

Sir.

Salisbury Aug. 9. 1769.

When your letter of the 3. inst. reached this place I was in Swindon, or you w^d have received an answer to it by the last post.

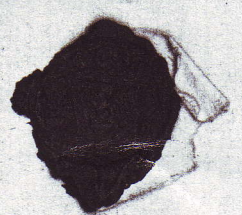
As Patron of the Vicarage of Stiff. I apprehend you had a right to set the Incumbent was willing to have commenced a suit of disipation against him in the Ecclesiastical Court, or if complaint had been made to the ordinary he might have ordered an inquisition to be taken of the several disipations and might have caused the Vicarage-house to have been repaired, out of the profits of the living by sequestering part of them for that purpose. But as neither of these methods were taken in the lifetime of Mr. Taylor, I think that you as patrons have nothing now to do but to present your Clerk and the succeeding Vicar may bring his suit against the Executor or Administrators of the predecessor, who in case assets are left more than sufficient to pay his other debts will certainly be liable to answer for the disipations. Mr. Taylor I fear, as I am a small creditor is dead insolvent, and if so nothing can be recovered even for the debts, ~~and~~ much less for disipations, and the successor knowing this accepts the living with this charge upon it. It may be proper for him however to have the premises view'd by experienced workmen and an estimate taken of the disipations & charge of reparations, and then he may at any time after renounce his suit for disipation ag^t the Executor if he shall find it advisable so to do, and

To
Edward Goddard Esq.
Cliff. Goddard
To be left at Dr. Goddard's
Marbrough
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I find by the Register that the Vicarage was re-vested
in March 1765 by virtue of a J. fact and that thereupon
was granted to Mr Jacob for term sixty pounds debt
secured by her against him. It will be no difficult matter
I should imagine to learn whether the satisfaction of her debt
or not. The payment of the tythe at Millham and Lady day
must I conceive be a composition between Mr Taylor &
the parishioners and could last no longer than his time. The
tythe will be entitled to all that arises since his death.
~~It is not to be taken into~~ The vicar which I have looked into
mentions the particular tythe the vicar is to have, but
is quite silent as to these particulars & terms of payment &
them.

I am Sir

Yr most obed^t humble Servant,
Tho: Stone.

Reverend Sir

Salisbury Dec. 4th 1769.

I have been this morning with the Bishop of Salisbury, who ordered me to present his compliments to you and to acquaint you that being to set out for Bath on Thursday next he is doubtful that he shall not return in time enough to ordain on y^e 9th as he intended, and that you should make a journey in vain at that time, he desires you to postpone coming till the Sunday after Christmas and then he will ordain you on Monday the first day of January being the festival of the Circumcision.

I am
Reverend Sir
Yours
affectionate Servant
J. D. Frome

WRO ref. 1064/43

To Edward Goddard Esq., Cliff Pypard
To be left at Dr Goddards in Marlborough, Wilts.

Salisbury Aug 9th 1769

Sir,

When your letter of the 3rd inst reached the place I was in Surrey, or you would have received an answer to it by the last post.

As Patron of the Vicarage Of Cliff I apprehend you had a right whilst the incumbent was living to have commenced a suit of dilapidations against him in the Ecclesiastical Court, or if complaint had been made to the Ordinary he might have been ordered an inquisition to be taken of the several dilapidations and might have caused the Vicarage House to have been repaired out of the profits of the living by sequestering part of them for that purpose. But as neither of these methods were taken in the lifetime of Mr Taylor, I think that you as patron have nothing now to do but present your Clerk and the succeeding Vicar may bring his suit against the executor or administrator of the predecessor, who, in case assets are left more than sufficient to pay his other debts, will certainly be liable to answer for the dilapidations. Mr Taylor, I fear, as I am a small creditor, is dead insolvent and if so nothing can be recovered even for the debts, much less for delapidations, and the successor knowing this accepts the living with this charge upon it. It may be proper for him however to have the premises viewed by experienced workmen and an estimate taken of the dilapidations and charge of repairs, and then he may at any time after commence his suit for dilapidations against the executor if he shall find it advisable so to do.

I find by the register that the vicarage was sequestered in March 1765 by virtue of a fi f... and that the sequon. was granted to Mrs Jacob for raising £60 recovered by her against him. It will be no difficult matter I should imagine to learn whether she is satisfied of her debt or not. The payment of the tithes at Michaelmas and Lady Day must I conceive be a composition between Mrs Taylor and the parishioners and could last no longer than his time. The successor will be entitled to all that arise since his death.

The Terrier which I have looked into mentions the particular tithes the vicar is to have but is quite silent as to those particular set times of payment of them.

I am
Your most obedient humble
Serv.
Tho:Frome

St Giles's Aug. 12 1769

Sir,

On Tuesday last in the evening I came to Salisbury and immediately waited upon the Bishop. I acquainted his Lordship with your design of entering into Orders. When he was fully informed of your family, education, character and other circumstances, he did me the honor to say he should be directed by me, and desired when you came to him you would please to mention my name. - And you may depend upon it, everything will be made easy and agreeable to you.

The Ordination will be at Salisbury in Ember week in Sept. next before which time his Lordship will expect a Testimonium signed by three clergymen, as is usual on these occasions. The Form you may take from Bourne's Ecclesiastical Laws, and if you send it under cover to me at the Earl of Shaftesbury at St Giles, near Cranbourne Dorsetshire, I will set my name to it and deliver it to the Bishop.

You know the Patron cannot present himself and the Benefice now being vacant, the right of presentation cannot be transferred to another that he may present you but the Bishop may in this case order Institution without Presentation or collate you when it lapses.

I am

Sir,

Your most faithful and obedient humble servant

Greg. Sharpe.

WRO ref 1064/43

To

The Revd Mr Goddard
at Mrs Tim Lucas's Draper in Marlborough

Salisbury, Nov. 29th 1769

When your letters came to hand the Bishop of Salisbury was out of town. I saw his Lordship yesterday morning when he told me that will ordain here on Sunday the 24th of the next month. If you are here the Friday evening before, - it will be soon enough as I find by his Lordship he does not intend to give you the trouble of a second examination. If anything should happen to prevent the ordination at the time fixed you shall have notice if possible from

Revd.
your obedient and humble servant
Tho: Frome

WRO ref. 1604/43

Salisbury Dec 4th 1769

Dear Sir,

I have been this morning with the Bishop of Salisbury, who ordered me to present his compliments to you and to acquaint you that being to set out for Bath on Thursday next, he is doubtful that he shall not return hither time enough to ordain on ye 24th instant as he intended, and least you should make a journey in vain at that time, he desires you to postpone coming till the Sunday after Christmas then he will ordain you on Monday the first day of January being the festival of Circumcision

I am Revd
.... in obedient
humble servant
Tho: Frome

Whereas Joanna Read is Intitled by Vertue of her Uncle Wile-
m William Knuckstone of y^e Island of Jamaica. Deceased to
£200 Interest there-on Now know y^e that y^e s^d Edwd Goddard
hath agreed that y^e s^d Joanna Read shall have all y^e Right Title
Interest & Demand in y^e afore s^d Legacy and it is further agreed
by the s^d Edwd Goddard that during their Coverture y^e s^d Joanna
Read shall receive & take to her Own Separate Use all y^e Interest
& Profits arising therefrom

25 May 1754

