

POST OFFICE, Milton.—Edward Hayward, receiver. Letters received through the Christchurch & Lymington offices, at 9 a.m. The letter box closes at ½ past 5 p.m. Wootton—William Wallace, receiver. Letters dispatched

4 p.m. to Milton; delivered ½ past 10 a.m. The nearest money order office is at Christchurch National School, Milton—Charles Hayward, master; Mrs. Appleford, mistress

MINSTEAD, or **MINSTEED**, is a parish and village in the Union and Hundred of the New Forest, South Hants, 4 miles west from Redbridge station, 89 from London, 2 miles north from Lyndhurst; containing, in 1851, a population of 1,054, and 12,800 acres. It is situated in the New Forest, a portion of which is comprised in the parish. It was at a place near STONY CROSS, 2 miles north-west, in this parish, that William Rufus was accidentally killed; the spot where stood the oak-tree against which the fatal arrow glanced, is marked by a stone, raised by Lord Delaware, but the inscriptions upon it having in the course of time become erased, it was

enclosed in a strong iron frame by Sturges Bourne, Esq., at the time he was ranger. The church is mostly a brick building, portions of which were erected in the 13th century. The living is a rectory, and the tithes have been commuted for £400. It is in the patronage of Henry Combe Compton, Esq., lord of the manor; the Rev. John Compton, of Merton College, Oxford, is the incumbent. There is a National school, supported by subscription.

CANTERTON, Fritham (3 miles north-west), London Minstead, and Cadnam (2 miles north) are tithings. Eye-worth is 4 miles north-west; Castle Malwood, 1 mile north-west.

Minstead.

GENTRY.

Compton Rev. John, M.A. Parsonage
Compton Hen. Combe, esq. M.P. Manor ho
Gilbert Major, Bartley lodge
Preston William Robert, esq. Lodge

TRADERS.

Balls George, 'Royal Oak'
Beaves Elizabeth (Miss), mistress of National school
Broomfield Charles, baker
Compton John, parish clerk
Compton William, 'Trusty Servant'
Cull Maurice, charcoal burner
Dymott John, wheelwright
Gain James, carpenter
Gain William, farmer

Golden Gabriel & George, beer retailers & timber hewers, Canterton

Haddon Charles, miller
Halliday John, master of National sch
Payne Joseph, builder, Emery down
Pudney John, farmer, Emery down
Purkess Aaron, shoemaker
Purkess Aaron, jun. shoemaker
Purkess Moses, shoemaker
Scorey Arthur, shopkeeper & postmaster
Whitehorn Robert, charcoal dealer

Cadnam.

Duckworth Wm. D. esq. Beechwood ho

TRADERS.

Bannister Charles, shopkeeper
Goddard Thomas, farmer
Hussey Gideon, 'White Hart'

Hussey Robert, shopkeeper
Keeping James, 'Sir John Barleycorn'
Knowlton Henry, smith
Lovell Fanny (Mrs.), smith
Pope George, 'Coach & Horses'
Sillence William, shopkeeper
Stevens William, linendraper
Toogood Charles Martin, carpenter

Stony Cross.

Robbins General, Castle Malwood

TRADERS.

Farmers Samuel, cattle dealer
Pope Charles, 'Compton Arms,' posting house & postmaster
Simmonds Samuel, carrier
Soffe George, 'Robin Hood'

POST OFFICE.—Arthur Scorey, receiver. Letters arrive from Lyndhurst at ½ past 7, & are then delivered; they are dispatched there at 7 p.m. Stony Cross—Charles Pope, receiver. Letters arrive from Lyndhurst at ¼ to 8, & are then delivered; they are dis-

patched there at ½ past 6 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Lyndhurst CARRIER TO SOUTHAMPTON—Samuel Simmonds, tuesday & saturday

MITCHELDEVER with EAST STRATTON.

MITCHELDEVER is a village in the Hundred of the same name, Winchester Union and division, North Hants, 2¼ miles south from the Andover Road station of the South Western railway, 7 north from Winchester, 60 from London, and 9 from Whitchurch. The population, in 1851, was 1,082, with 9,340 acres of land. This parish formerly belonged to the Bedford family, and was for some time the residence of Lady Russell, wife of the Lord Russell who was beheaded in 1683. The church, dedicated to St. Mary, is a beautiful edifice, of an octangular form, surmounted by an elegant dome; it has a perpendicular embattled tower, which is a portion of the ancient building destroyed by fire in 1806, when the present edifice was erected; in the interior is a marble monument to various members of the Baring family, the work of Flaxman, and considered by many to be his masterpiece; there are also two other finely-sculptured tablets, erected by Sir Thomas Baring. The cost of the rebuilding of the church was £10,000, the whole of which was defrayed by Sir Francis Baring. The living is a vicarage, in the gift of Sir Francis Baring, lord of the

manor, and the tithes have been commuted for £236. There is a Free school, also almshouses for 50 aged and infirm poor. Attached to the church there are charities of the annual value of £15.

NORTH BROOK, South Brook, West Stratton, and Weston Colley, are tithings.

EAST STRATTON, a parish in Mitcheldever Hundred, Winchester Union and division, North Hants, 3 miles west from the Andover Road station of the South Western railway, and 8 from Winchester. It was formerly the property of the Bedford family, and it was at Stratton Park that the well-known letters of Lady Russell were written. The church, dedicated to St. Katherine, is an ancient structure, with square tower, pleasantly situated in the park of Sir Francis Baring; it has been thoroughly repaired and beautified, with the addition of windows of painted glass. There is a parochial school, with residence for the master attached, liberally supported by Sir Francis Baring, who is lord of the manor and patron of the living, which is held by the Rev. Thomas Clarke, of Mitcheldever. Stratton Park has a fine mansion attached, with a valuable collection of paintings.

Mitcheldever.

GENTRY.

Batt Mrs. Ann
Clarke Rev. Thomas, B.A. [vicar]

TRADERS.

Bowles James, parish clerk
Collis David, shopkeeper, West Stratton
Colliss Richard, shopkeeper
Courtney Thomas Pain, farmer, West Stratton
Criswick Chas. grocer, baker & farmer
Cundell Charles Richard, farmer
Dicker Stephen, blacksmith & postmastr
Ford George, shopkeeper
Gale Francis & Thomas, butchers

Golding Stephen, saddler & harness maker, & beer retailer

Griffin James, tailor
Hembery Robert, shoemaker
Hillary Sarah (Mrs.), 'Half Moon' & 'Spread Eagle'
Hobbs Jonas, carpenter
Knight Cornelius Sparkes, drapr. & grcr
Longstaff Wm. farmer, Sheep house frm
Pain Charles, farmer, Borough farm
Pain Henry, farmer, Manor farm
Phillis George, shoemaker
Piper Charles, shopkeeper
Robertson Edmund, farmer
Studley Edward, maltster & farmer

Wise Andrew, carpenter
Wolfe Brothers, Western road hotel, & postmaster, Andover road

East Stratton.

GENTRY.

Baring Sir Francis, bart. Stratton park
Dallas Rev. Charles [perpetual curate]

TRADERS.

Coombs Lawrence, 'Plough,' & grocer, draper & postmaster
Ewens Henry, blacksmith
Pain Charles, farmer
Trimmer William, parish clerk
Waterman William, blacksmith
Winkworth Benjamin, shoemaker

POST OFFICE, Andover Road station.—John Roblin Wolfe, postmaster. Money orders are granted and paid at this office. Letters arrive at 7 a.m; dispatched to London, Winchester, Gosport, Southampton, Portsmouth, Fareham, &c., 20 min. past 12 noon, & 20 past 11 p.m.; & to London & all parts at ¼ to 10 a.m. & 20 min. past 2 p.m. Mitcheldever—Stephen Dicker, receiver. Letters through

Andover road; arrive 8 a.m.; dispatched ¼ past 7 p.m. East Stratton—Lawrence Coombs, receiver. Letters arrive 15 min. past 8 a.m.; dispatched 7 p.m. Free School, Henry Potter, master, East Stratton CARRIERS to Andover and Whitchurch, daily Railway Station, Andover Road, Joseph Towers Garry, station master