

APPENDIX II.

EXCHEQUER K.R. SPECIAL COMMISSIONS, KENT, No. 1100.

Date April 1573.

By virtue of a Royal Commission to Thomas Wotton, Esquire, George Multon, Esquire, William Lambarde, Esquire, Lewis Stockwith, Surveyor of the Works, and Thomas Fludde, Surveyor of all the Royal Honours, Castles, etc., in Kent, to survey the Mansion House of the Manor of Otford and the adjoining buildings, and to consider the necessary repairs, their statement to be sent in to the exchequer by the morrow of the Holy Trinity next, dated 21st April 15 Elizabeth. Inquest taken at Otford on 27 and 29 April 15 Elizabeth on the oath of David Polhill, John Wolffe, Richard . . . se (?), Robert Kywyn, John Browne, John Gylman, William Chapman, Sen., William Chapman, junior, John Walter, William Evesdowne, Henry Boston, Roland Christian, John Christian, Richard Fylder, Paul Walter, John Campe, James Wood, William Mylles, Thomas Wolfe, John Sone, and John Wickenden.

Fyrst, we fynde and present the pryncypall £ s. d.
 Gatehouse being the north side of the house con-
 teyninge three Rouffes and a small gallerye on
 either side. The decays thereof . . . of chymneys,
 Doores, halpaces and stayers, mendinge of flowers
 (floors), plasteringe and other necessaries, the
 repaire thereof will cost 23 14 0

Item, from the saide gatehouse small gal-
 leryes upon the westsyde, one Towre conteyning
 three storyes. The decay therein ys the leades,
 coyne, vent (loophole in embattled wall), and crest
 (ridge of roof or ornament on top), chymney, stayers,
 halpaces (landing on stairs), soyles of wyndowes,
 plastering and other necessaries, the repaire thereof
 will cost 13 6 8

Item, one longe gallerye from the said Towre
 southwards with lodgings adjoining upon the west
 side of the same. The decays is gutters and pypes

of leade, tylinge, plasteringe, pavinge and newe £ s. d.
 beams and ankers with other necessaries, the repaire
 will cost 150 0 0

But rather yf hyr Highness so please to have yt
 taken downe and newe buylded.

Item, from the gatehouse and small galleries
 estward one Towre three stories high, the decays
 thereof is leade, vent and crest, plastering and
 other necessaries. The repaire thereof will cost . 2 10 0

Item, one longe gallerye from the sayde Towre
 southward with ix lightes upon the estsyde thereof.
 The decays thereof ys gutters, pypes of leade,
 tylinge, newe beames and flowers to be layde,
 plasteringe and other necessaryes. The repair
 thereof will cost 100 0 0

Item, one gallery leadinge from the foresaid
 gallerye to the estende of the Hall, with the leades
 between yt and the grene gallerye, and under that
 ys the Buttrye, prevye kitchen, surveying place,
 scullerye and larder. The decays ys the leads,
 pypes, tylinge, vent and crest plasteringe and other
 necessaryes. The repaire thereof will cost . 100 0 0

Item, the Hall, the extende thereof, the wall to
 be taken downe to the grownde and newe made.
 The Buttresses uppon the southsyde being iiiii
 whereof iii ys to be coped, taken downe and enlarged
 to the jame of a wyndow, with a beame and ankers
 for the staye of the west end and a stone wyndow
 in the same end. Tylinge, Shinglinge, plasterynge
 and other necessaries. The repair thereof will
 cost 108 0 0

Item, the leads over the Grete Chamber, with
 leades south and north from the same over sondrye
 lodgings and iii Towers adjoining thereunto with
 leade rouffes. The decays thereof ys the leads,
 gutters, pypes, and crest shaftes of chymneis, and
 setting new postes under the flowers of the Grete
 Chamber, plasteringe and other necessaryes will cost 52 0 0

Item, the leades over the presence and privye Chamber with ii Towrettes adjoining thereunto with sundry lodgings under them. The decays thereof ys the gutters, the leades and pypes, shaftes of chymneis, lyntells and soyles of wyndowe, pavynge, plasteringe, flowers and partions with other necessaries, will cost 250 0 0

Item, the leades of the Grene Gallerye and leads adjoining to the Hall at the West ende with certeyne lodgings under them. The decays thereof ys leade gutters, pypes, vent and crest, goyste and burdinge, plastering and other necessaryes. The repaire thereof will cost 70 0 0

Item, a schole house buttinge uppon the Grete Chamber, the Grounde to be levelled and pavyd will cost 5 0 0

Item, the lodgyng at the est end of the Hall over the scullerye, pantyre and surveyinge place, two stone walls to be taken downe and newe made. The decays ys the leads, gutters and pypes, tylinge and bourdinge of flowers, plasteringe and other necessaryes with a new buttress will cost 70 0 0

Item, the Chappell Ruffe, moste part thereof to be newe shingled, the wardrobe under yt to be new joisted, burded and a new prycke poste, a stone hall with a wyndow to be newe made, plasteringe with other necessaryes will cost 50 0 0

Item, a flatte Ruffe with a Towret uppon the South syde of the Chappell and the lodgyng under the same. The decaies thereof ys leads, gutters, pypes, vent, and crest, lyntelles and soyles of wyndowes, plasteringe with other necessaryes will cost 20 0 0

Item, uppon the south parte of the Hall a courte wheryn ys sondrye lodgings with open galleries, and a Towre of thre storyes highe. The decays ys the leades, ruffes, gutters and pypes, vent and creste, shaftes of chymneis, halpaces, underpyninges of

particions, levelynge of flowers, plasteringe and £ s. d.
 other necessarys. The repayre thereof will coste 200 0 0

Item, the Great Kytchyn, the Pastrye, two
 weate larders and iiii drye with chambers over
 them, the decayes of the walles, tylinge, plastering
 and other necessaryes the repayre thereof will
 coste 50 0 0

Item, the pale about the wood yarde beeing
 viii rodds with a shade over the roninge (?) to be
 newe repayred will cost 13 0 0

Item, the plate, lockes and keys lackinge aboute
 the pryvye lodgings and galleryes to the number of
 two hundred with bolttes, handles and cassementes
 will cost 100 0 0

Item, there wanteth of newe glasse aboute the
 whole house m'm'viic and new settinge of olde
 with leade will coste 19 0 6

Item, there wanteth in the other lodgynges and
 offices, shuttinges of doores and windowes, hookes,
 hynge, bolttes, upright barres and lockettes for
 wyndowe with stocke lockes and other yron workes
 will cost 7 18 4

Item, the vaultes of stone and bricke that con-
 veyeth the water frome the house to be repayred
 with newe sluces, square curbess, newe shuttinges
 and the paving of . . . with a synke for the waste
 water. The repayre thereof will cost . . . 25 0 0

Item, the pale about the privy walkes some
 rayles and pale wantith with . . . postes and new
 gates. The repayre thereof will cost . . . 22 0 0

Item, the conduyte house or well conteyning
 in length xxxvi foote and in breadeth xix fote to
 be taken downe and newe sett upp will coste . . . 30 0 0

Item, the pypes conveyinge the water from thence
 to the offices and small sestrens to be amended will
 cost 13 0 4

Item, a colehouse and poultrye to be newe buylded
 beinge more decayed will coste 30 0 0

Item, a barne conteyninge in length ciiii foote, £ s. d.
 in breadthe xl foote, wantith Postes, groundselles,
 underpynning, rafter bourds, tylinge, and other
 necessaries. The repayre thereof will coste . 35 0 0

Item, a gatehouse of tymber and a stable on the
 west syde wantith tylinge, plasteringe, gystes and
 planks. The repayre thereof will coste . 20 0 0

Item, a stable on the est syde of the same gate-
 house to be newe buylded, very lyttle remayneth
 but the fowndacion. The buyldinge thereof will
 coste 50 0 0

Then follow the signatures of the Commissioners :—

GEORGE MULTON,
 WILLIAM LAMBARDE,
 LEWYS STOCKWITH,
 THOMAS FLUDDE.

APPENDIX III.

THE KEEPERSHIP OF THE PARK AND MANOR.

These offices, with that of Bailiff of the Manor, was of old standing, and with the kind help of Mr. Arthur Hussey numerous appointments during the mediæval period can be stated.

The first record available dates from 1385, with the appointment of Henry Parker “for his good services as the Keeper of our Park of Otteford, during the life of the same Henry Parker, having for the same 2^d daily from the rent and income of the Manor of Otteford, and one robe of livery at the Feast of Nowel of the suite of our yeoman from us and our successors.”

Such were the terms of the appointment, and which held their ground right down to the last appointment made by the last Archbishop holding the property, except that in a later appointment it is made clear that the two pence daily