

Some Sort of a writing left by ^{of} Rev^d
at ^{of} Charles Wesley's former Minister
of ^{of} Parish of Daventry.

he before giving an Account of following
features.

The Trade of a writing of Ministerial function
at Daventry is very great & discouraging: to every
man living will find it so upon trial: I shall not therefore
offer to describe it, experience will teach every
future Minister as sensibly & as much to his vocation as
it has instructed me.

2^d It will be reasonable if I do not know for ^{of} benefit
information of my Successor ^{of} alteration of expen-
ces & ^{of} casual income of ^{of} Place ^{of} he may depend
upon for his invitation to undertake ^{of} charge &
follow his employment here.

1. In ^{of} first place he will find at his admission to
a Cure, ^{of} as there is no need of Institution & Induction
so no fees are demandable either by ^{of} P^r or his
Officers (as, not so much, as at a Visitation either by
himself or his Archdeacon) but only for a license
to preach, ^{of} notwithstanding I provided because I had
a license ad prolocutionem per totam Angliam
from ^{of} University of Oxford.

2^d The Minister of ^{of} place is exempted from ^{of}
payment of Taxes to ^{of} King, & his small Tithes
never come under any valuation so as to be charged
with any debt to ^{of} Crown.

3^d Whatever House he rents for his accommodation
is by ^{of} favour of ^{of} Parishoners freed from Parish
duties, or Taxes to ^{of} Poor.

4th As I have struggled hard to meet with great oppo-
sition yet I could at last, that no advantage
should be made in times of public Fasting, of ^{of}
twenty six pounds, with the Farmer is bound to pay
to ^{of} Minister here: This matter is settled beyond
dispute, & is inserted in his lease.

5th Every time ^{of} a Sacrament is administered ^{of}
Minister is allowed a Bottle of Red wine for his
refreshment after ^{of} Service is over; & at every ^{of}
Visitation ^{of} the Wardens pay ^{of} Ministers Charge.

M^r Jeffrey's Successor to M^r Taylor, has
made no observation upon what M^r Taylor
& M^r Taylor have written in the following page
so that we cannot know what frame & colour
he was obliged to submit to on his appointment
to this Curacy.

Richard Akerit held this Curacy from
the 21st of Nov^r 1704 to the 5th of
January 1709. He had no licence
from the Bishop, nor was he required
to take one out, tho he attended a
Episcopal Visitation at Worcester.

R. A.

+ The usual fee for exhibiting letters of
Orders at the Visitation was paid by
R. A.
On the subject of Licences. See Geop^s System
of English Ecclesiastical-Laws. Pages 227-232-
4th Edit. An. 1702.



The View of Daventre Church, and of one side of the Priory.



CHURCH, AND REMAINS OF THE PRIORY, AT DAVENTRY.

Gent. Mag. Nov. 1766. Pl. II. p. 401

6 Above. Daventry Old Church and Abbey Building by Peter Tillemans, about 1720.

Below. Daventry New Church, built 1752-58, and the Abbey Building; from *The Gentleman's Magazine*, 1826, shortly before the Abbey Building was demolished.