

[p. 49] [*Memorandum of an undated lease of the glebe in Drayton.*]

	£	s	d
Rent of 32 acres 2 first years at 2.2.0 per acre	134	8	0
Rent of ditto 3rd and 4th at 1.11.0	103	4	0
Rent of 19 acres for 4 years at £1.0.0. per acre	76	0	0
Rent of all the land for the last 4 years at 52.0.0 per annum	210	0	0
	523	12	0

A lease for eight years. Four crops of corn, one Summer's fallow, then laid down with oats or barley. No straw or hay to be carried off the premises. Five pounds off the rent for the first four years to be allowed the tenant towards necessary buildings, the rent to be paid quarterly.

**[MEMORANDA OF THE REV SAMUEL HUMFREYS, CURATE
1789 TO 1794]**

1794

[p. 36] In the month of October this year I began to drain the two lesser portions of the glebe and finished on Christmas Eve. The work was very tedious and heavy, and much impeded by the frequent falling in of the ground. In the upper part of the portion farthest from the high road the drain is very deep, extending nearly the breadth of the close in a right line of ten foot depth. The same depth is continued in a rectangular line from the transverse section down the middle of the close for several yards. In consideration of the expense which hereby I incurred I advanced the rent of the whole to £60 Mr Richard Staunton being still my tenant

	£	s	d
Paid Mr Hart the contractor of the work	6	16	6
For stones	2	11	6
For labor	18	18	0
	28	6	0

[*Signed*] Samuel Humfreys, minister.

[p. 47] [*Undated memorandum of an 8 year lease of the Drayton Estate*]

Rent of 32 acres. 2 first years at £2 2s per acre	134	8	0
Rent of ditto 3rd and 4th at £1 11s 6d	103	4	0
Rent of 19 acres for 4 years at £1 per acre	76	0	0
Rent of all the land for the last 4 years at £52 10s per annum	210	0	0
	533	12	0

A lease for 8 years. 4 crops of corn. One Summer's fallow. Then laid down with oats or barley. No straw or hay to be carried off the premises. 5 pounds of the rent for the first 4 years to be allowed the tenant towards necessary buildings. The rent to be paid quarterly. The expense of the lease to be joint.

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1794 An Estate at Drayton belonging to the Revd Mr Humfries³⁰

	£	s	d
The condition the land is now in for a farmer to rent is not worth more than 20s. per acre, but being near Daventry probable it may be let for 24s per ditto, and if 51 acres, at the last price, will bring	61	4	0
But suppose the largest close was divided into four, and the other two were drained (expencc of which will be about £66) it's likely the land would let to different tenants (such as inn holders or trader people) for the prices at under (viz.) 20 acres at 35s	35	0	0
And suppose 20 acres at 31s	31	0	0
The remaining 11 acres at 20s	15	8	0
brings a yearly rent of	£81	8	0

For laying out the above sum brings an income of twenty pound a year and being in small lots will be much better managed

[MEMORANDA OF THE REV SAMUEL SMITH, CURATE 1795 TO 1833]

[p. 1] This book was given into my hands in the mutilated state in which it now is, and I have reason to believe that it was so mutilated by Mr Akehurst

[Signed] Samuel Smith

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[A letter to the Rev Mr Smith]

Searazens Head Inn Daventry
August 17 1795

Dear Sir,

Being employed by the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal to value and agree for the purchase of such lands as they want for the said Canal, its towing paths etc. etc., I hereby inform you that a plan of an intended reservoir in the parish of Daventry was put into my hands yesterday evening in which said plan I perceive there is about an acre of your land which is intended to be purchased by the said Company, and as I am going to view the said reservoir this morning should be obliged if you can make it convenient to appoint some person to attend me on your behalf to settle the price of the same.

I am, Revd Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
William Collisson.

Am going to look over some damage in Daventry Field this morning after which I shall look over the said reservoir, the principal part of which belongs to Mr Richard Stanton of this town and the Revd Mr Rose, and I understand Mr Penn of Norton is to meet me on their behalf.

³⁰ In the hand of Samuel Smith, who succeeded Humfrees in 1795.