

31st July 1863.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

APPOINTED IN PURSUANCE OF ACTS OF PARLIAMENT

TO ENQUIRE CONCERNING

CHARITIES AND EDUCATION OF THE POOR

IN ENGLAND AND WALES

1815 TO 1839.

PARISH OF BOSSINGTON.

THIS PARISH is entitled to partake of the benefit of the School in the Parish of Broughton, founded by Thomas Dowsie in 1601, the particulars of which are stated below.

PARISH OF BROUGHTON.

By Indenture of Bargain and Sale, bearing date 24th April, 1601, and enrolled in Chancery, between Thomas Dowse of the one part, and Francis Harris and seven others, inhabitants of Broughton, of the other part, the said Thomas Dowsie, for the maintenance of a Schoolmaster for teaching the children of the inhabitants of the said Parish to read, write and cast accounts, that they might be the more readily prepared for schools of higher learning, or be bound apprentices in trades, or be employed in husbandry, and in consideration of 12d. bargained and sold to the said parties of the second part, a messuage, with the buildings thereto belonging, which was accounted to be half a yard land, in Broughton, then in the occupation of Richard Arthur, another messuage in Broughton, then in the occupation of Richard Loder, with the houses, lands, etc., thereto belonging, likewise accounted to be half a yard land, a close, containing by estimation one acre, called Pyked Ham, and a parcel of ground called Bristows, containing by estimation one acre, with a little cottage erected on the same, and a water course, with fishings, and a weir to catch fish, built on the said water course, and a mill newly erected, and the feeding two kine, ten sheep, and two hogs, on the commons of the Manor of King's Somborne, and a tenement, close, barn, orchard, garden, and close of meadow, in the Parish of Mottisfont, late in the occupation of John Wiltshire (which premises, in the Parishes of Broughton, Mottisfont and King's Somborne, were purchased by the said Thomas Dowse from Bower Worsley, Richard Mould, and John Hunt and Christian his wife), to hold to the said Trustees, and their heirs, upon trust to collect the rents of the premises for the placing, finding and maintaining such a meet and fit Schoolmaster as the said Thomas Dowsie during his life should appoint, for the teaching of youth within the said parish, and after his decease, to the maintenance of such fit Schoolmaster, to be resident in the said Parish of Broughton, for the teaching of the children of such as should inhabit within the Town and Manor of Broughton and Bossington, or within the Parish of Broughton, to read, write, and cast accounts, and the said Thomas Dowsie appointed that when the several persons then instructed with the said lands, or that should be put in trust to have the said lands, should grow old, or few in number, and before the said land should come to one sole person, the survivors should pass the same lands to other such persons

of good credit of the said Parish of Broughton, and their heirs as to them should seem meet, to continue to be disposed of for the finding of a Schoolmaster as aforesaid, with a power to lease the said premises for any number of years not exceeding ten.

At the time of our investigation (December 1824) a deed was in preparation for the appointment of new Trustees by the Rev. Alexander Thistlethwaite and Mr. Philip Emmott, as the survivors under a trust deed made about the year 1806, but neither this nor the proceeding trust deeds could then be found; a list, purporting to have been made in 1782, of the deeds relating to the property of this Charity was produced to us, from which it appeared that lands were purchased in 1747 with a legacy given by Dr. Croft. We learn from the present Schoolmaster that the amount of this legacy was £200 and that fifteen acres in the common fields of Broughton were purchased therewith, which formed part of the lands in respect of which the allotment 32 a. 2 r. 35 p. hereinafter more particularly mentioned was made, but we have not obtained any further particulars relating to Dr. Croft's gift.

The property of the Charity consists of—

1.—An allotment of arable land, made upon the inclosure of the common fields of Broughton in 1790, containing 32 a. 2 r. 35 p., and an arable field of old inclosure called Smith's Hill, containing 3 a. 2 r. 35 p., in the occupation of the Rev. Marmaduke Sealy and John Box, at a fair yearly rent of £48. These lands were let about 1811 for £60 per annum, and about two years ago the rent was reduced to the present amount.

2.—Two tenements under one roof, with gardens, and a small close of about a quarter of an acre in Broughton Michel Town. One of these tenements is let to John Gale at £2, the other to Joseph Tinham at £3 10s. 0d., and the close to John Tubb at £1 per annum.

The rent of Gale's tenement has not been regularly paid: it is stated to be worth about £3 per annum. A distress was within a short period taken on the premises, but sufficient property could not be found to pay the rent. The others are fair rents.

3.—Two tenements under one roof, with gardens and a small piece of ground adjoining, opposite to the west end of the Church of Broughton. One of these tenements is in the occupation of James Marsh at £4 10s. 0d., the other in the occupation of John Collins at £2 5s. 0d., and the small piece of ground in the occupation of John Burt at 5s. per annum. The last mentioned rent was at the time of our investigation ten years in arrear, but we were assured that immediate application should be made for the payment of it. The cottage in the occupation of John Collins is stated to be worth about £3 per annum, but the tenant being very old and poor his rent has not been raised to the full value of the tenement.

4.—A weir on the River Test, with a house and garden, and three or four small pieces of pasture land, containing in the whole 2 a. 2 r., in the Parish of King's Somborne, in the occupation of Thomas Rumbold, who holds one small close thereof as tenant to the Trustees at the rent of 7s., and the residue of the premises as under-tenant to the Andover Canal Company, who holds them of the Trustees at the rent of £7 per annum. The Andover Canal was cut through the premises upwards of thirty years ago, and no compensation was paid by the Company for the