

The appointment of preachers and clergy was often in the purview of the largest landowner in a parish. One such placement at least pleased the villagers of Coneyweston who wrote their thanks to Sir Nicholas Bacon.

- A *Right Worshipfull, Wheras we doe vnderstand, that yt hath pleased you to make choise of Mr. Andrews to be our minister, and to that purpose haue appoynted that he shall preach at or towne of Wyverston wherby we should haue triall of his giftes May yt please yu therfore to vnderstand that he hath forenoone and after noone this Saboothe day bestowed such profitable paynes amonge vs, as we haue great cause to thinke well of him and for or partes our humble desyre vnto yr worsh: is, that yu will contineue yr good liking towardes this man, not doubting both in regard of his teachinge as also of his godly lif and honest conversacon, that we shall haue amonge vs, and we shall acknowledge our selves to be bound to pray still for yr worsh: health and prservacon, as for many other fauors, towardes vs so especialy for this in shewing yr selfe a most carfull & provident Patron for vs; In witnesse of our approbacion of him we the Inhabitantes of Wyverston haue here vnto subscribed our names this 6 of June 1613*

*Wm: Stokes
Thomas Havell als Smyth
Tho: Wilton
Wil Godryche
Willm X Margend his mark
The mark of X Wm Seliman
The mark of Willm X Powntys
The marke of X Robt Folsar
The marke of X Ivo Bone
John Stokes
Henry Weste
Thomas X Hawes his mrke
The marke of X John Posford
The marke of X Henry Moilker
The marke of X James Walton*

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1613, June 6.

LETTER FROM THE PARISHIONERS
OF A CHURCH TO THEIR PATRON
EXPRESSING APPROVAL TO THE
MINISTER HE HAD CHOSEN TO
MAKE "TRIALLOF HIS GIFTES"
AND STATING THAT HE HAD "FORE-
NOONE AND AFTER NOONE THIS
SABAO THE DAY BESTOWED SUCH
PROFITABLE PAYNES AMONG THEM".
1613. MOST OF THEM SIGN BY
MAKING THEIR MARKS.

Right worshipfull, whereas we doe understand, that yt hath pleased
you to make thys of m^r Andrewes to be our minister, and
to that purpose have appointed that he shall preache at
towne of Weymouth whereby we should have triall of his gift
May yt please y^e therefore to understand that we have fore-
named and after named this Saboth day bestowed such profitable
paymes amonge us, as we have great cause to thinke well of him
and for o^r parte our humble desire unto y^e worsh^{ps} is, that y^e will
continue y^e good liking toward this man, not doubting but in
in regard of his teachinge he also of y^e goodly life and honest
conversation, that we shall have just cause to give god early
thanks for sendinge such a man amonge us, and we shall likewise
desire our selves to be bound to praye still for y^e worsh^{ps} health and
prosperation, as for many other favours toward us y^e especially
for this in givinge y^e selfe a most rare and a prudent Patron
for us. In witness of our approbation of him we have subscribed
of Weymouth this sixtenth subscribed our names this 6 of June
1613

W^m Stokes

Thomas Habets att Smyth John Stokes
Tho: Wilton

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Thomas
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A Letter from
inhabitants of
in description of
the first
minister.