the Poor, from 31st of March 1789, to 31st of March 1790.

DISBURSEMENTS.

		£.	s.	d.
	Balance due to John Inwall	11	10	7
PROVISIONS.				
	C. qrs. lb.			
Beef, mutton, &c.	367 3 21	-	-	534 4 9
Cheese	- 93 1 13	-	-	99 2 11
Flour, 328 sacks	- - -	-	-	642 12 0
Gruts, 120 bushels, £35. 10s.; peas, 208 bushels, £58. 3s. 10½d.				93 13 10½
Salt, butter, and garden-stuff	- - -	-	-	55 5 2½
Malt, 1012 bushels, £237.—Hops, barm, wine, brandy, gin, ale, butter, fish, milk, and groceries, £73. 18s. 3½d.				310 18 3½

CLOATHING.

Shoes, leather, linen-drapery, woollen-drapery, hosiery, &c.	-	241	4	2
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FURNITURE, &c.

Brushes, faggots, poldavy, cord wood, earthen-ware, glass, sand, &c.	-	43	19	0½
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REPAIRS, &c.

White-liming, £15. 9s. 6d.; mason and glazier, £21. 12s.; carpenter, £113. 17s.; ironmonger, £19. 18s. 6d.; soap, candles, and lees, £24. 18s. 6d.; coals, £101. 8s. 2d.; stationary, and printing, £13. 6d.; junk, £31. 5s.; rent for lodge, and various small taxes, £17. 8d.	-	358	9	7
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Carried over — £2431 0 7

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—BRISTOL.

195

	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	2431	0	7

SALARIES AND WAGES.

Chaplain, £40.; apothecary, £141.; master, £50.; matron, £30.; clerk, officers, baker, brewer, and nurfes, £184. 9s.; barbers, coblers, gate-keepers, &c. £32. 15s. 9d.	-	478	4	9
Sending home 231 Irish vagrants	-	119	1	2
Removing other vagrants	-	119	15	2
Burials 228, and wool, £40. 4s. 3d.; extra reliefs, £507. 17s. 6d.; putting out 16 apprentices, £16. 6s. 6d.; incidents, £48. 15s. 4d.; Shirehampton estate, £25. 2s. 3d.; rent of alms-houses, £40. 6d.	-	238	16	4

OUT POOR.

	£.	s.	d.
1033 poor on the pay bill {from 31 March 1789}	2519	1	0
1353 casual reliefs {to 29 Sept. 1789}	1535	19	6
1000 poor on the pay bill {from 29 Sept. 1789}	2284	3	0
1383 casual reliefs {to 31 March 1790}	1387	0	0
	7726	3	6
Balance in master's, matron's, and treasurer's hands	1041	5	0½
	£12553	16	4½

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Balance in treasurer's and matron's hands last year	1735	18	2½
Sundry small receipts	817	18	2
One year's assessment on the inhabitants	10000	0	0
	£12553	16	4½

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The assessments on the several parishes were as follows :

	£	s	d.		£	s	d.
All Saints	—	226	0 0	St Michael	—	502	0 0
S. Augustine	—	1398	0 0	St. Nicholas	—	924	0 0
Confr. P. and	—	370	0 0	St. Peter	—	336	0 0
C.	—	3 4	0 0	St Philip and Jacob	—	394	0 0
St Iwen	—	—	0 0	St Stephen	—	976	0 0
S. J. n. s.	—	10 2	0 0	Temple	—	524	0 0
St. J. n. P. t.	—	284	0 0	S. Thomas	—	480	0 0
St. Leo. r. l.	—	1, 8	0 0	S. Westburgh	—	160	0 0
St. Mary Port	—	166	0 0				
St. Mary-Redcliff	—	720	0 0			£ 10000	0 0

Medium Number of the Family in the House, each month in the year.

78) — April	328 Persons	October	330 Persons.
May	320	November	346
June	323	December	362
July	332	1790—January	370
August	352	February	369
September	329	March	358

Receipts and Expenses of the Corporation of the Poor, from the 31st of March 1791, to the 31st of March 1792.

DISBURSEMENTS

	£	s	d.
To balance due to the Treasurer last year	—	—	460 0 0

PROVISIONS.

Beef and mutton, 405 cwt 1qr. 8lb	—	—	—	575	13	0
Ox heads and meat, bought by the matron	—	—	—	47	15	5
Cheese, 107 cwt 1qr. 1lb.	—	—	—	182	6	0
Flour, 320 sacks	—	—	—	603	10	0
Gruts, 130 bushels, £ 37. 2s. 6d.; pease, 208 bushels, £ 57. 12s.,						
pease and beans, 145 4½d.	—	—	—	95	8	10½
Salt, butter, and garden-stuff	—	—	—	61	8	1½
Malt, 920 bushels	—	—	—	253	6	6
Hops, barm, wine, gin, butter, milk, and groceries	—	—	—	158	4	10½

Carried over - £ 2437 12 9½

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—BRISTOL.

197

	£	s.	d
Brought over	2437	12	9 ¹

CLOATHING, &c.

Shoes, leather, linen and woollen draperies, haberdashery, hosiery, breeches, and instructing spinners	-	-	200	11	3
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FURNITURE, &c.

Mill-puff, thrums, brushes, wares, baskets, mops, tin-ware, brooms, earthen ware, glasses, and sundries	-	-	23	15	4
Laid, bottles, straw, skins, lint and tow for surgeon's and apothecary's uses, and drugs	-	-	45	18	4

REPAIRS, &c.

Mason's work, £ 7. 15.; glazier's, £ 8. 7s.; smith's, £ 3. 14s.; brazier's, £ 22. 11d.; plumber's, £ 9. 18s.; carpenter's, £ 97. 5s.; coffins, £ 69. 8s.; hoopier's, £ 4. 18s. pump-maker's, £ 21. 12s. 6d.	-	-	244	4	5
Soap, candles, and lees	-	-	21	8	9
Printing and advertising	-	-	12	2	0
Stationary, stamps, and indentures	-	-	10	3	8
Coal	-	-	98	7	0
Junk, 254 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lb.	-	-	103	8	6
Rent of Oldfield lodge, land-tax, church-rate, chief-rent, poor-tax, &c.	-	-	17	18	2
Postages, 8s. 6d.; lamp-oil, £ 2. 2s. 10d.	-	-	2	11	4

SALARIES AND WAGES.

Chaplain's salary, £ 40.; apothecary's, £ 60.; master's, £ 50.; matron's, £ 30.	-	-	180	0	0
Clerk, parish officers, baker, brewer, nurses, and white-limeis,	-	-	157	8	0
Midwife's salary, £ 6.; nurses, barbers, cobblers, gate-keepers, £ 28. 16s.	-	-	34	16	0
Sending home 303 Irish vagrants	-	-	166	5	4
Removals, passes, and carriage of sundry persons	-	-	32	18	1
Solicitors for drawing passes, orders, and taking affidavits	-	-	81	2	0
John Innaill, gratuity for attendance at the woollen-manufactory	-	-	10	10	0
309 burials, and wool	-	-	47	10	8

Carried over	-	£ 3933	11	7 ¹
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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	3933	11	7½
Extra reliefs paid by the master	-	911	6 6
Putting out 18 apprentices	-	18	17 0
Incidental expences, £ 19. 12s. 11d.; and rent for almshouses, £ 40. 6d.	-	59	13 5

OUT POOR.

995 Poor on pay-bill, from 31st March 1791, to 29th Sept. 1791	2507	4	0
1418 Casual reliefs, from ditto to ditto	1418	4	3
1001 Poor on pay bill, from 29th Sept. 1791, to 31st March 1792	2334	9	0
1377 Casual reliefs, from ditto to ditto	1247	17	0
Balance in master's hands, £ 203. 11d.; matron's ditto, 2d.	-	203	1 1
Balance in the treasurer's hands	-	455	15 1
	£ 13028	18	10

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
By balance of last year's accounts in the master's hands	-	149	1 0
Ditto ditto in the matron's	-	0	12 8
Sundry small receipts	-	686	18 5
By rent of land and houses at Slurchampton and Hungrood	-	156	0 0
By sale of old metal, 960 bushels of grains, fuel, grease, and old lead	-	36	6 9
By the year's assessment on the inhabitants	-	12000	0 0
	£ 13028	18	10

The Assessments on the several Parishes were as follows :

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
All Saints	—	271	4 0	St. Michael	—	602	8 0
St. Augustine	—	1677	12 0	St. Nicholas	—	1108	16 0
Castle Precinct	—	444	0 0	St. Peter	—	403	4 0
Christ-church	—	388	16 0	St. Philip and Jacob	—	472	16 0
St. Ewen	—	103	4 0	St. Stephen	—	1171	4 0
St. James	—	2306	8 0	Temple	—	628	16 0
St. John Baptist	—	340	16 0	St. Thomas	—	576	0 0
St. Leonard	—	213	12 0	St. Werburgh	—	192	0 0
St. Mary Port	—	199	4 0				
St. Mary Redcliff	—	900	0 0				
					£ 12000	0	0

Medium

Medium Number of the Family in the House, each Month in the Year.

1791—April	373 Persons.	October	362 Persons.
May	358	November	364
June	351	December	364
July	353	1792—January	373
August	344	February	384
September	349	March	380

Receipts and Expenses of the Corporation of the Poor, from the 31st of March 1792, to the 31st of March 1793.

DISBURSEMENTS.

PROVISIONS.

	£.	s.	d.
Beef and mutton, 398 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.	577	14	6
Meat and ox-heads, bought by the matron	43	12	10½
Cheese, 107 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.	176	2	6
Flour, 310 sacks	574	0	0
Gruts, 140 bushels, £46. 16s.; pease, 208 bushels, £62. 8s.; pease and beans, paid for by the matron, 13s. 1d.	109	17	1
Salt, 30 cwt. butter, and garden stuff	59	9	1
Malt, 928 bushels	266	19	4
Hops, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb., £18. 17s. 8d.; wine, brandy, ale, gin, butter, fish, &c.; milk, and groceries	70	0	18

CLOATHING.

Shoes, leather, linen-drapery, woollen-drapery, haberdashery, breeches, hosiery, buckles, and for task-work to spinners	278	6	2
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FURNITURE, &c.

Rugs, brown and tin ware, cutlery, brushes, cord-wood, brooms, lard, bottles, skins, &c. for the surgeon's and apothecary's use; glassess, &c.	81	1	11½
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REPAIRS, &c.

Mason's work, tiles, &c. £54. 18s. 6d.; glazier, £9. 11s. 6d.; smith, £5. 16s. 6d.; brazier, £6. 3s.; hooper, £7. 10s.; plumber, £7. 12s.; carpenter, and for coffins, £91. 15s. 6d.	183	7	0
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Carried over - £2420 11 5

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

				£.	s.	d.
	Brought over	-	-	£ 2420	11	5
Soap, candles, and fees	-	-	-	36	7	0
Printing and advertising	-	-	-	10	15	0
Stationary, stamps, indentures, &c.	-	-	-	7	11	10
Laths, hair, and painting	-	-	-	4	15	0
Junk, 84 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lb.	-	-	-	32	16	6
Coals	-	-	-	124	3	6
One year's rent of Oldfield lodge, poor-tax, land-tax, church-rate, chief-rent, 2 years fee-farm-rent of St. Peter's hospital, and postages	-	-	-	24	17	7

SALARIES AND WAGES.

Chaplain's salary, £ 40.; apothecary's, £ 60.; master's, £ 50.; matron's, £ 30.	-	-	-	180	0	0
Clerk, parish officers, baker, brewer, nurses, white liners	-	-	-	145	12	0
Midwife, nurses, washers, barbers, cobblers, and gate-keepers	-	-	-	33	6	0
Sending home 164 Irish vagrants	-	-	-	99	19	7
Removing and passing other vagrants, and carriage of them	-	-	-	27	10	5
Solicitors for drawing passes, orders, and taking affidavits	-	-	-	51	7	6
Burials, 256; and wool	-	-	-	39	16	10
Extra reliefs paid by the master	-	-	-	466	6	6
Putting out 13 apprentices, £ 13. 13s.; incidents, £ 30. 8s. 9d.; rent of alms-houses, £ 40. 6d.	-	-	-	84	2	3
Paid treasurer interest of money on advance, £ 37. 10s. 11d.; 52 returns of price of corn, £ 13.	-	-	-	87	10	11

OUT POOR.

1010 Poor on pay-bill, from 31st March 1792, to 29th Sept. 1792	2572	1	6
1318 Casual reliefs, from ditto to ditto	1388	15	6
953 Poor on pay bill, from 29th Sept. 1792, to 25th March 1793	2260	13	0
1295 Casual reliefs, from ditto to ditto	1180	19	0
Balance in the master's hands, £ 47. 4s. 11d.; ditto in matron's, £ 1. 13s. 1d.; ditto in the treasurer's hands, £ 2257. 10s. 1d.	2306	8	1

£ 13549 6 11

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
By balance of last year's account in the treasurer's hands	455	15	1
Ditto ditto in the master's hands	203	0	11
Ditto ditto in the matron's hands	-	0	2
Sundry small receipts	-	677	0 9
By a year's rent of 2 houses, &c. at Shirehampton	-	69	10 0
Rent of land at ditto	-	144	0 0
One year's assessment on the inhabitants	-	12000	0 0
	£	13549	6 11

The Assessments on the several Parishes were as follows.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
All Saints	—	271	4 0	St. Michael	—	602	8 0
St. Augustine	—	1677	12 0	St. Nicholas	—	1108	16 0
Castle Precincts	—	444	0 0	St. Peter	—	403	4 0
Christ-church	—	388	16 0	St. Philip and Jacob	—	472	16 0
St. Ewen	—	103	4 0	St. Stephen	—	1171	4 0
St. James	—	2306	8 0	Temple	—	628	16 0
St. John Baptist	—	340	16 0	St. Thomas	—	576	0 0
St. Leonard	—	213	12 0	St. Werburgh	—	192	0 0
St. Mary-Port	—	199	4 0				
St. Mary Redcliff	—	900	0 0			£	12000 0 0

Medium Number of the Family in each Month in the House.

1792—April	369 Persons.	October	330 Persons.
May	352	November	352
June	329	December	369
July	323	1793—January	370
August	322	February	375
September	329	March	378

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Poor's Rates in the City of BRISTOL.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Year ending in 1743	3500	0	0	1770	8691	16	6
1744	3500	0	0	1771	8270	11	3
1745	3500	0	0	1772	8500	0	0
1746	4500	0	0	1773	10000	0	0
1747	4500	0	0	1774	11500	0	0
1748	4500	0	0	1775	11500	0	0
1749	5000	0	0	1776	11500	0	0
1750	5000	0	0	1777	10000	0	0
1751	4500	0	0	1778	9000	0	0
1752	4500	0	0	1779	11000	0	0
1753	4500	0	0	1780	11000	0	0
1754	4500	0	0	1781	12000	0	0
1755	4500	0	0	1782	12600	0	0
1756	4500	0	0	1783	14000	0	0
1757	4500	0	0	1784	14000	0	0
1758	4500	0	0	1785	14000	0	0
1759	4800	0	0	1786	12000	0	0
1760	6412	6	2	1787	11000	0	0
1761	5628	1	8	1788	11000	0	0
1762	5542	0	0	1789	10000	0	0
1763	6081	14	0	1790	10000	0	0
1764	5828	13	8½	1791	10000	0	0
1765	6442	7	9½	1792	12000	0	0
1766	6732	7	3½	1793	12000	0	0
1767	7523	0	9½	1794	13000	0	0
1768	7881	14	6½	1795	13000	0	0
1769	10394	13	8	Ending in March 1796	13000	0	0

The master of the work-house says 1010 poor persons are at present on the out-pay bill, but does not know what they receive, either by the week, or month.

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The above accounts are taken from a book in the Council house. It is to be observed, that the above collections only relate to the parishes within what is called the city and liberties of Bristol, and as the town has been built on many years, and the number of inhabitants, from various circumstances, above enumerated, much reduced, it is evident that the increase of the Rates is not owing to an augmented population, but must be explained from other causes.

The Quakers maintain their own Poor; in some counties they are assisted by having estates and money left them for this purpose, but nowhere sufficient without an additional voluntary subscription: this is generally made once a month, in country places, and the allowances are from 2s. to 10s. *per week*. In Bristol this Society consists of more than 200 families: their Poor consist of about 5 men, and 14 women, mostly aged and decayed tradesmen or their widows; and 25 children, mostly orphans: they have an estate or two left to support their Poor, and give a fee with the children when fit to be put out apprentice. In 1700 a large house was built and furnished at an expence of near £1600, in New-street, where their Poor reside, and are employed in different manufactories; the expence, on an average of 20 years, has been about £250. *per annum*, and the average number supported, about 40 persons. The children are taught reading, writing, and arithmetic; and on this plan are all their Poor in Britain and Ireland supported, with some small local variations, according to their number.

Few cities possess such a number of public charities as Bristol; there are in it 30 alms-houses, or hospitals, in which about 83 men and 230 women reside, who have, in general, as much allowed them as is nearly sufficient for their support. There are also several charity schools, in which about 960 children are educated, and most of them are clothed and maintained. The donations to the Poor of Bristol, in money, are very considerable, but their annual amount could not be ascertained.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The following are the earnings and expences of a labourer about 50 years of age. He has been about 2 months out of regular employment, but usually works at an inn, as horse-keeper, porter, &c. He has a wife and 2 children; one 9 months, and the other 5 years old.

He receives 9s a week regular wages all the year, but no	£.	s.	d.
viñtuals; annually	-	-	-
	23	8	0
His wife, sometimes, earns a shilling by washing; suppose			
annually	-	-	-
	1	0	0
Total income	£	24	8 0

In the above account his earnings are stated as if he had been in constant employment, but he says he has not earned 1s. a day for the last 2 months. Last summer he lost 2 children by the small-pox; and the summer before, he was sick for several months; yet, notwithstanding these distresses, he never had recourse to the parish, but has been obliged to pawn his best cloaths, and sell some articles of furniture to raise a little money: he has not yet been able to redeem his cloaths.

His Expences were as follows:

Bread, costs at present 4s. 6d. a week; meat, about 6d. a	s.	d.
week on an average	-	-
	5	2
Butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; cheese, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. 3d; tea, 3d.; no sugar	-	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Potatoes, 2 pecks, 1s; milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a day (for the child), 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beer (about 3 pints), 6d.; candles, soap, &c. about 5d.	-	0 11
Onions, salt, &c. about 3d.	-	0 3
House-rent, 1s. 2d.; fuel, about 1s.	-	2 2
Weekly expences	-	10 9
		52
Total expences of a year	£	27 19 0

This person appeared to be an honest industrious man, whose intention was not to deceive; yet, as he never received any parochial aid, his expences

expenses must have been stated rather too high, as they exceed his earnings by £ 3. 11s. He says, that he and his wife have laid out but little money in cloaths, since they were married; as they were tolerably equipped on setting out in life; but they are now in very great want of this necessary article, which they have no means of obtaining by their own labour.

The out-parishes of St. Philip and Jacob, and the out-parish of St. George, which are supposed to be about 10 miles in circumference, and to contain about 16,000 inhabitants, are united with respect to the maintenance of their Poor. The following table exhibits the amount of their Rates and Expenditure for a few years back:

Years.	Poor's Rate.				Rate uncollected				Expenditure.		
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
1765	-	1178	6 0	-	22	14	0	-	1313	14	2
1766	-	1176	12 6	-	33	0	0	-	1366	2	0
1772	-	1421	16 0	-	25	15	11	-	1680	15	11
1773	-	1828	8 3	-	37	0	3	-	1988	7	10
1774	-	2126	12 0	-	36	3	8	-	2213	9	9
1775	-	2121	15 3	-	65	8	10	-	2229	17	0
1776	-	2312	13 9	-	18	13	10	-	2421	10	10
1777	-	2316	3 1	-	104	10	11	-	2430	11	8
1778	-	2569	0 0	-	160	0	0	-	2646	15	0
1779	-	2019	0 0	-	—	—	—	-	2193	13	9
1783	-	1359	13 0	} Taken from the returns made to Parliament in 1786	-	-	-	-	—	—	—
1784	-	1191	8 6		-	-	-	-	—	—	—
1785	-	1221	18 0		-	-	-	-	—	—	—
1790	-	1614	11 10	-	23	1	8	-	1790	10	0
1791	-	1643	16 0	-	64	5	0	-	1786	14	8
1792	-	2141	4 0	-	—	—	—	-	—	—	—

The accounts for the last 3 years are not settled, but I am informed that the Rate last year was 3s. 3d. in the pound on the rack rent, and produced £ 2500.; and that £ 3000. will not be more than sufficient to defray the expenditure of the present year.

The Poor of these parishes are partly relieved at home, and partly maintained in a work-house; in which there are, at present, 85 persons; viz. 16 children, (who are chiefly employed in heading pins,) and 69 old people, who cannot work. The earnings of the children are very trifling. 20 parish children, (chiefly bastards,) are out at nurse, at 2s. a week, each. The number of out-poor is about 200: they receive weekly, about £ 30. It is singular, that here it is thought most beneficial to the parishes to maintain the Poor at home, and that the Poor are desirous of getting into the work-house. The house is pleasantly situated, and appears to be clean and comfortable. There are 2 or 3 beds, (of flocks, and feathers,) in each room.

The following is the bill of fare:

	Breakfast		Dinner.		Supper.
Sunday,	Milk pottage.	—	Bread and cheese	—	Bread, and cheese, or butter.
Monday,	Ditto.	—	Rice milk	—	Ditto.
Tuesday,	Ditto	—	Pease soup.	—	Ditto
Wednesday,	Ditto	—	Pickled beef, and vegetables.	—	Ditto.
Thursday,	Ditto	—	Bread, and cheese.	—	Ditto.
Friday,	Ditto	—	Pease soup	—	Ditto.
Saturday,	Ditto.	—	Pickled beef, and vegetables	—	Ditto.

3 pints of beer are allowed to each person on meat days, and 1 quart on other days. The daily allowance of bread is 1 lb. and of cheese 9 oz. are given out every week. Once a month 12 lb. of butter are distributed; and, at particular seasons, better fare is provided, more especially for the sick.

The land-tax in these parishes amounts to £568. and is collected at 6d. in the pound.

The number of ale-houses a few years ago was 150: it is now reduced to 80.

October, 1795.

R O D M A R T O N .

THE parish of Rodmarton is situated about 6 miles to the west of Cirencester : it contains 3200 acres of land, of which 150 are meadow and pasture, 250 down land, 60 wood, and the rest arable. About 1628, the inhabitants were numbered by the rector, when they were found to amount to 227, of whom 121 were males, and 106 females. In 1794, the number was 309, (of whom 28 were servants,) 152 males, and 157 females. There are no Sectarians in this parish. 9 houses pay the window tax ; 47 are exempted.

The men are wholly employed in agriculture ; the women in spinning wool ; and the children in carding it. Labourers are paid from 6s. to 9s. a week, except in harvest time, when they receive somewhat more. They work from 6 o'clock in the morning till six at night in summer, and in winter during day-light : the usual diet of labourers is, bread and cheese, garden stuff and dumplins for dinner, and tea for breakfast.

The prices of provisions are : cheese, on an average, 5d. the pound ; bacon, 7d. and 8d ; bread, 7 lb. for 1s.

There are no ale-houses or Friendly Societies in the parish.

The quota paid to the land-tax is £99. 6s. 8d. which in 1792 was at the rate of 16d. in the pound. The farms are all large, the whole parish being divided into 8, which are held by 6 tenants : the land is chiefly freehold, except a farm of 500 acres, which is a prebendal corps in the church of Salisbury. An allowance of land was made to the rector in lieu of tithes by an act passed 32 Geo. 3. The commons were all enclosed under the statute above-mentioned.

The Poor are relieved at their own homes.

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A Table of Baptisms, Burials, Marriages, Poor's Rates, and Expenditure on the Poor.

Years.	BAPTISMS.			BURIALS.			Marriages.	Poor's Rates.			Net Sum expended on the Poor.		
	Males.	Fem.	Total.	Males.	Fem.	Total.		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1680	3	5	8	2	2	4	—	12	9	10	12	10	9½
1685	5	5	10	2	1	3	2	20	17	6	21	2	2½
1690	2	1	3	1	2	3	1	9	12	3	10	10	0
1691	1	1	2	—	3	3	—	9	13	0	11	9	3
1692	5	4	9	2	2	4	2	23	1	6	23	6	0
1693	1	1	2	2	2	4	3	18	9	0	18	5	1
1694	—	4	4	2	2	4	2	18	10	11	18	5	0
1695	3	1	4	4	7	11	*2	24	15	6	23	12	1½
1696	1	3	4	1	4	5	—	25	2	0	24	2	11
1697	4	3	7	3	2	5	2	16	11	0	17	1	10
1698	4	2	6	4	2	6	1	19	6	0	18	19	0
1699	2	2	4	1	3	4	4	18	16	0	18	5	0
1700	—	1	1	1	2	3	—	14	10	8½	15	7	7
1720	—	3	3	2	2	4	2	35	2	8	36	6	5½
1740	4	4	8	2	2	4	1	25	19	2	21	18	8
1760	3	3	6	2	2	4	1	32	5	4	32	17	4½
1775	1	5	6	1	1	2	4	58	11	7½	50	0	10½
1776	9	1	10	1	4	5	1	61	11	6	48	0	7½
1777	6	6	12	2	4	6	4	63	2	9½	53	0	2½
1778	7	4	11	3	3	6	9	72	2	5	67	5	5½
1779	6	7	13	5	5	10	4	87	12	5½	85	4	11½
1780	7	7	14	6	4	10	1	74	17	2	74	5	9
1781	3	6	9	3	4	7	2	73	1	1	64	8	7½
1782	3	6	9	—	4	4	—	71	12	3	65	10	6
1783	6	3	9	7	5	12	4	78	11	5	72	12	2
1784	5	9	14	2	2	4	2	101	16	11	96	16	1½
1785	4	3	7	4	3	7	2	127	14	10½	116	15	8½
1786	4	6	10	8	4	12	1	91	1	2	84	14	6½
1787	4	9	13	4	2	6	2	78	16	3½	75	16	6½
1788	6	7	13	—	8	8	7	75	9	5	71	0	8½
1789	0	9	9	3	3	6	4	76	18	4½	65	6	5
1790	4	9	13	3	4	7	1	72	11	9	64	14	5
1791	4	6	10	2	3	5	3	72	16	1½	54	19	9
1792	9	4	13	3	2	5	2	88	19	6	84	0	6
1793	1	5	6	4	3	7	3	116	19	0½	115	0	4½
1794	3	3	9	2	3	5	—	112	18	8½	110	15	7
1795	5	7	12	5	5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

37) 313

37) 215

37) 80

Average $8\frac{12}{37}$ Average $5\frac{10}{37}$ Av. $2\frac{3}{4}$

April, 1796.

S T A P L E T O N.

THE parish of Stapleton is situated about two miles to the north-east of Bristol. The number of its inhabitants, by an enumeration made in December 1795, was found to amount to 1377; they are principally of the established Church: there are, however, a few Quakers and Methodists, and a Baptist meeting-house in the parish. The total number of houses is 254; whereof 84 pay the window tax, and 170 are exempted; so that it appears that the number of inhabitants is very little more than 5³ to a house. They are chiefly colliers, and agricultural labourers. there are likewise several masons, and workers in stone-quarries, in this parish. Day-labourers earn from 8s. to 10s. 6d. a week.

The provisions used here are purchased in the Bristol markets: farms are small, and chiefly pasture, very little corn is cultivated. A large common, containing between 500 and 600 acres, was enclosed in 1783, when half an acre of land was allotted to each of the adjoining cottages, of which there were a considerable number. There is now no waste land in the parish, and labourers find great difficulty in procuring habitations. It may answer to speculators in a great town to build houses, on the chance of receiving lodgers; but, in a small village, few will erect cottages, with a view to procure tenants from the collieries, or the stone quarries. A labourer's children are therefore obliged, when they are old enough to support themselves, and are desirous of becoming housekeepers, to migrate to other parishes. The land lets from £2. to £3. an acre; the land-tax produces £188. 18s. and is nearly 2s. in the pound.

There is no manufacture here, but a few spinning jennies were lately introduced.

Of the Poor, some are relieved at home; and some maintained in the work-house. The following is the usual weekly rotation of diet in the house:

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	Breakfast.			Dinner.	Supper.
Sunday,	6 oz. of bread,	1 oz. of butter,		Boiled beef, potatoes, bread,	Bread and cheese,
	and beer.			and small beer.	and small beer.
Monday,	Broth.	—	—	6 oz. of bread, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of	Ditto.
				cheese, and beer.	
Tuesday,	Ditto.	—	—	Boiled beef, potatoes, or car-	Ditto.
				rots, and beer.	
Wednesday,	Ditto.	—	—	Same as Monday.	Ditto.
Thursday,	Ditto.	—	—	Same as Tuesday.	Ditto.
Friday,	Ditto.	—	—	Milk broth, or rice.	Ditto.
Saturday,	Ditto.	—	—	Same as Monday.	Ditto.

The children's allowance of bread, at dinner, is 4 oz. On Whit Sunday, and Christmas-day, the dinner is baked veal, and plum-pudding.

There are in the house, at present, 3 men, 5 women, and 5 children; last year there were 5 men, 7 women, and 8 children. The children are employed in spinning flax and hemp; but their earnings are very inconsiderable. There are at present 3 ale-houses in the parish: about 20 years ago, there were 14 or 15; about 7 years ago, only 7, 4 of which were suppressed soon after the king's proclamation on this subject was issued.

There are two Friendly Societies in the parish of Stapleton. One of them was instituted on the 9th of May 1792, and consists of 101 members; its rules exhibit so much of the rude simplicity of antient times, and are so characteristic of the manners of Gloucestershire rustics, that I trust the reader will be gratified with a few of its regulations in the "honest kersey," though ungrammatical, language of village legislators. It is remarkable, that of 46 articles, 15 or 16 relate to eating and drinking. The order of the annual feast is let down with as much precision as the ordinances of a royal household.

- 1, Every member at entrance shall pay 2s. 6d. and 1s. 2d. every meeting night after, that is to say, every four weeks. 1s. shall go towards raising a fund, and 2d. to be spent in drinking and tobacco.
- 6, No person shall receive any benefit from the box, until he is free, which shall not be, before he has been in the society 12 calendar months: if any person or member of this community does receive any pay before he is free, he shall be excluded.
- 7, Every free member being sick, or lame, so as to render him incapable

pable of working at his trade or calling, shall receive 7s. a week of the box; but if he be able to go to work sooner than a week, he shall receive 1s. 2d. a day (Sunday excepted) for every day during his illness.

- 8, For the better regulation of the Society, there shall be a clerk appointed, which shall act in conjunction with the stewards in conducting their affairs, and to attend every meeting night, who shall receive 1d. of each member every quarterly night, and if there be not members enough to raise 5s. it shall be made good to him from the box.
- 9, If God is pleased to take to his mercy any free member of this society, there shall be allowed out of the box £6. to his wife, or to whomsoever he shall please to leave it, to bury him decent, and in a christian-like manner, towards which each member shall contribute 1s. the next quarterly night following; and the friends of the deceased shall acquaint the stewards of the funeral, who shall attend at the funeral with 12 of the members, according to their turns, as they are enrolled on the register book.
- 10, If any free member's wife dies, he shall be allowed out of the fund £3. to bury her, and the same attendance to be given by the stewards and members as to a man. Whosoever refuses shall forfeit 1s. or be excluded; towards which every member shall contribute 6d. the next quarterly night.
- 11, If it please God to take to him any member of this Society before he be free, there shall be a contribution of 1s. from each member, and the same attendance as if he had been free; whosoever refuseth shall forfeit 1s. or be excluded.
- 12, If any member of this Society does any sort of work, while he receives pay of the box, any farther than giving direction to his servants or workmen, he shall be immediately excluded. It is agreed, that if any member or members be drawn to serve in the militia, that no money shall be drawn out of the box; but every member shall contribute 1s. each to such member or members as may be drawn; and it is farther agreed, that if any member or members should meet at the monthly nights, not paying his monthly arrears, shall spend 3d. or not be admitted into the club-room.
- 13, If any member of the Society is proved, after his entrance, to work

at the White-Lead House, he shall be immediately excluded; leaving his money behind him.

- 14, If any member of this Society shall have occasion to travel 20 miles, or upwards, he shall be allowed 6 months to pay his arrears; but if he then neglects to clear the box, he shall be excluded.
- 15, Since vice and immorality abounds in this age, even to the profanation of the Sabbath, it is agreed, that, if any member of this Society shall, on the Sabbath-day, play at peck and tols, marbles, shake in hat, coits, or any other gaming, he shall forfeit 2s. 6d. or be excluded; and if any brother member sees him so doing, and gives information thereof to the Society, he shall receive 1s. and the other 18d. go to the box.
- 17, Whereas oftentimes disputes arise in Societies, which cannot be fully determined nor decided by articles, we think it proper, when any dispute ariseth in this manner, that there shall be a committee of 17 members chosen, that is to say, 13 members and the four stewards; the members' names shall always be those which follow the stewards on the register book, who shall terminate all disputes; whosoever refuseth, when chosen, shall forfeit 1s. or be excluded.
- 19, If any member shall continue sick or lame, after he has lain on the box 12 months, he shall be reduced to half-pay for 12 months more, if he continues sick or lame so long; and, at the end of 12 months, he shall be given a sum of money, according as the above committee shall think proper, and then be excluded the Society. Likewise, if the fund should be reduced to £10. it shall be shut up for 6 months, and all payments stopped.
- 22, When any member of this Society dies, one half of the drink allowed by the Society shall be carried to the funeral-house, and there be disposed of, and the other half shall be drank at the house where the Society is held; whosoever presumes to have more than half, shall forfeit 1s. or be excluded. No reflection shall be made by any member of this Society on any other member that has had the benefit of the box, on the forfeiture of 2s. 6d. or be excluded; neither shall any member raise any report on a brother member; if he does, and cannot make his report good, he shall forfeit 2s. 6d. or be excluded.

23, If any member of this Society be impressed in his Majesty's service, he shall be allowed his share of the stock according to the time he was free; but if he enters into his Majesty's service, or on board any merchantman, or if he goes out of the kingdom, he shall be excluded, leaving his money behind him. No unhealthy man, nor above the age of 41, shall be admitted into this Society if any man enters, thinking to defraud this Society, having any private complaint or disorder, he shall immediately be excluded, leaving his money behind him.

24, When either of the stewards shall fetch the money to pay the sick, from the father of the house where the Society is held, he shall be allowed one pint of drink, to be deducted from the next meeting night's drink; if they have any more, they shall pay for it themselves, or forfeit 6d. Whoever refuse to pay his forfeits, shall be immediately excluded.

The following Rules respect the Anniversary Feast

27, There shall be a feast held once in a year, which shall be on Whitmonday, toward which every member shall pay 1s. 6d. on the meeting night before, or on the morning of the feast-day before he goes to dinner, on the neglect of which he shall forfeit 2s. 6d. or be excluded.

28, That the stewards then acting shall take care to order the feast decently, and they shall be allowed 1s. each for their trouble: likewise in the morning of the feast day, the stewards shall attend at half past eight of the clock, to provide breakfast for the members, and to serve them with drink, on the forfeit of 1s. or be excluded.

29, That the members shall be allowed no more drink at breakfast than 2d. per member; whosoever calls for any, unknown to the stewards, shall forfeit 1s. or be excluded; and if the stewards have any more than each man's 2d. amounts to, they shall pay it themselves, or be excluded.

30, That all and every member of this Society shall attend at the house where the Society is held, on the morning of the feast day, in due time, to walk in procession to hear divine service, except sickness, lameness, or being at the distance of 20 miles, on the forfeiture of 1s. or be excluded.

- 31, If any member refuses to follow the procession to hear divine service, ludes himself, or stays behind, not keeping his rank when commanded by the stewards, he shall forfeit 1s. for every such offence, or be excluded.
- 32, 'If any member behaves himself disorderly going to church or returning from the same, to any member or members of another society, by pushing his stick at them, cursing or guiling at them, or challenging them to fight, or do strike any or either of them, he shall forfeit the sum of 2s. 6d. or be excluded.
- 33, If any member behaves himself disorderly in the church during divine service, by talking, swearing, or laughing, he shall forfeit 2s. 6d. or be excluded; and if any member stays behind drinking, and will not keep his place in following the procession home to the house, but come to dinner drunken, and not in his time to dine with the rest, he shall forfeit 1s. or be excluded.
- 34, If any member, during the whole day of the feast, shall fight, or challenge to fight, strike, or throw down, wrestle, or challenge to wrestle, or cause any disturbance in the Society, while at dinner, or after dinner, till all the company be dismissed, with any of his brother members, he shall forfeit 2s. 6d. or be immediately excluded.
- 35, No member, on the feast-day, shall provoke another, by calling him nick-names, or by guiling at him, or casting meat or bones at another, or about the room; neither shall any member feed another by way of fun, and wasting the victuals, to the shame of the company; any such things being done, those that do them shall forfeit 1s. or be excluded.
- 36, That there shall be allowed no more than 6d. each man, in drink, the first day of the feast; whosoever has more shall pay for it himself, or be excluded.
- 37, That the stewards take care not to have more drink than each man's 6d. amounts to, otherwise they shall make it good themselves, or forfeit 1s. each or be excluded; and if any private member fetches any drink unknown to the stewards, they shall forfeit 2s. 6d. or be excluded.
- 38, That no woman whatsoever shall be suffered to enter the Society-room on a feast day during the time the Society-drink holds; whosoever introduces any woman into the room shall forfeit 1s.: neither shall there be any victuals given away on the first day of the feast; whosoever carries

carries or conveys any victuals out of the club-room on feast days, or hides or pockets any with a design to carry it away, shall forfeit 2s. 6d. or be excluded.

- 39, That no steward nor private member shall be allowed to give any victuals away the first day, but the reserve shall be kept till the next day for as many as please to come to breakfast; and then the stewards shall have liberty to give a slice of bread and meat to any member's wife or child, or to any friend, using discretion, as they think fit; and each member that comes to breakfast shall pay 3d. to be spent in drink; whosoever refuseth shall forfeit 6d. or be excluded.

The other Friendly Society at Stapleton commenced the 30th of October 1775, and consists of about 50 members; they meet once a month from six o'clock till eight in the evening, during the winter half-year; and from seven till nine o'clock in the evening, during the summer half-year; pay 1s. each to the box, and 2d. to be spent at the meeting. The age of admission is from 21 to 40. A member, of a year's standing, is allowed 7s. a week, if sick or lame, but with this restriction, that if in 3 months there appears an impossibility of his recovery, his allowance shall be reduced to 4s. a week for life. Infirm members unable to work, and persons 70 years of age, even if they are able to work, are entitled to an allowance of 4s. a week. £3. are paid for the funeral of a free member, and 1s. from each of the members, to his widow, or legatee; or, if he dies intestate, to his nearest relation. When a member's wife dies, the husband receives 30s. from the stock, and 6d. from each member, towards the expences of her funeral. Sick members must give a week's notice, before they can receive money from the stock. No person can be admitted a member, that works at the White-Lead House', mining, or any work under ground. A member that is impressed into the King's service, is allowed the money he has contributed, (in case he has not received it on any other account;) but if he voluntarily indicts himself, he is excluded. The Society is governed by 4 stewards, who are elected at the quarterly meetings; their duty is to visit the sick and lame twice a week, and to pay them their weekly allowances. All disputes, which cannot be decided by the articles, are referred to a committee of 13 members chosen by a majority of the Society. An anniversary feast is held on Whit-monday.

This is one of the rules of the other Society

Table

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Table of Poor's Rates and Disbursements for the Poor for 20 years.

Poor's Rates.					Disbursements for the Poor,			About 4 rates in the year, at 6d. the rate.
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.	
1776	-	-	-	-	307	4	8	
1777	-	-	-	-	323	18	5	
1778	-	-	-	-	211	8	10	
1779	-	-	-	-	210	16	1	
1780	-	-	-	-	262	8	0½	
1781	-	-	-	-	236	8	0½	
1782	£.	s.	d.	-	193	0	4	
1783	-	182	1	3	211	10	1½	From the returns made to Parliament in 1786.
1784	-	188	7	2	248	11	4	
1785	-	266	16	3	399	5	10	
1786	-	-	-	-	325	19	10	
1787	-	-	-	-	240	4	0	
1788	-	-	-	-	281	7	3	
1789	-	-	-	-	283	9	8	
					£.	s.	d.	
1790—Weekly disbursements to out-poor	204	0	0					
—Work-house, and tradesmen's bills	159	16	2					
—Church disbursements	43	16	6					
—County money for bridges, &c.	10	8	8					
					418	1	4	
1791—Weekly disbursements to out-poor	199	18	0					
—Work-house and tradesmen's bills	132	14	10½					
—Church disbursements	17	9	8½					
—County bridge money	13	5	8					
					363	8	3½	
1792—Weekly disbursements to out-poor	189	1	4½					
—Work-house and tradesmen's bills	167	16	6½					
—Church disbursements	11	10	3					
—County bridge money	11	16	8					
					380	4	10	

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—STAPLETON.

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1793—Weekly disbursements to out-poor	230	0	0			
—Work-house and tradesmen's bills	170	7	8			
—Church disbursements	-	-	88	1	10½	
—County bridge money	-	-	9	1	4	
	<hr/>			498	10	10½
1794—Weekly disbursements to out-poor	211	10	11			
—Work-house and tradesmen's bills	182	6	5			
—Church disbursements	-	-	15	15	3	
—County bridge money	-	-	8	18	2	
	<hr/>			418	19	9
1795—Weekly disbursements to out-poor	275	19	2			
—Work-house and tradesmen's bills	180	5	3			
—Church disbursements	-	-	11	14	3	
—County bridge money	-	-	12	4	8	
	<hr/>			480	3	4

In 1795 there were 53 baptisms, 58 burials, and 17 marriages.

Last summer a collection was made in this parish of about 10 guineas, which were distributed among poor families at the rate of 3d. a head every week: as £1. 2s. were paid every week, for about 10 weeks in the months of August, September, and October, it follows, that the number of men, women, and children, relieved weekly, amounted to 88. It is remarkable that during the ten weeks that the Poor were at liberty to apply for relief, not more than 3 or 4 persons complained of not receiving this allowance. It was at first proposed to confine the relief to parishioners; but the contributors very judiciously and humanely decided, that no distinction should be made between persons resident in the parish, and persons having a legal settlement there.

April, 1796.

HAMPSHIRE.

GOSPORT.

THE extent of this parish is about 12 or 13 square miles. There were 19 Rates for the relief of the Poor, last year, each Rate, 6d. in the pound on land, and 4d. on houses; in the whole, 4s. 6d. in the pound on land, and 3s. on houses: the sum collected was between £1600. and £1700. Several buildings, which were rated at £200. a year, are now in the hands of Government, and are exempted from the Poor's Rate. In the years ending in 1793 and 1794 there were 10 Rates: this year, however, it is expected that 8 will be sufficient. This reduction of the Rates seems ascribable to the good management of the parish officers; the parish however is divided into two parties, which strongly oppose each other in parochial concerns. Few particulars could be learned respecting the amount of the Poor's Rates in different years. The following extracts are taken from the returns made to Parliament in 1786.

	£.	s.	d.
Expences of the Poor in 1776	837	7	3
Poor's Rate collected in 1783	1133	7	11
Ditto - - - 1784	1010	8	4
Ditto - - - 1785	1238	17	10

About £30. are annually distributed to out-pensioners: this article of expenditure was formerly more considerable than at present. The great expence accruing from soldiers' and sailors' wives becoming chargeable, is a frequent topic of complaint in this parish. It should however be considered, that the burthen has not increased more rapidly than the means of supporting it; and the influx of Poor into a parish, intimately connected with Portsmouth, although occasioned by warfare, is more than counterbalanced, by the various branches of industry, that are called for, by the equipment of fleets and armies: the

the artificer in the dock-yard, the shop-keeper, and the publican receive too much benefit from military preparation, to have reason to complain that the number of Poor increases; even the land-holders are compensated by the advance of their rents; and the farmers by the increased demand, which is thus produced, for the various articles of consumption.

The greater part of the Poor of Gosport is maintained in a work-house. The number in the house at present is 160; in winter, it generally amounts to 200. Their principal employment is picking oakum.

October, 1795.

HAWKLEY—NEWTON-VALENCE.

THE circumference of the parish of Hawkley is about 4 miles: the number of it's inhabitants about 259: they are wholly engaged in agriculture. The rent of land is from 8s. to 20s. an acre, average about 12s. an acre: the land-tax amounts to about 3s. in the pound on the net rental. The tithe is let to the occupiers of the land. There are no commons in Hawkley. The wages of labourers are 1s. 6d. a day. There is no ale-house in the parish: one was put down very lately.

The circumference of the parish of Newton-Valence, is about 10 miles: the number of inhabitants, who are wholly agricultural, is 228. The rent of land is from 5s. to 20s. an acre; the average about 9s.: the land-tax about 2s. 6d. in the pound on the net rental. The greatest part of the tithe is let to the occupiers; the rest is taken in kind.

There are two commons in this parish, containing, altogether, about 150 acres. The wages of labourers are 1s. 6d. a day. There is one ale-house in the parish.

There are no Papists, or Protestant Dissenters of any denomination, in Newton-Valence, or Hawkley: nor are there any Friendly Societies in either parish.

The following query was sent, amongst others, by the Bishop of Winchester in 1788.

What number of marriages, births, and burials, may you have at a medium one year with another?

Answer — In the last 20 years were registered

In Newton Valence	30 Marriages,	} which make the medium for one year	{ — — — 2½ Marriages. rather more than 8 Births rather less than 4 Burials.
	108 Births,		
	73 Burials,		
In Hawkley	37 Marriages,	} which make the medium for one year	{ nearly — — 2 Marriages. nearly — — 8 Births. — — — 5 Burials.
	153 Births,		
	100 Burials,		

The parochial system of Newton-Valence, since the heavy advance in the price of provisions took place, has been, to permit each labourer, whether old or young, or with or without a family, to purchase flour at 8s. a bushel; the extra price is charged to the Poor's Rate. A man with this allowance is supposed to be capable of maintaining a wife and 2 children, and paying his rent from his earnings: when the family exceeds that number, a proportionate allowance is made. The Poor are satisfied with this plan, and think their condition is not affected by the present high price of the necessaries of life. The Poor's Rate is excessively high; 7s. in the pound on the rack rents; but the farmers are more benefited by the high price of corn, than injured by the advance in the Poor's Rate.

*Table of Baptisms, Burials, Marriages, and Poor's Rates, in the Parish of
HAWALEY.*

Years	BAPTISMS			BURIALS			MARRIAGES	Years	Poor's Rates			Years	Poor's Rates						
	Mal	Fem	Tot	Mal	Fem	Tot			£	s	d		£	s	d				
1680	—	3	3	1	1	2	—	1750	35	15	8	1781	103	17	11				
1685	3	2	5	1	1	2	1	1751	22	7	0	1782	133	6	10				
1690	1	1	2	2	—	2	2	1752	23	11	11	1783	143	10	6				
1691	3	1	4	—	4	4	—	1753	30	4	6	1784	172	0	7				
1692	2	2	4	2	2	4	—	1754	14	12	10	1785	193	10	—				
1693	—	—	—	4	2	6	3	1755	46	19	4	1786	177	5	8				
1694	2	2	4	1	—	1	4	1756	44	8	2	1787	156	6	7				
1695	2	—	2	2	1	3	—	1757	38	16	11	1788	185	17	5				
1696	2	3	5	1	—	1	—	1758	53	1	8	1789	140	15	9				
1697	1	5	6	1	2	3	—	1759	44	0	0	1790	159	14	7				
1698	3	2	5	1	5	6	—	1760	33	12	11	1791	140	2	6				
1699	2	—	2	—	2	2	—	1761	34	18	5	1792	133	6	4				
1700	1	1	2	2	—	2	—	1762	36	0	1	1793	166	4	11				
1701	1	4	5	3	4	7	—	1763	42	7	1	1794	219	6	6				
1702	2	4	6	—	—	—	1	1764	41	13	7	1795	355	13	8				
1703	4	1	5	1	4	5	3	1765	47	3	8	Average of 15 years, from 1750 to 1765 inclusive.			38	1	5 1/2		
1704	4	4	8	2	3	5	1	1766	56	4	0								
1705	5	3	8	2	3	5	2	1767	63	12	7								
1706	2	4	6	5	2	7	1	1768	56	18	1	Average of 15 years, from 1766 to 1780 inclusive.			91	14	3 1/2		
1707	1	4	5	2	4	6	2	1769	80	12	2								
1708	4	5	9	3	2	5	2	1770	63	12	11								
1709	4	4	8	4	4	8	—	1771	65	2	1	Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17	0	0		
1710	4	7	11	1	1	2	—	1772	61	16	0								
1711	5	5	10	2	—	2	2	1773	79	13	10								
1712	7	1	8	2	2	4	3	1774	105	4	0	Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17	0	0		
1713	4	5	9	1	2	3	1	1775	137	7	11	Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17	0	0		
1714	—	1	1	7	3	10	—	1776	138	3	2								
1715	3	5	8	3	3	6	4	1777	148	4	5								
1716	4	4	8	1	—	1	1	1778	100	4	5	Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17	0	0		
1717	4	5	9	2	3	5	2	1779	96	13	2	Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17	0	0		
1718	4	6	10	2	4	6	4	1780	121	15	10								
1719	6	1	7	—	1	1	—	Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17							0	0
1720	1	2	3	2	—	2	—					Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17	0	0		
1721	5	7	12	2	2	4	2												
1722	4	2	6	2	4	6	1	Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17							0	0
1723	5	2	7	1	1	2	2					Average of 15 years, from 1781 to 1795 inclusive.			17	0	0		
1724	5	5	10	4	4	8	2												

*Table of Baptisms, Burials, Marriages, and Poor's Rates, in the Parish of
NEWTON-VALENT.*

Years	BAPTISMS			Burials			Mar.	Poor's Rates				Poor's Rates			
	M	F	T	M	F	T		Y	S	d	Y	£	s	d	Y
1681	5	1	0	1	—	—	—	1746	40	2	7	1701	29	0	0
1685	3	5	0	—	—	—	—	1747	20	14	8	1712	39	13	1
1690	3	1	4	—	—	—	3	1748	21	4	6	1763	28	10	0
1693	2	2	4	—	—	—	4	1749	17	4	6	1764	5	18	5
1694	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	1750	29	18	6	1765	42	17	0
1695	1	1	7	—	—	—	—	1751	59	19	11	1766	53	0	8
1696	4	—	4	—	—	—	1	1752	23	12	2	1767	57	9	1
1697	3	3	6	—	—	—	4	1753	40	7	5	1768	4	8	4
1698	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1754	33	2	6	1769	43	7	3
1699	—	2	2	3	1	4	—	1755	25	6	9	1770	48	18	4
1700	3	1	4	3	1	4	—	1756	28	18	8	1771	67	0	8
1701	—	—	—	3	1	4	—	1757	18	12	1	1772	79	14	1
1702	2	2	4	—	—	—	1	1758	22	18	0	1773	90	18	11
1703	4	1	5	1	—	1	2	1759	16	13	3	1774	120	13	6
1704	4	3	7	2	1	3	—	1760	21	16	6	1775	92	11	5
1705	—	1	1	1	3	4	1	1761	20	17	6	1776	92	6	0
1706	5	1	6	—	3	3	—	1762	21	7	4	1777	111	18	5
1707	5	8	13	—	—	—	1	1763	24	13	2	1778	82	11	9
1708	5	4	9	—	4	4	2	1764	15	0	8	1779	83	9	5
1709	5	2	7	3	1	4	2	1765	15	12	8	1780	91	14	6
1710	6	4	10	1	1	2	2	1766	13	19	4	1781	79	6	9
1711	6	6	12	3	4	7	2	1767	26	0	3	1782	44	5	3
1712	4	4	8	—	4	4	1	1768	22	11	1	1783	186	1	11
1713	4	9	13	2	2	4	2	1769	21	7	1	1784	191	6	10
1714	3	4	7	1	2	3	3	1770	22	17	8	1785	187	13	0
1715	4	1	5	2	1	3	4	1771	12	9	0	1786	173	6	5
1716	4	5	9	5	1	6	—	1772	16	12	10	1787	173	4	0
1717	3	5	8	—	—	—	1	1773	11	11	2	1788	216	17	10
1718	6	1	7	2	1	3	—	1774	16	6	7	1789	156	12	1
1719	6	3	9	3	2	5	3	1775	20	6	9	1790	190	4	7
1720	5	2	7	3	3	6	3	1776	10	19	6	1791	143	3	5
1721	2	3	5	—	4	4	1	1777	40	10	10	1792	159	0	9
1722	4	6	10	—	3	3	3	1778	40	2	7	1793	100	4	1
1723	2	2	4	—	2	2	—	1779	34	9	9	1794	161	9	7
1724	1	3	4	—	1	1	3	1780	24	7	0	1795	355	4	2
1725	7	2	9	—	—	—	1	The aver of 17 yrs from 1776 to 1742 incluf.							27 11 7½ 13
	5	—	5	6	1	1	2	Ditto of 17 yrs from 1743 to 1759 incluf.							22 1 9½ 17
								Ditto of 18 yrs from 1760 to 1777 incluf							60 9 0
								Ditto of 18 yrs from 1778 to 1795 incluf							165 3 4½ 18

March, 1796.

PETERSFIELD

THIS parish contains 184 houses; its extent is about 200 acres. The inhabitants, who are mostly of the established Church, are, in general, engaged in commerce. The wages of common labourers were 7s a week last year, but have this year advanced to 9s. without board. In harvest, men receive 2 guineas and a half a month, and their board. The prices of provisions are: wheat, 10s. the bushel; bread, 11d. the quarter loaf; beef,

beef, $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. the pound; mutton, from $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 6d; veal, 8d; bacon, from 10d. to $11\frac{1}{2}$ d; butter, 10d.; potatoes, 1s. the bushel; coal, £ 2. 10. the chaldron; new milk, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. the quart; old milk, 2d. the gallon.

The rent of land is from £ 1. to £ 3.; the land-tax amounts to £ 213. 13s. 5d. and is about 3s. 4d. in the pound. There are 12 inns or ale-houses in this parish; but no Friendly Societies: 2 existed some time ago; but as soon as the stock amounted to a few hundreds, the clubs were dissolved, and the money divided amongst the members.

The Poor are chiefly supported in a work-house, under the superintendence of a standing overseer, who has been in office above 5 years. He does not reside in the house, but attends at meals, provides victuals, and collects the Poor's Rates. To his good management the reduction of the Rates is principally ascribable. He pays every proper attention to the wants of the necessitous, and administers the concerns of the parish with fidelity, and discrimination: notwithstanding this, he is disliked by the Poor, and several attempts have been made to burn his house; the gentlemen, however, stand by him, and approve of his proceedings.

22 persons, (mostly old women and children,) are at present in the work-house: they are, principally, employed in cleansing the streets. Their earnings are very small, and do not exceed £ 5. or £ 6. a year. In the winter 50 or 60 persons are in the house. 9 families, who are out-pensioners, receive 16s. 6d. a week: 3 militia men's families, belonging to the parish, are allowed 9s. 4d. a week. Parish children, when 9 or 10 years old, are either bound out apprentices, or sent out to service for 4 years: in the latter case, the parish pays 1s. a week with each child, and the master finds employment, board, cloaths, and lodging: at the expiration of the 4 years, the child is generally able to acquire a maintenance. 6 children, of this description, are at present chargeable, and cost the parish 6s. a week.

Assessments are said to be made on the rack rental: the following expences are included in the annual disbursements:

Salary of the standing overseer	-	-	-	£ 30 0 0
Vestry clerk	-	-	-	4 0 0
Doctors' bills, annually amount to about	-	-	-	6 10 0
Removals, appeals, &c. (upon the average of the last 20 years,) cost annually	-	-	-	5 0 0

The deficiency arising from uncollected Rates is likewise included in the above expenditure. It generally amounts to from £ 1. to £ 6. or £ 7. a year. It is expected, that this year the Rate will not exceed 5s. in the pound.

Some years ago a sacking manufacture was established here; but not having answered the views of the proprietor, it is nearly discontinued.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Table of Diet in the Work-house.

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
Sund.	Bread and milk	Pickle pork, pudding, and vegetables.	Bread and cheese
Monday.	Do.	Cold meat, &c.	Do.
Tuesday.	Do.	Bread and cheese.	Do.
Wednesday.	Do.	As Sunday.	Do.
Thursday.	Do.	Bread and cheese.	Do.
Friday.	Do.	As Sunday.	Do.
Saturday.	Do.	Bread and cheese.	Do.

Beer is allowed at dinners and suppers. Half a pound of cheese a week is allowed to each grown person: the bread is not weighed. Sometimes instead of pork or bacon, a little coarse beef is bought for the Poor; broth is then used, but not when pork or bacon is boiled.

Table of Baptisms, Burials, Marriages, and Poor's Rates.

Year	BAPTISMS			BURIALS			Marriages	Poor's Rate			Total Expended			Rate in the Pound
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total		£	s	d	£	s	d	
1765	21	19	40	14	25	39	—	197	16	0	183	8	7	
1766	20	22	42	18	11	29	—	242	12	0	285	11	11	
1767	14	21	35	14	12	26	—	329	10	10	338	3	5	
1768	14	14	28	14	9	23	—	317	15	11	300	14	5	
1769	18	21	39	12	10	22	—	309	7	7	282	6	6	
1770	21	18	39	11	6	17	—	268	5	9	290	5	9	
1771	23	21	44	17	15	32	—	185	9	10	182	11	2	
1772	23	19	42	14	14	28	—	257	9	4	217	0	8	
1773	12	15	27	14	18	32	—	356	14	11	352	13	8	
1774	18	24	42	5	14	19	—	325	3	8	389	11	2	
1775	18	18	36	13	15	28	—	415	2	3	417	6	9	
1776	18	17	35	12	13	25	—	275	14	0	259	2	2	
1777	23	12	35	13	13	26	—	279	17	0	267	1	8	
1778	24	16	40	16	14	30	—	208	2	3	215	0	4	
1779	19	30	49	10	17	27	—	278	13	6	240	17	5	
1780	16	28	44	27	25	52	—	173	6	10	285	12	7	
1781	24	28	52	18	26	44	—	313	14	3	267	14	1	
1782	22	26	48	25	24	49	—	306	13	2	474	18	9	
1783	26	26	52	23	21	44	—	286	7	7	394	0	11	
1784	27	21	48	15	19	34	6	484	10	11	315	12	0	7 0
1785	19	19	39	13	15	28	10	545	9	4	579	15	6	8 0
1786	23	27	50	13	14	27	8	391	9	0	515	17	0	6 0
1787	11	26	37	21	13	34	7	375	15	4	401	12	1	6 0
1788	17	19	36	16	11	27	13	375	12	9	418	13	7	6 0
1789	18	24	42	8	13	21	6	547	5	1	562	2	3	9 0
1790	20	22	42	13	13	26	9	512	12	10	549	5	2	8 0
1791	19	28	47	14	12	26	10	449	17	3	644	5	7	7 0
1792	23	33	56	18	11	29	10	320	11	7	394	12	3	5 0
1793	20	20	40	16	13	29	6	374	7	1	447	1	4	6 0
1794	24	24	48	17	20	37	10	379	10	2	457	12	9	6 0
1795	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	384	10	0	403	3	2	6 0

October, 1795.

P O R T S E A.

THE parish of Portsea, (commonly called Portsmouth Common,) is estimated to contain near 15 square miles: it nearly encircles the small parish of Portsmouth.

Of late years, Portsea has much increased both in wealth and population. One of the present church-wardens took an enumeration of the houses about two years ago, and found them to amount to about 3050: 100 or more have been built since that period. 36 men were raised by this parish for the Navy, in pursuance of a late Act; the number therefore of houses paying window-tax, (reckoning 68 houses to 1 seaman,) will amount to £2448.

Farms in this parish are from £200. to £300. a year. The rent of land is from £1. to £3. 10s. an acre.

The following account of Poor's Rates and Parochial Expenditure was principally furnished by the church-warden:

Years.	Total Expenditure.					
	£.	s.	d.			
1776	1327	8	7			
1781	1338	2	10½	Total Receipts.		
1782	1947	17	3½	£.	s.	d.
1783	1824	0	10½	1387	8	9½
1784	2424	13	0½	1858	7	9
1785	—	—	—	1871	18	3½
1794	2819	4	0	2955	14	4

From the Returns to Parliament.

The Poor of this parish are, principally, maintained in a work-house. At present there are 164 Paupers in the house: the usual number in winter is about 300, but has been known to exceed 340. They are chiefly employed in picking oakum. The earnings by this business in 1782, were £235. 10s. 7d.; in 1783, £166. 10s. 4d.; in 1784, £246. 6s. 7½d. The weekly and out-poor cost in the year, ending in 1794, £279. 3s. 12d.; militia men's families, £66. 10s. 12d. About
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£32. a year, are paid from the Rates to watchmen; and £30. annually, to the gaol. The parish officers are frequently re-chosen, and serve for several years; but have no salary from the parish. In general, they belong to the dock-yards, from whence they receive their wages, and are excused from working, in consideration of their serving a parish office.

The work-house stands in a good situation, about 1 mile from the town, and is tolerably well contrived. There are from 2 to 6 feather-beds in a room, and iron bedsteads. The house is kept very clean, and the Poor appear to live very comfortably. Those, who use tobacco, are allowed 2 oz. each, a week. The number of deaths in the house last year, was 31. Either meat-broth, or a sort of gruel called flour-broth, made of flour and water, is their common breakfast: the dinner, 3 days in the week, consists of meat; and on the other 4 days, of bread and cheese: the suppers are bread and cheese. Beer is allowed at bread and cheese meals only. Each adult person has 1 lb. of bread a day, and 8 oz. of meat on meat days.

There are 6 Friendly Societies in Portsea; the number of members, in each, is from 80 to 180. Only two have taken the benefit of the late Act of Parliament the expence attending an application to the Justices, is the common reason given why the other Societies have not had their rules confirmed.

In Portsea are 1 Presbyterian, 2 Methodist, and 2 Anabaptist meeting-houses, and 1 Roman Catholic chapel.

October, 1795.

PORTSMOUTH.

IN this parish, as in many others, the parish books were not accessible. From the information however of the parish officers, it appears that in the year ending in 1794, the Poor's Rates (at 4s. 3d. in the pound,) amounted to about £2210.; and the total Receipts to £2778. 17s. 4d.; and that in the year ending in 1795, the Rates (at 3s. 6d. in the pound,) produced £1820; and the total Receipts £2789. 18s. Last year £450. were expended on casual Poor. The Rates in Portsmouth have been as high as 4s. 6d. in the pound, but are seldom at full rental.

The parish of Portsmouth raised 9 men for the Navy, from whence, (according to the usual proportion of 68 houses to a man,) the number of rateable houses may be estimated at 612.

The church registers are very perfect, and commence soon after the era of their establishment by Lord Cromwell.

Years.	Baptisms.	Burials.			Marrriages.
1550	24	—	—	—	—
1551	19	—	—	—	—
1554	—	19	—	—	—
1775	251	256	—	—	77
1776	250	260	—	—	52
1780	338	510	—	—	123
1781	376	443	—	—	182
1785	266	223	—	—	73
1786	310	290	—	—	63
1790	338	297	—	—	104
1794	347	384	{ of which 70 are registered as Poor. }		— 121

At Portsmouth are, 1 Presbyterian, 1 Arminian, and 2 Anabaptist congregations.

The Poor of this parish are chiefly maintained in a work-house; in which there are at present about 170 persons, who are employed in picking oakum. The house is said to be neither well contrived, nor well managed. About 40 out-pensioners receive, each, from 1s. to 2s. a week. A standing overseer, with a salary, was appointed last year, and it is to the appointment of a permanent officer that the late reduction of the Rates is principally attributed.

The proportion of out-pensioners, both in this parish, and in Portsea, is very inconsiderable: when persons become necessitous, the parish generally insists on their going into the work-house; by which means the expenditure is much reduced; not because the Poor are maintained at a cheaper rate in the house than they could be at their own homes, but because the apprehension of being obliged to intermix with the various descriptions of indigent people, usually found in a large Poor-house, deters many from making

making applications for relief. The regulation adopted by the parish, of sending such persons to the work-house as are likely to remain chargeable a long time, is a great incitement to industry, and certainly prevents many frivolous claims for parochial assistance: but it seems to bear hard upon the modest Poor, who are the most deserving objects of national charity. The parishes of Portsmouth and Portsea are much at variance; nor will either receive a Pauper from the other without an order of removal. It is said that Portsmouth, in order to reduce its Rates, is endeavouring to get incorporated with Portsea: the latter however is determined to oppose this measure. Both parishes complain of having a great number of casual Poor.

The high price of provisions is sensibly felt, among the labouring classes, in this neighbourhood: the quartern loaf of wheaten bread costs 1s.; beef, from 6d. to 7d. the pound; mutton, 6d.; veal, 8d.; bacon, 10½d.; butter, 10d. to 13d.; potatoes, 5d. the gallon; milk, 1d. the pint.

Common labourers earn from 8s. to 9s. a week. All employments and occupations in any degree connected with the Navy, are now actively exerted; more especially in his Majesty's dock-yards, where there is a great demand for labour: shipwrights receive standing wages of 6s. 6d. a week, but work double tides, (that is, perform double the work usually required,) about two months in three, and are then allowed double wages. Besides this, they can earn about 2s. 6d. a week by watching, in their turns, at 1s. a night. Watermen, at present, have constant employment; but in times of peace, this class of men is almost starving: tailors, shoemakers, and other tradesmen, more particularly publicans, are in full business: in short, war is the harvest of Portsmouth; and peace, which is so ardently wished for in most other parts of England, is dreaded here.

Statement of the Earnings and Expenses of a Labourer in the Dock-yard.

He is 35 years of age; has a wife and 3 children, of 11, 7, and 3 years of age. The children do no work. The wife earns a shilling now and then.

Her earnings, in the year, may amount to
The man earns 1 ¹⁰/₁₂ s. a week. during one half of the year

8 ¹⁵/₁₂ 0
19 10 0

Carried over £ 20 5 0

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	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	20	5	0
And 10s. 6d. a week during the other half of the year	13	13	0
He earns, by extra-jobs, about	3	0	0
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10s. (one week's earnings) must be deducted for sickness, holidays, &c.	36	18	0
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Net earnings	36	3	0
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EXPENCES.

	£.	s.	d.
His house-rent is £6. 6s. a year; but one room is let for 1s. 3d. a week, which reduces his rent to	3	1	0
Weekly expence of bread for the family, between 9s. and 10s. —on an average, about 9s. 6d.—annually	24	14	0
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	27	15	0
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Surplus of earnings	8	8	0

The man could give no account of his other expences, but says they do not exceed his earnings. The sum however of 8 guineas seems very inadequate to provide five persons with the other articles of food they must want; fuel, cloathing, &c. No milk is used in this family. They generally breakfast on tea, and sometimes on bread and cheese. A joint of meat is provided once a week; but bread, with a little cheese, constitutes the principal part of their diet.

October, 1795.

S O U T H A M P T O N.

THE town of Southampton contains by estimation about 4 square miles, one fourth of which is common. The number of inhabitants, from some calculations lately made, is supposed to be near 9000. Here is a mill for twisting silk, which employs a few children; and a carpet manufactory, which works 4 or 5 looms; but there is no other manufacture.

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In this town there are one Presbyterian, and one Anabaptist congregation.

The number of houses paying the window tax could not be obtained; but, as 10 or 12 men were raised for the Navy, it may be estimated at near 700.

The prices of provision are: beef, from 6d. to 8d. the pound; mutton, from 6d. to 7d.; veal, 8d.; bacon, 10½d.; butter, 15½d; bread, 1s. 11½d. the half-peck loaf; potatoes, 10d. a peck; coals, 37s. a chaldron.

The wages of bricklayers, carpenters, &c. are from 15s. to 16s. a week; and of common labourers, from 18. 8d. to 2s. a day. The number of ale-houses is 30.

Here is one Friendly Society, which has had it's orders confirmed by the Magistrates. The land-tax is about £250.

The Poor are partly maintained in a work-house, and partly at their own homes. In the work-house there are, at present, 120 persons; of which, 50 are children, under the age of 14 years; the others are mostly old people: in winter, there are sometimes near 150 in the house. 18 children and 4 old men from the work-house are employed at the silk mill; and a few make blankets and cloaths for the use of the house. The following is the usual bill of fare:

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
Sunday,	Onion broth.	Beef, and vegetables.	Bread, and cheese; or bread, and butter.
Monday,	Bread, and butter.	Broth, and bread.	Ditto.
Tuesday,	As Sunday.	Pork, and vegetables.	Ditto.
Wednesday,	Ditto. —	Bread, and butter.	Ditto.
Thursday,	Ditto. —	Salt beef, and vegetables.	Ditto.
Friday,	Ditto. —	Bread, and butter.	Ditto.
Saturday,	Ditto. —	Bread, and cheese.	Ditto.

2 cups of beer a day (near 3 pints,) are allowed to grown persons, and a proportionable quantity to children.

The Rates, during the years ending in 1792 and 1793, were collected at 4s. in the pound on $\frac{1}{4}$ of the net rental. This has been the average Rate for the last 18 years.

The subjoined particulars of the earnings and expenditure of the corporation of Guardians were extracted from their annual accounts for the years 1792 and 1793; the only ones that have yet been printed.

*Account of the Guardians of the Poor of the Town of Southampton, from Easter 1791,
to Laster 1792.*

Dr.			Cr.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To cash received from the Treasurer of the former Guardians	39	13 1½	By cash, debts incurred and not discharged by the former Guardians, £150., of which were on bond to Dolher & Co exclusive of the quarter's bills for the house	324	4 4
To ditto by sale of manufactured articles by the house, exclusive of what was worked up, and used for the supply of the house	95	1 6	Mastei, matron, and headle's salaries	66	15 6
To ditto received for earnings of the Poor in the house	34	14 3	Surgeon's, and other salary	81	18 6
To ditto composition received for bastard children	35	0 0	Clerk's salary	27	6 8
To ditto received for people in the house	35	14 3	Interest of £1700	76	10 0
<i>Rates assessed on the several Parishes.</i>			Insurance from fire	3	3 6
	£	s. d.	To out-paupers and occasional relief	448	4 4
All Saints	836	17 6	Removal of paupers	72	11 7
Holy-Rood's	552	0 2½	To bastard children out of the house	16	19 6
St. Michael's	310	0 10½	Groceries, including butter	184	12 7
St. Mary's	312	6 8	Cheese	82	13 6
St. Lawrence's	211	3 11½	Drapery	100	7 8
St. John's	102	4 10	Cloathing	7	18 6
	2324	14 0½	Materials, chiefly wool, for employing the Poor	125	15 7
Deficient in collection	374	4 2	Town clerk's fees for examination of paupers as to their parishes, and signing rates	20	19 8
Taken from the Overseers by the Corporation for a county rate this year	180	0 0	Law-processes	28	2 7
Ditto for high ways	88	5 4	For marriages of the Poor	15	5 0
Amount assessed on the parishes	2967	3 6	Burials of ditto	11	0 0
			Butcher's meat, including salt pork	117	1 4
			Flour	244	7 4
			Malt and hops	86	0 9
			Wine and spirits	17	19 3
			Leather and shoes ready made	31	11 10
			Coals and wood for firing	73	17 6
			Garden stuff	35	13 4
			Live-stock	13	0 6
			Sundry disbursements for the house	40	11 8
			Repairs done to the house	20	1 4
			Apprenticing poor children	13	14 0
			Rates returned	12	6 3
			Subscription to the county hospital	5	5 0
			Expence for lunatics	7	12 0
			Balance in the Treasurer's hands	152	15 10
Total receipts of the Guardians of the Poor	2564	17 1½		2564	17 1½

* The sum total, upon calling up the different sums, appears to be less than the sum here set down, by 9s. 7½d.

Accounts

ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE Poor belonging to the various parishes in the Isle of Wight are chiefly relieved at a House of Industry situated near the town of Newport. It was erected under the authority of an Act of Parliament passed in 1771¹, whereby 80 acres of the forest of Parkhurst were vested in the gentlemen of the island for the term of 999 years, under the title of the Corporation or Guardians of the Poor of the Isle of Wight; and, in order that each parish might contribute its fair proportion, an account was taken of the amount of their respective Poor's Rates for the preceding 7 years, and, according to the average, the ratio of their future payments was determined on; so that those parishes, whose parochial charges were the heaviest at the time of the valuation, are now burthened with the greatest quota towards the consolidated fund. One pays 2s. in the pound on the rack rent; another, 15d.; and a third, 3s. 3d. in the pound upon two-thirds of the rent. The Corporation was authorized to borrow £12,000. for the purpose of erecting the House of Industry; but this sum being found inadequate to complete the design, a second application was made to Parliament, and by an Act passed in 1776, the Corporation was empowered to borrow an additional sum not exceeding £8000.; and as the provisions of the former Act had been found by experience to be extremely defective, the whole was repealed, and new powers and regulations provided².

The members of the Corporation are such inhabitants of the island as are seised in fee, or for life, or of leasehold upon lives, in their own or their wives' right, of lands or property rated to the Poor's Rate at £50. a year; heirs apparent to property rated at £100. a year; all rectors and vicars of the island; and all occupiers of lands or property rated at £100. whether in one or more parishes within the island. On the last Thursday in June, in every year, 24 directors, (of whom 12 are to be such as were not directors in the preceding year,) are elected by the Corporation from their own body; proper persons for acting guardians are likewise nominated in each parish by the inhabitants assessed to the Poor's Rate, and lists transmitted to the directors, from which representatives for each

¹ 11 Geo. 3. c. 43.

² 6 Geo. 3. c. 53 f. 2.

parish, (according to the proportion they pay towards the Poor's Rate,) are chosen by ballot, to make up the number of 36 acting guardians, who continue in office one year. A clerk and other necessary officers are likewise appointed. The directors and guardians are divided into quarterly, monthly, and weekly committees, the last of which consist of 2 directors and 5 acting guardians. They meet at the house every Saturday, to settle the governor and stewards' accounts of the preceding week, to give directions for the ensuing week, to hear complaints, to grant occasional relief to persons out of the house, and to attend to such cases as require immediate investigation. The following are the most material of the bye-laws enacted by the Corporation for the regulation and government of the House of Industry :

- 1, That all poor persons, single or married, without families, who are unable to maintain themselves, be taken into the house, and not supported out of it by any settled allowance or pension.
- 2, That all poor persons, whose families are too large to be maintained by their own labour, may offer one or more of their children to be received into the house, at the discretion of the weekly committee.
- 4, That poor persons received into the house, for temporary relief only, shall not be deprived of their household goods, furniture or other property. But such wearing apparel, and other goods, as any pauper may bring into the house, shall be deemed and taken to be the property of the guardians of the poor, during the time such person shall be maintained in the house.
- 6, That a weekly committee may grant to the use of any poor labourer's wife, on the birth of a fourth, fifth, or sixth child, the respective sums of five shillings, seven shillings and sixpence, or ten shillings and sixpence, according as he may then have living, four, five, or six children, under fourteen years of age; but, that five shillings thereof be applied, by the overseer, to the payment of the midwife.
- 7, That one churchwarden, or overseer of the poor, of every parish, be obliged to apply to the weekly committee on every sitting, either in person, or by a director, or acting guardian, and to report, (after due enquiry made by himself, at the respective dwellings of the poor,) the number and ages of the family, and other circumstances, including the

the place of settlement, as well as the illness of all persons in his parish, who may ask for, or stand in need of, relief, under the penalty of any sum, not less than forty shillings, and not exceeding five pounds, as directed by the Act; but that relief may be granted to any pauper, who may be in the same manner reported by the surgeon, a director, or acting guardian.

- 8, That in case of an application wherein the preceding regulation hath not been adhered to, the committee, if it see proper, may entrust a director, or acting guardian, or the surgeon, with an order of relief, to be delivered, or not, to the pauper, according as the person, thus entrusted, may find the circumstances of the case; or the committee may order the surgeon, or parish-officer, to visit the said pauper, and to make a report, as before required, to the next committee, which may then give relief from the time of the first application.
- 11, That the weekly committee, on application of an overseer, may grant monthly relief out of the house to the families of men impressed into the sea-service, during their continuance as impressed men, not exceeding the sum of one shilling and sixpence a week, for two children under the age of ten years; the sum of two shillings a week, for three such children; and the sum of three shillings a week, for four such; to be paid weekly by the respective overseers, who are required to stop payment on the death or discharge of any such man, and report the state of the family to the next weekly committee; and that this proportion of relief be adopted in all similar cases.
- 12, That when it shall appear to a weekly committee that labour in husbandry cannot be obtained at the usual wages, on account of a general existing scarcity of work, the committee may order any reasonable sum, not exceeding one fourth of the real earnings of such labourers, employed by its consent, to be paid by overseers to the different persons employing them, so that such earnings do not exceed six shillings a week for each man, and so in proportion for others. And when such earnings do necessarily fall short of six shillings a week, merely on account of the unseasonableness of the weather, (as in deep snow or hard frosts,) the deficiency may be made up to that sum, for a man who has a family to maintain.
- 13, That a sum not exceeding ten pounds in any one year, be laid out in purchasing spinning-wheels, cards, and such like implements of work,

for the use of the industrious poor women and children; which, after being marked "HOUSE OF INDUSTRY," may be lent or given them, at the discretion of the weekly committee; and that work in spinning, knitting, &c. shall be supplied from the house, by an order from the said committee, to all persons of the above description, who may not be able to procure any such work elsewhere.

20, That every single woman, becoming chargeable to this corporation the second time, on account of bastardy, shall be carried before two justices of the peace, to be dealt with according to law; and that all such women in the house, (except those, who are employed in the hard work of the house, and those who have been punished as aforesaid,) as well as all other persons, who, by reason of their own criminality or misconduct, are there kept and maintained, shall be placed in separate apartments from the other poor, provided for that purpose; shall have their names entered in the black book; shall be allowed no solid meat on meat-days; and wear coarse yellow coats or gowns, or other disgraceful distinctions, at the discretion of the weekly committee.

40, That only one sort of flour be served into the house, and that, from the whole meal dressed through a 14s. cloth; and that only one meal of solid meat be served weekly; the other meat-dinner to be composed of meat cut into very small pieces, the bones broken very small, and boiled into broth, properly thickened with vegetables, &c.; and that only 150 lbs. of meat be allowed for that dinner; but that fat pork or bacon (to be bought in the fitch, without the hams) may be boiled, cut into very small slices, with pease, beans, or potatoes; for one dinner in the week, not exceeding 50 lbs.; and that the annexed bill of fare^a be particularly observed: subject, however, to such alteration,

BILL OF FARE.

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
Sunday,	Bread and butter.	Boiled beef.	Potatoes.
Monday,	Ditto.	Pease, with the beef liquor.	Bread and butter.
Tuesday,	Ditto.	Bread and butter.	Ditto.
Wednesday,	Ditto.	Fresh beef soup.	Potatoes.
Thursday,	Ditto.	Bread and butter; baked pudding.	Bread and butter.
Friday,	Ditto.	Potatoes, or green pease, or beans; with fat bacon, or pork, not exceeding 50 lbs.	Ditto.
Saturday,	Ditto.	Rice-milk.	Ditto.

^a When the beef cannot be kept sweet a week, the Sunday's and Wednesday's dinners may be exchanged.

teration as the season of the year, or other circumstances, may render expedient in the opinion of the weekly committee.

- 45, That the tea for the poor sick people in the house, shall be bought at the same place, and of the same person, who contracts for sugar; and shall be received by the governor, and delivered out in like manner as the other stores.
- 49, That every person, who, being duly qualified, shall be elected a director, and shall refuse to act, shall forfeit the sum of SIX POUNDS; and every guardian, refusing to act when elected an acting guardian, shall forfeit the sum of FOUR POUNDS; unless reasonable cause shall be shewn and allowed by the majority of the directors and acting guardians present at the next general quarterly meeting after such election.
- 50, That if there shall not be present two directors and three acting guardians at any weekly committee, each director of that month not being present, shall forfeit TWENTY SHILLINGS; and every such acting guardian, TEN SHILLINGS.
- 51, That a chairman be chosen, by every committee, to preside and regulate the proceedings; and every member of any committee, who shall not appear in the committee-room within half an hour of the time appointed for their meeting, shall, if a director, forfeit FOUR SHILLINGS; if an acting guardian, TWO SHILLINGS; in case such default shall delay the proceeding to business: and no member (under the same penalty) shall leave the committee while sitting, without leave of the chairman: and on no account, if there be not a sufficient number of members remaining to constitute a committee.

These fines are extremely moderate; and can never operate as compulsory penalties on gentlemen of property. They seem, however, in

N. B. The sick have fresh meat and broth, with other provisions, according to the surgeon's directions—who is desired to give written orders for the same.

The course of diet has lately been altered; the following Bill of Fare, which is now used in the house, was, obligingly, communicated to me, with other information, by the governor:

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
Sunday,	Onion broth.	Beef cut small; the bones broken, and boiled into soup, and thickened with vegetables: bread.	Potatoes, butter, salt, and beer.
Monday,	Ditto.	Pork, greens, beer, and bread.	Bread, butter, and beer.
Tuesday,	Ditto.	Beef in soup, thickened with rice.	Potatoes, butter, salt, and beer.
Wednesday,	Ditto.	Rice-milk, with butter and treacle.	Bread, cheese, and beer.
Thursday,	Ditto.	Pork with greens, or potatoes, beer, and bread.	Potatoes, butter, salt, and beer.
Friday,	Ditto.	Bread, cheese, and beer.	Ditto.
Saturday,	Ditto.	Pork and pease: no bread.	Ditto.

the present state of the institution to be very unnecessary. The directors and guardians are very regular in their attendance on committee days, &c.; and only one instance occurs in the annexed accounts of a fine having been paid by either a guardian or director, during the last 3 years.

- 59, That every quarterly committee of accounts shall examine into all the accounts of the preceding quarter, and shall prepare them for publication, and after they have thoroughly examined them, they shall set their hands to the same: and the separate articles of the incidental expences, paid by the governor, shall be entered in the quarterly account-book, in the same manner as the bills, &c.; and no bills or salaries of officers shall be paid by the treasurer, till a printed order be produced, signed by the chairman of the committee of accounts.
- 61, That any sum, not exceeding TWELVE SHILLINGS, may be allowed for the burial of any poor person dying out of the house, on application being made to the next weekly committee, or to a magistrate, on oath, that the deceased did not leave effects sufficient for defraying funeral expences: but that nothing shall be allowed when the person is not buried at the sole expence of the corporation, and in the usual manner of such paupers; of which the officiating clergyman is desired to give a certificate.
- 70, That when it shall be found necessary to make use of any part, or the whole, of the fund of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, which has been raised from the savings of the average rates, and is vested on bond from the treasurer, to answer any extraordinary demands the great extent of the buildings, and the various articles of furniture may require, beyond what can be spared for the same, from the average rates in any one year: such sum, so used, shall be re-placed from the first savings that may be afterwards made.

The principal part of the building is 300 feet in length from east to west, by 27 wide in the clear; having windows on both sides, for the advantage of a thorough draught of air; at the distance of 200 feet from the west end, a wing from the main building ranges southward, 170 feet by 24; from the end of which, are built work-shops for the manufacturers and mechanics; and these, with a walk on the west, form a square of 200 feet by 170.

On the east side of the wing is a court, 170 feet by 50, formed by offices on the north; such as dairy, wash-house, brew-house, wood-house, store rooms, &c. and a wall on the south. In the principal building is a large store-room, steward's room, dining hall, 118 feet long by 27 wide, and a common sitting room, for the impotent and aged poor.

Under the east end there are cellars for beer, meat, &c. Over this building are the governor's and matron's lodging rooms, the laundry, nurseries, and sick wards.

In the wing on the ground floor are the school rooms, apothecary's shop, kitchen, scullery, bake-house, bread-room, governor's and matron's sitting room, and pantry; and over are the lying-in rooms, sick wards, and 20 separate rooms or apartments for married men and their wives, with two common sitting rooms adjoining, for the old and infirm, who are unable to go down stairs. In front of the principal building is a large gate-way, on the east side of which is a master weaver's room, and spinning room, 96 feet long by 18 wide, with store-rooms over it; at the west side of this gate-way are the shoe-maker's and tailor's shops, with a spinning room, 150 feet long by 18 wide, with weaving rooms and store-rooms over.

The chapel is erected on the north side of the principal building: over it is a store-room. Four hundred yards distance is a pest-house, with a burying ground, walled in, close adjoining.

To the north of the pest-house a building has been lately erected for the admission of persons under inoculation: it consists of four rooms, each of about 15 feet by 14. On the south is a large garden, which supplies the house with vegetables. On the east, behind the offices, are placed the hog-sties, barn, stable, and other out-houses¹.

The house can accommodate 700 people: the number of inmates, however, seldom exceeds 550. The following is a list of the present inmates: they amount to 495. (3d of April, 1796.)

86 men; from 20 to 90 years of age, consisting of cripples, blind, idiots, lunatics, &c.

115 women; from 20 to 90 years of age; of whom the younger part are blind, &c. or sent hither in cases of bastardy.

131 boys; from infants to 13 years; among whom are many cripples, who are usually employed under the tailors, or shoe-makers, in the house; or in knitting, &c. according to their strength, and ability.

163 girls; from infants to 13 years; cripples, &c. some of whom can spin worsted, yarn, or flax.

The manufacture carried on in the house chiefly consists in making sacks for coal, flour, and biscuit; besides which, linsey, kerseys, and other articles of that nature, are made, principally, for the use of the house. The quantity of each, annually manufactured during the last 3 years, and in the years ending at midsummer 1783, may be seen in the annexed accounts; which also specify the salaries paid to the governor, matron, and other officers.

The baptisms in the house, during the last 3 years were: 20—12—12: and the burials, 68—32—61.

The number of regular out-pensioners is, at present, 44: they receive, each, from 1s. to 3s. a week. The number of casual weekly poor, and the amount of casual weekly allowances, is very fluctuating; and depends much on the severity of the weather, and other circumstances. In January, and February, 1795, the reliefs granted on Saturdays, amounted, for several weeks, to £ 130. £ 150. £ 170. and upwards. Last winter the weekly reliefs, granted on Saturdays, were from £ 9. to £ 17.

The debt paid off amounts to £ 5250.: the debt now owing is £ 12,200. The land belonging to the corporation, amounting to near 80 acres, is laid down in a grass farm. The produce is sold by a manager, and the receipts placed to the general account of the house.

The following statements of the receipts and expenditure for 4 years, are copied from printed papers, which are annually prepared and laid before the corporation. They are drawn up with great perspicuity and accuracy, and afford a clearer view of the various circumstances connected with this institution, than any general observations could convey. Perhaps but few improvements could be made in the mode of framing up this annual amount; but I would venture to suggest to the guardians, that the quantity of flax, hemp, wool, and other materials purchased, should be particularized, as well as the sums paid for them. The public would thereby be enabled to judge whether a house of industry bought their raw materials

materials dearer or cheaper than a common manufacturer. It is likewise extremely desirable that the average number of men, women, and children, in the house, each month in the year, should be annexed to the account, as is done, (in a general manner,) at St. Peter's hospital in Bristol¹; and, that the average number of men, women, and children, employed weekly, or monthly, in the manufactory, and of the goods actually manufactured in the year, should be printed: it is only from comparing such particulars, with the amount of expenditure, that a fair estimate can be formed of the work annually performed in a house of industry, and of the annual charge attending the maintenance of a Pauper, under these institutions.

The following table is extracted from the Returns made to Parliament in 1786:

Parishes.	Expences for the Poor in 1776.			Poor's Rates in 1783.			Poor's Rates in 1784.			Poor's Rates in 1785.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Arreton	441	11	3	449	5	3	465	9	10	504	15	4
Binsted	51	5	0	60	14	0	61	2	0	61	0	0
Bonchurch	12	16	4	14	19	5	14	19	5	14	19	5
Brading	468	10	4	530	17	2	492	15	2	500	16	4
God's-hill	403	13	8	449	4	6	448	19	10	445	7	1
St. Helen's	88	8	0	101	8	3	100	19	6	100	10	9
S. Lawrence	13	0	0	17	18	1	17	14	3	15	19	10
Newchurch	541	16	8	585	10	8	582	11	8	603	6	3
Newport	452	0	0	487	6	9	482	11	0	483	17	0
Niton	74	10	8	96	8	3	98	8	10	85	8	0
Shanklin	20	18	0	38	8	7	23	13	4	23	13	4
Whippingham	232	5	0	271	11	6	278	0	11	292	14	5
Whitwell	71	14	8	83	8	0	86	17	0	73	18	7
Wooton	53	17	8	53	17	8	53	17	8	53	17	8
Yaverland	30	6	7	34	19	5	34	19	5	31	11	5
Brixton	129	0	8	129	0	8	129	0	8	129	0	8
Brooke	38	10	10	38	10	10	38	10	10	38	10	10
Osbourne	182	9	4	199	2	1	206	8	3	199	8	0
Carisbrook	465	15	10	499	8	0	502	13	3	501	1	0

Carried over, £ 3772 10 6 £ 4141 19 1 £ 4119 12 10 £ 4169 3 11

(¹ See page 191)

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Parishes.	Expences for the Poor in 1776			Poor's Rates in 1783			Poor's Rates in 1784			Poor's Rates in 1785		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over,	3772	10	6	4141	19	1	4119	12	10	4169	3	11
Chale	137	15	8	145	18	7	145	18	7	145	18	7
Fishwater	152	11	6	105	3	4	198	10	0	183	15	6
Gatcomb	64	4	0	77	19	8	76	5	10	48	4	4
Kingston	13	1	0	13	5	10	13	5	10	13	5	10
Mottiflon	18	14	8	28	6	9	28	6	9	28	6	9
St. Nic' olas	60	1	8	77	12	7	79	6	7	82	4	5
Northwood	365	6	0	383	17	2	389	10	11	396	16	8
Shalfleet	306	13	10	330	7	4	330	19	2	348	2	2
Shorwell	179	10	0	194	4	1	194	4	1	194	4	1
Therley	35	8	11	35	8	11	35	8	11	35	8	11
Yarmouth	38	18	0	47	4	0	47	4	3	46	14	9
	<u>£ 5144 15 9</u>			<u>£ 5641 7 4</u>			<u>£ 5658 13 9</u>			<u>£ 5692 7 11</u>		

An Account of the Guardians of the Corporation of the Poor in the Isle of Wight, and of Monies received and paid, from Midsummer 1782, to Midsummer 1783.

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
To cash in Treasurer's hands at Midsummer 1782	544	5	10
To cash received from the Treasurer of the county, being a moiety of the militia	29	3	0
To cash received, the moiety of a fine from a person destroying game	2	10	0
To cash for half a year's interest of one hundred pounds at £ 4. per cent.	2	0	0
To one quarter's average from Midsummer to Michaelmas	1285	10	6
To cash for half a year's interest of four hundred pounds at £ 4. per cent.	8	0	0
To cash received from two persons for stealing wood in coppices	0	5	2
To cash for bastardy	9	5	6
Carried over	£ 1881	0	0

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	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	1581	0	0
To one quarter's average from Michaelmas to Christmas	1285	14	9
To one hundred and seventy-four days interest on three hundred pounds at £ 4. per cent.		5	14
To eighty-three days interest on one hundred pounds at £ 4 per cent.		0	18
To three hundred and fifty-seven days interest on one hundred pounds at £ 4. per cent.		3	18
To cash for half a year's interest of five hundred pounds at £ 4. per cent.		10	0
To cash received from the Treasurers for interest	500	0	0
To one quarter's average from Christmas to Lady-day	1285	10	6
To cash received from a person as a final indemnification for a bastard child		30	16
To cash received from a person on coming into the house to be supported		6	9
To cash received from three persons in lieu of taking apprentices		30	0
To half a year's interest of two hundred and fifty pounds at £ 4. per cent.		5	0
To cash from the manufactory	112	7	4
To one quarter's average from Lady-day to Midsummer	1285	10	6
	£ 6442	18	9

P A Y M E N T S.

	£.	s.	d.
By cash paid the bond-holders	500	0	0
By interest	627	0	0
By insurance	10	17	0
By a year's rent due at Michaelmas 1782	8	19	10
By chaplain	50	0	0
By apothecaries	170	0	0
By secretary	30	0	0
Carried over	£ 1396	16	10

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					£.	s.	d.
				Brought over	-	1396	16 10
By governor	-	-	-	-	-	40	0 0
By matron	-	-	-	-	-	30	0 0
By constant pensioners	-	-	-	-	-	256	6 6
By weekly Poor out of the house	-	-	-	-	-	403	11 10
By militia	-	-	-	-	-	71	12 6
By chapel-clerk and schoolmaster	-	-	-	-	-	8	0 0
By labourer, half to house and half to farm	-	-	-	-	-	13	0 0
By wheat, barley, and grinding	-	-	-	-	-	1206	1 1
By cheese	-	-	-	-	-	196	16 7
By butcher's meat	-	-	-	-	-	365	17 11
By pork	-	-	-	-	-	116	12 1
By malt and hops	-	-	-	-	-	305	14 9
By wine	-	-	-	-	-	58	12 9
By butter	-	-	-	-	-	51	4 8
By pease	-	-	-	-	-	62	18 3
By groceries	-	-	-	-	-	139	8 11
By coals	-	-	-	-	-	180	0 0
By drapery	-	-	-	-	-	186	1 7
By soap	-	-	-	-	-	25	0 3
By candles	-	-	-	-	-	9	12 5
By leather	-	-	-	-	-	101	11 2
By carpenter	-	-	-	-	-	34	16 5
By ironmonger	-	-	-	-	-	15	19 2
By glazier	-	-	-	-	-	7	8 0
By brazier	-	-	-	-	-	6	15 3
By printer	-	-	-	-	-	3	10 0
By bricklayer	-	-	-	-	-	13	2 8
By baker	-	-	-	-	-	24	9 1
By incidental expences of the house, tailor, shoe-maker, and labourer	-	-	-	-	-	167	0 0
By tradesmen's small bills	-	-	-	-	-	33	10 7
By cash at interest	-	-	-	-	-	500	0 0
By surgeons, for inoculation, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	7	17 0
Carried over					-	£ 6039	8 3

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			£.	s.	d.
	Brought over	-	60	39	8 3
By frith, faggots, and wood	-	-	15	0	0
By stationer	-	-	5	11	5
			£ 60	60	2 7
To balance in Treasurer's hands	-	-	58	2	16 2
			£ 64	42	18 9 1

General Account of the Manufactory carried on at the House of Industry, from Midsummer 1782, to Midsummer 1783.

BOUGHT.

	£.	s.	d.
Goods and materials in the store-room at Midsummer 1782	31	6	2 10
Hemp, flax, mop-wool, and wages, to Messrs. Kimber and Toomer, and gratuities to the children in the first half-year	17	7	7 6
Flax, hemp, wages, and gratuities, as in the last article, in the second half-year	17	1	8 6
	£ 66	4	18 10

SOLD OR USED IN THE HOUSE.

Sacks, mop-yarn, linsley, shoe-thread, &c. in the first half-year	-	-	-	£.	s.	d.
	-	-	-	26	3	5 1 1/2
Ditto in the second half-year	-	-	-	21	0	18 9
				£.	s.	d.
Goods and materials in the store-room, at Midsummer 1783	{ wrought }	85	8	11 1/2		
	{ unwrought }	205	13	11 1/2		
				291	2	11
				£ 76	5	7 1 1/2
Expended	-			66	4	18 10
Gained	-			£ 100	8	3 1/2
There seems to be some error in this account:						
the items altogether amount to	-			£ 60	59	19 8
Which, with balance	-			38	2	16 2
amounts to				£ 64	42	15 10

	£	s.	d.
Brought over	100	8	3½
Found clear of deductions, by spinning of woolled	33	2	9½
Findings and gains of the whole year	£ 133	11	1

An Account of the Contribution of the Guardians of the Poor in the Isle of Wight, and of Monies received and paid from Midsummer 1792 to Midsummer 1793.

R E C E I P T S.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Treasurer's hands, Midsummer 1792	143	6	11
Cash in the Governor's hands, ditto	25	5	4
Cash from the produce of the farm	27	19	4
Of the surveyor of Carisbrooke highways for maintaining the Forest Road, due Michaelmas 1792	5	0	0
Of the Reverend Henry Oglander in lieu of taking an apprentice	10	0	0
Of John Delgarno Esquire ditto	10	0	0
Of Mrs. Cooke ditto	10	0	0
Of Mr. John Whitewood ditto	10	0	0
Of Mr. James Harvey ditto	10	0	0
For Joseph Brewer's board	2	15	0
For Goodall Young's ditto	5	8	6
A moiety of a fine for selling corn by an unlawful measure	6	7	6
Of James James, towards the maintenance of his children	1	1	0
Of William Rowles, towards ditto	1	10	0
Of Richard Ware, money advanced to his family	0	12	0
Of Samuel Read, expences apprehending him for leaving his family chargeable to the Guardians of the Poor within the Isle of Wight	0	7	6
Of Minfon and Fry, part of a fine for hedge breaking	0	3	6
Carried over	£ 469	16	7

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	£.	s.	d.
Brought over -	469	16	7
Of Sir William Oglander, Baronet, part of Le Compts wages -	-	0	14 3
John Phillips's pension, three quarters -	-	6	17 0
Of the reputed fathers of bastard children to reimburse the money advanced from the house for the support of the said children -	-	42	5 0
One year's average rates due Midsummer 1793 -	5142	6	3
	<u>£</u>	<u>5661</u>	<u>18 10</u>

PAYMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
One year's fee farm-rent and postage, due Michaelmas 1792	9	2	6
One year's insurance of the house and furniture, due ditto	17	2	6
One year's board and cloathing a lunatic in Bethlem -	15	18	7
One year's interest or £12500, due Midsummer 1793 -	500	0	0
Interest in arrear due to the bond-holders from the late Treasurers -	£	123	0 0
Interest of money deposited for bastardy in the hands of the late Treasurers -	18	0	0
William Read, cash deposited in the late Treasurer's hands for bastardy, the child being dead -	10	0	0
Expences incurred in proving the debt due to this Corporation from the late Treasurers	2	2	0
	<u>153</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Mess. Clarke, attorney's bill -	36	1	4
Surgeon for inoculation, attending women, &c. -	25	8	0
Dr. Bowen for reducing a fracture -	1	1	0
Expences attending sessions and removing paupers to their respective settlements -	£	25	10 7
Ditto apprehending men for bastardy and running away from their families -	10	13	5
	<u>36</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Carried over -	<u>£</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>19 11</u>

				Brought over	£.	s.	d.
					786	19	11
Chaplain's salary	-	-	-	£.	s.	d.	
Surgeon and Apothecary's ditto	-	-	-	50	0	0	
Governor's ditto	-	-	-	170	0	0	
Matron's ditto	-	-	-	50	0	0	
Manufacturer's ditto	-	-	-	30	0	0	
Secretary's ditto	-	-	-	20	0	0	
Schoolmaster's ditto	-	-	-	13	0	0	
Chapel clerk's ditto	-	-	-	8	0	0	
				2	0	0	
					343	0	0
Flour, meal, and bran	-	-	-	905	6	11	
Baking and barm	-	-	-	22	14	0	
					928	0	11
Meat	-	-	-	506	4	2	
Salt	-	-	-	36	12	0	
					542	16	2
Pease	-	-	-	56	2	0	
Potatoes	-	-	-	10	15	6	
Rice	-	-	-	47	9	8	
					114	7	2
Butter and cheese	-	-	-	-	149	6	11
Malt and hops	-	-	-	183	9	0½	
Wine, brandy and geneva	-	-	-	33	14	6	
Vinegar	-	-	-	4	15	0	
					221	18	6½
Groceries, tobacco, brushes, &c.	-	-	-	79	16	7	
Candles, soap, and ashes	-	-	-	28	12	3½	
					108	8	10½
Drapery, thread, buttons, &c.	-	-	-	152	0	8	
Ditto from the manufactory	-	-	-	212	17	4	
Leather	-	-	-	156	1	1½	
Worsted, shroud-wool, and spindles	-	-	-	36	8	11	
					557	8	0½
Carried over				-	£ 3752	6	6½

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

		£.	s.	d.
Brought over	-	4924	3	6½
Incidental expences of the house	-	31	1	1½
Total expences and arrears of interest	-	£ 4955	4	
Balance in the treasurer's hands	-	691	8	4
Balance in the governor's hands	-	15	5	10
		£ 5661	18	10

A General Account of the Manufactory carried on at the House of Industry, from July 13th 1792, to July 25th 1793.

STOCK.		Dr.	£.	s.	d.
Goods and materials in store, July 13th, 1792	-	-	318	6	2½
<i>Materials bought, together with expences, viz.</i>					
Flax	-	-	93	1	4
Hemp	-	-	100	18	1
Wool	-	-	23	3	9
Bleaching thread	-	-	14	4	6
Repairs	-	-	3	8	0
Paid spinners out of the house	-	-	32	7	7
Gratuities to the children	-	-	17	12	9
Manufacturer's board and wages	-	-	33	0	0
Dyeing materials	-	-	2	9	8½
			£ 653	11	11

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GOODS SOLD, viz.		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Sacks and bags	-	149	0	8			
Mops, yarn, thread and tow	-	21	14	9½			
					170	15	5½

GOODS USED IN THE HOUSE.

Sheeting, 132½ ells, at 18d.; 26 ells, at 15d. per ell	-	11	11	3
Carried over	-	£ 182	6	8½

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	Brought over	£.	s.	d.
		182	6	8½
Dowls, 286 ells, at 18d.; 651½ ells, at 15½d. per ell	£ s. d.			
	54	16	1	
Linen, 614 yards, at 12d. per yard	30	14	0	
Linsey, 130 yards, at 22d.; 550 yards, at 20d.; 331 yards, at 18d.; 168 yards, at 16d. per yard	93	15	6	
Mop yarn, shoe thread, oil, &c	22	0	6	
		201	6	

GOODS AND MATERIALS IN STORE.

Sacks, 10 loads 3 sacks, at 25s; 2 loads, at 23s. per load	15	3	6
Coal bags, 71, at 2s.; flax bags, 20, at 18d.; biscuit bags, 300, at 11d. each	22	7	0
Linsey, 88 yards, at 18d. per yard	6	12	0
Sheeting, 60 ells, at 18d. per ell	4	10	0
Dowls, 72 ells, at 15½d. ditto	4	13	0
Linen, 212½ yards, at 12d; 124 yards, at 7d. per yard	14	4	10
Bed bottoms, 9, at 5s.; matts, 9, at 3s. each	3	12	0
Sacking, 13 yards, at 12d; 18 yards, at 8d. per yard	1	5	0
Mop yarn, 53 lbs. at 10d.; doctors' tow, 96 lbs. at 6d.	4	12	2
Thread for linen and sacking, 235 lbs. at 22d.; 1105 lbs at 18d; 495 lbs. at 12½d.; 65 lbs. at 8d.; 289 lbs. at 6d.; 955 lbs at 3d. per lb.	151	10	6½
Shoe-thread, 230 lbs. at 14d.	13	8	4
Dyed yarn, 40 lbs. at 16d.; white, 39 lbs. at 14d. per lb.	4	18	10
Flax, 99 dozen, at 7s. per dozen; foreign ditto, 5 cwt. 2 qrs 7 lbs. at 40s.	45	15	6
Hemp, 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. at 29s. 6d; coarse ditto, 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs. at 13s.	26	6	4

K k 2 Carried over - £ 318 19 0½ £ 383 12 9½

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	318	19	0½	383	12	9½
Drest flax, 174 lbs. at 9d.; drest hemp, 38 lbs. at 7d. per lb.	-	-	-	7	12	8
Wool, 87 lbs. at 9d.; ditto, 29 lbs. at 6½d per lb.	-	-	-	4	0	11½
Flax-tow, 912 lbs. at 3d.; hemp-tow, 3161 lbs. at 1½d per lb.	-	-	-	31	3	1½
Materials on the looms, valued	-	-	-	8	8	11
Ditto in spinning shops	-	-	-	5	1	4
Ditto at spinners out of the house	-	-	-	3	1	9
Mop staves, 8 gros, at 16s. per gros	-	-	-	6	8	0
Logwood, 5 cwt. at 14s. per cwt.	-	-	-	3	10	0
				<u>388</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9½</u>
				771	18	7
Expended	-	-	-	653	11	11
Gained	-	-	-	118	6	8
Earned clear of deductions by spinning worsted	-	-	-	74	17	0½
				<u>£193</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8½</u>

An Account of the Corporation of the Guardians of the Poor, in the Isle of Wight, and of Monies received and paid from Midsummer 1793, to Midsummer 1794.

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Cash in the treasurer's hands, Midsummer 1793,	-	691	8 4
Cash in the governor's hands, ditto,	-	15	5 10
Of Mr. John Hills, from the produce of the farm	-	55	17 5
Of John Toomer, from the manufactory	-	160	0 0
Of Mr. Budd, from the stock bag	-	10	0 0
Of Mr. Check, in lieu of taking an apprentice	-	10	0 0
Of Mr. Devenish, in lieu of ditto	-	10	0 0
		<u>£952</u>	<u>11 7</u>
Carried over,	-	£952	11 7

	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	952	11	7
Of Mr. Schultdt, in lieu of taking an apprentice	10	0	0
Of Messrs. Thomas and Henry Way, in lieu of ditto	10	0	0
Of the surveyors of Carisbrooke highways, for maintaining the Forest Road, due Michaelmas 1793	5	0	0
Of the treasurer of the county, money advanced to militia men's families	88	11	0
Of George and Ann Francis of Cowes, a fine for refusing to take in a soldier when billeted on them	2	0	0
Of John Lellow, for his father's board	2	0	0
Of John Nobb, for admitting his bastard child into the house	10	0	0
Of the reputed fathers of bastard children, to re-imburse the money advanced for the support of the said children	24	8	9
John Dunverd's deposit to indemnify against a bastard child forfeited	10	0	0
John Phillips's pension, five quarters	11	8	0
For support of part of the 78th regiment in the small pox	6	10	0
For Mrs. Woolgar's board, of Yarmouth	0	7	0
Of John Dore, for his board, three weeks	0	4	6
Of Le Compt's wages	0	4	0
Discount on cheese	0	0	10
A fine of hedge-breakers	0	5	0
Cash, dividends claimed under the separate estate of Henry Roberts, one moiety of the house debt of £2073. 14. 6.	1036	17	3
Cash on the same account, from the separate estate of John Roberts	1036	17	3
One year's average rates, due Midsummer 1794	514	6	3
	<u>£8349</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>

P A Y M E N T S.

	£.	s.	d.
One year's fee farm rent, due Michaelmas 1793	9	0	0
One year's insurance of the house and furniture, due ditto	10	2	6
Carried over	<u>£19</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	19	2	6
Board, cloathing, and funeral expences of James Rummond, a lunatic in Bethlem hospital	20	14	2
Cash to place in the treasurer's hands, the building fund ¹	1000	0	0
Cash to place in their hands, bastard money from Roberts and Co. ²	540	0	0
Interest of money deposited in the late treasurer's hands for bastardy	38	7	6
One year's interest of £12,500. due Midsummer 1794	500	0	0
Paid off bond-holder, £300. with interest	303	3	3
Messrs. Clarke, attornies' bill	44	12	6
Mr. Thomas Dickonson, attorney's bill	73	14	6
	118	7	0
Surgeon, for inoculation, attending women, &c.	277	19	6
Expences attending sessions, and removing paupers to their respective settlements	7	17	6
Ditto, apprehending men for bastardy, and running away from their families	5	13	9
	13	11	3
Chaplain's salary	50	0	0
Surgeon and apothecary's ditto	170	0	0
Governor's ditto	50	0	0
Matron's ditto	30	0	0
Manufacturer's ditto	20	0	0
Secretary's ditto	13	0	0
Schoolmaster's ditto	10	0	0
Chapel clerk's ditto	2	0	0
	345	0	0
Flour, meal, and bran	903	1	3
Baking and barm	18	7	0
	921	8	3
Meat	592	7	8
Salt	31	16	0
	624	3	8
Carried over	£4721	17	1

¹ See 70th bye law.² A fund appropriated to the maintenance of bastards.

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						£.	s.	d.
				Brought over	-	4721	17	1
Pease	-	-	-	-	£48	4	0	
Potatoes	-	-	-	-	10	2	6	
Rice	-	-	-	-	29	5	10	
						87	12	4
Butter and cheese	-	-	-	-	-	227	15	0
Malt and hops	-	-	-	-	246	8	2	
Brandy, geneva, port wine, and raisins for								
wine	-	-	-	-	51	16	6	
Vinegar	-	-	-	-	5	6	6	
						297	11	2
Groceries, tobacco, brooms and brushes	-	-	-	-	75	19	5	
Candles, soap and ashes	-	-	-	-	32	15	5	
						108	14	10
Drapery, thread, buttons, &c.	-	-	-	-	111	13	11	
Ditto for the manufactory	-	-	-	-	219	19	2	
Leather	-	-	-	-	142	12	2	
Worsted, shroud-wool, cards and spindles	-	-	-	-	35	18	11	
						510	4	2
Coals	-	-	-	-	203	12	9	
Wood	-	-	-	-	33	6	0	
						236	18	9
The building for the reception of patients in the small pox						210	0	0
Carpenter, mill-wright and cabinet-maker	-	-	-	-	£75	7	10	
Bricklayer and materials	-	-	-	-	5	12	1	
						80	19	11
Ironmonger and smith	-	-	-	-	7	11	3	
Brazier and cutler	-	-	-	-	8	12	5	
Plumber and glazier	-	-	-	-	29	19	5	
						46	3	1
Printer and stamps	-	-	-	-	11	5	10	
Stationer, advertisements, &c.	-	-	-	-	4	14	2	
						16	0	0
Tradesmen's small bills under forty shillings	-	-	-	-	-	33	10	3
Constant pensioners	-	-	-	-	155	10	6	
Casual poor	-	-	-	-	588	11	2	
						744	1	8
Carried over	-	-	-	-	£7321	8	3	

		£.	s.	d.
Brought over	-	732	1	8 3
Militia men's families	-	£ 284	16	2
Bounties to men drawn in the militia	-	36	0	0
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			320	16 2
Money advanced to support bastard children out of that deposited in the treasurer's hands	-	-	-	53 14 3
Gratuity to Mr. Hills for superintending the farm	-	£ 5	5	0
Ditto to the matron, for extra-trouble by inoculation	-	5	5	0
Ditto to the nurfes and others doing the laborious work of the house	-	23	1	6
Ditto to tailors and shoemakers	-	2	2	0
Ditto, apprentices serving their time with a good character	-	15	0	0
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			50	13 6
With an apprentice, in lieu of cloaths	-	-	-	2 12 6
Tailors and shoemakers	-	46	16	0
Bailiff and brewer	-	28	16	0
Ann Stone the spinner	-	7	4	0
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			82	16 0
Chiddy, for making shoes	-	4	10	8
Casual labourers	-	22	19	6
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			27	10 2
Exton, for stays	-	-	-	2 7 0
Incidental expences of the house	-	-	-	32 9 8
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Total expences, money paid off and interest		789	4	7 6
Balance in the treasurer's hands	-	445	4	11
Balance in the governor's hands		9	18	0
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		£ 8349	11	5
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*A General Account of the Manufactory carried on at the House of Industry,
from July 25th 1793, to July 28th 1794.*

STOCK.

DR.

	£.	s.	d.
Goods and materials in store, July 25th, 1793	388	5	9½
Materials bought, together with Expenses, viz.			
Flax	76	9	8
Hemp	70	11	4
Wool	37	19	3
Bleaching thread	5	11	3
Dying materials, oil, &c.	4	19	10
Paid spinners out of the house	30	15	8
Manufacturer's board and wages	33	0	0
Gratuities to the children	17	2	1
	£664	14	10½

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GOODS SOLD, viz.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Sacks and bags	137	9	4			
Mops, yarn, thread and tow	34	17	4			
				172	6	8

GOODS USED IN THE HOUSE.

	£.	s.	d.			
Linsley, 99 yards, at 20d. ; 616½ yards, at 18d. ; 307½ yards, at 16d. per yard	74	19	9			
Dowlas, 408 ells, at 18d. ; 708 ells, at 15½d.	80	19	6			
Sheeting, 475 ells, at 18d. per ell	13	2	6			
Linen, 457 yards, at 12d. ; 45 yards, at 8d. per yard	24	7	0			
Mops, yarn, shoe-thread, &c.	26	10	5			
				219	19	2
				Carried over,	£392	5 10

£. s. d.
Brought over, - 392 5 10

GOODS AND MATERIALS IN STORE.

	£.	s.	d.
Sacks, 4 loads, at 27s.—7 loads, 1 sack, at 25s.—16 loads, 1 sack, at 23s. per load	32	15	9½
Coal bags, 71, at 2s.—Wool bags, 14, at 3s. 6d.—Flax bags, 20, at 18d.—Biscuit bags, 60, at 11d each	13	16	0
Linsley, 45 yards, at 18d.—90 yards, at 16d., per yard	9	7	6
Sheeting, 31½ ells, at 18d. per ell	2	7	3
Linen, 210 yards, at 12d.—54 yards, at 7d. per yard	12	1	6
Sacking, 22 yards, at 9d. per yard	0	16	6
Thread, 849 lbs. at 18d.—134 lbs. at 13d.—482 lbs. at 12½d—14 lbs. at 9d.—255 lbs. at 8d.—142 lbs. at 6d.—and 766 lbs. at 3d. per lb.	118	3	9
Mats, 228 lbs. at 2½d. per lb.	2	7	6
Dyed yarn, 41 lbs. at 16d. per lb.	2	14	8
Mop yarn, 33 lbs at 10½d. per lb.	1	8	10½
Doctor's tow, 136 lbs. at 6d. per lb.	3	8	0
Wool, 222 lbs. at 8½d.—132 lbs. at 8d.—48 lbs. at 6d. per lb.	13	9	3
Bed bottoms, 5, at 5s. each	1	5	0
Drest hemp, 143 lbs. at 6d. per lb.	3	11	6
Hemp, 30 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs. at 31s.—7 cwt. at 14s. per cwt.	52	6	6
Flax, 113 dozen, at 7s. 6d. per doz.	42	7	6
Flax tow, 1331 lbs. at 3d. per lb.	16	12	9
Hemp tow, 2956 lbs. at 1½d. per lb.	18	9	6
Mop staves, 6 gross, at 16s. per gross	4	16	0
Logwood, 4 cwt. at 14s. per cwt.	2	16	0
Materials on the looms, valued	6	3	0

Carried over, - £361 4 4 £392 5 10

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	361	4	4	392	5	10
Materials in the spinning shops	-	5	4	0		
Ditto at the spinners out of the house	-	1	16	6		
				368	4	10
				£ 760	10	8
Expended	-	-	-	664	14	10½
Gained	-	-	-	£ 95	15	9½
Earned clear of deductions, by spinning worsted	-	-	-	72	10	3
Clear earnings	-	-	-	£ 168	6	0½

An Account of the Corporation of the Guardians of the Poor of the Isle of Wight, and of Monies received and paid, from Midsummer 1794, to Midsummer 1795.

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.
Cash in the Treasurer's hands, Midsummer 1794	-	445	6 3
Cash in the Governor's hands, ditto	-	9	18 0
Cash of Mr. Hills, from the produce of the farm	-	110	16 8
Cash from the manufactory	-	261	15 8
Fines of sundry persons, in lieu of taking apprentices	-	50	0 0
Received of the Governor, from the stock bag	-	10	0 0
Half a year's interest of £1000. due Michaelmas 1794	-	17	10 0
Half a year's interest of £800. due Lady-day 1795	-	14	0 0
From the Building Fund	-	1000	0 0
Mr. Phipps's pension to Midsummer 1794, at £13. 6s. 8d. a year	-	24	0 5
Ditto to Lady-day 1795	-	10	0 0
John Phillips's pension to Midsummer 1795	-	9	2 6
Of the Surveyors of Carlsbrooke highways, for the maintaining the Forest road, due Michaelmas 1794	-	5	0 0
Of Mr. Morris, for Goodall Young's board in the house	-	7	4 0
L 12 Carried over	-	£ 1974	13 6

	s.	d.
Brought over	1974	13 6
Of John Lellow, for his father's board, ditto	1	15 0
Of Mr. Hewett, for his servant's board, ditto	0	14 0
Of Isaac Arnold, for his children's board, ditto	2	5 0
Of William Dull, for his wife's board, ditto	4	4 0
The balance of Mr. Budd's cash-book	4	8 8
Ditto of his incidental book	2	13 11
Discount on cheese	0	2 12
Of the reputed fathers of bastard children, to reimburse the money advanced for the support of the said children	30	16 6
Received for Henry Frankise's cloaths, who died in the house	1	11 6
A fine of an Overseer of the Poor of Brading, for non-attendance of the Committee	2	0 0
Ditto of a Guardian of the Poor, for non-attendance of ditto	0	2 0
Ditto of sundry persons, for petty thefts	2	2 0
One year's average Rates, due Midsummer 1795	4642	6 3
Balance due to the Treasurers	563	3 2
	<u>£ 7232</u>	<u>18 5</u>

PAYMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
One year's fee farm rent and postage, due Michaelmas 1794	9	2	10
One year's insurance of the house and furniture, due ditto	10	2	6
One year's interest of £12,200. due Midsummer 1795	486	0	0
Surgeon, for inoculations, attending women, &c.	45	0	0
	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
Expences attending sessions, and removing			
Paupers to their respective settlements	20	7	2
Ditto apprehending men for bastardy, and running away from their families	1	5	6
		<u>21</u>	<u>12 8</u>
Carried over	£ 573	18	0

HALESOWNE, — ISLE OF WIGHT.

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	Brought over		£.	s.	d.
			573	18	0
Chaplain's salary	-	£ 50	0	0	
Surgeon and apothecary's ditto	-	170	0	0	
Governor's ditto	-	50	0	0	
Matron's ditto	-	30	0	0	
Manufacturer's ditto	-	20	0	0	
Secretary's ditto	-	13	0	0	
Schoolmaster's ditto	-	10	0	0	
Chapel clerk's ditto	-	2	0	0	
			345	0	0
Meal, 524 sacks; bran, 21 bushel	-	1019	10	11	
Baking and barm	-	13	3	6	
			1032	14	5
Pork, 91 score; beef, 1445 score; mutton, 2358 lbs.	-	606	15	1½	
Salt, 114 bushels	-	34	4	0	
			640	19	1½
Pease, 10 quarters	-	40	0	0	
Potatoes, 500 bushels	-	56	5	0	
Rice, 21 cwt. 3 qrs.	-	35	19	3	
			132	4	3
Butter and cheese	-		129	5	6
Brandy, 12 gallons; geneva, 10 gallons; port wine, 37 dozen; and raisins to make wine, 5 cwt. 23 lbs.	-	61	3	6	
Malt, 82 qrs.; and hops, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.	-	220	14	2	
Vinegar, 1 hoghead and a half	-	6	14	0	
			288	11	8
Tobacco, 293 lbs.; groceries, brooms, and brushes	-	79	15	0	
Candles, 11 dozen; soap, 57 dozen; and ashes	-	32	10	5½	
			112	5	5½
Drapery, thread, buttons, and flocks for beds	-	128	1	7	
Ditto, from the manufactory	-	191	11	0	
			£ 319	12	7
Carried over			£ 3254	8	5

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
	Brought over	-	319	12	7	3254	8	5
Leather	-	-	188	11	6			
Worsted, shroud-wool, cards and spindles	-	-	23	12	8			
						531	16	9
Coals	-	-	394	16	6			
Taggots, 5875	-	-	39	0	6			
						433	17	0
Bricklayer and materials	-	-	13	12	6			
Carpenter, and timber for the house and farm	-	-	97	9	6			
						111	2	0
Ironmonger and smith	-	-	9	1	9			
Brazier and cutler	-	-	10	14	5			
Plumber and glazier	-	-	31	10	6			
						51	6	8
Printer and stamps, £11. 6s. 1d.; stationer, advertisements, &c. £8 6s.	-	-				19	12	1
Tradesmen's small bills, under 40s.	-	-				44	10	2
Constant pensioners	-	£	132	14	6			
Weekly relief out of the house	-		1949	0	9			
						2081	15	3
Militia men's families	-	-				383	7	4
Money advanced to Robert Cooley's family, certificated	-	£	1	6	0			
Ditto to Joseph Brewer's family, ditto	-		1	10	6			
						2	16	6
Ditto to support bastard children, out of that deposited in the Treasurer's hands	-	-				43	7	0
Mr. Johnson; for a horse	-	£	20	0	0			
Mr. Attrill, for a mare and colt	-		21	0	0			
						41	0	0
Mr. Budd (late governor) on quitting his office	-					10	10	0
Messrs. Kirkpatricks, the balance of Budd's incidental book	-					2	13	41
Mr. Tucker, for taking an inventory of the stock and furniture of the house	-					6	6	0
	Carried over					£7018	9	1

HAMPSHIRE, ISLE of WIGHT.

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			£.	s.	d.
Brought over	-	-	70	18	9
Labourers, making the hedges of the farm	£	23 13 0			
Paid casual labourers out of employ	-	17 4 0			
		<hr/>	40	17	0
Paid William Smith, for making shoes	-	-	6	15	7
Gratuities to persons assisting in extinguishing the fire of the hay-rick	-	3 10 0			
Ditto to Newport fire-engine men	-	1 1 0			
Ditto to the Secretary for his extra trouble, occasioned by the militia and manufactory	-	2 0 0			
Ditto to nurses and others doing the laborious work of the house	-	20 11 9			
Ditto to the tailors and shoemakers	-	2 2 0			
Ditto to apprentices serving their time with a good character	-	12 0 0			
		<hr/>	41	4	9
Tailor and shoemaker	-	46 16 0			
Bailiff and brewer	-	27 0 0			
Ann Stone the spinner	-	7 7 0			
		<hr/>	81	3	0
Incidental expences of the house, (as by the Governor's incidental book,) examined by the Chairman of the weekly committee	-	-	31	15	4
			<hr/>		
			£	7220	14 9
Balance in the Governor's hands	-		12	3	8
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			£	7232	18 5
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A General

*A General Account of the Manufactory carried on at the House of Industry,
from July 28, 1794—to July 23, 1795.*

S T O C K.

D R.

	£.	s.	d.
Goods and materials in store, July 28, 1794	-	368	4 10

Materials bought, together with Expenses, viz.

Lax	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	15	2
Hemp	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	12	2
Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	13	6
Bleaching thread	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	9	0
Dyeing materials, oil, and tar	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	8
Paid spinners out of the house	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	9	4½
Gratuities to the children	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	13	1½
Manufacturer's board and wages	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	0	0
							£ 550	1	10

P E R C O N T R A.

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GOODS SOLD, viz.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Sacks and bags	-	-	-	176	0	2
Mops, yarn, thread, and tow	-	-	-	42	4	1
				218	4	3

GOODS USED IN THE HOUSE.

Linsey, 678½ yards, at 18d.—251 yards, at 16d. per yard	£.	s.	d.
	67	2	5
Sheeting, 236 ells, at 18d. per ell	17	14	0
Dowlas, 375 ells, at 18d.—179 ells, at 15½d. per ell	40	16	11½

Carried over - £ 125 13 4½ £ 218 4 3

HAMPSHIRE—ISLE of WIGHT.

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over -	125	13	4½	218	4	3
Linen, 25 yards, at 15d.—545½ yards, at 12d.						
—131 yards, at 10d. -	34	5	11			
Mops, yarn, shoe thread, oil, &c. -	31	12	3			
				191	11	0½

GOODS AND MATERIALS IN STORE.

Sacks, 12, at 2s. 6d.—wool bags, 14, at 3s. 6d.—flax bags, 7, at 1s. 6d.—and biscuit bags, 248, at 1s. each - -	£.	s.	d.
Sheeting, 61 ells, at 18d. per ell - -	4	11	6
Dowlas, 87 ells, at 18d.—48 ells, at 15½d. per ell - - -	9	12	6
Linfey, 149 yards, at 18d. per yard -	11	3	6
Linen, 100½ yards, at 12d.—43 yards, at 9d. per yard - - -	6	12	9
Sacking, 58 yards, at 9d. per yard - -	2	3	6
Thread, 205½ lbs. at 2s.—382 lbs. at 17d.—88 lbs. at 14d.—152 lbs. at 9d.—287 lbs. at 6d.—140 lbs. at 4d. and 1609 lbs. at 3d. per lb. - - -	88	1	3
Yarn, 123 lbs. at 17d.—61 lbs. at 15d. per lb. - - -	12	10	6
Bed bottoms, 6, at 4s. 6d. each - -	1	7	0
Mats, 70 lbs. at 2½d. per lb. - -	0	14	7
Doctor's tow, 115 lbs. at 6d. per lb. -	2	17	6
Wool, 172 lbs. at 9d.—276 lbs. at 6d. per lb.	13	7	0
Flax, 2 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. at 55s. per cwt.	6	4	3
Flax tow, 692 lbs. at 3d. per lb. - -	8	13	0
Materials on the looms, valued at - -	7	7	0
Ditto in spinning shops - - -	4	14	0
Ditto at spinners out of the house - -	1	6	6
Mop staves, 5½ gros, at 16s. per gros -	4	8	0
Mop nails, 16 lbs. at 8d. per lb. -	0	10	8

Carried over - £ 203 17 6 £ 409 15 9½
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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

			£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought over	-	-	203	17	6	409	15	9½
Red wood, ½ barrel	-	-	0	15	0			
Tar, ½ barrel	-	-	0	15	0			
Logwood, 3 cwt.	-	-	2	2	0			
			<hr/>			207	9	6
						<hr/>		
Expended	-	-	-	-	-	£ 617	5	3½
						550	1	10
						<hr/>		
Gained	-	-	-	-	-	£ 67	3	5½
Earned clear of expences, spinning worsted	-	-	-	-	-	64	16	5
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						£ 131	19	10½
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						<i>April, 1796.</i>		

HEREFORDSHIRE.

HEREFORD.

THE parish of All Saints, (one of the six, whereof the city of Hereford consists,) contains, by estimation, about 200 acres. The number of houses paying window-tax is about 160; but the number exempted cannot be ascertained: neither has the population ever been enumerated; but from the average of births and burials during the last 22 years, it may be reckoned at between 1500 and 2500 inhabitants: they consist of persons of independent fortune, tradesmen, mechanics, and labourers of various descriptions. There is one Roman Catholic chapel in this city, 1 Presbyterian, and 1 of Lady Huntingdon's congregations. The number of inns or ale-houses in Hereford is 60. The prices of provisions, at present, are: beef and mutton, from 4d. to 5d. the pound; veal, 6d.; pork, 5d.; bacon,

bacon, 10d. ; fresh butter, 1s. ; salt butter, 10d. ; wheat, from 11s. 6d. to 13s. for 10 gallons ; barley, from 5s. 6d. to 6s. for the same quantity ; oats, from 3s. 6d. to 4s. ; potatoes, 2s. the same quantity ; milk, 1½d. the quart.

The rent of land in the neighbourhood of the city is from 40s. to 80s. an acre : the land-tax in Hereford is from 6d. to 2s. in the pound ; the average about 1s. The land is let in small parcels, for pasture : there are no commons in this, or in the parish of St Nicholas : tithes are compounded for.

Here are 6 Friendly Societies,* 5 of which have from 50 to 80 members in each : they have all had their Rules confirmed at the quarter sessions. One of them is chiefly for the benefit of widows, and has 250 members ; in this club 26s. are paid every year into the box ; a member of 3 years standing, when sick, receives 6s. a week ; and on the decease of a member, who has been 5 years in the club, his widow receives £ 20. a year for life ; £ 15. a year, if he has been a member 4 years ; and £ 10. a year, if he has not been more than 3 years a member, &c. The Rules of this Society are not printed.

Hereford is estimated to contain about 7500 inhabitants ; it furnished 10 men for the Navy, and therefore about 680 houses pay the window-tax : of these 10 men the proportion for the parish of All Saints was 2½, and for St. Nicholas 1½.

The Poor's Rate in the parish of All Saints is said to be the highest in Hereford. The Poor are, partly, maintained in the general work-house, and, partly, at home. 17 Paupers belonging to this parish, are, at present, in the work-house : about £ 3. a week are paid to 40 regular out-pensioners ; besides whom, there are 8 children, (mostly bastards,) at nurse, that cost the parish about 18s. a week. Several casual Poor receive occasional relief. About £ 65. (the amount of donations,) are annually distributed amongst indigent parishioners ; and 20 cottages, belonging to the parish, are occupied by distressed families. Great complaints are made in this country against monopoly and forestalling. The labouring classes, who usually bake their own bread, say, it is extremely difficult to procure a small quantity of corn from the farmer ; and that the millers and mealmen buy it in large quantities, and exact a large profit from the consumer.

Table of Baptisms, Burials, Marriages, and Poor's Rates, in the Parish of ALL-SAINTS, Hereford.

Years	BAPTISMS			Of which are married Bachelors	BURIALS			Of which are married Bachelors	MAR	Net amount of the Rates			Total Expended on the Poor			Rate in the Pound		
	Mal	Fem	Tot		Mal	Fem	Tot			£	s	d	£	s	d	s	d	d
1766	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	152	3	5	177	11	11½	1	—	—
1767	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	152	10	1	174	15	5	—	—	—
1768	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	167	1	0	184	7	3	—	—	—
1769	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	157	7	1	177	1	10	—	—	—
1770	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	147	15	3	171	10	10	1	4	—
1771	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	166	16	—	185	1	8	1	8	—
1772	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	164	17	—	146	11	11	1	8	—
1773	25	21	46	—	33	29	62	—	—	166	15	2	160	14	6	1	8	—
1774	23	25	48	—	25	17	42	—	—	168	19	2	179	6	8	1	8	—
1775	25	19	44	—	14	19	33	—	16	168	9	3	181	11	3	1	8	—
1776	20	26	46	—	20	18	38	—	11	181	6	0	178	18	4	1	8	—
1777	22	24	46	—	20	26	46	—	14	148	0	4	152	4	10	1	4	—
1778	27	20	47	—	25	22	47	—	13	186	3	2	196	1	6	1	8	—
1779	17	28	45	—	37	33	70	—	9	302	0	2	338	4	3½	2	8	—
1780	19	25	44	—	24	26	50	—	16	266	10	11	258	15	6½	—	—	—
1781	30	22	52	—	13	14	27	—	15	218	7	8	228	0	9	2	—	—
1782	13	15	28	—	31	25	56	—	7	219	14	2	236	4	2	2	—	—
1783	21	24	45	—	22	22	44	—	16	316	12	0	312	10	2	2	8	—
1784	27	22	49	—	15	21	36	9	16	366	5	8	362	0	4	3	4	—
1785	28	28	56	4	19	12	31	8	22	293	12	4	294	18	8	2	8	—
1786	27	28	55	5	17	15	32	10	9	336	13	4	346	15	0	3	2	—
1787	33	23	56	13	12	14	26	12	10	309	16	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
1788	24	31	55	5	18	15	33	14	9	346	12	11	—	—	—	3	—	—
1789	36	23	59	4	11	11	22	7	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1790	30	28	58	6	15	19	34	6	17	272	8	7	276	7	11½	2	4	—
1791	27	22	49	4	23	21	44	14	15	431	13	7	441	15	6	3	8	—
1792	32	32	64	2	24	30	54	18	16	317	4	1	345	3	11	2	8	—
1793	26	23	49	6	31	19	50	20	14	276	3	5	287	0	0	2	4	—
1794	21	34	55	—	43	35	78	—	16	311	4	11	533	16	0	3	4	—
1795	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	505	1	8	603	5	5	4	—	—

The assessments are nearly on full rental ; the greatest part of the money, thus raised, is expended on the Poor.

Donations amounting to about £ 65. are annually given to the Poor.

20 cottages belonging to this parish are appropriated to the use of the Poor.

* * These sums are the total Receipts in their respective years : the net Rates could not be procured.

* This year, £ 36. 4s. 6d. were paid to militia men's families, which in some degree accounts for the Rates being high : besides which, the overseer was a clothier ; he clothed the Poor, and paid himself out of the Rates.

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The parish of St. Nicholas contains about 260 acres : nearly 102 houses pay the window-tax ; the number exempted could not be ascertained. The rent of land, land-tax, and general circumstances of the parishioners, are much the same as in All Saints parish. Assessments are nearly at the full rental.

About 12 years ago, the 6 parishes, of which the city of Heildorf consists, agreed to maintain their Poor at a general work-house, and to allow ~~as few~~ out-pensions as possible. Every parish has a power of finding as many Paupers into the house as it pleases, upon paying a proportionable sum towards their support. The work-house rent is £ 26. a year; master's salary, £ 26. a year, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Poor's earnings; vestry clerk's salary, £ 10. a year; doctor's bills about £ 10. a year, are all added to the general expences, and paid in certain proportions by the parishes. The house is a good one, and in a good situation; the beds are of flocks, and kept tolerably clean, 56 Poor persons are in the house at present. they are chiefly old people, and children; and are employed in spinning mop-yarn, and carding wool for saddles; a few are sent to work out of the house. The master says their earnings are about £ 50. a year. The lease of this house, and the contract between the parishes, expire at Christmas 1796, when it is generally supposed that the union will be dissolved, and every parish support it's own Poor. The weekly charge of a Pauper, last year, (including house-rent, &c) was about 4s. 6d. About £ 5. in donations are annually distributed to the Poor of this parish.

*Table of Baptisms, Burials, Marriages, and Poor's Rates, in the Parish of
ST. NICHOLAS, Hereford.*

Years	BAPTISMS			BURIALS			Marriages	Poor & Rates			Total Expenditure			Rate in the Pound
	Males	Fems	Total	Males	Fems	Total		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
1772	—	—	23	—	—	14	6	58	9	8	56	15	8	—
1773	—	—	15	—	—	23	4	58	0	4	62	12	2	—
1774	—	—	7	—	—	14	10	61	17	4	52	5	1	—
1775	—	—	15	—	—	13	5	76	18	8	94	13	2	1 3
1776	—	—	21	—	—	19	10	77	16	5	77	3	1 1	1 3
1777	—	—	14	—	—	15	6	79	1	5	62	3	0	1 3
1778	—	—	18	—	—	14	8	47	1	2	62	1	8	0 9
														Years.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Years.	BAPTISMS			BURIALS			Marriages	Poor & Rates			Total Expenditure			Rate in the Pound	
	Males	Fem	Total	Males	Fem	Total		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1779	—	—	17	—	—	21	4	93	17	0	102	8	10	1	6
1780	—	—	13	—	—	18	6	109	9	2	122	9	11	1	9
1781	—	—	17	—	—	7	6	122	9	8	121	11	5	2	0
1782	—	—	10	—	—	10	4	61	8	7	63	4	4	1	0
1783	—	—	15	—	—	11	4	76	5	4	81	6	4	—	5
1784	9	10	19	7	6	13	3	137	7	10	138	9	11	2	3
1785	7	4	11	5	6	11	3	214	7	5	204	11	8	2	9
1786	7	4	11	6	9	15	1	205	2	8	212	16	7	2	9
1787	1	8	9	5	7	12	7	163	0	0	147	17	9	0	0
1788	8	6	14	6	2	8	5	105	2	5	125	15	7	0	0
1789	8	5	13	4	6	10	7	145	15	10	137	9	10	2	0
1790	7	3	10	5	3	8	4	146	17	11	133	12	1	2	0
1791	10	9	19	6	8	14	1	226	6	6	243	1	6	3	0
1792	5	9	14	6	3	9	9	119	19	0	127	13	10	1	6
1793	10	8	18	4	10	14	10	140	1	3	50	19	6	1	6
1794	8	16	24	10	7	17	16	161	15	4	132	15	1	2	0
1795	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	185	16	6	166	6	6	2	0

Table of Diet in the Work-house.

	Breakfast	Dinner.	Supper.
Sunday,	Water gruel and bread.	Beef and vegetables	Bread, cheese, and beer.
Monday,	Broth and bread.	Bread and cheese.	Ditto.
Tuesday,	Ditto.	As Sunday.	Ditto.
Wednesday,	Ditto.	As Monday.	Ditto.
Thursday,	Ditto.	As Sunday.	Ditto.
Friday,	Ditto.	As Monday.	Ditto.
Saturday,	Ditto.	Ditto.	Ditto.

About 7 oz. of beef are allowed each person : at bread and cheese meals about 6 oz. of bread, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of cheese, and 1 pint of beer are also allowed.

Six Paupers belonging to St. Nicholas's parish, are, at present, in the work-house ; 8 persons receive weekly allowances at home, to the amount of 12s. ; and several others have occasional relief.

November, 1795.

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HERTFORDSHIRE.

S T. A L B A N S.

THE borough of St. Albans consists of three parishes: in the parish of the Abbey-church 97 houses pay the window-tax; and in the whole borough 268 houses are taxed, but the number of those which are exempted could not be obtained. The parishioners are mostly inn-keepers, shop-keepers, common mechanics, and labourers. Formerly there were a great many women stay-makers in this town.

The prices of provisions are: beef, from 5d to 5½d. the pound; mutton, 6d.; veal, 7d.; butter, 1s.; bacon, 10d.; milk, 2d. a quart; bread, 11½d. the quartern loaf. The common wages are 5s. a week, and a meal in winter; and 8s. in summer: in hay harvest 9s. a week, and during corn harvest 40s. a month. There is here a mill for spinning candle-wicks, in which several children are employed, and earn from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. a week. The inhabitants are chiefly of the established Church; there is 1 Anabaptist chapel, and 1 Calvinist chapel, 1 Quaker's meeting-house, and a congregation of Independents; and once a week, a pious shoemaker quits his awl, and expounds the Scriptures to an audience of old women; after which, he and his congregation attend divine service at the church. In the 3 parishes in this borough there are 42 ale-houses. Here are 2 Friendly Societies containing about 100 members. The rent of land in this neighbourhood is about 50s. an acre. The land-tax is paid by the land'lord. Tithes are taken in composition. The land-tax collected in the borough amounts annually to £ 774. 2s. and is about 3s. 8d. in the pound on the net rental.

The following is a Statement of the Assessments, Expenditure, and Rates in the Pound.

Years.		Net Assessments.		Total Expenditure.		Rate in the Pound
		£. s. d.		£. s. d.		s. d.
1762	-	302 18 3	-	364 12 6	-	3 0
1763	-	406 12 0	-	427 12 7	-	4 0
1775	-	399 12 4	-	387 13 9	-	4 0
						Years.

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Years.	Net Assessments.			Total Expenditure.			Rate in the Pound.	
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1776	-	405	1 5	-	375	16 5	-	4 0
1777	-	391	13 8	-	465	10 6	-	4 0
1778	-	405	14 4	-	400	9 8	-	4 0
1779	-	494	9 3	-	574	15 5	-	5 0
1780	-	510	0 9	-	519	16 4	-	5 0
1781	-	516	5 6	-	505	15 1	-	6 0
1782	-	508	9 3	-	594	15 5	-	5 0
1783	-	470	17 1½	-	581	17 7½	-	4 9
1784	-	414	10 3	-	452	0 0	-	4 0
1785	-	438	0 2	-	461	6 9	-	4 0
1786	-	678	6 9	-	646	18 10	-	6 0
1787	-	458	17 6	-	494	19 1½	-	4 0
1788	-	481	5 6	-	461	11 0	-	4 0
1789	-	483	15 0	-	577	9 1	-	4 0
1790	-	489	1 0	-	491	14 0	-	4 0
1791	-	489	14 3	-	533	5 9	-	4 0
1792	-	495	8 0	-	536	4 7	-	4 0
1793	-	615	19 6	-	655	19 0	-	5 0
1794	-	750	8 9	-	838	5 10	-	6 0
1795	-	606	18 6	-	791	19 6	-	5 0

Houses in this parish are said to be assessed at $\frac{1}{2}$ of their real rent; but it appears that several which have been rebuilt, and are occupied by their owners, continue to be assessed at the old rental, which is not half of the real yearly value. The 2 other parishes in this town, having a considerable quantity of land, are not assessed more than 2s. 6d. or 3s. in the pound, to the Poor's Rates. The parochial expenditure is £ 300. or £ 400. above what is actually expended on the Poor; but no satisfactory account could be obtained how the surplus was disbursed. The parish pays all incidental expences of militia men's families, who become chargeable; removals of vagrants, &c. &c.; and also pays about £ 70. a year to the county stock; to borough charges; towards repairing gaols, &c.; £ 10. are annually paid to a doctor, and £ 1. a year to the vestry-clerk.

The Poor of this parish have generally been farmed, but during part of 1793, and in 1794, they were managed by the parish-officers; since which

which time they have been farmed for £ 400. a year. The contractor finds food, cloaths, fuel, &c ; and the parish provides the house and furniture, which the farmer is bound to leave in good condition. He has 39 poor people at present in the house, (10 of which are old women, 7 men, and the rest children.) To 15 out-pensioners he pays 18s weekly, and gives occasional relief to casual Poor. In the course of the last year, there were, at times, 70 or 80 in the house. The farmer asserts, that he lost ~~£ 100~~ by his bargain. The house is kept in very good order: the Poor are mostly employed in straw-work, and mop-making; no account is kept of their earnings. £ 50. are annually distributed in money, to 20 poor persons; and a few other small donations are given away in bread.

Table of Diet in the Work house.

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
Sundays,	Gruel.	Meat, pudding, &c	Bread and beer.
Monday,	Barley, or gruel.	Cold meat.	Bread and cheese.
Tuesday,	As Sunday.	As Sunday.	Bread and beer.
Wednesday,	As Monday.	As Monday.	As Monday.
Thursday,	As Sunday.	As Sunday.	Bread and beer.
Friday,	As Monday.	As Monday.	As Monday.
Saturday,	Gruel.	Bread and cheese.	Bread, and cheese.

Every grown person receives a pint of small beer at dinner and supper, and is allowed to eat till he is satisfied.

A List of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages.

YEARS	BAPTISMS.	BURIALS	MARRIAGES.
1784	- 39	- 50	- 17
1785	- 55	- 34	- 11
1786	- 51	- 36	- 12
1787	- 61	- 42	- 18
1788	- 60	- 46	- 13
1789	- 50	- 29	- 10
1790	- 64	- 29	- 7
1791	- 44	- 18	- 20
1792	- 58	- 35	- 16
1793	- 36	- 39	- 7
1794	- 32	- 34	- 16
	11) 550	11) 392	11) 147

Average

50

35 $\frac{1}{2}$

13 $\frac{1}{2}$

About 6 poor persons die annually at the work-house

September, 1795.

CHIPPING BARNET.

IN this parish, the officers wholly refused to give any information whatever, either respecting the Poor or assessments. The following is a list of baptisms and burials :

Years.	BAPTISMS.			BURIALS.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1740	17	11	28	22	12	34
1760	22	17	39	19	22	41
1775	18	18	36	13	22	35
1776	32	56	88	23	13	36
1777	21	23	44	14	11	25
1778	16	22	38	17	12	29
1779	24	22	46	21	25	46
1780	23	24	47	20	16	36
1781	21	31	52	17	16	33
1782	19	20	39	8	9	17
1783	20	19	39	24	18	42
1784	27	28	55	19	7	26
1785	20	16	36	19	19	38
1786	23	30	53	29	28	57
1787	23	17	40	19	16	35
1788	26	23	49	13	19	32
1789	27	28	55	15	21	36
1790	25	22	47	12	11	23
1791	20	34	54	18	10	28
1792	33	19	52	15	14	29
1793	25	24	49	15	16	31
1794	34	31	65	22	29	51
	24) 1054			22) 760		
	Average 48 nearly.			Average 34½		

From

From the information of a parishioner it appears, that the Poor are farmed at £23. a month; and that the Poor's rates are generally from £300. to £400. a year, and are from 2s. to 2s. 6d. in the pound. If this account is correct, farming the Poor keeps down the Rates. According to the returns made to Parliament in 1786, the net expences for the Poor in 1776 amounted to

	-	-	-	£217	11	0
The Poor's Rates in 1783 to	-	-	-	386	12	3
in 1784 to	-	-	-	466	10	0
in 1785 to	-	-	-	418	9	7

This parish has a large tract of land belonging to it. 120 houses pay the window tax; the land-tax is £562. 7s. 6d. collected at 3s. 4d. in the pound
September, 1795.

REDBOURN.

THIS parish is situated on the north road, and contains by estimation 4000 acres. No account of its population could be obtained. The inhabitants are farmers, inn-keepers, shop-keepers, straw-workers, and labourers. They are, (with the exception of 20 Anabaptists), all of the established Church. 107 houses pay the widow tax; the number exempted could not be ascertained. The prices of provisions are the same as at Markyate-street. The common wages of labourers in winter and summer are 7s. a week: this spring, wages were raised to 8s. a week, without board; in hay time they are 9s. a week; and in harvest 40s. a month, with board. Much piece-work is done here. The number of ale-houses is 15. Here are 3 Friendly Societies. The average rent of land is near £1. an acre; swarth or meadow land being £3. an acre, and plowed land about 15s. Farms are from £15. to £220. a year. Wheat, barley, oats, turnips, and clover, are the principal articles of cultivation. The tithes chiefly belong to Lord Grimstone, who takes a composition of nearly 2s. 6d. in the pound. The land-tax amounts to £379. 5s. 8d. and is collected at 9½d. in the pound; it is partly paid by the landlord, and partly by the farmer. There are about 40 acres of common in this parish.

PARISHIAL REPORTS.

The Poor's Rates from 1773 to 1795 inclusive were as follow.

Years.	Net Assessment.			Total Expenditure.			Rate in the Pound.	
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1773	262	8	8½	271	0	2	1	5
1774	289	3	6	273	15	11½	1	6
1775	307	5	3	307	5	9	1	8
1776	355	3	4	330	12	5	1	11
1777	269	8	8	281	8	2	1	5
1778	394	3	3	346	6	6	2	0
1779	345	1	4	326	3	7	1	9
1780	282	8	10	316	8	8	1	5
1781	290	3	1½	361	5	3	1	6
1782	321	8	5	360	10	4½	1	7
1783	410	6	11	399	13	5	2	0
1784	416	6	5	452	0	0	2	0
1785	410	5	9	436	1	3	2	0
1786	417	12	5	399	3	3	2	0
1787	452	7	8½	452	9	5	2	2
1788	419	0	10	419	17	10	2	0
1789	420	5	5	476	10	10½	2	0
1790	422	9	2	434	10	4	2	0
1791	480	4	9½	470	6	4½	2	3
1792	640	8	8	601	9	7	3	0
1793	376	4	10	445	8	7½	1	9
1794	534	11	9	532	14	2	2	6
1795	542	12	5	550	19	3½	2	6

These assessments are said to be as near the net rent as can be ascertained. The expenditure includes the following disbursements, besides the charges for the Poor :

	£.	s.	d.
Towards the county stock, about £28. or	30	0	0
To the surveyors of highways, about	100	0	0
To church-wardens, very variable, as from £18. to	50	0	0
To constables, about	9	0	0
To the vestry-clerk	3	5	9
A common rent or fine of	1	0	0
To the doctor for attending the Poor	10	10	0

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