

BRAMHAM PARISH

Sir Thos Gascoigne Bart: is Lord of the Manor of both the townships of Bramham and Clifford, and to which townships there belong upwards of 1000 a. of Cogen. An inclosure is talked of, and seems much desired by the Inhabitants—so that if the Lord or any of the Principal People would take the load in this business there is little doubt of its doing **carried into execution**. This will be a **grate** advantage to the tythe as well as to every Landholder as the now inclosed would be ploughed up by which means the crops of corn would be much superior to those grown in the old going Townships Fields

There has been several inclosures made from the Town fields to the great prejudice of the Tythes, as they are usually converted to Meadow or Pasture. It is said this practice has been time immemorial. However there has not the least check been given to it of late, for Mr Allansen, about 25 years ago took 40 or 50 acres of the Field land into his park, and since then he could not as lessee of the tythes possibly fault with any other person guilty of the same thing.

There are very few Turnips or Potatoes grown in this parish not 20 Acres one year with another, inclusive of those grown at Bramham Park, and those are only **seldom**

The Tythes of Turnips and Potatoes, have never been demanded they are looked upon to be the Vicars right, & would be paid to himself **insisted up**; But the living being so small, not above £40 a year, the Parishioners in general have been so particularly kind to this and the late Vicar (Father and Son) which compensated for more than the value of these Tythes, and on that account they never were demanded. The Vicars were both Chaplains at Bramham Park and received an annual salary from there, and were also under many other obligations, as that it could not be **supposed**, those tythes could be taken, there.

Rape is a casual crop, it is only grown when fresh lands are broken up. The tythe of Rape was always taken by the Vicar till the last which was grown there, which Mr Allansen insisted upon **and took**. The Vicar not being able to contend with him was **obliged to give it up**. I don't find that Mr Allansen is intitled to it by his lease nor has it been insisted in the Terriers till of late. But as the late Vicar did usually receive the tythe Rape, and as that as well as Tythe Turnips & Potatoes generally belong every where to the Vicar, there cannot be any doubt of its being his right.

Mr Placo the late Recorder of York was one of the Lessees of the Tythe of Bramham, at which time a large quantity of Rape was grown. He looked upon it as the Vicars due and let him receive it without any molestation.

The lands belonging to the Vicarage, when in the occupation of the Vicar are tythe free, but if he lets them off they are tythed. It may be very inconvenient for the Vicar to keep all his land in his own hands and if he lets it, it is rather hard he should be **deprived** of a part of its value. For the greatest part of it if Tythe free would by that means lot for 3s per acre more.

There is no tythe Barn, but there are two little Crofts called, Cuttlers girth and part of Gibbon Garth, on which it is said a Tythe Barn once stood—and are now looked upon as Mr Winn's Freehold. The Tythes are taken in kind, except Mr Winns own tenants, those of Bramham are carried to his own estate at the Biggin, and those of Clifford to a small Farm there lately purchased by Mr Allansen; now Mr Winns. They are put up in Stock or Hattock & every tenth is taken.

There is some clover grown but seldom sown more than once. The second crop is generally cut upon the ground every tenth cock is taken, as well as the tythe Hay. The tythe Hay due to the Vicar is out of certain little crofts or garths called Mowsteads at the backs of, or adjoining to the houses and buildings and for which he receives a composition.

The Wool and Lamb is taken in kind. The Chancel is in bad repair.

The Tythes of Bramham are assessed at the rate of £100 per year, the Land tax when at £1 amounts to 1s8d or 1s9d in the pound. The whole of the taxes & assessments amount to about £16 or £17.

Clifford Tythes are Assessed at £80 a year, the Land tax when at 4s is about £1.10d in the pound and the whole amount £17. The General mode of management is two crops to a fallow, it is always sown in the Town fields, in the enclosure sometimes three are taken, there are great quantities of Wood lands, in this parish belonging to Sir John Goodricke The Hon Geo. Winn, & Beilby Thomson Esq.

John Crowder

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