

Robert Holt, of Castleton, Esq¹

(Second Series, Vol. xvi., No. 856, fols. 502, &c.)

fo. 502. Delinquency, he deserted his own dwelling, and went and lived in the king's quarters, and voluntarily assisted those forces raised against the Parliament. He rendered himself to Major-General Poyntz 8 December, 1645, and took the National Covenant and Negative Oath, as by certificate of Sir Ralph Ashton, Baronett, and Wm. Ashurst, Esq., appears, on the 9th June, 1646.

He compounded on a particular which disclosed that he was seized in fee to him and his heirs of the manors of Chesham and Naden, and of certain chief rents and other improved rents issuing out of certain lands and tenements lying in Chesham, Naden, Hundersfield, Rachdale, Bury,

¹ See a notice of him in Lieut.-Col. Fishwick's History of the Parish of Rochdale, pp. 307-8 ; also the Inq. p.m. of his father, John Holt, Esq., in Record Society's Publications, Vol. xvii., pp. 334-338. S

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Tottington, Mackland [? Marland], Castleton, Spotland and Butterworth, value yearly £49. 17s. 3d., also of a like interest out of places in the same town, &c., of £48. 13s. 6d ; also of a like estate in a capital messuage called Stubley, and in certain demesne lands, with a mill thereunto belonging,

also of other moorish grounds called Ramsdens, Trough, and Ugsholt, of the yearly value of £121. 3s. 4d., and at the death of his mother, Dorothee Holt,¹ there would come to him the manor of Castleton, certain demesne lands, tenements, and a mill there, also improved rents issuing out of lands, &c., situate in Castleton, Rachdale, and Burye, worth yearly £172, 14s. 8d., also other rents issuing out of lands in Castleton and Rochdale worth £16, 16s. 2d. yearly, also, after the decease of one Mary Chadwicke, other lands and tenements lying in Castleton, of the yearly value of £24, and a debt of £50 owing to him from one George Holt; and he owed ; £480.

By a deed dated 29 April, 13 Charles [1637], he demised the said manors and lands to Edward Hopwood, to hold for twenty-one years, to receive the profits on trust to raise portions for Dorothee Holt and all other daughters compounder may have, and if compounder died within the term, his next was to pay Dorothee £1,500 within two years.

fo. 505. Petition.

fo. 506. Second petition asking for a license to come to London to compound.

ff. 508-509. Particular of his estates.

fo. 511. Certificate, signed by W. Ashurst, that petitioner had taken the National Covenant and Negative Oath.

fo. 512. Pass, signed by Major-General Poyntz, dated at Nottingham 8 December, 1645, allowing petitioner, with his servants and baggage, to go from Bangor to his house at Castleton, there to remain for thirty days.

fo. 515. Memorandum from John Ashe to petitioner,
disclosing terms on which his composition could be made.

1 Daughter of Nicholas Banastre, of Altham, Esq.

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fo. 516. Third petition of compounder.

fo. 519. Reasons why he did not "come in " sooner.

fo. 520. " S^r

"The Gentle^{man} whose case is enclosed is
my old school-fellow ffrynde & acquaintance and one of
my owne knowledge whose principles have been always
verie right. Although by some ill working of his Country-
man y^e Earl of Darby he was induced in y^e beginning of
theis troublesome tymes to leave his habitacon & decline y^e
maintenance of y^e pi^{te} cause. I know well you have yo^r Rules
to pceede by and I will never move you to vary from them,
But if you have any liberty left to leighten or abate the
ffyne as y^e Compound^r hath bene more or less guilty I
can do no lesse then testify for this gent^l my knowledge
and opinion of him wth whom from my yong^r yeares I have
bene so well acquainted, resting well assured that he is
one of those who of infirmitie and not out of malice hath
brought himself into this Case. Und^r this notion I leave
him to yo^r Justice & consyderacon & craving yo^r pardon
for giving you this Trouble I rest

Yo^{rs}(S^r) wherein I

may serue you

(Signed) JO. Bradshawe.¹

Grayes Inn

8^o 8^{ber} 1646

(Superscription)

** fifor my much honed (friend

John Ashe Esq Theise "

fo. 552. Certificate from Lancashire Committee stating that petitioner had applied to them about the beginning of August, 1645, for a pass to come in, but in consequence of the state of the country they forbore to grant the same.

(Signed) G. IRELAND.

PETER EGERTON.

EDW. BUTTER WORTH.

fo. 523. 17 October, 1646. Rep. Sep. 48. Fine £1,150.

¹ This is John Bradshaw the Regicide.

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fo. 983. Petition, which shewed that he had been admitted to compound for his delinquency the 8th of December, 1645, yet his fine was set at a sixth because he then failed to show that he "came in" before the first of the same December.

He, in obedience to their order, had paid in his first

moiety.

Petitioner in the beginning of August, 1645, was a suitor to the Lancashire Committee to be permitted to return to his own house, and thus to come to the Parliament and make his peace, but they forbore for that time granting the prayer, by reason whereof he was forced to address himself, through his friends, to Major-General Pointz, then at Nottingham ; petitioner then residing in a remote place in North Wales could not render himself before December 8, 1654, by reason that West Chester was besieged and the ways very much obstructed, though he much endeavoured to do the same.

He prayed that the Commissioners would consider the whole case, and reduce his fine to a tenth according to the equity of his case.

fo. 984. Order of Lancashire Committee, 8 March, 1647[-8], removing sequestration of the property. Signed by Peter Egerton, John Starkie, J. Bradshawe, Edw. Butterworth.

fo. 987. " The case of Robert Holte, of Castleton, in the county of Lancaster, Esq., as touchinge his composition. " His delinquencie was the defectinge of his owne howse and living in the King's quarters.

" That lie rendered himself to Major-Generall Pointz the eight of December 1645.

" That he endeavoured to come in before the day but liveing then in the furthest part of North Wales, and Chester at that time close besieged, he could not procure meand to do it.

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"Deductions; he had a debt owing unto him of £50, and is indebted to several persons £480, whereof £300 to Frances Bindlosse (an infant) in trust for his use.

"By indenture 29[^] April 13[^] Caroli [1637], his lands stand charged with the sum of £1,500 for a portion to Dorothy Holte, his daughter, wherein there is a proviso contained upon tender of 5s. to the trustees the deed to be void. Which clause of revocation was only intended that he might have power in the disposal of his daughter being otherwise bound not to revoke it, she being his only child by his first wife,¹ who brought him a considerable portion. His desire is that he may be admitted to compound according to a loth, and that his deductions may be allowed, or in some reasonable sort considered.

" There are certain arrears of rents due to him and divers goods taken from him, either without order or before any order or ordinance of Parliament for sequestrating the same, whereof he craves a saving when he shall discover and recover the same."

fo. 990. Certificate, dated 20 November, 1646, signed

by two members of the Lancashire Committee (J. Stanley, G. Ireland), declaring that petitioner had by other parties moved the committee, mentioning his desire to return to his holne, and wanting an order so to do. This was refused.

¹ Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Bindloss, of Borwick. She was buried at Rochdale 29 March, 1631.

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