

PRECEPT to the High Constable, &c. [as the Case shall be] appointing a Day and Place for taking the Answers and Returns, and requiring the Attendance of the Minister and Churchwardens, &c.

County, &c. } To the Constable [or Town Clerk, &c.] of [or]
of } within the Hundred, [Division, Liberty, City, or Town, as the Case
to wit, } may be] of in the said County, &c. [as the Case shall be].

[Within this Blank }
the proper Address }
is to be written.]

To the Constables of the Hundred of
Milton in the County of Kent

IN order to carry into Execution an Act, made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of his Majesty King George the Third, for procuring Returns, upon Oath, of all Charitable Donations given by Deed or Will, for the Benefit of Poor Persons, in the several Parishes and Places within that Part of Great Britain called England, you are hereby required, with all convenient Speed, to give, or cause to be given, Notice to the Rectors and Vicars, or officiating Ministers, Churchwardens, and Chapelwardens, of every Parish within your District aforesaid; and, in Places where there shall be no officiating Minister, Churchwarden, or Chapelwarden, to the Overseer or Overseers of the Poor; and if no Overseer, to some substantial Householder of such Place, by delivering to each of them a printed Copy of the Schedule to the said Act, with the Time and Place for the Meeting filled up in the Precept as herein appointed, that they are required to appear at ~~St. James's Street~~ ^{Don} on the 27th Day of ~~September~~ ^{next}, at the Hour of ~~Four~~ ^{Ten} in the Forenoon, then and there to deliver, upon Oath, a just and true Account of all Charitable Donations given by Deed or Will, for the Benefit of Poor Persons, within their respective Parishes and Places, distinguishing, as far as may be, by whom, when, and in what Manner, and for what Purpose, given; likewise, whether such respective Donations were in Land or Money, and in whom they are now vested, and what is the Annual Produce thereof respectively, on Pain of forfeiting a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds, for every Neglect or Default. Given under our Hands, the 10th Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1786

To the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish of Rainham
The above Precept contains the Notice I am directed to give you.

[Here the Officer, required to give the Notice, is to subscribe his Name.]

Luke miles Constable

N. B. The High Constables, Town Clerks, or other proper Officers, before they deliver the Schedule, are required to fill up the Blanks which shew the Appointment of the Day and Place for the Meeting, in the Manner they are filled up by the Justices who signed the Precept.

The following List to be made out on a separate Paper, signed by the High Constable, &c. and annexed to the Return.

List of the Names of the Minister and Churchwardens or Chapelwardens, Overseers, and Householdors, [as the Case shall be] of every Parish, Township, or Place, to whom I have delivered the Schedule, pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

QUESTIONS, to which ANSWERS are to be returned by virtue of an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, *An Act for procuring Returns upon Oath of all Charitable Donations for the Benefit of Poor Persons in the several Parishes and Places within that Part of Great Britain called England.*

QUESTION the First—What Charitable Donations have been given by Deed or Will for the Benefit of Poor Persons within your Parish or Place—by whom—when—in what Manner—and for what particular Purpose were they given, to the best of your Knowledge, Information, and Belief?

QUESTION the Second—Were the said respective Donations in Land or Money—in whom are they now vested—and what is the Annual Produce thereof respectively, to the best of your Knowledge, Information, and Belief?

- ☞ The First Blank to be filled up with the Word *Parish, Township, or Place*, [as the Case shall be.]
 The Second Blank, with the Name of it.
 The Third Blank, with the Word *County, Riding, Division, &c.* [as the Case shall be.]
 The Fourth Blank with the Name of it.
 The Fifth and Sixth Blanks, with the Dates.

ANSWERS returned to the QUESTIONS in the SCHEDULE annexed, from
 the *Parish* — of *Rainham* — in the *County* of *Hunt*
 the Day of 1786.

ANSWERS to the FIRST QUESTION.				ANSWERS to the SECOND QUESTION.							
Name of the Person who gave the Charity.	When given.	Whether by Will or Deed.	For what Purpose given.	Whether in Land or Money.	In whom now vested.	Amount, if in Money.			Annual Produce.		
John Colson	1543	by Deed			in Land Col. Hide	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
						4	0	0	3	4	0
Frances Countess Dowages of Hanit	1653	by Deed	These Legacy given at the disposal of the Minister & Churchwardens of Rainham are by them given to such Industrious Poor as receive no Alms on St. Thomas day & Good Friday according to the desire of the Donors	lying in Lower Halstons in the Minister's house with 50 given by the said Countess & 20 raised by the Parishoners John Pussell Esq ^r					4	0	0
John Adams	1723	by Will		on St. Thomas day & Good Friday according to the desire of the Donors	in Rainham				1	0	0
The Parishoners of Rainham	1677		For the industrious Poor		2 Tenements in Rainham						
The Parishoners of Rainham	in 1699 or 1700				Interest of a small Estate & belonging to the Poor one Acre of wood land in Rainham				2	10	0
									0	0	0

Form of the Oath referred to by the Act.

YOU shall swear, that the Answers and Return now made by you to the Questions contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed, are full and true Answers to the said Questions, to the best of your Knowledge, Information, and Belief.

[N. B. The Persons who make the Answers should subscribe their Names at the Foot thereof. And if this Sheet of Paper shall be found too small to describe the Charities, they are to add another Sheet at the Bottom of this, ruled in the same Manner.]

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