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January 1870

West Somerset Free Press: Saturday 1st January 1870

The County Ball: This annual gathering took place on Tuesday night, last week, at the London Hotel, Taunton. The company numbered nearly 350, and included the Viscountess Bridport, the Hon. Mrs. Ferguson, of Pitfour, the Hon. Adelaide Hood ... *(continues)* ... *(list includes)* ... Mr. Pynsent, Miss Florence Pynsent, Miss Jane Pynsent ...

[GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock]

Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 1st January 1870

Arrivals and Departures: Arrivals: ... Clovelly: Mrs. and Miss Stanley Carey: St. James's: Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent and Family: ...

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0469 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 7th January 1870

Testimonial to E. S. Drewe, Esq.: Presentation at Barnstaple Yesterday: There is not a Liberal in North Devon who does not know Squire Drewe, of the Grange. The head of one of the oldest families of our landed gentry ... *(testimonial for his services)* ... The testimonial plate was on view before the presentation and was greatly admired by the many who saw it. It consists of a costly and massive silver Ewer and two handsome four-light silver Candelabra, supplied by Messrs. Hunt and Roskell. Upon the Ewer is engraved the following: ... "Presented by the Liberals of North Devon to Edward Simcoe Drewe, Esq., of the Grange, for many years Chairman of the North Devon Liberal Association, in token of the gratitude, respect and affection won by his public services, private worth, and general kindness, 1869." ... *(list of attendees includes)* ... Mr. Pynsent ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Wednesday 19th January 1870

Westward Ho! A petition having been presented b the memorialists at Westward Ho! praying for a separation from the Northam Local Board, R. Morgan, Esq., the Government Inspector, held an enquiry into the matter at Westward Ho! yesterday ... *(discussion for and against)* ...

The Northam Local Board replied to the allegations in a lengthy document, and objected to the separation, as did also Mr. Pynsent, the largest landowner in the parish (who handed in a petition containing 15 signatures), and Mr. Turner, on behalf of Miss Lloyd ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 20th January 1870

Westward Ho! The Drainage of Westward Ho! Inquiry by a Government Inspector: A petition having been presented by the memorialists at Westward Ho! praying for a separation from the Northam Local Board, Mr. Morgan, the Government Inspector held an inquiry into the matter at Westward Ho! on Tuesday. Amongst the ratepayer and land owners were: Colonel Wheeler, General Hutchinson, Rev. I. H. Gosset, Rev. E. Reynolds, Col. Hutchinson, Messrs. T. B. Chanter (the Lord of the Manor), G. F. M. Molesworth, A. Wren, W. Yeo, Groves Cooper, J. B. Gordon, T. Pynsent, Charlewood, E. Pickard, J. Pickard, Williams, Rodd, Heathcote *(etc.)* ... *(discussion of boundaries and access to the Burrows)* ...

Mr. Pynsent complained that, although he was the largest landowner at Westward Ho! he had not had the opportunity afforded him of attending one of the meetings of the memorialists. He had a petition which would hand to the Inspector, signed by 15 ratepayers and landowners within the proposed new district praying that the Westward Ho! might not be separated from the district of Northam Local Board, with which their interest are in common. He also presented a petition to the same effect in his own name, as the owner of one fourth part of the land at Westward Ho! ... *(ongoing discussion of problems, including state and responsibility for roads)* ...

There are at present four members of the Board connected with the Westward Ho! representing a sixth part of the whole Board. The names of those members are Mr. Gosset, the chairman of the Board, Mr. Pynsent, Mr. Molesworth, and Mr. Wren, the two last being directors of the Company (more discussion of state of roads – partly because of ongoing construction work at Westward Ho! – and need for a separate district) ... Mr. Heard, who can carry out a system of drainage better than the owners of the property in a district? Mr. Hole: You complain that the drainage has been neglected; I merely wish to point out to you the reason for the delay: Mr. Pynsent rebutted the insinuation from Mr. Heard that he was opposed to the extension of Westward Ho! but he thought it was absurd to construct roads 30 feet wide in an out of the way, outlandish district. Mr. Gordon said he was perfectly disinterested in this mater, but he must concur in saying that the roads were at present in a most disgraceful state. In answer to the complaint of the memorialists that no plan of the proposed district had been sent them by the Local Board for approval, Mr. Hole stated that his

clerk, in whom he had the greatest confidence had informed him that he left a copy of the plan at Mr. Groves Cooper's office, at the same time distinctly informing the Clerk that it was intended for the inspection of the memorialists. Mr. Cooper's clerk denied this, but he placed the greatest reliance in the Clerk As proof that it was received when he sent for it a tracing was being taken for the use of the memorialists. Capt. Charlewood and Mr. Pynsent corroborated this: ...

... the third allegation was that Westward Ho! was not fairly represented on the Board. The memorialist contended that there was only one representative of the district, whilst on the other hand it was contended that there were four: the Chairman, Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Wren, and Mr. Pynsent ...

After Mr. Hole's proposition, it was move as an amendment: "That the district as described on the plan and memorial be charged with all expenses of sewage works, and that the portion of the principal road leading to Westward Ho! that is within such special district be widened were practicable, to say, 30 feet, including a footpath on one side; that a committee be formed to carry out the object, consisting of three of the Westward Ho! Memorialists and three members of the Local Board, - the chairman to be appointed at each meeting of the committee, that all the parish roads shall be widened and repaired where required according to the judgement of the Local Board, the expense of such widening to be paid for out of the general district rates." A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Yeo and seconded by Mr. Pynsent to Mr. Morgan the Inspector form the Secretary of State when the meeting separated. The following members of the Board signed the amendment: Rev. I. H. Gosset Mr. Pynsent, Captain Charlewood, Mr. Yeo, Rev. E. Reynolds, Mr. Mill, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wren, and Mr. W. Pickard.

[see similar: Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 21st January 1870]

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February 1870

Torquay Times and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 5th February 1870

Torquay and Paignton Directory: ...

Index to Names of Residents and Visitors: ... Pinsent, 49 ... Pynsent, 2 ...

[GRO0448 Teignmouth] (?) [GRO0835 Hennock] (?)

Bideford Weekly Gazette and Devon and Cornwall Advertiser: Tuesday 22nd February 1870

Westward Ho! The Drainage Question: Mr. Robert Morgan, the Government Inspector, held a second inquiry in the large Bathroom on Friday, in reference to the drainage of Westward Ho! or rather the proposed enclosure of four acres of the Burrows for irrigation purposes. ...

(continues) (concerns about interference with common rights and public nuisance) ...

Mr. Benecraft, in arguing the case for his clients, contended that the course they had taken was justifiable and consistent, and protested against any portion of the Burrows being taken for irrigation purposes; and Mr. Pynsent maintained that the proposal for taking four acres was merely the thin edge of the wedge, for it was well known that such a small quantity of land was inadequate for the purpose. Mr. Molesworth contended that the proceedings were premature as did also the inspector, who thought the opposing parties ought to have waited until the committee had presented the report ... *(discussion of alternatives)* ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 24th February 1870

Westward Ho! Drainage Question: Mr. R. Morgan the Inspector from the Home Office held a second inquiry at Westward Ho! on Friday, with reference to the proposed enclosure of the Burrows for irrigation purposes. A numerous signed petition against the Burrows being interfered with, was presented by Mr. Lionel Benecraft, solicitor, of Barnstable, on behalf of the ratepayers of the parish of Northam ... *(discussion: only four out of seventeen members of the Local Board support enclosure)* ...

The Rev. I. H. Gosset recommended that tanks should be put on the Burrows, and that a dike should be cut from Goosey Pool to floodgate, so as to carry the water to sea. The water would then be perfectly innocuous. Mr. Pynsent was in favour of this proposal, as the tanks were not enclosures. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

March 1870

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 18th March 1870

Northam: Local Government Board: Saturday: The Rev. E. Reynolds presiding: Messrs. White and Cutler attended the meeting and explained the scheme of the proposed Gas Works for Appledore, Northam and Westward Ho! ...

Mr. Yeo proposed the motion of which he had given notice respecting the division of Westward Ho! from the other portion of the district, for certain purposes in connection with the drainage, and it was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Risdon, surveyor, was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of widening the Upper Road, near Mr. Pynsent's house, to Westward Ho! and that the Clerk prepare a petition for the sum requisite

[GRO0835 Hennock]

April 1870

North Devon Journal: Thursday 7th April 1870

Devonian Schools (1869): ... (*letter listing establishments*) ... In "Carlisle's Grammar Schools," vol. 1, A.S. 1818, these in Devon were described: viz. Ashburton, Chudleigh, Crediton, Exeter, Honiton, Saint Mary, Ottery, Plymouth, Plympton, Tiverton, and Totnes. Chudleigh School, founded by John Pynsent, 1668, is now a boarding school with an endowment of £30 per annum on an estate at Combe, near Croydon. The donor's executors did not carry his will into effect, as he ordered three Cambridge scholarships to be founded and the endowment was secured by application the Court of Chancery. I am Sir, yours obediently Chris. Cooke: London, 2nd April 1870.

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Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 16th April 1870

The Bishop of Exeter on Church of England Home Missions: A second meeting in advocacy of the claims of the Additional Curate's Society was held on Friday afternoon last, in the Bath Saloon, which was presided over by the Bishop of Exeter. The meeting was well attended, and there were amongst those present the Bishop of Jamaica, Lord Talbot de Malahide, Lady Erskine, Miss Burdett Coutts, the Revs. Dr. Harris, Prebendary Harris, R. R. Wolfe, W. G. Abbott, and J. Trevett; Messrs. H. C. March Phillipps, Pynsent, Bard and Capt. Lee. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

May 1870

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette; Friday 13th May 1870

Northam: Local Government Board: The Rev. I. H. Gosset in the chair: ... (*letter from the Secretary of State in reference to the drainage of Westward Ho! recommending a separate assessment of the Westward Ho! area to cover its drainage needs*) ...

On the motion of Mr. Yeo, seconded by Mr. Pynsent, it was resolved "that the expense of the drainage of Orchard Hill be paid for out of the rates of the whole district" ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Southern Times and Dorset County Herald: Saturday 21st May 1870

At the Burdon Hotel the annual grand united service ball took place under the stewardship of the following gentlemen: - Lieut. Colonel Cooper, Royal Fusiliers, Major Waller, Royal Fusiliers ...

Dancing commenced shortly after time the music of Jones's band. The following were among the company present: ... (*list includes*) ... Mr. Pynsent, Misses Pynsent ...

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Salisbury and Winchester Journal: Saturday 28th May 1870

Yeomanry Ball: The ball given by the officers of the “Queen’s Own” at the Royal Hotel, n the evening of Friday was a brilliant affair. The following were among the company: ... *(list includes)* ... Mr. Pynsent, Misses Pynsent ...

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0618 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock]

June 1870

Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 4th June 1870

Torquay Directory: ...

57: Belgravia: Belgrave Road: ... The Towers, 1 – Mr. and Mrs. Cox and family: Glencara, Miss Uniacke, The Misses Pynsent

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[see also Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 21st May 1870]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 24th June 1870

Westward Ho! Bideford, Appledore and Westward Ho! Railway: At the meeting of the landowners interested in the Bideford, Appledore and Westward Ho! Railway, at the Royal Hotel, on Wednesday, to which we have referred elsewhere, the plans of the proposed line were produced. The landowners present were General Hutchinson, Mr. Yeo, Mr. Pynsent, Mr. Cox .. *(etc.)* ...

After an explanation had been given on the part of the company the landowners present generally approved of the entire scheme, and gave their consent to the improved gradients and curves as shown in the plans expressing their intention of doing all they could to promote the undertaking ... the line will have stations at Bideford, Cliff House, Bidna Knapp (for Northam), Burrows Road (for Northam), Westward Ho! and Appledore ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

July 1870

Bideford Weekly Gazette and Devon and Cornwall Advertiser: Tuesday 5th July 1870

Northam Local Board: The fortnightly meeting of this board was held in the Vestry room on Saturday, present — the Rev. I. H. Gosset (Chairman), and Messrs. Reynolds, Pynsent, Yeo, W. Pickard, Tucker, Darracott, Cook, Mill, H. Pickard, Gordon, Bassett. Evans, Kelly, and Hutchinson. Mr. Beer, of Pimpley, was elected member in the place of Mr. Heathcote, resigned. The Chairman reported that several cases of fever had broken out at Applcdore, and a committee was appointed to inquire into state of the water supply in that locality and expend a sum not

exceeding £5 in improvements to the water supply on the beach at West Appledore. ...
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[GRO0835 Hennock]

The Star: Thursday 14th June 1877 [Guernsey]

Elizabeth College Sports: June has come round again, bringing with it one of the grand events of the years, the Elizabeth College Sports, of which judging from the fine show of carriages yesterday, no one is ever likely to tire. For in Guernsey, as in England, outdoor games are assiduously cultivated all the year round, and the interest felt in them is always keenly displayed, whenever an opportunity is presented of so doing. ... *(results of sports events):* ...

L'Ancress Common; Saturday 9th June:

Steeple Chase: ... A. Under 14: ... B. Under 16: Competitors: - Atter ma., Atter mi., Bell, Connell, Carey, C.; Carey, H. S., Forbes ma., Harvest mi., Hind am, Metcalfe, Pynsent, Vallencey mi. ... 1. Hinde, 2. C. Carey, 3. Connell ... C. Over 16 ...

(continues) ... Throwing the Cricket Ball: Under 15: Competitors: Le Lievre, Le Messurier, Pynsent: 1. Pynsent, 2, Le Messurier, 2. Le lievere: Distance 67 yards, 1 inch. ...

(continues) ... Fort George: Wednesday June 13th: ...

Long Jump: Under 15: Prize a cup: Competitors: Atter mi., Bazalgette, Connell, Druce, Forbes ma., Hitchins mi., Hinde ma., May, McCalley, Pynsent, Worssam, Wakely: 1, Hinde ma., 2, Bazalgette. 3. Hitchin mi.: Distance 13ft 2 inches. ...

(continues) ... Putting the Shot: Under 15: Prize, a flask: Competitors: Connell, Le Lievre, May, Pynsent: 1. May; 2. Connell; 3. Le Lievre: Distance 37 feet 5 inches. ...

(continues) ... High Jump: Under 15, Prize, a flask: Competitors: Baynes ma., Connell, Druce, Forbes ma., Hinde Ma., Hitchins mi., Pynsent: 1. Pynsent; 2, Hinde ma., 3. Forbes ma.: Height 4ft, 5 inches ...

(continues) ... Hurdle Race: Under 15: Prize, a Sandwich box: Competitors: Beesley, Bazalgett, Carey, C; Connell, Carey, W.S., Cull mi., Forbes ma. Hitchins mi., Pynsent: 1. Hitchins mi.; 2 Bazalgett; 3. Pynsent, Time 18 Secs: ...

(continues) ... Sack Race: Prize, a knife: Competitors ... *(several includes Pynsent)* ...

Three-Legged Race: Competitors, *(several includes Pynsent)* ...

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Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser: Wednesday 27th July 1870

The children receiving instruction at Paul's Meeting Sabbath schools had their annual treat on Tuesday ...

On the same day Miss Pollard, of the North Street, Sabbath school, treated her class to Burton Pynsent.

August 1870

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 5th August 1870

Northam: Local Government Board: The fortnightly meeting of this Board was held at Northam on Saturday last, the Rev. I. H. Gosset chairman: ... (*discussion of Silford Road widening*) ...

Mr. Yeo then proposed, and Mr. Gosset seconded, that the report be adopted, and the improvements be carried out at a cost not exceeding £150: Mr. Pynsent moved as an amendment, and it was seconded by Mr. Burnecl, "That the consideration of the Silford road improvement be deferred, until the five widenings and improvements already sanctioned by the Board at a cost of £1,850 have been carried out, and the total expenditure there on ascertained." The amendment was put to the meeting and was lost, only the mover and seconder voting for it.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Saturday 6th August 1870

Westward Ho! The Railway and Pier: Two undertakings that will play a prominent part in the development and progress of this latest of fashionable watering-places were "inaugurated" on Thursday. The first was the cutting of the premier sod of the Bideford, Appledore and Westward Ho! Railway, and the second the nailing of the central plank of the Pier ... Less than half a dozen years ago, Northam Burrows, as the place was then called, - it not having been as yet christened with the pretty and romantic name of Westward Ho! in compliment to Charles Kingsley was devoted principally to geese and donkeys, whilst occasionally a pic-nic party, or a stray tourist, come to take a peep at the wonderful pebble ridge, would put in an appearance ... It will be entirely independent of the London and southwester Railway Company being made by a Company of which Captain Molesworth is the chairman. It will run through lands of Mr. W. Yeo, Mr. W. Molesworth, the trustees of Mr. Pynsent, Lieut. Col. Hutchinson, and Gen. Hutchinson, all of whom have liberally given their land to the company free of cost. ...

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 12th August 1870]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Bideford Weekly Gazette and Devon and Cornwall Advertiser: Tuesday 16th August 1870

Appledore: Local Board: The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northam Local Board was held in 'ho National Schoolroom on Saturday, when the Rev. I. H. Gosset occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Yeo, Gordon, Beer, Swindale, Cook, Burnacle, Lemon, W. Pickard, Pynsent, Reynolds, and Kelly. The Clerk was requested to communicate with the British Association and the Secretary of Slate, and to inquire whether an accumulation of sawdust in a tidal river and acted on by salt water would be injurious to public health; and also, to inquire of Mr. Chanter if he would object the name of Chanter's Lane being altered to Chanter's Road. ... *(continues)* ...

Plans for the erection of new buildings adjoining Hillsborough were submitted by Mr. Pynsent and approved; ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 18th August 1870

Northam Local Board: The usual fortnightly meeting of the Northam Local Board was held in the National School Room on Saturday, when the Rev. I. H. Gosset occupied the chair and there were also present Messrs. Yeo, Gordon, Beer, Swindale, Cook, Burnacle, Lemon, W. Pickard, Pynsent, Reynolds and Kelly ... *(concerns about sawdust in a tidal river, road improvement etc.)* ... Plans for the erection of new buildings adjoining Hillsborough were submitted by Mr. Pynsent and approved...

[see similar Western Times: Tuesday 16th August 1870]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 25th August 1870

Annual Meeting of the Westward Ho! and Villas Company: The Annual Meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Westward Ho! Company was held yesterday (Wednesday) at the Company's office, High Street, Bideford: Lieut. General Hutchinson occupied the chair: ... *(reading of report)* ...

Mr. T. Pynsent, of Lakeham, moved that 3 per cent dividend be paid t the shareholders. He considered it bad policy not to declare a dividend because it would have a damaging effect on the Company. ... *(discussion and disagreement)* ...

The amendment and the original motion having been put; the chairman declared the amendment *(not to issue a dividend)* carried. The Directors did not vote. Mr. T. Pynsent: I shall demand a poll - this was granted ...

The amendment was again declared carried.

[see similar Western Times: Tuesday 30th August 1870]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Gazette: Friday 26th August 1870

Langport: Independent Chapel: The children attending the schools connected with the above Chapel, about 100 in number, had their annual treat, at Burton Pynsent on Wednesday.

September 1870

North Devon Journal: Thursday 1st September 1870

Northam: Local Board: At the meeting of the Northam Local Board, on Saturday, it was determined to borrow £700 from the West of England Insurance Company, to be expended as follows: — Silford road, and road leading to Abbotsham, £150; Limers Lane, £100; and road from Mr. Benson's to the dock, £450. — It was also decided to ask the parish authorities give up to Mr. Gordon the eastern end of Orchard-hill Road, in lieu of a new one 18 feet wide to be made by him through the quarry. Mr. Pynsent stated that the subscription well which had just been dug was answering satisfactorily, and that it now contained about 400 gallons of water. £4, wanted to complete it, was subscribed by the members of the Board. — The Clerk stated that the provisional order for the drainage of Westward Ho! could not be obtained until the next session of Parliament, and the works would therefore have to be suspended.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 30th September 1870

Sadbury Archers: The fifth meeting of this club took place at Sadbury last week. The weather was delightful, and archery and croquet were indulged in with much zeal. At seven, Mrs. Bragge and Captain Bragge entertained their numerous friends to dinner, after which dancing was commended and kept up with great spirit until nearly midnight. ...

Among the company were: ... Miss F. Pynsent ...

[GRO0308 Hennock]

October 1870

Southern Times and Dorset County Herald: Saturday 1st October 1870

Sporting: ...

The members of the Sadbarrow Archery Club held their fifth meeting on Wednesday week, at Sadbarrow, when the weather was fine and the attendance very numerous. At the conclusion of the archery and croquet contests, the visitors were entertained at dinner by Captain and Mrs. Bragge. The company included ... (*includes*) ... Miss F. Pynsent

[GRO0308 Hennock]

November 1870

Western Times: Tuesday 8th November 1870

The Recent Mortgage on the Northam Rates: — Mr. Thomas Pynsent, of Lakenham House, Westward Ho! one of the largest shareholders and landowners connected with Westward Ho and Villas Company, and a member of the Local Board, has just issued an address to the ratepayers with reference to the large sums borrowed during the last six-months on mortgage of the parish-rates. Of these sums he reminds them that £1,200 is expended in the drainage of Westward Ho! and £2,000 in the improvement of certain accommodation roads; and after pointing out the unfair manner in which this debt of a half year will have to be met - the occupiers of houses having: to contribute in a fourfold degree in excess of the landowners for improvements; in which they are no way interested — he says that as things am now stand tending, feels; much regret that Northam parish ever adopted the Local Government Act. Had the Board been content to confine its action, to sanitary matters, the Local Board, might well have been regarded as a blessing to the parish but if the rates are to be mortgaged, and these rapidly increasing incumbrances, incurred in addition to ordinary expenditure, according to the precedent set in the present year, for the promotion the interests of individuals who may have embarked in commercial speculations, then he regards it that few will be thankful for its establishment. He also, advises them to select at the next election men who will work and act with economy, and-who can afford to be independent – men of independent speech and independent action.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Bideford Weekly Gazette and Devon and Cornwall Advertiser: Tuesday 8th November 1870

The Mortgages on the Northam Parish Rates: To the Editor of the Bideford Gazette: Sir, - As one who regrets the establishment of the Northam Local Board, allow me, through the medium of your earliest to thank Mr. Pynsent for his very able and opportune letter on the mortgaging of the parish rates, Had the board, Mr. Pynsent says, confined its attention to sanitary matters, it might have been a blessing; but its tendency at present is certainly opposed to the interests of the ratepayers, inasmuch as instead of confining its attention to that for which it was it established it is positively borrowing and expending large sums of money for the improvement of speculations in which the ratepayers are not in the least interested, and from which they derive no benefit. My object however, in writing is to point out an omission in Mr. Pynsent's letter. Possibly he may have forgotten it. It is that at the first inquiry, when the Government Inspector was induced to advise the Secretary of State to sanction the borrowing of money for these Westward Ho! improvements, it was urged by several advocates that the rateable value of the district would in twelve months be double what it is now, although nearly two years have elapsed. The rateable value has not increased to that extent, nor has anything like the number

of people been here that the Inspector was led to believe. It was evidently an exaggeration if not a trick, and it was singular that no reference was made to it in Mr. Pynsent's capital letter, for which he deserves the thanks of every ratepayer in the parish. Yours very obediently: A Northamite: Northam Nov. 4th: ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Bideford Weekly Gazette and Devon and Cornwall Advertiser: Tuesday 8th November 1870

Northam Local Board: At a meeting held on Saturday, the Rev. E. Reynolds in the chair and Messrs. Yeo, Pynsent, Rodd, Burnicle, Cook, William, Pickard, Hour. Swindale, Mill, and Bear, a new rate of 1s. in the pound was ordered to be struck. Mr. Rodd made the usual declaration on taking his seat as a member. A memorial was presented from the owners and occupiers, of houses in Appledore, against the recommendations of the Surveyor with regard to certain improvements in that locality and a committee was appointed to report upon the same, also upon the condition of Nineteen Steps, complained of Mr. Benson, and the state of the well at Orchard-hill. The mortgage upon which £700 is about to be borrowed of the West of England Insurance Company was signed and sealed.

December 1870

Western Times: Saturday 3rd December 1870

Bideford: Polling the Parish of Northam on the Education Question: Exciting Meeting: Northam is the only parish in the deanery of Hartland in which a difficulty has been experienced in arriving at a decision with reference to the requirements of the Education Act. The inhabitants are largely divided; party feeling, and rival creeds have, unfortunately, been brought to bear upon the question, and between a rate-aided School Board and voluntaryism there appears to be a great difference of opinion ... (*discussion of meeting*) ...

Capt. Molesworth advocated the appointment of a committee to ascertain which system would be likely to work best in the interests of all parties. The Rev. T. A. Clarke and Mr. Pynsent supported the resolution in favour of a School Board, the latter contending that the voluntary system had hitherto proved a miserable failure. (*disorganized discussion*) ...

Both the motion and the amendment were lost, which greatly increased the excitement, and on the motion of Mr. T. Pynsent, seconded by Mr. J. B. Gordon, it was resolved that a poll be taken as to whether a School Board or the voluntary system shall be adopted., Monday being fixed for the polling in Northam, and Tuesday for the polling in Appledore. For three hours the utmost confusion and amusement prevailed, several persons present behaving themselves with singular impropriety, and the meeting was one of the excitable ever held in the parish.

[see similar: Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Saturday 3rd December 1870 and North Devon Journal: Thursday 8th December 1870 and similar Western Times; Tuesday 6th December 1870]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Saturday 10th December 1870

Bideford; Education Question in Northam: Declaration of the Poll: "A parish meeting was held in the Northam Vestry Room on Friday, when the Vicar, the Rev. E. M. D. Dimond-Churchward, declared that the result of the polling in Northam and Appledore was a majority of 136 in favour the Voluntary system, the numbers being for the Voluntary system, 174; for a rate-aided School Board, 38. Mr. Pynsent moved, and the Rev. J. T. Leslie seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his praiseworthy conduct in the matter, which was carried unanimously and Mr. Pynsent hoped that those who had voted in the majority would give the system the support it deserved.

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 16th December 1870 and North Devon Journal: Thursday 15th December 1870]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Tuesday 20th December 1870

Northam Local Board: Saturday: The Rev. J. H. Gosset in the chair: On the motion of Mr. J. B. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Pynsent, it was resolved that the Board consent to the application of the Bideford Gas Company for a provisional order for the extension their works. The Clerk was requested to, proceed with the matter of compelling Mr. Dymond to carry his drainage into the main sewer, in accordance with the plan of the Surveyor and Mr. Gordon gave notice that unless the owner the adjacent property consented to accept £4, offered by the Board, towards the repair of Nineteen Steps, he would move the rescinding of the resolution the next meeting.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 23rd December 1870

Northam: Local Board: The fortnightly meeting of this board was held in the vestry room on Saturday, the Rev. I. H. Gosset in the chair, when Mr. J. B. Gordon moved and Mr. T. Pynsent seconded that the board consent to the application of the Bideford Gas and Coke Company for a Provisional order, which was carried by seven votes against two. (*other business – discussion of a report on fever and other health issues during which several members left*) ...

Mr. Adderly Wren moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr Molesworth, "That the report be sent up in the name of the committee, and not by the Board," and on being put to the meeting

it was carried, the members who went away having returned. Mr. Pynsent remarked that they had been fetched from a neighbouring pothouse in order to carry the amendment. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

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January 1871

North Devon Journal: Thursday 19th January 1871

Northam: The Local Board and the Bideford Gas Company: We have already published a brief report of the proceedings of the Local Board on Saturday in reference to this question; but a desire has been expressed that we should publish the exact wording of the resolutions we give the following report: ... On this the following amendment was moved by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Pynsent "That the resolution of the Board passed on the 17th ult., consenting to the application made by the Bideford Gas and Coke Company, limited, for a Provisional Order, under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, be confirmed, subject, however to the express condition that no exclusive privileges are thereby conferred on the aforesaid Company, and that the ratepayers of Northam, be not made liable for any costs connected with obtaining the said Provisional Order, or for any expenditure whatever in connection with the proposed works."

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 20th January 1871

Northam: ...

At the meeting of the Local Board, on Saturday, Mr. Pynsent, chairman, it was resolved that the shipyard and premises be purchased from the Rogers trustees, by valuation, in order to widen the road at New Quay provided Mr. Yeo purchase what the Board does not require.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

February 1871

North Devon Journal: Thursday 23rd February 1871

Northam: Health of Northam: At the last meeting of the Local Board, the Clerk read the replies he had received from different Local Boards with respect to the appointment of a medical officer health, and it was resolved by a large majority that such an officer be not appointed for

this parish, a motion that medical officer be appointed being lost. Mr. Pynsent gave notice that he should move, at the next meeting, that a temporary hospital be provided for persons suffering from fever and other infectious diseases, and for the removal of all those who are without proper lodging or accommodation.

[see also Western Times: Wednesday 15th February 1871]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

March 1871

North Devon Journal: Thursday 2nd March 1871

Northam: The Local Board met at Appledore on Saturday. There was a large attendance. A letter having been read from the Medical Department of the Privy Council, stating the Dr. Thorne, the Sanitary Inspector purposed visiting the district in order to ascertain the cause of the high death-rate from preventable diseases, it was resolved that the officers of the Board afford Dr. Thorne all the information he may require and that the Clerk give the members notice when the Inspector is ready with his report. Mr. Pynsent, in accordance with previous notice, moved that a temporary hospital be provided for the reception of persons suffering from fever and other infectious diseases and for the removal thereto of all those who are without proper lodging accommodation, which was seconded by Mr. Gordon, but only the mover and seconder voted for it, and it was therefore lost. ...

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 3rd March 1871 and Western Times: Tuesday 28th February 1871]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 3rd March 1871

Northam: The Sanitary Condition of Northam and Appledore: A special meeting of the Northam Local Board was held in the vestry room on Wednesday, the Rev. I. H. Gosset in the chair, for the purpose of receiving a verbal report from Dr. Thorne, a Sanitary Inspector from the Medical Department of the Privy Council, with respect to the sanitary condition of Northam and Appledore. ... *(blames poor sewage disposal – recommends appointment of a medical health officer) ...*

Several questions were replied to and at the close of the proceedings a vote of thanks, moved by Mr. T. Pynsent and seconded by General Hutchinson, was presented to Dr. Thorne for his investigation and report.

[see similar: Western Times: Friday 3rd March 1871]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 17th March 1871

Cullompton: Petty Sessions: Monday: Before C. R. Collins, Esq., (Chairman), Rev. J. P. Sydenham, J. C. New, Esq., and G. M. Marker, Esq. ...

Sarah Gibbons, of Hemyock, was summoned for stealing a shawl, the property of Elizabeth Snow. The prosecutrix said that on the 2nd March she left a shawl in the waiting room at the Burlescombe Station. From information received her husband went to the prisoner's house where he saw the prisoner's daughter, who gave up half the missing shawl, which had been cut in two, and said her mother had taken it by mistake for one she had left there on the day in question. This was corroborated by Francis Snow, the prosecutrix's husband. William Pynsent a porter at the Burlescombe Station, said that he saw the prisoner take the shawl from the waiting room on the morning of the 2nd instant. He did not know at the time but what it belonged to her. P.C. Froude said that on going to the prisoner's house, after some altercation, part of the shawl was given up to him, the other half, which was sent away, had since been found. The prisoner in defence said that she went to the Station to fetch her daughter's luggage who had that morning come by train. Not knowing exactly what luggage she had she took the shawl by mistake and not with any felonious intention. The Bench considered that the prisoner if she did not know the shawl belonged to her daughter at the time, she took it must have found out the mistake when she got home and were of opinion that she had acted very dishonestly. She was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

[GROxxxx xxxxx]

April 1871

Western times: Tuesday 18th April 1871

Torquay: Easter Ball: This Ball under very distinguished patronage, took place on Friday night at the Bath Saloon. The attendance was not so numerous as on some former occasions. Among the company were: Miss Florence Pynsent, Mr. Pynsent ...

[GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

May 1871

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 26th May 1871

Appledore: The Northam Local Board held their usual meeting in the National School room on Saturday. The Rev. I. H. Gosset was in the chair.

Mr. Pynsent complained that the drainage of the Westward Ho! district had been brought and lodged by a house (No. 2 Hotel) belonging to Mrs. Pynsent's Trustees. The Clerk stated in

consequence of the delay of the provisional order they were not in a position to carry it further ...

[see also: North Devon Journal: Thursday 25th May 1871]

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0469 Hennock] (?)

June 1871

July 1871

August 1871

North Devon Journal: Thursday 17th August 1871

Bideford: Annual Meeting of the Devonshire Association for the advancement of Science, Literature and Art: this town being honoured by being selected by the Council of the Devonshire Association to be the place at which its tenth annual meeting should be held, the event has been looked forward to for some weeks past with a great deal of interest; and the Town Council of the Borough, much to their honour, determined to maintain its ancient character for hospitality by affording a public welcome to the President and Council of the body ... *(account of welcome and reception that followed)* ...

The Town Clerk then signified, at the instance of the Mayor, that the proceedings, so far as the present reception was concerned, were at an end; and conveyed the invitation of his Worship to all the ladies and gentlemen assembled to the School room of the Bridge Hall opposite, where a repast awaited them – *followed by speeches* ...

Alderman Chanter and Mr. Narraway responded to the toast, and expressed the gratification of the Council and the town at large at the extreme liberality and public spirit with which the Mayor had carried out the duties of his office. Mr. Pynsent gave the health of “The Ladies,” and after a few other toasts the banquet broke up. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Southern Times and Dorset County Herald: Saturday 19th August 1871

Hinton St. George: Sadborow Archers: The second meeting of the Sadborow archers took place at Hinton St. George on Tuesday, August 15th, when all the elite of the neighbourhood were most nobly entertained by Lord Westbury. At the conclusion of the shooting, all the guests, numbering about 150 were invited into dinner, after which dancing commenced to the strains of the Summerhayes’ quadrille band in the magnificent salon, which was most gracefully decorated with floral devices appropriate to the occasion and continued until long past midnight. ...

Among those present ... *(included)* ... Miss Pynsent ...

[GROxxxx Hennock]

September 1871

North Devon Journal: Thursday 28th September 1871

Bideford: Mrs. Scott-Siddons's Reading: The honour of being the first to occupy the magnificent public hall, just completed in this town, the formal opening of which took place the following day, was accorded to Mrs. Scott-Siddons, who gave one of her delightful entertainments in it on Tuesday afternoon, and who, in polite acknowledgement of the compliment paid her or as may be, as a mark of respect to her relative (T. B. Chanter, Esq.), the Chairman of the Company by whose enterprise that noble structure has been reared, gave the handsome proceeds of the occasion in aid of the building fund ...

Among the company we noticed ... *(includes)*, W. Pynsent, Esq. *(sic)* ...

[GROxxxx Hennock]

October 1871

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette; Friday 13th October 1871

Bideford: Fashionable Ball at the Public Rooms: A grand ball took place on Wednesday night in the Grand Music Hall and was attended by a large and fashionable company from all parts of the neighbourhood. ...

Among those present were: *(long list includes)* ... Gentlemen: ... Ladies: ... the Misses Pynsent ...

[GRO0618 Hennock] [GR0308 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock]

Trewman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth and Cornish Advertiser: Wednesday October 18th, 1871: Issue 5496.

The October Ball: The annual October ball, which was held at the Royal Public Rooms last evening was largely attended by the elite of the neighbourhood. Among those present were Lord and Lady Politmore, Sir S. H. Northcote, Bart, M.P., Lady and Miss Northcote, etc....

[includes] Misses Pynsent. [GRO0618 Hennock] [GR0308 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 19th October 1871

The Fisherman's Grievance: Visit of Sir T. D. Acland, Bart., M.P.: Responding to representations made to him by the Rev. W. Parkes and the Rev. T. J. Leslie, Congregational Ministers of Bideford and Appledore respectively, who were at the pains to collect a mass of evidence from

the fishermen of this port and Instow, setting forth their complaint of the injustice done to them and the public by the fence days at present enforced on the salmon fishery of the Taw and Torridge, of all other rivers in the kingdom, which, on these local rivers, commence at too early a period (the beginning of September), Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, Bart., M.P. for North Devon, intimated that he would endeavour to take an early opportunity of visiting Appledore, and further enquiring into the subject himself on the spot.

It speedily became known that he was in the place, and a number of the respectable inhabitants and fishermen hastened to meet him in the most convenient place available, which was the school room attached to the Congregational Chapel. Among the gentlemen present were General Hutchinson, R. A. Parry, Esq., T. R. Pynsent, Esq, (*sic*), Rev. – Reynolds, Rev. T. J. Leslie etc ... (*discussion of opening dates for the fishery*) ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 20th October 1871

October County Ball: The above ball took place on Tuesday night at the Royal Public Rooms. There was an unusually large and fashionable attendance. Mr. Rendle's Quadrille Band performed some excellent selections of the latest dance music. Mr. Mason acted as maitre de ballet. Mr. Griffiths, of High Street, supplied the refreshments. Amongst those present were Ladies ... (*long list includes*) ... Miss F. Pynsent, Miss Pynsent ... Gentleman ... (*long list includes*) ... Mr. Pynsent ...

[see similar: Western Times: Wednesday 18th October 1871]

[GRO0308 Hennock] [GROxxxx Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

November 1871

Trewman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth and Cornish Advertiser: Wednesday November 8th: 1871: Issue 5499.

Cullompton: The Cullompton petty session was held on Monday before the Reverends. J. Huyshe and J.P. Sydenham, and G.M. Marker, Esq.: James, William, Sidney, Edwin, and Henry Rowland (brothers) were charged with assaulting P.C. Pynsent while in the execution of his duty at Culmstock. Mr. Toby defended. Pynsent deposed that about eleven o'clock on the night of the 4th instant, he was informed that James Rowland, a deserter from the 66th Regiment, was at the house of his brothers. He went there, and found the defendant accreted in the partition of a wall. On his making this discovery the defendants fell upon him. William Rowland cut the string of his staff and wrenched it from him. James Rowland was also very violent towards him, as were also Sidney and Edwin the former caught hold of his legs and tripped him. The other defendant (Henry) was the less violent and endeavoured to persuade his brothers not to injure

the witness. In the affray his clothes were much damaged and, had not Messrs. Braddick and Woodbury come to his assistance, he would probably have been seriously injured. The defendants James, William and Sidney were taken into custody, and a summons procured for the other two. ...

[defendant's lawyer said that the police constable had no right to search the house without a warrant].

The Bench retired to consider their decision and on again coming into Court, the Chairman said they were of the opinion that the assault on the police constable was very brutal one. The two defendants, James and William were sent to prison for three months hard labour, Edwin and Sidney were fined 20s each, of fourteen days, and allowed a fortnight to pay. ...

James Rowland, at the conclusion of the case, admitted being a deserter from the 66th Regiment of Foot. ...

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 10th November 1871]

[GROxxxx xxxxx]

Trewman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth and Cornish Advertiser: Wednesday November 22nd, 1871: Issue 5501.

Marriages: November 15th, at Talaton, Thomas Stokes, second son of Richard Bath, of Glastonbury, Somerset, to Annie, niece of J. Pynsent Mathew, of Rydon, Talaton,

Western Times: Friday 24th November 1871

Marriages: Bath – Matthew: Nov. 15, at Talaton, near Ottery, Thomas Stokes Bath, Esq., second son of Richard Bath, Esq., Glastonbury, to Annie, niece of J. Pynsent Mathew, Esq., Rydon House, Talaton.

December 1871

North Devon Journal: Thursday 7th December 1871

Appledore: The Northam Local Board met in the National schoolroom, Appledore, on Saturday: The Rev. I. H. Gosset the chair. — The E. Reynolds moved that the resolution of October 7th respecting the appointment of a medical officer be rescinded. This was seconded by Mr. Pynsent and carried. — It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Yeo, that ten guineas be offered to Dr. Pratt to take the office of medical officer for the parish of Northam for one year, commencing Christmas. — Mr. Darracott sent in his resignation, which was accepted. — The Chairman remarked that three great questions would soon come before the Board, viz., water supply, drainage outfall at Appledore, and scavenging Appledore and Northam. In fact, they were pledged to the Privy Council respecting these matters and could not avoid them.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 14th December 1871

Curious Gun Licence Case: Edmund Shaxton, a labourer, of Northam, was summoned for carrying a gun without a licence: James Squire, mason deposed that he saw defendant go on the land of Mr. Pynsent to shoot rabbits: Mr. F. Hill and Mr. Marsh, of the Inland Revenue stated that the defendant did not hold a gun licence. Mr. Smale, who appeared for the defendant, stated that his client was under the impression that he had a gun licence, which was held by Squire, the above witness. Mr. J. Penhorwood and Mr. J. Hughes both swore that the witness (Squire) showed a gun licence at the "King's Head," with Shaxton's name on it. This, however, was denied by Squire. Mr. Smale submitted it was a case for a mitigated penalty. Mr. Marsh did not press for the costs, and defendant was mulcted £3 including costs.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Saturday 30th December 1871

Torquay: The Annual Christmas Ball, at the Bath Saloon on Wednesday evening was well attended. The refreshments were supplied by Mr. Rolph, of the Victoria Parade. The arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. G. M. Tribe, the manager. Mr. Round's Band played an excellent selection of music. Amongst those present were: ... *(long list includes)* ... Mr. Pynsent, Miss Florence Pynsent, Miss Jane Pynsent ...

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock]

1872

January 1872

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Monday 1st January 1872

Torquay: Annual Christmas Ball: The annual Christmas Ball was held at the Bath Saloon, Torquay, on Wednesday evening, and was numerously attended. The dancing, which commenced about tea and concluded at three, took place in the large room, the other being used for a refreshment room. ...

Amongst those present were: ... *(list includes)* ... Mr. Pynsent, Miss Florence Pynsent, Miss Jane Pynsent ...

[GRO0472 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 5th January 1872

Newton: New Year's Day at the Union: The most important day in the year to the inmates of the Union House in the first of January, not even exception the memorable roast beef and plum pudding day. It has been the practice of the Rev. R. R. Wolfe and his friends at Torquay for many years past to collect subscriptions for the purpose of presenting to each pauper individual in the house a present in addition to a first-rate tea. In the distribution of the gifts the presence of several ladies and gentlemen with their gracious smiles and kind words renders the affair additionally attractive. On Monday they were favoured by the company of Mrs. Erskine, Miss Erskine, T. Pynsent, Esq., formerly of Pitt House and late guardian for Hennock, Misses Pynsent (2), Rev. J. M. Hawker ... *(etc.) ... (description of the event) ...*

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GROxxxx Hennock] [GROxxxx Hennock]

Treman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth and Cornish Advertiser: Wednesday January 10th, 1872 Issue 5508.

Establishment of the Devonshire Agricultural Society: The county meeting, held at the Castle of Exeter on Friday to promote the establishment of a Devon County Agricultural Association was well attended by most of the principal agriculturalists of the County and was most enthusiastic. ... *[speeches]* ... Sir Stafford Northcote *[said]* ... he had to move that "the following gentlemen be elected members for the Council for the year 1872, viz: - " *[includes]* Pynsent Mathew, Tallaton; ... *(etc.)*

North Devon Journal: Thursday 11th January 1872

Great County Meeting: Establishment of the Devonshire Agricultural Society: A large, influential and enthusiastic meeting was held at the Castle of Exeter on Friday, to promote the establishment of a Devon County Agricultural Association, the necessity and prospective benefit of which in promoting the interests of agriculture had already been affirmed by a committee of Agriculturalists representing all parts of the county at a preliminary meeting held in Exeter some few weeks since. *(speeches)* ...

He had to move: "That the following gentlemen be elected members of the Council for the year 1872, viz: Southern District ... Northern District ... *(includes)* Pynsent Matthew, Tallaton ... " ... *(ongoing discussion)* ...

[see also Western Times: Saturday 6th January 1872]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Saturday 20th January 1872

Devon County Agricultural Association: The meeting of the Council of this Association was held at the Castle of Exeter yesterday his Grace the Duke of Somerset, Lord-Lieutenant of the County presiding ... *(discussion of organizational issues)* ...

The Secretary said there were five members for that district to be appointed, for Mr. Balsdon, of Wear Gifford, and Mr. Pynsent Matthews had declined to act, although both wished well to the Society ...

[see also Western Times: Tuesday 23rd January 1872]

Western Times: Tuesday 30th January 1872

Newton: County Ball: The annual count ball took place at the Globe on Thursday night under distinguished patronage. The ball room, and its approaches, were decorated in the most tasteful manner. The refreshments, supplied by Mr. Bracewell in the adjoining rooms were of the choicest description and the wines excellent. The Royal Marines Band played a selection of the newest dance music with their well-known ability. The following were present: ... (*long list includes*) ... Mr. Pynsent, Miss F. Pynsent, Miss J. Pynsent ...

[see similar Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Monday 29th January 1872]

[GRO0472 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

February 1872

Western Times: Friday 16th February 1872

Torquay: The Grand Masonic Hall: The “free and accepted brethren,” with a few of their sisters and others a trifle nearer and dearer, held high festival at the Bath Saloon on Monday night, where a ball on a very grand scale took place. There were nearly three hundred present ...

Among the company were: ... (*long list includes*) ... Mr., Mrs. and Miss Pynsent ... (*sic*)

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0469 Hennock] [GROxxxx Hennock]

Torquay Times and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 17th February 1872

Torquay: Index to Names of Residents & Visitors: ... Pinsent, 2 ... Pynsent, 2 ...

[GROxxxx xxxxx] [GROxxxx xxxxx]

March 1872

April 1872

North Devon Journal: Thursday 25th April 1872

The Local Board of Northam met at the National Schoolroom, Appledore, on Saturday Wm. Yeo, Esq., Chairman. ... (*report of the Finance Committee*) ...

Proposed by Mr. Pynsent, seconded by Mr. Beer that the committee appointed to act with the Westward Ho! Committee be requested to furnish the Local Board on that day in a month with

a detailed account of what had been done since their appointment, of the money expended and to be expended and also other items respecting the road and drainage works – Carried.

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Tuesday 23rd April 1872]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

May 1872

North Devon Journal: Thursday 9th May 1872

Northam: The Northam Local Board met in the Vestry room at Northam on Saturday, the Rev. I. H. Gossett, in the chair. Mr. Pynsent proposed, and Mr. Gordon seconded, that a Committee of Messrs. Beer, Gordon, and the Rev. I. H. Gossett, be appointed to view the damaged done to the road, near the Bell Inn, by Mr. Rooke, and to take the necessary steps consequent upon the same. ... the retiring members subject to re-election are Messrs. Evans, Mill, Beard, Pynsent, Beer, Kelly, Gordon, and the Rev. E. Reynolds ...

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Monday 6th May 1872]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 10th May 1872

Marriages: Hathway – Pynsent: May 8, at Ermington, William Hawkins, Captain 62nd Regt. Only son of William Hathway, Esq., of Chescombe Lodge, Durdham Down, near Bristol, to Frances Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Charles Pitt Pynsent, Esq., and niece of William Francis Splatt, Esq. of Flete.

[see similar Pall Mall Gazette: Friday 10th May 1872]

[GRO1214 Hennock] [GRO0921 Hennock]

Week's News (London): Saturday 11th May 1872

Marriages: ... (*list includes*) ... Hathway – Pynsent: At Ermington, Capt. W. A. Hathway, 62nd Regiment to Frances E. d of C. P. Pynsent, May 8

[GRO1214 Hennock] [GRO0921 Hennock]

Homeward Mail from India, China and the East: Monday 13th May 1872

Marriages: Hathway – Pynsent: May 8, at Ermington, William Hawkins Hathway, Captain 62nd Regt. To Frances Elizabeth, daughter of C. P. Pynsent, Esq. of Flete, Devon.

[GRO1214 Hennock] [GRO0921 Hennock]

The Belfast News-Letter: Monday May 13th, 1872 Issue 55328

Marriages: Hathway – Pynsent: May 8th, at Ermington, by the Rev. C.J. Balteel, W., Hawkins Hathway, Captain 62nd Regt., only son of Wm. Hathway, Esq., of Chescombe Lodge, Durdham Down, Bristol, to Frances Elizabeth, only daughter of Charles P. Pynsent, Esq.

[GRO0921 Hennock] [GRO1214 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 30th May 1872

Northam: The annual election of members to the Local Government Board of the Northam District, in place of eight members retiring by rotation, came off on Monday last when the voting papers were collected and made up by the Chairman. There were 14 persons nominated, and the result of the voting was as follows: - T. Pynsent, Esq., 397, Rev. E. Reynolds, 393, Mr. John Mill, 390, Thomas Evans Esq., 351, Mr. Alexander Beara, 294, Mr. John Penhorwood, 260, Mr. William Kelly, 231, Mr. James Tatem, 220, Mr. W. Bear, 218, Mr. Thos. Diamond, 215, Mr. Giles Pickard, 198, J. B. Gordon, Esq., 194, Mr. T. D. Blackmore, 176, Mr. J. Cock, 163. The eight first named were, of course, elected. The changes made in the constitution of the Boar by these elections are that Messrs. Penhorwood and Tatem take the place of Messrs. Gordon and Bear. The others are merely re-elections.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

June 1872

July 1872

Trewman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth and Cornish Advertiser: Wednesday July 30th, 1872

The North Devon Exhibition: Inaugurated some seven years ago, the Bideford and North Devon horse, dog, poultry donkey and Channel Island Cattle Show continued a steady existence up to 1872 and annually exhibited itself, but last year the exchequer being low, and the spirit of the committee having ebbed, the annual event was allowed to lay quiescent. This year, however, matters have not been permitted to continue in so very unsatisfactory a state and the meeting commenced at Westward Ho! On Thursday ... *[description of show and committee, then prize lists: including]* ... Horses: Galloways: Best Galloways for riding or driving, not exceeding fourteen hands high: First Mr. E. U. Vidal, Cornborough; second Mr. T. Pynsent, Hillsborough; highly recommended, Mr. J. B. Torr, Westleigh, Bideford ... *(etc.)* ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

August 1872

Field: Saturday 3rd August 1872

Golf at Westward Ho.: A special meeting of the Westward Ho and North Devon Ladies' Club was held on Saturday last for a handicap competition for five prizes. The day was everything that could be desired, a good breeze from the sea and some light flying clouds tempering the extreme heat of the sun, so the attendance both of members and spectators was very large. The following twenty-four ladies started: Miss E. Bazeley, Miss M. Bazeley, Miss Chanter, Miss A. Charlewood, Miss F. Charlewood, Miss S. Charlewood, Miss Dayman, Miss Dowell, Miss Gosset, Miss C. Gosset, Miss L. Gossett, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Langhorne, Miss F. Mansfield, Mrs. Oliphant, Miss Patterson, Miss A. Patterson, Miss E. Patterson, Miss Pridham, Miss Pynsent, Miss F. Pynsent, Miss J. Pynsent, Miss Serjeant, Mrs. Simpkins. ... *(description of event)*

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[GRO0618 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock]

September 1872

October 1872

November 1872

Western Gazette: Friday 1st November 1872

Curry Rivel, Drayton, Langport and Huish Episcopi Agricultural Association: The 32nd annual meeting and ploughing match in connection with the above-named society was held on Tuesday. The ploughing took place in a field known as the "Nineteen Acres," in the occupation of Mr. C. Evered at Curry Rivel. ...

Prize List: First Class: Champion Ploughmen: Four Competitors: £5, James Grinter, in the employ of Mr. Wm. Rowsell, Hambridge, £3, John Templeman, in the service of Mr. T. T. Cuff, Burton Pynsent ...

Western Times: Friday 8th November 1872

Northam Improvements: Another road improvement about to be carried out by public subscription. It is Edith Cross-lane, an occupation road, which now in a wretched condition, having never been repaired the parish. The distance by the road proposed set order being about one-eighth of a mile less than by that through the village, the carrying out of the improvement may be regarded as a great convenience to persons proceeding to and from this place as well as to the residents of Northam and Westward Ho! It is to be coated, widened in certain places, and drained, and already Mr. Pynsent, who has taken the matter up, has received several subscriptions and promises of labour. Further assistance is, of course, required, and will doubt be forthcoming.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

December 1872

Norwich Mercury: Saturday 21st December 1872

The Treasurers of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital begs to acknowledge, with thanks a donation of £4 4s from the Rev. F. A. Pynsent, and £1 an addition, on 10th November, to a previous collection at Thorpe Church.

[GRO0295 Hennock]

1873

January 1873

February 1873

March 1873

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette: Thursday 6th March 1873

The Elder and the Younger Pitt: Their Connection with Bath: ... *(long discussion)* ... Other records of the period inform us of the sincere respect which he retained to the last for his distinguished friend, one of the strongest proofs being that he left him £1,000 in his will. Soon afterwards, Mr. Pitt received a still more substantial token of regard from a Somersetshire baronet, Sir William Pynsent, who, having no children, bequeathed to him his estates at Burton Pynsent worth nearly £3,000 a year in admiration of his conduct. ... *(continues)* ...

In 1766, he spent some time in Bath, and he is stated in the newspapers of the day to have taken a house for seven years, but there is not trace of renewed intercourse with his constituents. Having made a speech in the House of Commons on the Stamp Act he went to Burton Pynsent where he had formed large plans for the adornment of his estate. *(long ongoing discussion of the two Pitts and of Burton Pynsent)* ...

It might not be generally known that Burton Pynsent could be seen by travellers on the Bristol and Exeter Railway, close to Langport. The obelisk in the park there was not as people told them erected to Pitt; it was erected by Pitt in gratitude to Sir William Pynsent ...

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April 1873

North Devon Journal: Thursday 10th April 1873

Northam: Local Government Board: An ordinary fortnightly meeting was held in the Vestry room on Saturday last when the following members attended ... (*discussion of local issues, including*) ...

A letter was read from Mr. John Turner requesting the board to put the hedge between Bone Hill and Mr. Pynsent's house into a proper state, which request was ordered to be complied with. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

May 1873

Western Gazette: Friday 16th May 1873

Welcome Home to the Vicar and Mrs. Mules: This village was on Tuesday evening last the scene of extensive and somewhat unusual rejoicing. Our readers will remember that the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. S. Mules, was, on the 17th of April last, married to Mrs. King, of Westhall House, Folke, near Sherborne ... (*description of return to Curry Rivel*) ...

The happy pair arrived at the Taunton Station, on their return from the honeymoon, on Tuesday afternoon and proceeded thence to Curry in an open carriage, drawn by a pair of grey horses, and supplied by Mr. Thorne of the Langport Arms, Hotel. They were met at Burton Pynsent by a large number of people, headed by the village Brass Band, the members of which had come forth from Curry for that purpose ...

June 1873

July 1873

North Devon Journal: Thursday 24th July 1873

NORTHAM: The Local Board met at the Vestry on the 14th July Present — T. Evans, Esq., chairman; Rev. I. H. Gosset, Messrs. J. Mill, H. Cawsey, J. Parkhouse, E. Williams J. Penhorwood, and E. Reynolds. — The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. — Thomas Pynsent, Esq., lately a member of this Board having been absent for the last six months and upwards, a vacancy has been occasioned. — Moved by Mr. Gosset, and seconded by Mr. Williams, that Mr. Pynsent be re-elected to fill such vacancy. — Carried. Mr. Gosset reported that a meeting of the Westward Ho! ratepayers had been held, and that Mr. Molesworth, Mr. Pynsent, and Mr. Beer had been appointed the Committee on their behalf. — The Committee reported that a letter had been sent to Mr. Woodhouse asking information respecting the foundation of a Port Sanitary Authority, but no reply had been received to such letter. The subject was directed to stand over until the next meeting. — The Committee reported on the

application of Mr. Gordon, to make certain alterations proposed to be made to the road at Orchard Hill. — Ordered that the common seal of the Board be affixed to the notice requiring the parties to connect their drains with the common sewer, and the clerk was authorised to sign notices on behalf of the Board. — The inspector's report on Holywell was read. — Moved by Mr. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Gosset, that Messrs. Pynsent, Mill, and Cawsey be appointed a committee to meet the Surveyor to examine and report on the drainage for Lyall's Lane through Castle-street, connecting with the main sewer at the bottom of the latter street, and also to consider the drainage from the proposed buildings to be erected by Mr. Phillpotts. — The same committee was also authorised to report on the drainage so as to prevent the same from percolating into the Holywell. Also, to inspect the matter complained of by Mr. Cobbledick and do what is necessary to abate the nuisance complained of. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 25th July 1873

Northam, Near Westward Ho! North Devon: TO be SOLD by Auction, next month, unless previously disposed of by private contract, lots to suit purchasers: The VILLA RESIDENCE "Lakenham House," lately occupied by Mr. Percival Anglesmith, with the Stables, Coach-houses, and other Buildings, Gardens, &c. The VILLA RESIDENCE of "Hillsborough," occupied by Mr. Pynsent, with the Stables, Coachhouses, and other Buildings, Gardens, &p. The FARM-HOUSE of "Tadworthy," with the Buildings and Lands held therewith, by Mr. John Mill. The "WOODBINES," with the Land occupied therewith, by Mr. William Ward. The FARM-HOUSE called "Commons," with the Buildings and Lands occupied therewith, by Mr. Richard Spearman. "BURROWS PARK," occupied by William Lilly and John Skinner, "PEBBLE RIDGE HOTEL," near the Baths at Westward Ho with the Buildings thereto, lately occupied by Mr. John Stacey, now in hand. Also, various FIELDS and HILL LANDS (having stone quarries thereon) suitable for the erection of Villas, all situated near the above. For further particulars, and to treat, apply to Mr. James Stubbin, Solicitor, Birmingham, or to the Auctioneer. More detailed particulars of such the properties as may remain on hand for auction will appear in future papers. To view the properties, apply to Mr. Pynsent, Hillsborough, Westward Ho! to the Tenants on the Premises, or to Mr. Thomas Cook, Builder, Northam, Dated July 15th, 1873,

[see also North Devon Journal: Thursday 24th July 1873]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 25th July 1873

Bideford: the Show: Opening of the Pier: The new pier was formally opened yesterday, and in connection with the event a horse, cattle and poultry show was held, and very largely patronized: ...

Horses: Galloways: Best Galloway for riding or driving, not exceeding 14 hands high, 1st, Mr. E. U. Vidal, Cornborough; 2nd, Mr. T. Pynsent, Northam; h.c. Mr. J. B. Torr, Bideford ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Trewman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth and Cornish Advertiser: Wednesday July 30th, 1873 Issue 5670.

The North Devon Exhibition: Inaugurated some seven years ago, the Bideford and North Devon horse, dog, poultry donkey and Channel Island Cattle Show continued a steady existence up to 1872 and annually exhibited itself, but last year the exchequer being low, and the spirit of the committee having ebbed, the annual event was allowed to lay quiescent. This year, however, matters have not been permitted to continue in so very unsatisfactory a state and the meeting commenced at Westward Ho! On Thursday ... *[description of show and committee, then prize lists: including] ...*

Horses: Galloways: Best Galloways for riding or driving, not exceeding fourteen hands high: First Mr. E.U. Vidal, Cornborough; second, Mr. T. Pynsent, Hillsborough; highly recommended, Mr. J.B. Torr, Westleigh, Bideford ... *(etc.) ...*

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Herald: Thursday 31st July 1873

Northam: The Local Board have elected Mr. Pynsent to fill a vacancy created by his absence for six months from this country, and the ratepayers of Westward Ho! have appointed Captain Molesworth, Mr. Pynsent, and Mr. Beer a committee on their behalf.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

September 1873

Western Times: Friday 5th September 1873

Auction Sales by Mr. E. Partridge: Northam, Westward Ho! North Devon: Freehold Villa Residences, Small Farms, Detached Lands and Long Leasehold Cottages for sale with land tax free. Mr. Edward Partridge is instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of by private contract) at the New Inn Hotel, Bideford, Devon, on Thursday the 18th day of September, 1873, at 3 for 4 o'clock in the afternoon, subject to such conditions as shall be then and there produced, the following eligible properties, and in the under-mentioned or such lots as may be determined at the Auction: Lot 1: "Lakenham House"...

Lot 2: "Hillsborough,": A marine Villa Residence, also freehold, detached, and in the Italian style, erected about eight years ago, and standing in its own grounds on a slope above the high road leading from Bideford, through Northam, to the hotel Westward Ho ! having a similar view

to Lakenham House, with convenient coach-house and stabling, croquet ground, and summer-house, containing in the whole la 2r 28p or thereabouts. Besides a handsome entrance hall, the house contains drawing-room, dining room, communicating with conservatory, library, servants' hall, 9 bedrooms, all necessary offices. Also, an excellent walled garden abutting on the high road abovementioned, and close to the grounds of Hillsborough, containing 1r 3p thereabouts; the whole now occupied by Mr. Pynsent, and early possession may be had. This lot is well supplied with water, and its purchaser may also be accommodated with more land contiguous thereto if required.

Lot 3 ... The "Furze Hills" and the "Hams" ...

[see related Western Times: Tuesday 22nd July 1873]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 11th September 1873

NORTHAM, WESTWARD HO! North DEVON: Freehold Villa Residences, Small Farms, Detached Lands, and Long Leasehold Cottages for Sale, with Land Tax free. EDWARD PARTRIDGE is instructed to offer for Sale, by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), at the New Inn Hotel, Bideford, Devon, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of September, 1873, at Three for Four o'clock in the Afternoon, subject to such conditions shall be then and there produced, the following eligible PROPERTIES, and in the under-mentioned or such lots as may be determined on at the Auction. Lot 1: LAKENHAM HOUSE, handsome detached Freehold Villa Residence, erected in 1866, on eminence overlooking the Bristol Channel, by the road leading from Northam Church to Westward Ho! with convenient Coach douse, Stabling, Yards and Outbuildings, Croquet Ground, and Walled Ground, together containing 2r. 17p. or thereabouts. The House contains double Drawing Room, 46 feet in length, separated by sliding doors, Dining Room with bay window, Conservatory, Servants' Hall or Schoolroom, 10 good Bedrooms, and the usual Domestic Offices, and has abundant supply of Soft and Spring Water. Immediate Possession may be had special arrangement. The purchaser of this Lot may be accommodated with more Land contiguous thereto, if required. Lot 2: HILLSBOROUGH, a Marine Villa Residence, also Freehold, Detached, and in the Italian style, erected about eight years ago, and standing on its own grounds on a slip above the high road leading from Bideford, through Northam, to the Hotel at Westward having a similar view to Lakenham House, with convenient Coach House and Stabling, Croquet Ground and Summer House, containing in the whole la. 2r. 28p. or thereabouts. Besides, a handsome Entrance Hall, the House contains Drawing Room, Dining Room, communicating with Conservatory, Library, Servants' Hall, 9 Bed Rooms, and all necessary Offices. Also, an excellent Walled Garden abutting on the high road above mentioned, and close the grounds of Hillsborough, containing 1r. 3p. or thereabouts. The whole is now occupied by Mr. Pynsent, and early possession may be had. This Lot is well

supplied with Water, and its purchaser may also be accommodated with more Land contiguous thereto, if required. Lot 3: The FURZE HILLS and the HAMS, being 14a. 2r. 4p. or thereabouts of Pastureland, with two Stone Quarries thereon, adjoining Hillsborough westward, on the same slope and equally eligible for Building Sites, having a long frontage to the high road above mentioned. It has an access in the upper part from the Abbotsham Road. This Lot is Freehold and is in hand. Lot 4: The Freehold Farmhouse called COMMONS, with the Farm Buildings, Yard, and Garden, fronting the road leading from Northam Church to Westward Ho! Hotel, and the four Closes of Land adjoining or near thereto between the said road and Blackmore Lane, comprising in the whole 14a. Or. 37p., or thereabouts, and will be sold subject to the perpetual payment of £12 2s. per annum for certain annuities to charities. This Lot is occupied by Mr. Richard Spearman, under lease expiring at Michaelmas, 1874, and has a good Water supply. Lot 5: TADWORTHY FARM, with the Farmhouse, Outbuildings, Yards, and Gardens, situate on the lower road from Northam Village to Westward Ho! and the lands near or adjoining them, and extending nearly down to Northam Burrows, the whole comprising 24 acres or thereabouts, abutting on and intersected by various roads. This Lot is Freehold, and in the occupation of Mr. John Mill, under lease and agreements expiring at Michaelmas, 1874. Lot 6: A Freehold Close of Arable Land, called BURROW PARK, containing 4a. 2r., or thereabouts, lying at Underborough, between Blackmore Lane and the Northam Burrows, in the occupation of Messrs. Lily and Skinner, under a lease expiring at Michaelmas, 1874. Lot 7: The WOODBINES, Double Cottage, newly built, with the Land held therewith, called Higher Field, otherwise Studstons, containing 3a. Or. 32p., or thereabouts, fronting the lower road from Northam Village to Westward Ho! is held for a term of years, whereof about 885 years are unexpired, without any ground rent, now occupied by Mr. William Ward, under lease expiring at Christmas, 1873. Lot 8: CLOVER BANK COTTAGE and Garden, with Osier Bed, on the road leading from Northam Church, past the Bone Hill Playground, to the Burrows. Is leasehold for about 97 years unexpired, without any ground rent. The Cottage is now rented by Miss Devereaux, whose tenancy expires at Michaelmas next. This Lot is subject to Land Tax of 2s. per annum. To view, apply at Hillsborough, to the respective tenants; or to Mr. Thomas Cook, builder, Northam; and for particulars and conditions of sale, with plans, Mr. James Stubbins, Solicitor, 29, Great Charles-street, Birmingham; or to Mr. Edward Partridge, the Auctioneer, Monkleigh, near Torrington, or at his temporary offices, No. 76, High-street, Bideford.

[see also Western times: Friday 12th September 1873]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Central Somerset Gazette: Saturday 13th September 1873

Wedding: The marriage of Mr. Eustace Vere Piers Barker of Crewkerne, to Frances Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. Richard Bath of Above-town, was celebrated in St. John's church on

Wednesday ... (*continues*) ... Mr. Cox officiated as “best man,” and was accompanied by Messrs. B. C. Board, Walter Mathew and Pynsent Mathew ...

Western Gazette: Friday 19th September 1873

Hambridge: On Wednesday, the members of the church choir and Sunday School teachers received their annual treat. In former years a seaside resort was generally chosen but, on this occasion, it was selected to hold the fete at Burton Pynsent ...

October 1873

Western Gazette: Friday 10th October 1873

Langport County Court: Wednesday: ...

Jury Case: Adam Sherrin, farmer, etc. High Ham, v. James Taylor, yeoman, Nythe, Pedwell. This was a claim for £50, “for damages sustained by the plaintiff in consequence of the defendant’s negligence, in allowing a horse of his to unlawfully break into a field occupied by the plaintiff, and kick and otherwise injure a mare, from which injuries the mare died”. This was a jury case, and the following gentlemen were sworn to try it: Messes. Maurice Davis, Portway; T. T. Cuff, Burton Pynsent; Thomas Bicknell, Fivehead ...

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 17th October 1873

Westward Ho! and North Devon Ladies’ Golf Club: The autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday last ...

Twelve couples of competitors started ... (*including*) ... Miss Rawlins and Miss Pynsent ...

[GROxxxx Hennock]

November 1873

North Devon Journal: Thursday 13th November 1873

Southmolton: Celebration of the Opening of the Devon and Somerset Railway. The fifth of November is fading from recognition: The sixth of November – so far as the town of Southmolton is concerned – will be likely to take its place and keep it for many years to come – during the lifetime of the present generation at least ... (*description of event and banquet*) ... (*list of attendees included*) ... Thos. Pynsent, Esq., ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Daily Press: Saturday 15th November 1873

Deaths: Hathway: Nov. 14, at Chescombe Lodge, Durdham Down, Frances Elizabeth, beloved wife of W. H. Hathway, (late Captain 62nd Regiment), eldest daughter of C. P. Pynsent, Esq., and niece of W. F. Splatt, Esq. of Flete, South Devon, aged 20.

[see also North Devon Journal: Thursday 20th November 1873]

[GRO1214 Hennock] [GRO0921 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 20th November 1873

Hathway: November 14, at Chescombe lodge, Durdham Down, Bristol, Frances Elizabeth, beloved wife of W. H. Hathway (late Capt. 62nd Regiment) eldest daughter of C. P. Pynsent, Esq., and niece of W. F. Splatt, Esq., of Flete, South Devon, aged 20,

[GRO1214 Hennock] [GRO0921 Hennock]

December 1873

North Devon Journal: Thursday 4th December 1873

Northam: The Northam Local Government Board Meeting was held on Monday last. Present Evans Esq., (chairman.) Rev. I. H. Gosset, General Hutchinson, Adderley Wren, Esq., Capt. Williams, T. Pynsent, Esq., Messrs. Pickard, Penhorwood, Mills, Kelley, John Penhorwood, Tucker, Basset, and Cawsey. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. I. H. Gosset, one of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to enquire into the application made by Mr. Mills for leave construct a sidewalk leading into the new causeway, stated that the committee were not unanimous in allowing it be made. He, as one of the Committee, had no objections to it, Mr. Mills had offered to do it at his own expense; but, it was objected to by some of the farmers on account of the steepness the road, as their horses in drawing up heavy roads eased themselves by going from side to side, which, if the road was narrowed by a sidewalk, they would not be able to do. But be thought that objection might be overcome by restricting Mr. Mills not to raise the sidewalk more than one or two inches above the road. Mr. Pynsent was also of the same opinion, and as the proposed sidewalk would lead to five new houses which contributed towards the rates of the parish, thought every facility should offered to the owner the property, and he further thought it would a great improvement. — Mr. Pickard would offer objection, but begged to remind the Board that there was formerly a sidewalk extending the whole length of the road, which had been destroyed since the Local Board had been formed. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Pynsent, seconded by Mr. Wren, "that Mr. Mills be allowed to carry out the proposed sidewalk, but that he be restricted to two feet six inches in width, and not to exceed two inches in height. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 19th December 1873

Ottery St. Mary: The Talaton Harriers: The following excellent run with the pack of Mr. Mathew, of Rydon House Talaton, we reprint from the columns of a London contemporary of Saturday last: The Talaton harriers abounding with pedigree blood dating upwards from Guppy senior and downwards to Squire Yelverton, are now owned by as true a sportsman as ever crossed a horse. Need I add his name? Mr. J. Pynsent Mathew of Rydon House near Ottery: He is an "English home-ruler," if by that one means he lives in the hearts of his neighbouring friends and brethren of the chase ...

1874

January 1874

Western Gazette: Friday 16th January 1874

Cottage to be Let, or Sold, a Genteel Cottage, pleasantly situated at Curry Rivel and near the park at Burton Pynsent with good gardens attached. To view, apply on the premises; and for further particulars to Mrs. Greenaway, Milverton, Somerset.

[see also Western Gazette: Friday 23rd January 1874]

February 1874

March 1874

April 1874

May 1874

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 8th May 1874

Woodland: The little village of Woodland, in the Hundred of Haytor, Deanery of Ipplepen and Archdeaconry of Totnes, is about three miles distant from the town of Ashburton. ...

(description of ownership of the manor) ...

Lake, Levaton and Gurrington are estates in this parish; Lake appears to have been bought by Thomas Pynsent, Gurrington by Thomas Culling and Levaton by William Dyer, at the time of the dismemberment of the manor (1658) ... *(Woodland parish cut out of Ipplepen in 1536, the Parish Church is dedicated to St. John the Baptist) ...*

In the chancel are many gravestones and several mural tablets belonging to the Dyers, and on the south, there is an ornamented slab bearing the following inscription: "In memoriam

Thomae Pynsent de Lake Generosi, qui obit decimo tertio die Maii A.D. 1690. Aet suae 75."

Above are the arms of Pynsent, gu; a chevron engrailed between 3 estoiles of six points az. In the tower, the arch of which has been lately opened, we noticed a very ancient parish chest, coeval with the date of the church. ... (*ongoing description of Church and parish*) ... The parish extends over 1,606 acres and the census of 1871 shoed a populated of 160 people: Chas. Worthy, late 82nd Regt. Ashburton, 24th April 1874.

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Western Gazette: Friday 15th May 1874

Curry Rivel: Accidents: ...

On Monday last, Mr. Thomas Cuff, of Burton Pynsent was thrown from his horse in Sedgmoor and the animal rolled on him. He was attended by Dr. Hughes and Dr. Tims, under whose care he is progressing. Mr. Cuff was severely shaken, and one of his shoulders was injured. ...

June 1874

July 1874

August 1874

September 1874

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 4th September 1874

Thorncombe: Sadborow Archers: The second meeting this year of the Sadborow Archers was kindly given by Captain and Mrs. Bragge, at Sadborow House, on Friday August 21st. Upwards of 30 archers assembled at the targets, and some excellent shooting was made, the day being fine, with too much sun....

Among the company present were ... (*list includes*) ... Miss Pynsent, Miss J. Pynsent ...

[GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock]

October 1874

Western Gazette: Friday 30th October 1874

Agricultural Association: The 34th Annual gathering in connection with the Curry, Rivel, Drayton Langport and Huish Episcopi Agricultural Association was held on Tuesday last, and was carried off with the most complete success ...

Ploughing: Class 1: Champion ploughmen: £4, John Russell (in the employ of Mr. C. Evered, Curry); £2, John Templeman (Mr. Cuff, Burton Pynsent).

November 1874

December 1874

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Monday 28th December 1874

Bideford: Christmas Day in the Workhouse: On the morning of Christmas day, the whole of the adults was, by order of the Guardians, presented with a half pint of strong ale for lunch, and at dinner they were liberally supplied with beef, vegetables, plum pudding and beer ... (*dance and later*) ... Miss Pyncent a lady from Westward Ho! presented all those who could read with a new book each, and the children with a currant-bun. The whole of the inmates appeared highly gratified with their treat.

[see also North Devon Journal: Thursday 31st December 1874]

[GROxxxx Hennock]

1875

January 1875

February 1875

March 1875

April 1875

Western Times: Tuesday 6th April 1875

The Late Mr. John Salter of Alphington House: [From Bell's Life, March 27.]: the Vale of Devon has lost one of those mainstays to sport whose death it gives us pain to record, as he was the staunchest of the staunch in all hunting matters ...

... was withal a genial, cheery companion and had an inexhaustible fund of anecdotes, was a most unselfish sportsman, for he has often and often trudged out hinging through a long day with Mr. Guppy's or Mr. Yelverton's Harriers in order to meet a friend of two, and Mr. J. Pynsent Mathew, the popular Master of the Talaton pack, as well as all neighbours who used to meet him in the field, will miss him ...

May 1875

June 1875

Hour: Saturday 19th June 1875

Marriages ... (*include*) ... Willoughby – Pynsent: 17th inst. at St. Gabriel's Warwick Square, Belgravia, by the Vicar, the Rev. Brymer Belcher, Charles Christopher Willoughby, Esq., late Captain 60th Regiment (The Royal Rifles), son of Edward Willoughby Esq., of 26 Warwick Square, to Margaret Jane, daughter of Thomas Pynsent, Esq., of Northam, North Devon.

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0618 Hennock]

Western Times: Saturday 19th June 1875

Marriages: WILLOUGHBY — PYNSENT: — June 17, St. Gabriel's, Warwick square, Belgravia, London, by the vicar Rev. Brymer Belcher), Charles Christopher Willoughby, Esq., late Captain 60th Regiment (the Royal Rifles), son of Edward Willoughby, Esq., of 26, Warwick square, to Margaret Jane, daughter Thomas Pynsent, Esq., of North Devon.

[see also Western Times: Tuesday 22nd June 1875, Belfast -News Letter: Monday 21st June 1875 and North Devon Journal: Thursday 24th June 1875].

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0618 Hennock]

The Belfast News-Letter: Monday June 21st, 1875: Issue 18690

Marriage: Willoughby – Pynsent: June 17th, at St. Gabriel's Warwick Square, Belgravia, London, by the Rev. Brymer Belcher, Charles Christopher Willoughby, Esq., late Captain 60th Regiment (the Royal Rifles) son of Edward Willoughby, Esq., 26, Warwick Square, to Margaret Jane, daughter of Thomas Pynsent, Esq., Northam, Devon.

[GRO0618 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

Southern Times and Dorset County Herald: Saturday 26th June 1875

The marriage of Captain Willoughby, late 60th Rifles, of Warwick-square, London, and Miss Pynsent, eldest daughter of Mr. T. Pynsent, of Hillsborough, North Devon, was celebrated in London at St. Gabriel's, Warwick-square, on Thursday, in the presence of a large circle of relations and friends. The service was full choral, the officiating clergymen being the Rev. Brymer Belcher (the rector), Rev. Arthur Willoughby, and Rev. W. Langhorne. The bride was given away by her father. Her costume was rich white silk, handsomely trimmed with Moulton lace and bouquets of orange blossom and jessamine, with wreath and veil to correspond. The nine bridesmaids were Miss Florence Pynsent, Miss Augusta Pynsent (sisters of the bride), Miss Louisa Bragge, Miss Lucy Bragge, Miss Sparrow, Miss Serena Sparrow, Miss Constance Sparrow (cousins of the bride), and two Miss Willoughbys (nieces of the bridegroom). They wore white muslin dresses trimmed with pale blue ribbon and Valenciennes lace, and blue bonnets, and

handsome monogram locket, the gift of the bride. They were also presented with bouquets by the bridegroom. After the ceremony the party returned to 66, Gloucester-street, where about 50 guests sat down to luncheon, and shortly after Captain and Mrs. Willoughby started on their tour, followed by the good wishes of all their friends. The presents were very numerous and costly. Amongst the company were Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby (father and mother of the bridegroom), Captain Allfrey (60th Rifles, the best man), Mr. and Mrs. John Willoughby, Mr. and Mrs. William Willoughby, Captain Bragge, Mrs. Bragge, Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow, Rev. John and Mrs. Sparrow, Rev. Brymer Belcher, Rev. C. A. Bragg., General and Mrs. Clifford, Mr. Robert Pynsent, Rev. W. and Mrs. Langhorne, Major and Mrs. Warry, Captain Thorne (60th Rifles), Captain Fetherstonhaugh (60th Rifles), Colonel Verner, Miss Verner, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, &c.

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0618 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0472 Hennock] [GROxxxx Hennock]

Week's News (London): Saturday 26th June 1875

Marriages: ... (*List includes*) ... At Warwick Sq, Capt. C. Willoughby, late 60th Regt. To M. d of T. Pynsent, June 17

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0618 Hennock]

Western Times: Tuesday 29th June 1875

Deaths: Pynsent: June 20th, at Letteford, Miss Mary Anna Pynsent, aged 65.

[GRO0659 Hennock]

July 1875

Exeter Flying Post: Wednesday 14th July 1875

Fore Street, Wellington: Messrs. Maynard will sell, by auction, at the Squirrel Hotel, Wellington, on Friday, the 16th day of July, 1875, at six for seven o'clock, punctually, in the following lots, and subject to such conditions of sale as will be then and there read: Lot 1: All that freehold messuage or dwelling house, with the garden, stable and other outbuildings thereunto belonging, situate in Fore Street, Wellington, aforesaid as the same are now in the occupation of Miss Carter, as tenant thereof: Lot 2: All that yearly annuity or rent charge of £8 payable, and issuing out of, certain hereditaments called "Pynsent's" but better known as the "King's Arms Inn," situate in Wellington aforesaid. Lot 1 may be viewed between the hours of two and four on the days of Monday and Thursday in each week until the time of sale on applying to the tenant who has kindly offered to show the same; and further particulars may be had of the auctioneers, Taunton, or of Mr. Ransom, solicitors, Wellington.

[see also Exeter Flying Post: Wednesday 7th July 1875]

August 1875

Western Gazette: Friday 6th August 1875

Langport: School Treat: On Wednesday afternoon the children attending the Independent Chapel Sunday School in this town had their annual treat in the charming grounds at Burton Pynsent, about three miles from here. ...

September 1875

North Devon Journal: Thursday 23rd September 1875

Westward Ho! WESTWARD HO! DRAINAGE: IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT INQUIRY: The Northam Local Board having applied to the Local Government Board for consent to the deviation of the plan already sanctioned for the sewerage of the Westward Ho district, R. Morgan, Esq., one of the Government inspectors, attended at the Baths, Westward Ho, Wednesday last, for the purpose of making enquiry into the same. There were present — Captain Molesworth, the Rev. I. H. Gosset, the Rev. Edward Reynolds, and Messrs. Hole, Hookway, Pynsent, Henderson, Smale, Wins, Bazeley, Wren, Pickard, Williams, Baker, Abbott, Oatway, Risdon, Ellis, Price, and Bear. The Inspector, having announced the purport of the enquiry, said he was prepared to hear the matter discussed. Mr. C. W. Hole said, Clerk of the Northam Local Board, proposed to read a statement they had prepared, showing the reasons for the proposed deviation. The statement was as follows: — "The Local Board of Northam have endeavoured carry out the scheme sanctioned by the Local Government Board in the summer of 1870, which provides for the outfall of the sewage the Northam Burrows in an easterly direction from Westward Ho, but they find the same impracticable for the reasons hereinafter set forth. The sum of £1,200 was borrowed for the purpose of carrying out these works, on the security of a mortgage on the general district rates, out of which the sum of £839 or thereabouts has been expended in laying the drainage pipes throughout the Westward Ho district, and partially completing the outfall on to the Burrows towards Goosey Pool, in accordance with Mr. Latham's plan. The works were carried out under the direction of the Westward Ho! Joint Committee, constituted agreeably with the Inspector's recommendation, made at the inquiry held Westward Ho! in 1869. The committee appointed Mr. Risdon engineer to carry out the works; and it having been suggested that an improvement of the watershed of the district might be made by cutting a dyke through the Burrows, with a flood hutch, in order facilitate the drainage, the committee unanimously agreed, February 2nd, 1870, that the matter should be referred to the Government Inspector, in order that his consent might be given to a deviation from the original scheme. A provisional order was applied for in June 1870, to put in force the Land Clause Consolidation Act 1845, with respect to the purchase and the taking of four acres of the Burrows, for the purpose of irrigation to the outfall works. On the 5th of August 1871, the Joint Committee met on the

Burrows, near Goosey Pool, and examined the proposed outfall, and they agreed to summon the Commoners' Committee. The committee met the 9th of August, 1871, and considered the best mode of disposing of the outfall, and they were of opinion that outfall from the proposed tanks, carried through the length the Burrows to Old Mill, and connected with an embankment from Greysand-hill to the Shell-ridge, would be the best mode meeting the difficulty; and in the meantime the committee were allowed to carry the culvert to the place on the plan indicated for the tanks. In consequence of this meeting the Joint Westward Ho! Committee handed in to the applicants their report, of which the following is copy: — 'To the Northam Local Board. May 16th, 1872. Gentlemen, — Referring to your resolution of April 20th, we, your committee, can add very little to the information which you already possess. The Board placed Mr. Latham's plan of sewerage in our hands as sanctioned by the Secretary of State's office and approved by the memorialists and deputed us to see it carried out. The board, as well as the committee, believed that the provisional order of the Home Secretary, which was considered necessary, would be sanctioned before the close of the year's Parliamentary session. The failure of the local Government Bill containing the provisional order was neither the fault of the Board nor of the Committee; but it materially increased the difficulties the Committee laboured under. Temporary sewage pits had to be constructed, and temporary pipes laid down at a considerable cost, while nuisances of necessity arose which led to considerable complaints from individuals. The Parliamentary sanction of the provisional order was not finally in the hands of the Board until June 17th, 1871, though the Committee commenced its meetings on February 2nd, 1870. The Board are further fully aware of the difficulties that have arisen in dealing with the commoners of Northam under the said provisional order. They are fully aware how, anxious to smooth over difficulties, your committee, in conjunction with that of the memorialists, offered to lay out £250 in improving and deepening the pill. They are also aware how the parishioners of Northam, somewhat unfairly, put a still heavier burthen on the Committee, which the funds at their command cannot possibly meet. On obtaining tenders for the works on the Pill and Bank, as set forth by the parish meeting, your committee found that they would, to a great extent, absorb their funds, and leave little money for the 15 in. pipe sewer and tank. To protect the Board from threatened and probable law suits, your Committee have thought it right to lay down the sewer first, then to proceed with the tank, and afterwards, when they see what funds they have remaining, report to the Board, and call upon them provide the funds, (the providing of funds being no part of the Committee's duty,) in such manner as the Board may decide. Your committee will be happy to carry out such further works as the Board may provide funds for, but they are unable to acknowledge the fairness of improving the drainage of the whole Burrows, and of all the adjacent lowlands, at the sole expense of the Westward district. Your committee hand in an account of the money already expended, and a rough estimate of the additional cost of the works now in progress. Your committee believe that the drainage of Westward Ho! so far it has been carried out, is in good working order. We believe that it has

tended to keep the place in good health. We remain, gentlemen, faithfully yours, I. H. Gosset, John Mill.' — A meeting of the parishioners was convened, and consent was given to construct deodorising tanks; also, to deepen and alter the course of the Pill. Negotiations were entered into with the lord of the manor and the commoners for the purpose carrying this resolution into effect, and application was made to the Local Government Board for an alteration in the proposed outfall works. This application was assented to, and on the 21st March, 1872, at a meeting of the Joint Committee, the matter was further discussed, and it was found that the funds required for carrying out the proposed amended outfall works would exceed the sum which had been sanctioned by the sum of £400. It was therefore resolved that the main pipe sewer be carried through at once to the proposed tank, and that the tank be constructed, that the cutting of the dyke be postponed until the other works were completed and other funds provided. In 1872 the Local Government Board desired the Joint Committee to furnish a report as to what had been done in the matter and, from the report it would appear, that the amended outfall works could not be carried out for want of funds. In the summer of 1874, it was found that, in consequence of the very slight fall in the main sewer, the sewage was not carried off, but remained deposited in the pipes, and led to nuisances and foul smells where the sewage escaped into the soil; and Mr. Pynsent, an owner of considerable property at Westward Ho! caused complaint to be made to the Local Board. The matter was referred to the Joint Committee, who carefully considered it, and determined that some alteration was absolutely needed to improve the outfall, and also to find a means to finish the sewer, and they recommended the Board call in the aid some competent engineer to advise them as to the best and most economical mode of remedying the defect. The Local Board adopted the recommendation, and called in Mr. Ellis, the Surveyor to the Exeter Town Council, who surveyed the works, and recommended the western scheme, with an outfall into the sea, which the Local Board had applied for sanction to adopt. Mr. Ellis's scheme was brought before the Joint Committee and adopted by them. It has been found, after the experience of five years, that the sewage will not pass away through the pipes on the Burrows, in consequence of the lowness the level and swampy state of the ground. The applicants are of opinion that Mr. Ellis's is the only effectual scheme to abate the nuisances which have been repeatedly complained of as existing on the Burrows, and to carry off the drainage of Westward Ho! The Board have only the sum of £360 or thereabouts in their hands to complete the works; and the scheme suggested by Mr. Ellis, with an outfall into the sea, is less expensive, more effectual, and will not be a nuisance to anyone. On the other hand, should the Local Government Board sanction the continuation of the drainage and outfall across the Burrows, it will meet with great opposition from the commoners, will tend to create a nuisance to the houses adjacent, and to render impure the water the Burrows now used by the cattle of the commoners, and in all probability involve the Local Board in numerous legal proceedings. Mr. Hole said this was the case on behalf of the Northam Local Board, and he proposed to call Mr. Ellis in support of it. Capt.

Molesworth asked who had written the statement of the case, as there were some statements in it respecting committees which were new to him. He did not remember any committees. Mr. Hole read a minute, showing that Captain Molesworth was present at one of the committee meetings. The question was asked by Mr. Pynsent, whether on all former occasions the recommendations of the joint committee had been followed, and whether it was not directed in the year 1870 that all the works of the drainage should be carried out by a joint committee of three members of the Board, under the supervision of the Local Board of Northam. The Rev. I. H. Gosset said he had tried to find out what was the aspect of the committee on that occasion. He found that there were three members belonging to the Westward Ho! district, and three members of the Board; that one on each side was in favour, one on each side against, one neutral, and one (Mr. Knill) absent. It was quite true, as Mr. Pynsent said, things went in accordance with the committee, and it was news to the members of the Board to hear that they outweighed and acted in opposition to the wishes of the memorialists. Mr. Smale observed that although a member remained neutral, he was equally answerable with the rest for the acts done by the committee. Mr. Pynsent said had to complain that those who represented the largest proportion of the population of the district should not have had the opportunity of signing the various presentations made the Board in London. For himself, as representing one-fourth of the land — that was, 77 acres out of 300 — in the district, he felt he had reason to complain that he had never had the opportunity of signing these petitions sent to the Local Government Board. The Rev. I. H. Gosset said Mr. Pynsent was speaking of a different sewer altogether. The Inspector suggested that the best way would be to read the memorials: then they would see what they were. The memorials were then read as follows: -- "WESTWARD HO! DRAINAGE: -- To the Secretary of the Local Government Board, London. "Sir, — The inhabitants of the Westward Ho! district have heard with much surprise that the Northam Local Board have applied for and obtained leave to deviate from the plan of drainage sanctioned by the Board and agreed to by the inhabitants of the district some years since; although at a meeting held at Westward only a few weeks since, to which the members of the Northam Local Board were invited, and at which several of them attended, a large majority of the inhabitants passed resolutions strongly protesting against the proposed deviation as most detrimental to the best interests of the district, and forwarded copies of such resolutions to the Northam Local Board summoning officer for the district, I have therefore been instructed to pray that the Board will not allow the works be proceeded with without sending an Inspector to report on the matter and to ascertain the feelings of the inhabitants on the subject. —I am, Sir, yours obediently, H. M. Bazeley." "Westward Ho! July 6, 1875." The Local Government Board, Whitehall, London: "Gentlemen, — We, the undersigned, owners and occupiers of land and houses in the sewerage district within the district of the Northam Local Board, North Devon, having seen in the public press and heard indirectly that you have lately sanctioned a complete change of the outfall of our new drainage system from the East to the West, respectfully

protest against the contemplated change, and request that an Inspector from the Board may visit the locality and examine the important question on the spot before it be finally altered on an *ex parte* statement from the Northam Local Board. We are prepared to show that such an alteration would be detrimental the best interests of this new watering-place and the whole special sewerage district. We object to the contemplated diversion of the outfall, to which we respectfully call your attention forming reasonable grounds for Inquiry on the spot. We should mention that the views of the inhabitants on the subject have been laid before the Local Board, who are acting in direct opposition to their expressed wishes." — (Signed by 27 owners and occupiers the Westward Ho district.) A third presentation set forth: — "1, That in October 1869, the then Local Government Authorities decided upon the report of Mr. Morgan, then Inspector, against the scheme drainage outfall to the West, and in favour that to the East. 2, That in January 1870, the district of Westward Ho! agreed to continue to be a part of the Northam Local Board, instead of becoming a separate Board, and that one the express stipulations at the time was that the sewerage system for which it was to pay was to be completed, as already decided and agreed upon, to the eastward, and not the westward. 3, That any departure from such agreement would a breach of faith. 4, That the scheme of drainage then assented to was one for the proper sewerage of the whole district, and not only for that part close to the seashore. 5, That the proposed departure from that scheme will not provide a sewerage outfall, even for all the houses now built in the district, much less for future houses that will undoubtedly be built to the eastward, though all this property has to pay the special sewerage rates. 6, That the proposal to drain part of the district to the westward is a mere temporary evasion of future difficulties. 7, That the whole configuration of the ground and the present natural course of the rainfall overflow point to an eastward outfall and confirm its necessity. 8, That the westward outfall as proposed is contrary to the natural level of the ground. 9, That an outfall into the sea in the very heart of a new and increasing watering-place and health resort, close to the intakes of two | large swimming baths, would be a retrograde movement in sanitary science, and contrary all the experience disastrously earned in many other watering-places. 10, That it can be proved that the improvement of the present sewerage outfall to the eastward is urgently required to drain the public common and the marshy lands, and that the objections raised against such improvement are groundless in themselves and unfair towards the owners and occupiers of this district, West ward Ho! — July 6th, 1875." Mr. Ellis was then asked to give his opinion. He said he had examined the ground very carefully, and afterwards made a report, in which he had considered both outfalls, to the east and west, and had come the conclusion that the Westward Ho! direction would be the least likely to give rise to litigation, which he could sew was in the way of extending it in easterly direction. The sewage pipes, laid as they were, had very little fall, and were nearly choked up; and he saw that unless there was a very liberal supply of water chokage would be the result. He saw that to carry it over the Burrow to low-water mark, which was all that could be done to give a satisfactory result, would be a very

expensive process; and even after that was done, they would require a liberal supply water to prevent the sewage depositing in the pipes and choking them up. On examining the western direction, he found it much the shortest, and for the purpose of drainage decidedly the quickest way to get it to low water; whilst there was a good fall, and the advantages altogether were certainly in its favour. Upon his stating his opinion, it was suggested to him to carry open dike cut through the Burrow, as a close sewer would be such a great expense; but the great difficulty would still be the want of water to carry the sewage away, and also the objection that cattle would drink of it. Again, the fall was so slight that nuisances would probably arise, and the Local Board be proceeded against by those affected by it. He thought, if the two schemes were examined on their merits, and as they stood, the western was certainly the best; but he proposed also that the sewage should be deodorised, and not only deodorised but completely clarified; and when this was done there would no comparison between the two schemes: in fact, he did not believe the eastern direction would do at all. His scheme embraced all existing housing and eligible building land except some outlying houses in the distance, which could be provided for by a separate process — by a disinfecting tank. Mr. Bailey asked how Mr. Ellis proposed to deal with the overflow of the water in the houses in the low-level. Mr. Ellis said in the summertime it would pass through the sub-soil, and in other seasons it would pass over. The Inspector asked if there was any evidence to show that the works already done had been carried out according to the original scheme. Mr. Risdon, the engineer, explained a plan produced showing the character of the works, so far as completed. Mr. Pynsent asked the contractor if it was not true that there was over 100 feet of 6-inch pipes tacked on to the 12-inch. Mr. Risdon said it was only done a temporary thing. Mr. Pynsent said whether it was temporary or not, it had been there four years. There had been 138 poles of piping laid, 132 which was 12-inch piping and six poles of 6-inch piping. It was not possible to expect anything else than that it should choke up. In all length there was only one manhole, which happened to be placed opposite his house — a house which had 20 rooms, besides offices, and 104 feet in front of the balcony of the window. The manhole was covered simply with a quarry stone, without any earth the top of it; neither was it set in mortar. Well might his house not be tenanted. When the sewage pipes got full, it worked up the manhole, and the consequence was that it would lie a black foetid matter for several yards in extent around the manhole and several inches deep. Mr. Risdon said it was expected that the whole of the work would have been completed in one year. Tenders were advertised for and accepted; and what had been done since was only done temporarily because they could not get with it properly. The Inspector asked if any ventilators had been provided and was informed that there were none. Mr. Pynsent said the sewage matter also found its way into Goosey Pool, where the cattle drank. He took a prominent part in opposing the eastern scheme, both on public and private grounds. On public grounds, because it was a public nuisance, and as such the Northam Board could be made answerable for it; and on private grounds, because it was grievous injury to his property.

An open sewer would not only be very objectionable, but very expensive to maintain. Besides, whilst 138 poles had only been done, 367 poles remained to be done, and an additional fact was that the Northam Local Board had already expended £800 out of £1,260 they borrowed. The Rev. E. Reynolds asked if he understood that the joint committee had confessed their inability to carry their scheme out, and if it was to be regarded as impracticable? A Voice: We don't recognise the joint committee. Capt. Molesworth explained the nature of the arrangement that was made when the joint committee was constituted, and which was really that certain works should be carried out for a common purpose, and which they did not desire to separate about. They agreed to a scheme of irrigation, and that was objected to. Then they went on into the easterly scheme, and that went smoothly enough until they called a meeting of the parishioners of Northam, who dictated to the inhabitants the Westward Ho! district; and ever since then the matter had been in abeyance. A great cry had been made about the nuisance of the drainage; but this was the worst time of the year. As to the outfall, it could be seen, and there was plenty of water to carry off the sewage, though it was true, as Mr. Pynsent said, that a certain wash had come up the manhole. If the Northam Board did their duty, it could be easily remedied, and there was no occasion whatever to carry the sewage to the westward, for the eastward was the natural outfall. Mr. Ellis himself did not say that the westward scheme would drain the whole district: indeed, the gradient would not admit of it, and they would have the drainage of Northam going into the Pill, whilst the drainage of the college and a few other houses would be going over the Westward Ho! ground. Considering the Board had already gained the approval of the Secretary of State, it was hard to come upon them again and ask them to alter plans which had been already approved and partly acted upon; and if the Northam Board had carried out that plan, and not allowed themselves to be humbugged by pot-wallopers, they would not have been in their present predicament. The Rev. E. Reynolds said the Board were only too anxious to see the drainage carried out in manner which would be satisfactory to the inhabitants. It was nothing to them, as board, which scheme they adopted, so that the drainage was effective; but they were not allowed to adopt either, being met with opposition on every hand. The joint committee having got into difficulties, which were almost insuperable, turned round upon the Board and said, "Now, carry it out." Capt. Molesworth said it was no longer a matter for the joint committee when it reached that stage: it was for the Northam Board to carry it out. When the Local Government Board accepted the plan to the eastward, they, as committee, were done with it, and the Northam Board should have carried it out. The Rev. I. H. Gosset then read a lengthy statement he had prepared, giving a number of reasons why it was preferable to adopt the eastern scheme over the western scheme of drainage; and giving a history of the proceedings from the beginning to the present stage. He was an advocate of having the Pill deepened, and the outfall completed, when, he said, they would find there was ample flushing power to clear the sewer of all sediment or deposit, there being a quantity of water available for the purpose. The Northam

Board, however, said they could not complete that plan, owing the opposition of the parishioners. It was their duty overcome prejudice and dispel ignorance; instead of which they were encouraging prejudice and putting ignorance on the back. A bank could be formed, and a dyke could be cut, and a deodorising tank, if necessary, could be placed. It turned out, however, that when the tenders were sent in, they were considerably in excess of the money available, and the want of money to carry it out was the great obstruction. It was perfectly clear to him that the Pill was the natural course of the drainage. It was engineer's question, and they could safely leave it in the Inspector's hands; but he did not think Mr. Ellis's plan would ever be sanctioned. As for deodorising tanks, they would be found costly playthings. Mr. Pynsent observed that Mr. Ellis was a man who stood high in his profession, and the words a practicable man were of value and much more serviceable than a statement made by a man who was no engineer. The Rev. E. Reynolds said he should very much like to see the deepening of the Pill; but the Northam Board was under the impression that they could not deepen it in opposition to the wishes of the parishioners, and he should like to ask the question of the Inspector whether they could in the face of opposition. The Inspector said they could most certainly lay a sewer, but the Act did not say whether it should be open or a closed sewer. The Rev. E. Reynolds said the Board were anxious to carry out whatever scheme was approved of. They did not care whether it went the east or the west. Capt. Molesworth said he was glad to hear it. They only wanted the subject ventilated, so that proper drainage should be secured, and he was very much obliged to Mr. Pynsent for bringing the matter before them. The Local Board, he believed, had ever been most anxious to meet the desires of the district, and had only failed because they did not know the extent of their powers. He really did not think it was so much a question of personal feeling as a question of ignorance with them. If they deepened the Pill, it would be a great blessing, not only to the parishioners of Northam, but to the inhabitants of Westward Ho! as well. The Inspector said if the sewage was perfectly deodorised it would not be a nuisance to anybody, whichever way it went. Mr. Williams, of Appledore, said the Northam Board went with the parish in support of Mr. Ellis's scheme for taking the sewage to the westward. They had examined it, and recommended it, and knew that it would be effectual. The Inspector here asked questions of Mr. Ellis, as how he would prevent the wash of the sewage back upon the shore, to his mode of deodorising, and as to the quantity of water at command. Mr. Ellis explained the set of the tides, and the principle he should adopt of deodorising the sewage. Captain Molesworth answered the question as to the amount of water, saying that there was a great quantity always on the Burrows, which came down from the hills. Mr. Pickard said he did not know that. In fact, he had known Goosey-pool dry for months at a time. He defended the Northam Board in the action they had taken in the matter and said all the Board objected to was an open dike from Goosey-pool to the Western Burrows; and he was sure the proposition would be resisted in the parish almost to a man. If they must go that way it must be by pipes: they would not have an open cesspit on their common. The Inspector asked Mr. Ellis what

population he had made provision for in his deodorising tanks. Mr. Ellis replied, for a population of 4,000, which was as much as they were ever likely to require. The Inspector did not think they would take the sewage from that number. Mr. Smale opposed the proposal to go over the Burrows, on the ground that it was nearly a dead level, and that it would not afford satisfactory outfall for the sewage matter. The Northam Board had had the opinion a neighbouring gentleman, a surveyor, who told them that the gradient was so small — something like 1 in 500 — that it would be very difficult to get a fall at all. Another difficulty with them was that it was proposed to have an open sewer. The Inspector said he knew an instance where a good fall was obtained from a gradient of but 1 in 1,760, and that the sewage passed through it with great velocity. Mr. Pynsent observed that the pipes which had been laid down on the Burrows did not carry off the sewage. The Inspector said that arose probably from the defective way in which they had been laid. Mr. Smale strongly urged the western scheme and said he did not think the passage of the sewage into the sea would do any harm to the baths. The Inspector said there was such a thing as a fancied nuisance, as well as a real nuisance. Mr. Beer said he did not think an open sewer would be any nuisance on the Burrows, although he lived there, because there would be always water to carry it off. Mr. Pynsent put in a statement showing the number of cattle and sheep which were pastured on the Burrows, and which would drink of the impure water; when it was observed that sheep very seldom drank, and never on pasture. They might drink when being driven a dusty road. The Inspector observed that it had not been ascertained that cattle suffered from drinking water tainted with sewage. Milk had been known to taste of it, but then it had been found out that the pails had been washed with sewage water. The enquiry then closed, the Inspector and most of the interested parties proceeding with him down to the Burrows, examining the manhole causing the nuisance complained of by Mr. Pynsent, and then proceeding to examine the Burrows generally, in the direction of the proposed outfall.

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October 1875

Western Gazette: Friday 29th October 1875

Curry Rivel: Accident: On Thursday last, as Mrs. Cuff, of Burton Pynsent, was walking across her room, she caught her foot in the carpet, and fell down, breaking one of her arms. She was attended by Dr. Tims, of Langport.

November 1875

December 1875

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February 1876

March 1876

Morning Post: Saturday 18th March 1876

Hunting Appointments: ... Taunton Vale: Tuesday, Burton Pynsent; Friday, Combe Down, 11.

[see also London Standard: Monday 20th March 1876]

Field: Saturday 18th March 1876

Hunting Appointments: Foxhounds: ... (*includes*) ... Taunton Vale – Tuesday, Burton Pynsent, Friday, Combe Down, - 11.

April 1876

North Devon Journal: Thursday 6th April 1876

NORTH BURROWS AND THE TIDAL RIVERS TAW AND TORRIDGE: Sir, have read with much interest your remarks in the 'North Devon Journal' of the instant, the recent inroad of the sea on Northam Burrows, and the detailed particulars connected therewith in the letters of the Rev. Mr. Gosset and Mr. William Bear, all tending to show that unless prompt and effective steps be taken, Northam parish must sustain great injury to its burrows, or common lands, and, as a certain consequence thereof, the ports on the Taw and Torridge, and on the estuary of those rivers, more especially Barnstaple, Bideford, Appledore, Instow, and Fremington, may greatly suffer from sand deposits on the sea coasts and mouths of those rivers. By the same post as brought me your last journal I also received, but without any intimation leading me to judge from whom the proposed meeting emanates, printed notice paper in the following words: — "A meet will held at the National Schoolroom, Appledore, Saturday, April 1st, at four p.m., to consider the proposal of the Instow, Appledore and Westward Ho! steam ferry and tramway, and with it the protection of the Northam Burrows. The inhabitants Instow and the parish of Northam are invited to attend. Dated March 21st, 1876." It being quite out of power to be present at this meeting, I wrote to a gentleman resident at Appledore, who I considered would most probably attend it, pointing out how in my opinion the construction of the proposed tramway through the whole length of the Burrows might afford the needed protection to the common from future encroachments of the sea, and the accumulation of sand banks in the estuary, prejudicial to the navigation of the rivers to the ports situated

thereon, and provide the funds essential for these objects. The statements in your Journal of the 23rd thoroughly concur in one view of the case, on which there can exist no doubt, viz., that money, and that of no limited amount, will be required to prevent encroachments of the sea. May not then, I would submit, the required money may be difficult to obtain, that a substitute for it would be forthcoming, after this manner: - Let the free grant of the common land required for the proposed tramway be made to the projectors, whoever they may be, of the steam ferry and tramway, and who, without specific obligations binding them so to do, would necessarily, for the preservation of their tramway, erect such works for protection thereof as would guard the burrows lands also; and further, the projectors might be required to construct a dyke or canal parallel with their tramway, the excavations from the construction of which would be of essential value to them for raising their tramway to the level required for laying their metals on, at an elevation above the natural level of the lands. The said canal, or dyke, would moreover prove most useful for carrying off the rainfall and other waters with which the Burrows may at any time hereafter be flooded. The proposed plan for uniting Instow and Appledore by a steam ferry, as has been found to answer so well on the South Devon line, with respect to Kingswear and Dartmouth, must assuredly prove beneficial to the two towns, besides affording to the towns and parishes on the North Devon line direct access to the seacoast. Italy, the country from which I write, and in which have been passing the part winter, supplies me with hints on which I mainly base my present suggestions. The Pontine Marshes, extending from six to twelve miles in breadth, and twenty-five miles in length, lying between Rome, Terracina and Naples, remained, for many centuries after the fall of the Roman Empire, little better than a swamp. About the end of the last and the beginning of the present century, however, it was determined by the Papal Government to construct a post road through the said marshes. A canal was at the same time cut, parallel with the new road, furnishing as it did, materials for elevating the newly formed road to its required level: subsidiary small canals were also formed for draining the surrounding swamps into the trunk canal, and passing the water onwards to the sea; and thus by these wise steps, extensive tract of land, for so many centuries unproductive, has been redeemed and turned to profitable account. "Parvis componere magna," as Virgil was wont to do. May not then Northam parish do with the superfluous water of its Burrows what Rome has done in the matter of its Pontine Marches, that is, find an outlet for them in the sea. I suggest this, under the full impression that as the Mediterranean has been found equal to the absorption of the waters of the Pontine Marshes and of the Tuscan Maremma, the Atlantic would not be inconvenienced by the accession of the waters of Northam Burrows and its central lake, the celebrated Goosey Pool! Barnstaple, Bideford, and other ports interested in the free navigation of the Taw and Torridge, will doubtless be forthcoming, and ready to aid in a measure so absolutely needed for keeping the channel of those rivers free from impending accumulations of sand. I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, Florence, March 30th, 1876. THOS. PYNSENT.

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Express and Echo: Monday 10th April 1876

Chudleigh: The Grammar School: The Charity Commissioners, acting under the Endowed School Acts, have prepared a draft of a scheme for the future administration of the foundation known as Pynsent's Free School, at Chudleigh. The co-operative governors named in it are ... *(list) ... (discussion of school) ...*

North Devon Journal: Thursday 27th April 1876

Northam: Local Board: This Board met at the Vestry Room on Saturday last. This being the first meeting after the election, Messrs. Heywood, Penhorwood, and Lemon, qualified. There were also present A. B. Wren, Esq., and Messrs. W. Pickard, B. Pickard, Bellew, Bassett, Tucker, Cawsey, Cook, and Williams. Mr. Wren was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Messrs. W. Pickard, Williams, and Cawsey were elected the Finance Committee. — It was resolved that, as the Gas Company had not repaired the roads, the Local Board Surveyor repair them and charge the same to the Company. ...

A letter was read from the Local Government Board respecting the drainage at Westward Ho, stating that all opposition was removed, and the original scheme of Mr. Morgan's might be carried out. Mr. Williams and other members of the Board said their opposition was not removed, and it was resolved that the Clerk should write letter to the Secretary to know particulars, as it appeared that Mr. Pynsent was in correspondence with the Local Government Board. The Chairman said that Northam was the healthiest place in the division, there being only 13 deaths per 1,000.

[Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Tuesday 25th April 1876]

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May 1876

North Devon Journal: Thursday 25th May 1876

Northam: Local Board: This Board met at the vestry-room on Saturday, A. B. Wren, Esq., J.P., in the chair. Also present, Messrs. Tucker, Pickard, Penhorwood, Williams, Bellew, Cawsey, Lemon, Heywood, Bassett, Cook, and Captain Molesworth. — A letter was read from the Auditor, cautioning the Board not to overdraw their account, and also stating that the Collector had only one surety, and that the Treasury had no surety. — A letter was read from the Local Government Board, recommending that another engineer should be called in, respecting the Westward Ho! drainage in consequence of the parties not agreeing. — Mr. Williams: We have had several engineers already, and plans made out, and the Westward Ho! Company objected to them. — Captain Molesworth said the Company did not object, but Mrs. Pynsent did. They

stuck to the original plan and were quite satisfied with their drainage. — The Chairman stated that something must be done, as he had had two threatening letters from Mrs. Pysent's solicitor, Mr. Stubbins, respecting the nuisance by her property. — Mr. Pickard: I do not see how we are to act; we have had several engineers, and they have failed. — Captain Molesworth was of opinion that if the pipes were cleared, they would choke again, unless the pit was deepened, in order to have a good outfall

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Western Times: Friday 26th May 1876

Northam: Local Board: Saturday - Present: A B, Wren, Esq., in the chair; Messrs. Tucker, Pickard. Penhorwood, Williams, Bellew, Cawsey, Lemon, Heywood, Bassett, Cook, and Captain Molesworth: — A letter was read from the Auditor, cautioning the Board not to overdraw their account, and also stating that the collector had only one surety, and the treasury none. — A letter was read from the Local Government Board, recommending that another engineer should be called respecting the Westward Ho! drainage, in consequence the parties not agreeing. Mr. Williams — We have had several engineers already, and plans made out, and the Westward Ho! Company objected to them. Captain Molesworth said the Company did not object, but Mr. Pynsent did. They stuck to the original plan and were quite satisfied with their drainage. The Chairman stated that something must done, he had two threatening letters from Mrs. Pynsent's solicitor respecting the nuisance by property. Mr. Pickard — I do not see how we are to act; we have had several engineers, and they have failed. Captain Molesworth was of opinion that if the pipes were cleared, they would choke again, unless the pit was deepened, in order to have good outfall. After several opinions had been expressed, resolution was carried that a committee be formed, consisting of Messrs. W. Pickard, Cawsey, Lemon, and the Chairman, inspect the same, with power to lay out £10.

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegram: Monday 22nd May 1876]

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June 1876

July 1876

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 7th July 1876

Torquay: ... Fashionable Arrivals: ... *(list includes)* ... Miss Pynsent ...

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Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 28th July 1876

ENDOWED SCHOOLS ACTS, 1869, 1873, & 1874 PYNSENT'S SCHOOL, CHUDLEIGH, IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON: A SCHEME relating to the above-named Foundation has been submitted by the Charity Commissioners to the Committee of Council on Education; and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that during one month from the day of the publication hereof the Committee of Council on Education will, in pursuance of Section 13 of the Endowed Schools Act, 1873 receive objections or suggestions made to them in writing respecting such Scheme. Copies of the Scheme, price sixpence each, may be obtained from Messrs. Robert Crook and Son, Booksellers, Chudleigh; or from the Secretary, Clarity Commission, Whitehall, S.W. (Signed) PATRICK CUMIN, Assistant-Secretary. Education Department, 15th July 1876.

August 1876

Western Times: Tuesday 1st August 1876

Talaton: the Restoration of the Parish Church: This little village Wednesday was quite en fete, it being the eighth anniversary of the restoration of the parish church, also the festival of St. James, to whom the beautiful little church is dedicated ... *(description of event and names of attendees includes)* ... Mr. Pynsent Matthews (Rydon) ... a most excellent display of fireworks took place on the Rectory lawn ...

September 1876

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Tuesday 19th September 1876

Bideford: On Friday evening Miss Pyncent, the daughter of Mr. Pyncent, of Northam, was driving a pony in a four-wheeled carriage in the Northam Road, when part of the carriage gave way, frightening the pony. It ran away with the shafts and part of the carriage, breaking both hind legs of the pony, which had to be shot in the road. The young lady was not hurt.

[see also North Devon Journal: Thursday 21st September 1876]

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October 1876

North Devon Journal: Thursday 12th October 1876

Northam: The Northam Local Board met in the vestry room, on Saturday, A. B. Wren, Esq., J.P., chairman. There were also present — General Hutchinson, Messrs. Williams, W. Pickard, B. Pickard, Parkhouse, Penhorwood, Bassett, Lemon, Cock, Tucker, and Cawsey. The Clerk reported that had seen Mr. Bencraft respecting Mrs. Stapledon's two houses about to be purchased by the Local Board for widening Irsha-street and found that there could not be a legal title, the Crown might step in and take it. ...

Mr. Pynsent applied for an improvement of the road from Jacket-lane Bridge to Burrows. Mr. Lemon moved, and Mr. B. Pickard seconded, that the improvement suggested should be carried out — Mr. E. Williams moved, and Mr. Bassett seconded, an amendment, that it should not be carried out. — Seven voted for the amendment, and four against it. The amendment was therefore carried.

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 13th October 1876 and Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Monday 9th October 1876]

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North Devon Journal: Thursday 19th October 1876

Hillsborough, Northam: Oct. 13, 1876. Sir, — The Bideford and Plymouth papers of Tuesday, and the 'North Devon Journal' of Thursday, give in almost the same words a report of the meeting of the Northam Local Board on Saturday, the 7th inst. I infer there from that each of these reports was supplied by the same reporter. One paragraph of this report, in which my name appears, is certainly not accurate it runs thus — "Mr. Pynsent applied for an improvement of the road from Jacket's-lane Bridge to Northam Burrows. Mr. Lemon moved, and Mr. B. Piclcard seconded, that the improvement should carried out. Mr. E. Williams moved, and Mr. Basset seconded, as an amendment, that it should not be carried out. Seven voted for the amendment and four against it. The amendment was therefore carried." The inference that any one reading the above statement would draw there from would be, that I desired to put the ratepayers of Northam to expenses for improvement of a road, whereas my application by letter, which was of course read at the Board meeting, and which I append a copy, was simply to obtain the sanction of the Local Board to carry out by voluntary subscriptions in cash and cart labour, under the supervision of the Surveyor of the Board, a footpath, alongside of the road leading from Northam village to the Burrows, commencing at a point below the broadest part of the space between the hedges, which part is now utilized for deposit and breaking stones for road repairs. Further, I should have been prepared, under sanction of the Burrows Committee, when obtained, to have carted rubble stones wherewith to fill up the deep ruts of the road on the Burrows at its principal entrance at Pimpley, and also to place some on the arch of the adjacent bridge, now almost dangerous to ride drive over, the stonework of the arch having little metalling thereon. Towards effecting these small improvements, I sought from the Board no aid, and expected none. Opposition and obstruction my proposal got, which truly I was unprepared for, recollecting, as I did, a precedent, that about a year or two ago the Board had sanctioned a similar improvement namely, a subscription footpath from the road at Edy Cross to Northam Cross. To make the case quite clear, I subjoin a copy of my letter the Clerk of the Board, and his reply thereto, subsequent to the Board meeting.

[COPY OF LETTER.] Hillsborough, Northam, Oct. 6, 1876, Drear Sir, —As it appears to me that circumstances are at present very favourable for carrying out the following improvement, I write to request that you will lay this statement before the Local Board at their next meeting. - Yours truly, Thomas Pynsent: Charles Hole, Esq., Clerk to the Northam Local Board: "Suggested footpath along the lower part of the road leading from Northam to the Burrows at Pimpley, commencing near the Bridge, at the west end of Jacket's lane, being below the wide part of the road now used for the deposit and breakage of stones, for road repairs. "There is now, belonging to James Blackford, in Hillsborough Quarry, a large heap of stones computed at 120 yards, which, as shown in the accompanying paper, written out by him, he agrees to sell for £1 10s. In the event of the above improvement receiving the sanction of the Northam Local Board, I will endeavour to provide subscriptions in cash for the purchase of the above stones, and for the discharge of some other incidental expenses for labour in loading the carts and spreading the stones, together with voluntary aid in cart labour for drawing the stones and depositing them at such places along the road as the Surveyor to the Board may direct". With the above was sent to the Clerk of the Board the original of James Blackford's terms, as follows: —

October 5, 1876. Sir, — I have put back a heap of rubble stone in the centre of Hillsborough Quarry, amounting to about 120 yards, which I will sell, if it be required, for the sum of one pound ten shillings —£1 10s — Yours truly, James Blackford. To Thos. Pynsent, Esq., Hillsborough: I subjoin a copy a letter which reached me by yesterday's post. Northam Local Board Office, Willett Street, 11th October 1876. Dear Sir, — I am directed by the above Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter the 6th inst, and to inform you that this Board will not consent to the improvement being carried out by you. Yours truly, C. W. Hole, Clerk: T. Pynsent, Esq., Hillsboro', Northam. There is surely much to be learned from the above although, but few words are used; they may be regarded as a declaration of the principles which actuate the intelligent majority of this Honourable Board. First comes the candid admission, that the formation the proposed footpath would be " improvement: Second, the using the term "being carried out by you" shows that "This Board" at least knew this, that the carrying out the suggested "improvement" would cost the parish nothing. Third, the climax of absurdity and obstruction is now attained by the resolution passed that this Board would not consent to the "improvements". An honest and candid declaration truly of the principles of action, or rather inaction, which guides the conduct of the majority of the members of this model Local Board, which may be briefly summed up "This Board will not submit to improvements though the cost is nothing". Able proficients indeed are too many of its members, of the class, so happily described by Dickens as skilled in the practice of "How not to do it". I remain, yours truly, THOS. PYNSENT

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November 1876

North Devon Journal: Thursday 9th November 1876

NORTHAM. Board: Saturday: A. R. Wren Esq., J. P., chairman; also, present Capt. Molesworth, Messrs. B. Pickard, Sandercock, Bellew, Hevwood, Kelly, Cawsey, Lemon, Reynolds, Williams, Tucker, and Bissett. — Mrs. Stapledon attended, stated that the Board, having purchased two houses at West Appledore from her for the purpose of widening the street, had now she understood, demurred to the title. ...

Estimates for a general district rate were presented, which amounted to £369 8s 6d. To meet this estimate, a rate 1s. 4d. in the pound was proposed and carried. — It was proposed by Mr. Williams, and seconded by Mr. B. Pickard, "That the money borrowed on the Westward Ho! drainage account (£150) be paid off." — Carried. — Previous to the general meeting of the Local Board there was a meeting of the Westward Ho! Drainage Committee, at which there were present Messrs. T. Pynsent (in the chair), Lemon, Beer, and Cawsey. The meeting was held to consider the plans of Mr. Ellis, C.E., and after a long discussion the Chairman moved, "That the most economical plan be carried out, at the cost of £360, if effectually done, with a guarantee from Mr. Ellis;" but there being no seconder the motion fell to the ground.

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Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Wednesday 29th November 1876

DISORDERLY MEETING AT WESTWARD HO! - THE DRAINAGE QUESTION: On Monday afternoon a meeting of the Drainage Committee and the inhabitants of Westward Ho! was held at the Baths - Adams's - for the purpose considering the amended plan and report of Mr. Ellis, engineer, of Exeter, on the drainage of Westward Ho! Hutchinson was voted to the chair, and there were present, Colonel Wheeler, Captain Molesworth, Rev. I. H. Gossett, Dr. Hemmings, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Prior, Mr. A. Wren, Mr. Adams, Mr. Price, Captain Beer, Sergeant Murray, Mr. Bazeley, Mr. Pynsent, Captain Sangster, Mr. Mill, and Mr. Cawsey. Mr. Bazeley commenced the proceedings stating that the meeting was called to consider the amended report for carrying the drainage to the eastward into the deep part of Goosey Pool, so to avoid the expense of taking it the whole distance to Pimpley. He laid the amended report - dated 26th July 1876 - before the meeting, but although he had made application to the Local Government Board for the plans referred to in the report, they had not been sent. He had only received the two plans he would lay before the Board, stating that that was all they had. The meeting had been called in accordance with a letter from the Clerk of the Northam Local Board, who had been directed, by the Local Government Board, to ascertain the views of the district on the subject, but the plans he had put before them had been objected to by the Board above consequence of their being complicated. Mr. Pynsent proceeded to question several of those present whether they had been summoned to attend that meeting, and, receiving replies in the negative, he complained to Mr. Bazeley. Mr. Bazeley said he had held the unenviable position of having

attended every single meeting they had held, for which he had never received a single farthing. He had given his services for years for nothing, and he did not consider he was to blame in the matter. He was the so-called summoning officer, and, if anybody had been left out, he was sorry, but they could not expect him to attend those meetings there, and go about as an errand-boy, for nothing. Mr. Price said he had never been summoned to one of the meetings; he had always intruded, and they had been kind enough not to kick him out. Mr. Bazeley said it had always been the custom for the Secretary of the Hotel Company to summon. He had sent the notices to him and had asked him to send them round. Mr. Pynsent charged certain gentlemen with being an obstructive party to the scheme of drainage, and told Mr. Bazeley that, as he represented them, he must look to them to be paid. Some of the opposite party had never been summoned and had always been left out. Mr. Bazeley said they always attended the meetings, at any rate, and the meeting that day had come to the knowledge of nearly every person in the district. The Chairman said it was the wish that everybody should be summoned. Mr. Bazeley said it was monstrous to suppose that anybody was purposely left out. Captain Molesworth remarked that there was no intention to keep anybody away, and Mr. Bazeley was not to blame. The captain then proceeded to speak on the question of the separation of the district of Northam and Westward Ho! when Mr. Pynsent interrupted him by saying that they were not there to discuss that question. The Rev. I. H. Gossett said he had a very strong opinion on the matter before them, and it was that, in the absence of the proper documents, it was waste of time to attempt to go into the business. He had read the report carefully, and it contained references to certain plans, which plans had evidently been up to the Local Government Board, because Mr. Morgan (the inspector) spoke of and referred to them. Neither of the plans before them then had any reference whatever to the report Mr. Ellis, sent to the Local Board of Northam. He would move that the owners of property and the ratepayers of the drainage district, having that day attended a meeting to consider the amended plan of drainage, as recommended Mr. Ellis, regretted to find that the Local Board of Northam, through their clerk, had sent them the wrong plan, and they felt themselves compelled to adjourn the meeting to Friday, December 1st, and resolved that such adjournment should be notified to Mr. Hole (the clerk), with request that he would procure the amended plan at that time. Mr. Pynsent said that the persistent opposition to the improvement of the drainage of Westward Ho! had been carried on for two whole years. Two years ago, a meeting was held there, and Mr. Ellis was called in, but obstruction was the order of the day. What was the state of things now? Why in June last the medical officer of the Board, who was called in to make an examination of the state of the Burrows, said it was a most dangerous nuisance, and that had gone on from the month of June one to the present time. In fact, every meeting was held with a view to obstructiveness. In June there were 220 feet of open drain on the Burrows, which was the work of these obstructives. Captain Molesworth: No, the Local Board of Northam. Mr. Pynsent -They did what I say. They opened a new 222 feet; they formed an open gutter of that length, which,

within a month of that time, Dr. Pratt reported a most dangerous nuisance. They also took up pipes which exposed 100 feet of sewerage. At the end of that there were 178 feet of natural gully, six to seven feet in breadth, so that, consequently, on the Northam Burrows there were 520 feet of open sewage drain. That was the state at present at Westward Ho! Capt. Molesworth: That is not at Westward Ho! Mr. Pynsent; I beg your pardon. Capt. Molesworth: It is not, I beg your pardon. Our district is portioned out and what you speak of is not in Westward Ho! district. Mr. Pynsent: I beg to say that this fifth --- Capt. Molesworth: Northam Burrows. Mr. Pynsent: This filth is at the foot - as this gentleman who has interrupted would say if he would speak correctly of a row of houses called Eastbourne Terrace, which are in that district. It is row of lodging-houses. They suffer greatly from the nuisance. Mr. Pynsent then referred to the opposition Mr. Ellis's schemes had always met with, and now said they had the amended plans, and they were meeting with the same opposition. Rev. I. H. Gossett: I solemnly say they are not here. Mr. Pynsent: Then why are they not here? For five years that had been the state of the Westward Ho! watering-place, and he could show them a report of the directors of five years ago, in which they congratulated the shareholders upon having carried out the sewage works beyond the Company's estate, but they did not say that they had taken the nuisance from their place and deposited it other people's doors, which they did at his door. The filth was brought in front of his house, and a cesspit made in front of it. Captain Molesworth: I think you are mistaken. Some more remarks followed, when Mr. Gossett protested against Mr. Pynsent's insinuation that he came there to oppose the proceedings. What he said was that it was waste of time to come there and, to discuss business without materials. They could not argue the case from the document before them. Mr. Wren suggested that if the report were read, they might manage to make the plans do which were before them. Mr. Bazeley then read the report of Mr. Ellis. Mr. Pynsent again alluded to the open drains on the Burrows and produced a bottle full of sewage which he had taken up. It was quite black, and he invited Captain Molesworth to smell it, but that gentleman refused to oblige him. That was taken up from near the Golf Club House. Dr. Hemmings suggested that a committee should be formed. He also went at length into the subject, and strongly advised the irrigation system. It was approved of entirely by the Local Government Board. But they must carry the levels higher than Mr. Ellis contemplated, so as to purify what they would carry out. He thought, also, it would be a good undertaking to deepen Goosey Pool, as they might then drain the Burrows, and thereby drain the sands. One of the two plans before them should be carried out, but it would be better to form a committee and endeavour to carry it out harmoniously to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Pynsent said Mr. Ellis's first plan showed an estimate of the cost of the works of £579 5s; his second plan, which would only go part of the way, would only involve £375, and there had been £360 in the Bideford Bank since 1870, borrowed for the special use of the Westward Ho! drainage district, why could they not carry out that lesser plan. He would propose that that meeting recommend the Local Board to approve of either of the two plans before them, with the alteration that the levels be a little

higher. The Chairman said they had already expressed their disapproval of them. Mr. Pynsent said they had only disapproved of some system of disinfecting tanks which could be altered. They did not object to the line which was to be followed. Captain Molesworth said a scheme had already been resolved upon some time ago, and tenders actually advertised for. Mr. Ellis's plan did not provide for the future of Westward Ho! They had not deviated from the first from the principle laid down by Mr. Leatham, one of the best of engineers, and why not carry it out? He thought the only resource open to Westward Ho! was to apply for a separation and carry out the scheme themselves. If they had their own Local Board, they could carry out their own scheme. Mr. Pynsent said that was irrelevant to the question. Mr. A. Wren defended the action of the Local Board against some remarks made by Captain Beer as to their inability to do their work, as they prejudiced a lot of men. Captain Beer also criticised Mr. Ellis's plan, and said it was only theory, there was nothing practical about it. Mr. Gossett's motion for an adjournment was not seconded, but Mr. Price seconded the motion of Mr. Pynsent. Captain Molesworth moved an amendment because the plans did not deal with the lower-level houses He moved that the original plan, as amended and agreed upon, be adopted by that district. Captain Beer seconded. Mr. Gossett supported the amendment. His reason was that a great writer had told them that art must assist nature, and he knew that nature said they must drain in the direction of the estuary. He looked at the plan of Mr. Ellis as a bad one. Mr. Pynsent protested against Mr. Ellis being so spoken of. Ultimately, in the midst of the utmost confusion, during which the Chairman was interrupted, the amendment was carried nine voting for it and six against. The names were called for, and Mr. Bazaley was accused by Pynsent of taking down those who did not vote, and he then threw up his pen and said he should refuse to have anything more to do with the meeting. After the motion had been lost, Captain Sanger protested against the legality of the proceedings, it was not a meeting of the inhabitants; they had not been all summoned. The Chairman said it was a mistake, and he (Captain Sangster) admitted it by actually remaining there. Captain Molesworth said it was not the inhabitants, it was the ratepayers who were summoned, and if he (Captain Sangster) was not a ratepayer he had nothing to do with it. Captain Beer said the objection should have been made before the motion was lost if it had been carried nothing would have been said. The meeting then broke up amidst confusion, someone remarking that the chairman deserved the thanks of the meeting for presiding.

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 1st December 1876]

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North Devon Journal: Thursday 30th November 1976

WESTWARD HO! - THE DRAINAGE QUESTION: On Monday afternoon a lively but extremely erratic meeting of the Drainage Committee and the inhabitants of Westward Ho! was held Adams's Baths, for the purpose of taking into consideration the drainage question, and of adopting the best scheme for carrying out the same. General Hutchinson was called to the

chair, and there were also present — the Rev. I H. Gosset, (vicar of Northam,) Colonel Wheeler, Captain Molesworth, Dr. Hemmings, Mr. Pynsent, Mr. Price. Mr. Sangster. Mr. Ellis, Mr. Prior. Mr. Adams, Mr. Henderson, Sergeant Murray, Mr. Beer, Mr. Mill, Mr. Cawsey, and Mr. Bazeley (honourary summoning offices). Mr. Bazeley opened the proceeding by stating that that meeting had been called to consider the amended plans of Mr. Ellis (of Exeter) for draining to the eastward, in accordance with a letter read from the Clerk to the Northam Local Board to obtain the views of habitants of the district upon the subject. An amended report had been received from Mr. Ellis, but the amended plan to which that report referred had not come to hand. He had two in his possession at the present time, but they did not tally with the report. He had that morning been to the offices of Messrs. Hole and Peard solicitors, Bideford, and was there informed that the two plans were to be taken together; but it was his opinion that there "was a third, for he did not see how the report could correspond with the others. Mr. Pynsent enquired why it was that several gentlemen including two of the largest farmers of the district had not been summoned to attend the meeting. Mr. Bazeley said he hardly knew in what position he stood in regard to the whole question. He had given his services as summoning officer for several years and had received no acknowledgment my kind. If any gentleman had not received notice of the meeting, he was sorry for it, but at the same time he did not think it right that the blame should be cast upon him, for he could not be expected act as errand-boy. Mr. Price said that he represented the largest amount life in the parish, and yet he had never been summoned to attend any of the meetings which had been held to consider the drainage question; He had always been somewhat of an intruder, but they had been kind enough not to kick him out. Mr. Bazeley repeated that it was not his fault that anyone had been passed over and added that it had been the custom for the Secretary at the Hotel Company to call the meeting, and that on that occasion he had requested him to send the notices round. Mr. Pynsent farther said that in 1870 it was decided that the drainage works of Westward should be carried out by a joint committee, consisting of three members connected with the Local Board and three landowners and he complained that they had not been summoned separately. Mr. Bazeley said he had been informed at Mr. Hole's office that Mr. Pynsent's name did not appear on the books at all. Mr. Pynsent said that was appointed on the committee when the money was nearly all spent. The other day he was summoned by Mr. Hole to attend a meeting of the joint committee at Northam, which was to be held at half-past ten. There was a meeting of the Local Board at eleven o'clock in the same room, and as an official was ten minutes late there were only 20 minutes allowed for the discussion of the subject. As to Mr. Bazeley's remark that he had never been paid for all the trouble he had taken, he most look to the "obstructives" for it, for he would never get it from the district. Capt. Molesworth said that Mr. Bazeley had never been actually appointed summoning officer: and the Chairman observed that he was sure that the remissness complained of must have arisen from mistake, and not from any dishonourable intention. Mr. Bazeley said he did not think there was any question involved the legality the

meeting, for that was not an element of it at all, it being simply held for the purpose of obtaining the views of as many of the ratepayers as possible. The Rev. I. H. Gosset thought that in the absence of the proper documents it would be perfectly futile to go into the question. He had read Mr. Ellis's amended report carefully and it appeared to him certain that it referred to a plan which had not yet come to hand. But which had evidently been at the office of the Local Government Board. He therefore proposed that the matter be adjourned until Friday, and that the adjournment be notified to Mr. Hole Clerk to the Northam Local Board, with the expression of hope that he would procure the amended plan by that day. Mr. Pynsent protested strongly against the adjournment and denounced the persistent opposition which had been manifested towards the improvement of the drainage of Westward Ho! for nearly two years, for nearly so long ago as that that Mr. Ellis was first called in. He asked what was the state of the Burrows at the present time? Why, in June last the Medical Officer of the Northam Local Board made an examination, when he pronounced that there existed a most dangerous nuisance; and that nuisance had obtained ever since, for at every meeting which had been called with the view remedying it, obstructive policy, has been advocated and supported by some gentlemen. In June of 1876, the Northam Local Board opened 220 feet of drainage on the Burrows, at which time an action was pending; they opened a new 220 feet, in order to form an open gutter, and it was within a month from that time that the medical officer reported the presence a most dangerous nuisance. The Board also took up pipes which exposed an additional 100 feet of sewage, and then at the end of this there was a natural gulley 198 feet long, and 198 feet long and from six to seven feet in breadth, so that there was at present 580 feet of open sewage drain the Burrow. Then after the sewage passed from the drains, it flowed into two large pools, called the Goosey Pools, the acreage which he could not exactly give, because it depended upon the inroad of the sea and the water which came down from the hills. That was the present of Westward Ho! Captain Molesworth (interjecting): It is not in Westward Ho! Mr. Pynsent: I say it is. We pay no rates, and it is not in the parish of Northam, but in the district of Westward Ho! Captain Molesworth repeated his assertion, when Mr. Pynsent begged to say, subject to the interruption of Captain, that it was composed of lodging-houses, the inhabitants of which had complained greatly of the offensive smell to which they were exposed but had been afraid to say too much because it might injure the reputation of their houses. Continuing his observations at the point which he was interrupted, Mr. Pynsent said that the services of Mr. Ellis were brought into requisition in December 1874, after the things he had been describing had been going on for three years and he, Mr. Ellis, recommended a plan for draining into the sea to the westward, which was violently resisted by an organised opposition. He was quite ready to grant that the people of Westward Ho! might have felt that they had a grievance, for they perhaps feared that the scheme, if carried out, would be prejudicial to their health. But however, that might be, they succeeded in overthrowing it, he and wanted to know why, having carried their point in that instance, they persisted in opposing everything which had

been suggested since. Mr. Ellis had since brought forward two other schemes for draining to the eastward, and they, were met by the same spirit of antagonism, which-seemed to have had the effect of suppressing one of the plans. Mr. Gosset solemnly denied that the document had come hand, and said that if it had, he should not have moved for an adjournment. Mr. Pynsent continuing, read an extract from the report of the directors of the Hotel Company, dated August 1871, in which they congratulated the shareholders on th drainage sewage works having been carried out beyond the Company's estate. He complained that the nuisance had actually been deposited at other persons' doors, including his, a cesspool having been made in front of his house. Capt. Molesworth: You are mistaken. Mr. Pynsent: Indeed, I am not; I can swear to it. Capt. Molesworth: It was your own cesspool. It was there before you came. Mr. Pynsent indignantly re-asserted that his statement was correct and read a letter from a reverend gentleman in which testimony was borne to the extreme offensiveness of the nuisance which arose from the sewage exposed in front of the Pebble Ridge Hotel. Capt. Molesworth: The smell came from your own drains. Mr. Pynsent: I can take my solemn oath it did not. The Chairman here interposed with a suggestion that all were satisfied that the drainage was in a very bad condition, and that what they were met to consider the best means of remedying it: the origin did not signify. Mr. Gosset begged to protest against Mr. Pynsent's insinuations that he was actuated by any spirit of opposition. It was not a question of obstruction at all, and his sole object in making the proposition on that occasion was because he thought it would be a waste of time to attempt to argue the question out from the documents before them. Mr. Pynsent: What objection is there to Mr. Ellis's second plan? Mr. Gosset: It was objected to at a previous meeting. Mr. Pynsent: It is prepared by a competent man. Mr. Bazelev: It does not appear that the district is satisfied as to his competency. The plan has been objected to by the landowners and other ratepayers of the district. The amended report of Mr. Ellis was then read by Mr. Bazeley, and it appeared theretofrom that he proposed to carry the sewage to the eastward into the deep part of Goosey Pool, but not to extend it so far as Pimpley, as had been contemplated in plan No. 2. Mr. Wren added his testimony to that of Mr. Gosset and other gentlemen that the report did not refer to either of the plans before the meeting, and he mentioned that the Northam Local Board had had the proper one before them. Mr. Pynsent produced a bottle nearly full of a thick black liquid, which he said came from one of the tanks, and grimly invited any gentleman who did not choose to take his word to the offensiveness of the effluvium arising from the tanks to smell or taste the contents of the said bottle — an invitation the generosity of which was evidently not appreciated, for it was not accepted, notwithstanding that Mr. Pynsent repeated it more than once. Dr. Hemming said it was quite certain, from having inspected Mr. Ellis's plans, that the sewage would have to upon a still higher level than he had recommended. Irrigation had been approved of by Local Boards of late, and that was the only system of deodorisation which he believed to be effective; and in order to ensure its effectiveness the filtration should be deep as possible. If they took sewage

to Appledore it must be deodorized before it got there, or else the inhabitants would turn round upon them and compel them to take it elsewhere; and, having taken independent view of the whole question, he believed that both plans should be adopted: if they were able to carry out both, so much the better, and if not they could carry only one them, he would suggest that a Committee be formed of gentlemen who were favourably disposed towards the various schemes, and that the matter be left with them, to construct a system of works which he hoped would give satisfaction to all, interested. He was certainly of opinion that they must have a higher level than that proposed by Mr. Ellis. Mr. Pynsent said that according to Mr. Ellis's second plan the works would cost £579 5s; and by his last plan, which was following the same route, but only going part of the way, the cost would be £375, to meet which there was the sum of £360, which had been in the Bideford Bank since 1870, when it was borrowed for the special use of the Westward Ho! district. He was of opinion that they should carry out the plans before them far they went, and if they were not effective, they could be improved upon. He proposed "That this meeting, after a long discussion, has come, to the determination to recommend that either Mr. Ellis's second plan of draining to Pimpley, or his amended plan of taking the sewage to Goosey Pool, be carried out, whichever meets with the approval of the Local Government Board." In reply to the observation that the plans had already been disapproved of, Mr. Pynsent said that the disapproval was only expressed of a point of detail, and not as to the line of route. Capt. Molesworth quite agreed in the observations which had fallen from Dr. Hemmings with reference to irrigation and said that that was the principle which they had always advocated. Mr. Latham proposed scheme of irrigation to the Northam Local Board some years ago, but it was not adopted, and he remembered remarking at the time that either Mr. Pynsent or someone else, would agitate for something being done. The plan of Mr. Latham, who was one of the best engineers in London, was approved of by the Local Government Board and by the Committee of the Local Board, and he wanted to know what reason there was as to why it should not be carried out now. He had been requested to write the Local Government Board, informing them of the opinion of the inhabitants, and he intended to write them to the effect that they were favourably disposed towards Mr. Latham's amended plan; that the plans of Mr. Ellis were incomplete, complicated, and expensive, and made no provision for Westward Ho! and that the only scheme which really met the requirements of the district was Mr. Latham's. In conclusion, the speaker remarked on the advisability of Westward Ho! having a Local Board of its own and managing its own affairs. Mr. Pynsent expressed himself as being averse to the separation of Westward Ho! from the parish. Mr. Wren, referring to an unpleasant reflection which had been made upon the Northam Local Board, of which he was Chairman, said that they were quite as interested in the matter, and equally anxious to deal with it in the most effectual manner, as any gentleman present; but their difficulty was to fix upon the most suitable method of disposing of the sewage; and it must not be forgotten that the responsibility connected with the subject was cast upon them and not upon meetings such

that. After Mr. Beer had indulged in quite a variety of forcibly-expressed vituperations against the inefficiency and the prejudices of the Local Board, Mr. Price seconded Mr. Pynsent's motion, and at his suggestion the motion was altered, as follows "That this meeting has come to the determination to recommend that either Mr. Ellis's second plan of draining to Pimpley, or his amended plan taking the sewage only to Goosey Pool, be carried out, whichever meets with the approval of the Board; and that if the levels could be taken rather higher it would be still better." Capt. Molesworth moved as an amendment that Mr. Latham's plan be adopted, and stated that did so, amongst other reasons, because Mr. Ellis's scheme did not deal with the lower level houses; that it would necessitate there being a number of cesspool pits on the Burrows, which now caused the effluvium; and that a great deal of building land would not be available for the future drainage of the place. Mr. Beer the amendment, which was supported Mr. Gosset, who said that very recently he was reading a book upon drainage by an influential man, of some years standing, who advised that in all matters of drainage one must endeavour to follow Nature. Nature said as plainly as possible — "Drain in the direction of the pool down into the estuary, and if the fall is not sufficient the only thing you have to do is to increase the outfall. A good deal of ridicule had been thrown upon the present system of drainage, but he maintained that there was no occasion for it, and if there had been a proper outfall, he believed that it would have answered perfectly. A remark had been made that a large quantity of water from the Burrows would damage the channel; but he was of a different opinion, because why should not the water destroy the pool at the present time? The water would run up a little quicker, but it would scour it and keep it open, and all that would be necessary would be a few occasional repairs. He therefore thought that the way suggested by Nature as the way to be improved upon by Art was to carry the drainage to the eastward into the estuary. He believed that method was agreed to by all parties some years ago, and even the parish of Northam gave its consent, but at the last moment it turned round upon them and threw some obstacles in the way. He looked upon Mr. Ellis's plans as being, so far as he understood them, miserable plans. He considered the proposal to have a number of disinfecting tanks in the Burrows a despicable one. If it were, necessary to have a disinfecting tank, let; them have one, and let the water go into the deepened pool. It would then be out of the way, but to have a number of them scattered about he looked upon as a simple absurdity. The expense would all fall upon the North Local Board, and he certainly should not recommend that body incur liabilities for which there was no necessity. As to the remark that Mr. Ellis was a good engineer, certainly he had no high opinion of his ability. He had sent them report after report written in bad English and failing to explain himself all; and could only say that had never seen such reports turned out of any one's office. They had apparently been copied by a clerk, who had not taken the trouble to punctuate them, so as to make them legible. Mr. Pynsent protested against a man of Mr. Ellis's ability and experience being spoken of in such terms as those employed by the reverend gentleman; when Capt. Molesworth denied Mr. Ellis's title to be called a man of experience,

and said he was only a mason. Mr. Pynsent again raised his protest, and Mr. Price said that they had seen enough of Mr. Ellis know that he was a man of ability. Mr. Price made the following addendum to the motion of which was seconder: "And that the plan of tanks be modified according to the suggestion of the Local Government Board." The amendment was then put to the meeting and carried, the-voting being as follows: For: The Chairman, Rev. I. H. Goseett, Col Wheeler, Capt. Molesworth, Dr. Hemmings, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Prior, Mr, Adams, Mr, Henderson, Mr. Beer, Mr. Bazeley, and Sergt. Murray: Against — Mr. Pynsent, Mr. Price, Mr. Sangster, Mr. Mill, and Mr. Cawasy. Mr. Pynsent requested Mr. Bazeley to record the names of the gentlemen who voted, which he was proceeding to do when, Mr. Pynsent accused him of putting down the name of Mr. Ellis having voted for the amendment, when he did not hold up his hand; This accusation Mr. Bazeley warmly resented, and on Mr. Ellis being appealed to, he said that he did hold up his hand. Mr. Price boasted that if he had had information of the meeting sooner than did, he could have packed the room so as to carry his point, which opinion Captain Moleworth with equal confidence disputed. After the division Mr. Sangster, who had not previously raised the question, said that the meeting was illegal because the whole of the inhabitants had not been summoned to attend, and that therefore the amendment could not be said to represent the opinions of the inhabitants of Westward Ho! No notice was taken of the objection beyond the Chairman pointing out that it would only have been fair if Mr. Sangster had mooted the point before the division. The proceedings then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the impartial manner in which he had acted as President, proposed by Mr. Pynsent.

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North Devon Journal: Thursday 14th December 1876

To the Editor of the "North Devon Journal": "Sanitary proceedings at Westward Ho! - A Farce in several acts, performed for the last six years and more by local Amateur Performers. Act the last- Building a Golf Club House and objecting to its purification though attainable without cost to its Owners." Sir. — All and every one having at heart the true interests of the new watering-place, Westward Ho!, may feel truly indebted to you, for the fair and full report of the meeting on the drainage question, held lately at its Bath-room, which appeared in a recent issue the 'North Devon Journal,' inasmuch that the result may be, that from the publicity thus given through the press, those who have persistently obstructed every remedy for evils by their own acts created, may regard it as their interest, now that the state of things has become more known, to abandon from henceforth their course of obstructive action. My object, however, now addressing you, is to point out one paragraph (in your generally most correct report the meeting) affecting myself, which does not correctly give that, at least, which I intended to say.

The report reads thus — "Mr. Pynsent produced a bottle, nearly full, of a thick, black liquid, which he said came from one of the tanks," etc., etc. Now, for anyone to produce liquid taken from a sewerage tank, in order to prove that it contained sewage matter, would certainly have been a superfluous and ridiculous act, What, however, I did desire to state was this, that the black liquid contents of the bottle produced were taken from water, clear as crystal, which percolates through clay subsoil, abutting on a large cesspit immediately in front the balcony the newly erected Golf Club House, which cesspit has become denuded by the high tides of the spring and autumn of the present year, that both the Pebble Ridge and boundary fence in face the Club House are going, going, and almost gone, through greater force than was ever wielded by knock down hammer auctioneer: that, as may be seen by anyone, the redbrick ventilating shaft of the said tank has been laid bare and exposed to view through the force of the incoming waves - that the fate this cesspit is certain, its destruction by the waves a mere question time - and yet, though the schemes No. 2 and No. 3 of Mr. Ellis, the civil engineer, which my motion at the meeting recommended the choice for adoption by the Government Board, Whitehall, would have superseded these tanks, through the construction of tanks elsewhere, yet the motion was rejected at the meeting by, as reported, s majority of three of those present. A further object I had in producing the bottle was this: —Knowing that the effluvia pervading the Club House had been complained of, I considered the sight of the black liquid might afford to some members present evidence of the cause thereof, learning, as did, their complaint thereon had been made light of, and. *Credat Judaeus!*" its origin attributed to gas. A few words more on this unhappy Club House: Its date of erection being 1875-76 will serve to show with what lack of wisdom the world — at Westward Ho! is governed as, for example, in 1871, when the sewerage works were carried out, two cess pits for the sewage, one round, the other square, were formed, near to each other and near to the sea. Land, close thereunto, and a little more inland, has since been selected as the chosen site of the Golf Club House. The sea, however, will soon set all smooth and square by removing, at one fell swoop, tanks, border fence, and Pebble Ridge. As to the Club House itself, certain of its members are contemplating the project removing it all, intact and entire, by aid of machinery, after the plan contemplated with respect to the Baptistery at Ravenna, submerged by Adriatic Sea and sands in the middle-ages. I apprehend, however, that the suggested plan, or if not that, the stones of the Club House, would one or both fall through. I have visited both the Baptistery and Club House. The project with regard to the former is for raising only, and not for removing to another site. Neither project do I regard, a safe or profitable investment. After all, however, there is something classical in the idea with respect to this Club House site. Ancient had its Cloaca Maxima, and its tutelary deity thereof in the Pagan goddess Cloacina. "*Parvis componere magna.*" Why should not Westward Ho! also? Her Cloaca greatly needed protection. When last in Rome, some two or three years since, I viewed the mouth the Cloaca Maxima, at its junction with the "Yellow Tiber." Though dating from the time Tarquinius Priscua, well-nigh 25 centuries ago, it still

performs its work; whereas alas! the Cloaca of Westward Ho! the work of A.D. 1871, in contrast with those of B.C. 688, have long since come to grief. The more modern works, it appears by a letter read at a recent Northam Board meeting (reported in your last), are after the manner carried out at Salisbury, I know not whether the Salisbury model comprised that carried out at Westward Ho! of commencing with pipes of 12-inch diameter, with 6-inch pipes in continuation, if so, I consider it would have been better to have followed, if not the manner of Old Sarum, at all events that of Ancient Rome. But then, it may be urged, every principle in ancient Rome had its guardian deity and every deity his or her temple, and to erect at Westward Ho! temple to Cloacina would have been costly, especially for a Joint Stock Company "limited," and this unavoidable omission may have been the cause of failure. In Rome, notwithstanding the change from Paganism to a purer faith, the temple system still goes on. The temple of Apollo, when that worship ceased, was dedicated to the martyr Apollonaris; and that of Mars, involving also small change in name, to the martyred Martina, expressed in the well-known lines: *"Mars hence expell'd, Martina, martyr'd maid, Claims now the worship which to him was paid."* A few words more, however, before quitting the Club House. Was it fair, or was it right when obtaining aid from afar for its erection, from strangers from a distance, from Scotland, London, Blackheath, and elsewhere, to withhold from them information as to what lay in concealment almost within the chosen site for the temple edifice? This the native golfers must themselves have known but did they name it? The dangers from the Atlantic waves were, of course, apparent. I can only picture to my-self some enterprising golfer from afar, a resident in some distant town, who may have arrived at Westward Ho! to play golf, inhale ozone, with pure Atlantic sea-borne air, soliloquising thus, on the Club Home balcony — *"What! I though the healthful breezes Blow fresh o'er Lundy's Isle, When the Cloaca 'neath our Club they cross, alas their scent is"* To you, gentle reader, I leave it to supply a word, to furnish "reason and supply the rhyme" for this last unfinished line, premising only that the word supplied should not be redolent either of otto of roses or eau de cologne. As, however, I have a full mile and a half to travel from west to east across the Northam Burrows to Appledore, in order to complete my narrative, I must move onwards either in poetry or prose: and as I have been prosaic enough, I fear, in what I have already written I will essay to convey my meaning principally in verse. The Poet Coleridge, being of enquiring turn of mind, when on a visit to Cologne, discovered (as reported in Murray) after careful exploration from 30 to 40 (I forget the exact number) distinct and definite perfumes in that ancient city, not one of which bore the most remote resemblance to Eau de Cologne, the far-famed special manufacture of the place. He thus immortalized his discovery in verse: - *"The river Rhine, it is well known, Doth wash the city of Cologne. Tell me, ye Gods! what powers divine Shall henceforth wash the river Rhine."* Unhappily, at Westward Ho! we have no poet to celebrate the wise actions of its sanitary leaders and set forth what they have brought us. Coleridge have we, and soon, alas! may we have to deplore the loss our far famed Pebbleridge — disputed by winds and waves. A parody,

however, on the above lines Coleridge having application to the cases of Westward Ho and Appledore, in absence of better, may run thus: — "Consequences which most result from sewage drains across the Burrows." *"The Taw and Torridge lave the shore, Of bright and beauteous Appledore, In progress toward the sea; Black waters — 'l' eau de Westward Ho! Slowly advancing, thither flow, Meandering o'er the lea. The Ebb Tide bears them toward the Main, The Flood Tide brings them back again, The Pools their ebon sweets retain, Thenceforward, for aye."* Now for a few lines after Butler's Hudibras, and considerably after: - *"Alas! alas! in such quandary - Is placed our glorious estuary, Oh! may it end next January, When down th' Inspector comes."* In conclusion, I give you my address: - "I pen these lines at ' Ilfordleigh' — In the well drain'd health resort — Torquay — And remain yours ever faithfully, THOMAS PYNSENT. December 9, 1876. N.B. — Torquay is expending £70,000 in drainage works in order to merit its well-earned title "Health resort"; whereas the sanitary leaders of Westward Ho! last week rejected both the plans submitted one involving an outlay £579 5s., the other of £375 only — providing fully for the removal of recently created nuisances.

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Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Monday 1st January 1877

Westward Ho! Drainage Question: Another Disorderly Meeting: Only a few weeks ago a meeting was held at Westward Ho! To consider the drainage question, on which occasion personalities were freely indulged in, in consequence of the alleged delay and obstruction in carrying out a plan for the proper sewerage of the place. On Friday last another meeting on the same subject was held in the vestry room, Northam. The meeting was composed of parishioners and was called for purpose of considering a proposal from the Westward Ho! Committee for cutting a dyke through the Northam Burrows in order to facilitate the drainage of Westward Ho! and to reconsider, and, if necessary, rescind a resolution, passed at a parish meeting held on September 8th, 1871. The Vicar (Rev. M. D. Churchward) occupied the chair ... *(list of attendees, and complaint that the meeting was not called by the Westward Ho! Committee) ...*

Mr. Pickard; You say the Westward Ho! Committee ever applied to have a dike cut? Captain Molesworth: We never applied for this meeting. It is the application from you. It is a matter between Mr. Pynsent and the Local Board, not with the Westward Ho! Committee. It has been

the endeavour to stick everything on to the Westward Ho! Committee but we wanted to separate from you altogether. Mr. Pickard then asked the chairman to read the resolution which was passed on September 8th, 1871: The Chairman then read from the minute book as follows: "It was moved by Mr. W. Beer, seconded by Mr. W. Penhorwood, that the Local Board be allowed to construct deodorising tanks at or near Goosey Pool, into which tanks the Westward Ho! sewage is to be conveyed by earthenware pipes on condition that they waive their right to take the four acres of land, and that they be allowed to open and improve the Pill by making a gut in as straight a line as possible from the tank to the river, on condition that they carted away all the material taken out from the cutting of the said gut, and use it either in filling up the old course of the Pill, or in levelling the hollows of the burrows, and that they provide one or two floodgates, to be placed where the parish might think fit, and that the parishioners shall make no charge on the Local Board for the land which they shall require for such tanks". Mr. Molesworth (addressing Mr. Pickard): It was an arrangement made between Mr. Yeo and the parish long ago. The Westward Ho! people wanted to separate, and to prevent that separation, Mr. Yeo, and you, and Mr. Pynsent, and others wanted this plan to be adopted. Captain Lemon: It is your matter, Captain Molesworth, you came here as the Westward Ho! Committee, and you asked the Local Board in this room to carry out the scheme which had been agreed on ... (*discussion of need to drain the Burrows, but disagreement as how best to do it*) ... The Chairman produced a letter from Mr. Pynsent and asked whether he had better read it. An excited discussion ensued, and upon being put to the meeting in the form of a resolution, it was resolved, by a majority to read the letter, the purport of which was, that Mr. Pynsent objected to the cutting of the dyke, as it would result in the formation of a number of cess pits all along the length of the dyke. Mr. Bazeley said that Mr. Ellis stated that the waster passed out of the deodorizing tanks perfectly pure, and be no nuisance to persons bathing near the outfall, there could not be number of cess pits ...

Captain Molesworth proceeded to explain that they had already borrowed £1,200 on purpose to carry out the scheme, and if they did not carry it out, the money must be returned. Mr. Ellis's plan was a complete failure, and they knew it and so did the government in London, for Mr. Morgan told him to go and look at them for himself, and Mr. Ward (their surveyor) had seen the plan and he said it was a failure. A lively conversation then ensued between Captain Molesworth and Mr. Pickard, the former expressing a desire that Westward HO! should be separated from the parish, and the latter expressing a willingness to part with Westward Ho! ... Eventually after some mores discussion and cavilling, the motion was put t the meeting, when ten voted for it and seven against it. Several remained neutral. ...

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 5th January 1877]

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Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 5th January 1877

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North Devon Herald: Thursday 4th January 1877

NORTHAM Local Board: This body met on Saturday, A. B. Wren, Esq., J.P. occupied the chair ... The Clerk read the following letter from the Local Government Board respecting a communication sent to them by Mr. T. Pynsent: I am directed by the Local Government Board to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Northam Board, the accompanying copy of a letter which the Board have received from Mr. T. Pynsent, of Westward Ho! with respect to the drainage of that place, and I have to request that the Board may be furnished with the observations of the Local Board on the subject. At the same time, I am directed to remind you that the Board are desirous of being informed of the decision arrived at by the Local Board with regard to the sewerage of Westward Ho! ... *(continues)* ...

(elsewhere) ... Westward Ho! Drainage Question: Another Disorderly Meeting: ...

The Chairman produced a letter from Mr. Pynsent, and asked whether he had the better read it – An excited discussion ensued, and, upon being put to the meeting in the form of a resolutions, it was resolved, by a majority, to read the letter, the purport of which was the Mr. Pynsent objected to the cutting of the dyke, as it would result in the formation of a number of cess pits all along the length of the dyke. ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

February 1877

Western Times: Monday 12th February 1877

Marriages: Reynolds – Pynsent: Feb 7, at Torre Church, J. J. Reynolds-Reynolds, Esq., of High Park, near Bideford, to Florence Lombe, daughter of T. Pynsent, Esq., of Northam.

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock]

Week's News (London): Saturday 17th February 1877

Marriages ... (*list includes*) ... Reynolds – Pynsent: At Torquay, J. J. R. Reynolds to Florence L. d of T. Pynsent, Feb. 7

[GRO0308 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 17th February 1877

Torquay Directory: ...

9: Belgrave Crescent: ... Wellesley: Miss Warde, Miss Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent, Miss Pynsent ...

[GRO0835 Hennock] [GRO0308 Hennock]

The Bristol Mercury: Saturday February 17th, 1877 Issue 4533

Marriage: Peters – Mathew: February 7th, at Shepton Mallet, by the Rev. Canon Pratt, William Parsons Peters of Yeobridge, South Petherton, to Elizabeth Mathew, granddaughter of the late Jonah Pynsent Mathew, of Rydon House, Tallaton, Devon.

March 1877

Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 10th March 1877

Torquay Directory: ...

81: Scarborough Terrace (Belgrave Road): ... 4, Mr. Lyon, Miss Pynsent ...

[GROxxxx Hennock] (and others)

Torquay Times and Devon Advertiser: Saturday 17th March 1877

Paignton Directory: ...

Index to Names of Residents and Visitors: ... (*long list*) ... Pynsens, 6; Pynsent, 8, 81, ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

April 1877

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 20th April 1877

Honiton: ...

Board of Guardians: At the ordinary meeting of this Board on Saturday, Mr. C. Gordon occupied the chair. M. Ede said that as this was the last meeting of the Board, and as they were losing seven most valuable members in the Rev. Mr. Hunt, and Messrs. Ashley, Lawrence, Farmer, Irish, Hawkins and Yelverton, he would, if not out of order, move that the Board express its regret at the loss of these gentlemen ...

The Clerk presented the following list of members of the new Board, as returned at the election just concluded: *(includes)* ... Tallaton, Jonah Pynsent Mathew ...

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Monday 16th April 1877]

May 1877

Jackson's Oxford Journal: Saturday May 26th, 1877 Issue 6478:

Pynsent's Grammar School: Chudleigh, Devon: Founded 1668. The Governors will shortly proceed to the election of a Headmaster. He must be a member of the Church of England and be a graduate of some University in the United Kingdom or produce such other evidence of his attainments as the Governors think sufficient. The grammar school is situated in a bracing and healthy locality, 10 miles from Exeter, 12 miles from Torquay, and 7 and 8 miles from Dawlish and Teignmouth; a branch of the Great Western Railway has a station with three miles of the school, and a branch to the town is in the course of construction. The Endowment is £30 a year. House and garden provided rent free. The authorized payments for day scholars range from £4 to £10. The rates for boarders are left to the headmaster, subject to the approval of the Governors. The school has ranked under former masters among the best County Schools in Devonshire. A copy of the schemes for the Government of the School, approved by her Majesty in Council, 20th March, 1877, price sixpence, may be had from Mr. R. Crook, book seller, Chudleigh. Candidates are requested to send, on or before the 1st day of August next, their applications, stating age, degree, or any other particulars, with original testimonials (which will be returned) addressed "the Chairman, of the Governing Body, Grammar School, Chudleigh".

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 25th May 1877]

June 1877

The Star: Thursday 14th June 1877

Elizabeth College Sports: June has come round again, bringing with it one of the grand events of the year, the Elizabeth College Sports, of which, judging from the fine show of carriages yesterday, no one is ever likely to tire. For in Guernsey, as in England, outdoor games are assiduously cultivated all the year round, and the interest felt in them is always keenly displayed, whenever an opportunity is presented of so doing ... *(description of event and list of competitors and results, including – ma = major, mi = minor, min = minimus)* ... Steeple Chase:

Under 16: Competitors: Atter ma, Atter mi, Bell, Connell, Carey, C. Carey, H. S. Forbes ma., Harvest mi, Hinde ma, Metcalfe, Pynsent, Vallancey mi. ...

Throwing Cricket Ball: Under 15: Competitors: Le Lievres, Le Messurier, Pynsent – 1. Pynsent, 2, Le Messurier, 3. Le Lievre ...

Long Jump: Under 15: Prize a Cup: Competitors: Atter mi, Bazalgette, Connell, Druce, Forbes ma, Hitchins mi, Hinde ma, May, McCallen, Pynsent, Worssam, Wakley: ...

Putting the Shot: Under 15: Prize a flask: Competitors: Connell, Le Lievre, May, Pynsent ...

High Jump: Under 15: Prize, a flask: Cometitors: Baynes ma, Connell, Druce, Forbes ma, Hinde ma, Hitchins mi, Pynsent – 1, Pynsent, 2, Hinde ma, 3, Forebes ma. Height 4 feet 5 inches. ...

Hurdle Race: Under 15: Prize a Sandwith Box: Competitors: Beesley, Bazalgette, Carey, C., Connell, Carey, W. S. Cull min. Fobes ma, Hitchins mi, Pynsent: - 1, Hitchins mi, 2. Bazalgette, 3, Pynsent ...

Sack Race: Any Age: Prize, a knife: Competitors: Ayres, Alles ma, Baynes ma, Baynes min, Cull mi, Clarke, Carey, L., De Jersey mi, De Jersey min, De Carteret, ma, Dobree, Elkington ma, Elkington mi, Forebes ma, Forbes mi, orton, Hance, Harvest min, Harvest mi. Harrison mi, Jacob, Ozanne, R. Ozanne, D, Pynsent, Raymundo, Spedding, Stuart, Warren ... *(see also competed in the Three Legged Race and Consolation Handicap) ...*

[GROxxxx Hennock]

July 1877

August 1877

Chard and Ilminster News: Saturday August 25th 1877

Flower Show ... Among the visitors were ... Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent ...

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September 1877

October 1877

Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 27th October 1877

Torquay: Arrivals: ...

The Elms ... Rev. F. A. Pynsent

[GRO0295 Hennock]

November 1877

Freeman's Journal and Daily Commercial Advertiser: Friday November 2nd, 1877 Issue N/A

Marriage: Rawlins and Pynsent: Oct. 27th, at Northam, North Devon, by the Vicar, the Rev. Marcus Diamond Churchward, assisted by the Rev. F. J. Rawlins, and the Rev. F. A. Pynsent, Rector of Bawdeswell, Norfolk, Colonel T. A. Rawlins, late 86th Regiment, third son of the late Rev. H.W. Rawlins, M.A., Rector of Fiddington, and Rector of Kilton, Somersetshire, to Jane Augusta, youngest daughter of Thomas Pynsent, Esq., Hillsborough, Northam.

[see also Belfast News-Letter, Saturday November 3rd, 1877, Pall Mall Gazette: Thursday 1st November 1877, North Devon Herald: Thursday 8th November 1877 and similar Western Times: Thursday 1st November 1877]

[GRO0472 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

Week's News (London): Saturday 3rd November 1877

Marriages: ... (*includes*) ... Rawlins – Pynsent: At Northam, Col. T. A. Rawlins, late 86th Regt. To Jane A. d of T. Pynsent, Oct. 27.

[GRO0472 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Saturday 3rd November 1877

Honiton: ...

Hunt Dinner: The friends of J. Pynsent-Mathew, Esq., of Rydon House, Talaton, met at the Dolphin Hotel on Thursday last for the purpose of dining together and also to present Mr. Mathew with testimonial in token of their regard for him, having for several years past provided them with pack hounds for the purpose of hunting the neighbourhood. About seventy sat down to the dinner, which was of the most *recherche* description and provided by Host Banfield, and among those present were Sir John H. Kennaway, Bart, (who presided), W. Hine Haycock, Esq. (vice chair), Colonel Drewe, E. Drewe, Esq., the Rev. J. G. Copleston, Rev. G. T. M. Messiter, G. P. Blake, Esq., &c., &c. After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Sir John Kennaway made the presentation, consisting of a handsome silver tea and coffee service valued about 150 guineas. Mr. Mathew suitably acknowledged the receipt of the testimonial, and a pleasant evening was afterwards spent. ...

[see also Western Times: Tuesday 6th November 1877]

Homeward Mail from India, China and the East: Monday 5th November 1877

Marriages: Rawlins – Pynsent: - Oct. 27th, at Northam, Col. T. A. Rawlins, late 86th Regt., to Jane Augusta, daughter of T. Pynsent, Esq., of Hillsborough ...

[GRO0472 Hennock] [GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 9th November 1877

Testimonial to Mr. J. Pynsent Mathew: Master of the Talaton Harriers: This popular sportsman was on Thursday evening last week presented at the Dolphin Hotel, Honiton with a gratifying and well a merited token of regard. And so appropriate a compliment must have been greatly enhanced by the person attendance of neighbours, friends and brother sportsmen from all points of his county, anxious to show the esteem he had commanded during the long period (considerably over twenty years) that he had provided sport, and maintained not only his excellent pack but the honoured position of master of the Talaton Harriers, in a manner which had given satisfaction the entire agricultural community *(description of event)* ...

Sir John continued: it is now my pleasing duty to ask Mr. Pynsent Mathews acceptance of this noble gift, in the names of all who are present, and of those few upon this list who are unfortunately absent, and to offer it in the words of the following inscription engrave upon the chaste and elegant silver kettle now before me: "Presented with a tea and coffee service to J. Pynsent Mathew, Esq., of Rydon, Talaton, Devon, the 1st day of November 1877, on the occasion of a dinner (presided over by Sir J. H. Kennaway, Bart. M.P.) – given to Mr. Pynsent Mathew by the followers of his hounds, as a sincere token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his neighbours and friends *(other speeches)* ...

Mr. F. L. Ellis proposed the healths of Mrs. Pynsent Mathew and family, and with a few other sentiments, some capital songs and five old bachelors returning thanks seriatim, for the ladies, this very successful "Meet" was brought to a close.

[see similar: Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 9th November 1877]

Field: Saturday 10th November 1877

Testimonial to the Master of the Talaton Hounds: A testimonial to Mr. J. Pynsent, (sic) the Master of the Talaton Harriers, was made on the 1st inst. at Honiton, as a well-merited token of regard.

December 1877

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 21st December 1877

Northam: A special meeting of the Northam Local Board was held at the usual place of meeting on Saturday, A. B. Wren, Esq., J.P., chairman. There were also present ...

The chairman opened the meeting by stating that its object was to consider the rescinding of the drainage scheme entered on the minute-book. Captain Sangster said he very much regretted that it fell to his lot to move the resolution, for two reasons, first, he did not think it would be carried out, and there was no doubt that an opposition scheme would be sent to the

Local Government Board ... secondly, he (Captain Sangster) proposed against his own conviction. *(discussion of old issues leading to a resolution)*

“That all resolutions bearing on the scheme for the drainage outfall at Westward Ho! to the westward be rescinded, and that Mr. Ellis’s scheme No. 2, for carrying the drainage to the Pimpley, with a view to its discharge into the existing dyke, be adopted; and that the Local Government Board be informed thereof.” The resolution was carried. Mr. Williams remarked that the Local Board had been threatened with an action by Mr. Pynsent therefore they must be prepared. ...

[see similar: North Devon Herald: Thursday 20th December 1877]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

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January 1878

Torquay Times, and Devon Advertiser: Saturday 5th January 1878

The Grammar School, Chudleigh: Founded by John Pynsent, A.D. 1668: Headmaster: T. B. Beuttler, B.A. Formerly Exhibitioner of Rugby School and Scholar of Queen’s College, Cambridge, and late assistant Master at Bedford Grammar School: The School will be re-opened on Friday January 25th, 1878 For terms etc. apply to the headmaster ... *(and others similar advertisements)*

February 1878

March 1878

April 1878

Western Gazette: Friday 19th April 1878

Board of Guardians: The following is a list of the Guardians of the poor elected for the several parishes in the Langport Union for the year 1878-9: *(includes)* ... Curry Rivel, Thomas T. Cuff, Burton Pynsent ...

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Tuesday 23rd April 1878

Northam: Local Board: The first meeting of this Board, after the election of new members was held on Saturday: ... *(list of members)* ... Mr. W. Pickard proposed and Mr. Penhorwood

seconded “That A. B. Wren, Esq., be the Chairman for the ensuing year”. This was carried. It was proposed and carried that Messrs. Williams, W. Pickard and Captain Sangster should be the Westward Ho! Committee (*local business then*) ...

A letter was then read by the Chairman, as follows ... (*from the Local Government Board, Whitehall, acknowledging that the Northam board had abandoned its original proposal for sewerage at Westward Ho and now needed L. 350 for their revised plan. The Board ask for a copy of the resolution and say they will sanction it*) ... “provided they are satisfied that the scheme will suffice for the drainage of Mr. Pynsent’s houses. In order that this may be ascertained, they request to be furnished with a section of the proposed main sewer, showing the level of its invert with referent to the level of the basement of these houses ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

May 1878

Western Gazette: Friday 10th May 1878

Langport: ...

County Court: Wednesday: Before Mr. Serjeant Petesdorff, Judge: Miscellaneous Cases: ...

Walter Mead & Son, tailors, etc. Langport, v. Wm. Hodge, labourer, Burton Pynsent, to recover £2 8s 8d: Judgement for plaintiff:

Western Times: Wednesday 29th May 1878

Endowed Schools: In pursuance of a motion made by Earl Fortescue, a return has been issued by the House of Lords relating to the endowed schools of the Kingdom. This return is made out county by county, with, in each case, a proximate estimate of the annual endowments ... (*Table for Devon showing*) ... Chudleigh: Pynsent’s Grammar School: £30

[see also Western Times: Friday 31st May 1878]

June 1878

North Devon Journal: Thursday 20th June 1878

Northam Local Board: A meeting of this Board was held on Saturday in the vestry-room, Northam. Mr. Pickard in the chair ... (*list of attendees and reading of correspondence including from the Local Governing Board regarding Westward Ho! and its exemption from payment of Appledore drainage costs*) ... The Board at the same time direct me to enclose a copy of a communication which they have received from Mr. Pynsent with reference to the drainage of Westward Ho! and to request that they may be furnished with the observations of the Local Board on the subject ...

Captain Sangster said Westward Ho! was the best off, having all their roads made for them; and in reference to Mr. Pynsent's letter, he (Captain Sangster) moved at a previous meeting that the Pympley scheme be carried out; but, having no seconder, it fell to the ground ...

[see similar, Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 21st June 1878]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

July 1878

North Devon Journal: Thursday 11th July 1878

Southmolton: ...

Town Council: The usual monthly meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday last. There were present – The Mayor (J. Galliford, Esq.), Aldermen White and Smyth, Councillors Riccard, J. Cock, Cole, etc. ... (*discussion of local matters, includes*) ...

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Pynsent, in reply to one from the Town Clerk, in reference to certain encroachments by him on the Council's property at Northam. It was resolved that the matter be left to the Sale of the Northam Glebe Lands Committee ...

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 12th July 1878

Southmolton: ...

Council Meeting: Tuesday, Present the Mayor (J. Galliford, Esq.) Alderman Smyth and White; Councillors J. Cock, Cole, Redler etc. ... (*local issues, include*) ...

A letter from Mr. Thomas Pynsent in reply to one from the Town Clerk in reference to certain encroachments by him on the council's property at Northam. This matter was left to the Northam Lands Committee to meet Mr. Pynsent on the 31st instant ...

[see similar Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 12th July 1878]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 19th July 1878

North Devon: Northam, Near Westward Ho!, & Bideford: Valuable Freehold Fields & Building Sites for Sale: Tithe Free and Land Tax Redeemed: Messrs. William Manning and Son will offer for sale by auction, at the Hotel, Westward Ho! on Wednesday, 31st July next, at 3 for 4 o'clock in the afternoon precisely, several fields or closes of land, and building sites, comprising altogether upwards of 15 acres, adjoining the residences of Captain Stapledon, Thomas Pynsent, Esq., and others, formerly portions of the Glebe Lands of Northam, but now part of

the Corporate property of the Borough of South Molton, in Lots as described in handbills which may be obtained from the Town Clerk. ...

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 12th July 1878]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 18th July 1878

North Devon: Northam, Near Westward Ho! and Bideford: Valuable Freehold Fields & Building Sites for Sale: Tithe Free and Land Tax Redeemed: Messrs. William Manning and son will offer for Sale by Auction, at the Hotel, Westward Ho!, on Wednesday, 31st of July next, at 3 for 4 o'clock in the Afternoon precisely, several FIELDS, Closes of Land and Building Sites, comprising altogether upwards of 15 Acres, adjoining the residences of Capt. Stapledon, Thomas Pynsent, Esq., and others, formerly portions the Glebe Lands of Northam, but now part of the Corporate Property of the Borough of Southmolton, in Lots as described in handbills, which may be obtained of the Town Clerk. The Lands are well situate adjoining the high road from Bideford to Westward Ho, and near the far-famed Northam Burrows and Pebble Ridge, and the celebrated Golf Links; within ten minutes' walk of the Church, the Sea, the United Service College, the Great Nassau Bath, Hotel, etc.; and about two miles from the Town of Bideford and the Railway Station; and contain, without exception, some of the best Building Sites in this justly celebrated locality. Most of the Land has a southern aspect, and the whole commands extensive and uninterrupted Views of the Sea. There are unlimited Rights of Pasturage over the Northam Burrows appurtenant to each Lot; and the Property is Tithe Free and Land Tax Redeemed. The respective Tenants will, on application, show the premises, and any further particulars may be obtained of Mr. Wm. Ward, surveyor, of Northam (who will be furnished with a plan of the several lots); the Auctioneers; of Messrs. Whitakers and Woolbert, Solicitors, 12, Lincoln Inn Fields, London; or at the Offices of MR. RUSSELL M. RICCARD, Town Clerk, Southmolton. Dated: Southmolton, 29th June 1878

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 12th July 1878]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 19th July 1878

Northam: Local Board: A meeting was held in the vestry room on Saturday last. A. B. Wren, Esq., J.P. presided and there were also present General Hutchinson, Captains Sangster, Molesworth, and Wren, and also Messrs. Williams, Tucker, Penhorwood, Heywood, H. Cawsey, Bassett, and Rev. E. Reynolds. – Captain Sangster asked why the tenders for Westward Ho! drainage was not advertised for? The Clerk said they were waiting for a letter from the Local Government Board, which had not arrived. General Hutchinson said the drainage would have to go through his land; therefore, he should oppose it strenuously, as he knew the Plympley

scheme would be money thrown away. Captains Sangster then produced a letter from the Local Board to Mr. Pynsent: ... *(acknowledges receipt of letter acknowledging that there was a dispute between members of the Westward Ho! Committee, but says it has no legal powers)* ...

[see similar North Devon Journal: Thursday 18th July 1878]

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Tuesday 30th July 1878

Chudleigh Grammar School: Devon: Founded by John Pynsent, A.D. 1668: Headmaster: T. B. Beuttler, B.A., formerly Exhibitioner of Rugby School, and Scholar of Queen's College, Cambridge, and late Assistant Master at Bedford Grammar School. The next term will begin on September 17th.

August 1878

North Devon Journal: Thursday 8th August 1878

Sir, — In the 'North Devon Journal' of the 18th last, I note a report of a meeting of the Northam Local Board, which states that "Captain Sangster then produced a letter from the Local Government Board to Mr. Pynsent, which is as follows." I would desire to point out that there is in the twenty-third line of your printed report of that meeting an error, which alters entirely the purport of the Local Government Board's decision, through the words "approved of," having been substituted for "opposed by." I append a verbatim copy the Government letter: - Sir, — I am directed by the Local Government to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th ultimo, and to forward to you herewith for your information a copy of a communication which the Board have received from the Northam Local Board, with respect to the sewerage of Westward Ho. I am the same time directed to state that the Board are aware of the fact that the scheme in respect of which their sanction has been given to a loan is opposed some of the members of the Westward Ho Committee, but, as it appears to the Board, that the Committee has no legal powers, the Local Board not being authorized by the Public Health Act, 1875, to appoint committees compose in part of persons not members of the Local Board. The point now arrived at, with respect to the long deferred sanitary works at Westward Ho, appears then, to be as follows: First, the Government Board have approved of a specific scheme for the drainage, by disinfecting the sewage and conveying it in pipes to the eastward, for which plans have been furnished and approved, and estimates obtained; and have also given their sanction to a loan for carrying out the necessary works. Secondly, the Local Board have approved thereof, as shown in the last paragraph of your report of the Board meeting as follows "The clerk was then directed to order advertisements for carrying out the drainage of Pimpley scheme." Thirdly, this — the approved and sanctioned Eastern scheme — is now opposed (as had been for years the proposed Western scheme) by certain persons connected with

Westward Ho, the form the opposition has lately taken being that the Joint Committee (consisting of three members be chosen by the Northam Local Board, and three on the part the Westward Ho district, by whom and in what way elected I know not) had not given their assent. It is on this point that the Government letter appear conclusive, where it states, 'that Committee has no legal powers.', May it now be hoped that the long-deferred sanitary works for Westward Ho will be promptly carried out, without encountering further opposition, Yours truly, THOMAS PYNSENT Glion, sur Montreux, Switzerland, July 29th, 1878.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Thursday 8th August 1878

Chudleigh Grammar School, Devon: Found by John Pynsent, A.D. 1668: Headmaster: T. B. Beuttler, B.A. formerly Exhibitioner of Rugby School and Scholar of Queen's College, Cambridge, and late Assistant Master at Bedford Grammar School: The next term will begin on September 17th.

[see also Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Daily Telegrams: Monday 2nd September 1878 and others]

September 1878

October 1878

North Devon Journal: Thursday 10th October 1878

Revision of the County Voter's Lists: The revision of the county voters' lists for the parishes in the Polling District took place in the Town Hall Friday, before Charles Barrett Russell, Esq., barrister-at-law. Lionel Bencraft, Esq., of Barnstaple, and Rooker, Esq., of Bideford, appeared for the Liberals; and J. T. Bremridge, Esq., of Exeter, and George Turner, Esq., of Bideford, for the Conservatives. — A great deal of the time the Court was taken up with objections by the Conservatives which were not sustained; and the business of the Court ended in a net increase to the Liberals of 20 votes. Mr. Thompson, junr., was objected to, his qualification being house and stable in Buttgarden-street. — The name was struck out on the ground of his joint occupation with his father. Mr. John Dennis, of Hartland, was objected to by the Conservatives. — Mr. Dennis deposed that was the owner of about 28 acres of land in the parish, which came to him on the death of his father - Vote allowed: - Mr. James Burrow, of Bideford, objected to by the Conservatives. Mr. Burrow proved owning some houses Littleham, and the objection was over-ruled. -Mr. Crealock, Littleham, objected to by the Conservatives. — Mr. Burrow appeared for him; but the Revising Barrister objected to receive his evidence as he was not a professional gentleman. The fact of his being an accountant and collecting the rent was not deemed sufficient. — Mr. Thomas Pynsent, of Westward Ho, objected to by the Conservatives. From the

evidence of the rate collector, it appeared that Mr. Pynsent is rated for use and occupation of a certain house and fields. He is rated in £41 10s. From the evidence of his coachman it appeared that Mr. Pynsent let a portion his house at Lady-day last up to the end of the month; but he (the servant) was in occupation of a house distinct from the part let, and also the stable and lands, which were worth more than £12 per annum — Examined by Mr. Bremridge: I have now two masters. — Mr. Bremridge: Then I maintain that he is now the servant of the tenant. Mr. Bencraft: Certainly not — Mr. Bremridge: Then I must ask for the written agreement. — Mr. Bencraft then explained that Mr. Pynsent spent a few months every year in the south of Devon, and when he was away this witness was left in charge on behalf Mr. Pynsent; and that the coach-house and stable were still occupied by Mr. Pynsent's carriage and pony, and Mr. Pynsent paid the man for looking after it — The Revising Barrister (to witness): Does the gentleman now occupying the house use the coach-house and stable? — Witness: No. Revising Barrister (to the overseer): Is the house occupied by the witness separate from the house occupied by the gentleman referred to? — Overseer: No, it is one and the same building — Mr. Bencraft: That must be a mistake, for the witness's house is connected with the coach-house and stable — Revising Barrister (to witness): Did your master, before he left, occupy the premises now held by you? — Witness: Yes, sir. — Revising Barrister: Then it is a distinct occupation: his name must be struck off: — Mr. Bencraft: It matters little to us, Sir, as we have him on another list.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

November 1878

Somerset County Gazette: Saturday 2nd November 1878

Curry Rivel, Langport, Drayton and Huish Episcopi Ploughing Match: The 38th anniversary was held on Friday week, when the competitions for ploughing took place in a field called "Landpits" in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Mead, of Merrick's farm. ...

Shepherd: To the man, being a shepherd, having sole charge of a flock of not less than 100 sheep: Adam Grinter, with Mr. Cuff, Burton Pynsent. ...

Cottages and Gardens: Class 1: To all persons who have won a first or second prize from the Society: First, John Harris, recommended by Mr. H. Griffin, Drayton; second, John Templeman, recommended by Mr. Cuff Burton Pynsent.

Exeter and Plymouth Gazette: Friday 8th November 1878

Westward Ho! and its Drainage: Another Local Government Board Inquiry: So much has for the past six or seven years been written concerning the disputes at the Northam Local Board, between the representatives of Northam and Appledore, and those of Westward Ho! with regard to the drainage of Westward Ho! that the public by this time pretty well understand

that, in consequence of these differences of opinion, the drainage of the district has been from time to time delayed. Three Local Government Board inquiries have already been held on the subject, but up to this time nothing has been done in the way of effectually draining the place, and a short time ago Mr. Pynsent and others made a complaint to the Local Government Board that the Local Board of the district had made default in providing their district with sufficient sewers. Upon this representation the Local Government Board ordered an inquiry to be held with reference to that default, which inquiry was held on Wednesday at the Royal Hotel, Westward Ho! by Lieut. - Col. Ponsonby Cox, R.E. The Inspector was also requested to inquire with reference to a proposal which had been made to dissolve the district of the Northam Local Board, and merge it in the district of the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Bideford Union, and also into the alternative proposal to declare the portion of the district of the Local Board known as Westward Ho! to be included in the district of the said Rural Sanitary Authority. There were present at the inquiry Capt. Wren (chairman of the Northam Local Board), Capt. Molesworth, Mr. Pynsent, Mr. Sandercock, Mr. W. Pickard, Mr. Smale, Mr. W. Kelly, Mr. Beer, and other members of the Local Board, besides the Rev. Gossett, Dr. Acland; and Messrs. Baker, Oatway, Vellacott, and several ratepayers of the district. — The Inspector stated the object of the inquiry and said the complaint had been made under the 299th section of the Public Health Act. — The first to give any information on the subject was Mr. Pynsent, of Westward Ho! He was about to give a history of the action, or rather inaction, of the Northam Local Board from the year 1870, but the Inspector desired that information should be given him only with regard to the default of the Board in carrying out a drainage scheme called the Pimpley Scheme, for which £350 was borrowed in May last. — Mr. Pynsent still continued to explain that some few years ago when his hotel — the Pebble Ridge Hotel — was open, Mr. Froude, the historian, Canon Kingsley, and the Rev. Cowley Cowles visited him at the hotel. They went out on the balcony, and the stench was so great that Canon Kingsley was taken ill. That was in consequence of the stench arising from the drainage which had been brought immediately in front of his house without a sufficient outlet. — Captain Wren said there had been several reasons for the delay. They could not, for one thing, carry the works on in the middle of summer when all the visitors were about, and meetings which should have been held were not convened. Further than that, on August 10th the Clerk to the Board wrote a letter to Mr. Ellis, engineer, of Exeter, requesting him to make plans and specifications for the Pimpley Scheme, in order that the Clerk might advertise; but Mr. Ellis declined to do so, stating as his reason that he would rather be relieved, as Captain Molesworth had opposed every scheme but his own, and he did not wish to be engaged in any quarrels or squabbles. — Capt. Molesworth here said he had never opposed any scheme, and it was absurd for an official to make a peg of his name as an excuse for stopping the drainage. — It was elicited that owing to the sea rushing in and breaking the pipes in July, the Local Board resolved to carry out some temporary works to the westward at a cost of £15, which was done, but which had since been demolished. — Mr.

Pynsent said the Local Board would resolve to do anything, but they would never carry it out. They would vote enough to cleanse Cyprus, but they would not do the work. In August the Local Board wrote to the Board above saying they had adopted these temporary works and asking to be allowed time to give them a fair trial, since which time the Board had directed the present inquiry to be held. — Capt. Molesworth said the object of the Northam Board was to put their temporary works on their trial, and if they answered they would have pushed the question of the drainage to the eastward off for an indefinite time. Indeed, had it not been for that inquiry, the thing would have been pushed off. When Mr. Morgan held inquiry there, he recommended the scheme to the eastward, which the ratepayers of Westward Ho! were agreeable to, but the Local Board did not believe in the scheme, and although they passed a resolution that it should be carried out, they took no action to carry it out. He (Capt. Molesworth) had not made any complaints because they were injurious to the place. It was the healthiest place in England; there was no illness there, and nothing to complain of, except those horrible Government inquiries. The water was the purest, and the drainage was the best, in England. Had the scheme which Mr. Morgan recommended been carried out, there would have been no inquiry again. From the commencement of the formation of the Northam Local Board there had been nothing but opposition to do anything at Westward Ho! — The Rev. I. H. Gossett said he considered that, with regard to the question of the reduction of the members of the Board, twenty-four was too large a number. For some years he had been an advocate for reducing the number. The Board had even made application to reduce the number, and when Mr. Morgan held the last inquiry that was one of the things he was going to inquire into, but at the last moment the Chairman of the Northam Board withdrew the matter. He (the speaker) thought twelve quite sufficient, and he thought it would be fair that those twelve should be distributed amongst the parish and elected by wards. That would give a fair representation of the parish and prevent one place being swamped by the others. He thought Westward Ho! had been, on the whole, badly treated by the Northam Local Board from the beginning. Why, then, should Westward Ho! be further punished by being thrust into the Bideford Sanitary Authority? Some time ago a memorial was sent to the Local Government Board asking that the district might be separated, but it was afterwards agreed that Westward Ho! should remain with the Northam Local Board, and that the Board should do certain things for Westward Ho! Those things, however, had not been done, and he thought Westward Ho! should be separated and formed into a district Local Board itself. Northam could then be a Local Board itself, and Appledore the same, or the latter could go under the petticoat government of the Bideford Rural Sanitary Authority. He did not agree with dissolution. He thought the united parish, comprising Northam, Westward Ho! and Appledore, ought to have been able to have ruled itself; but as it could not, it should be divided into two or three Boards. — Mr. Pynsent said he was not for what Mr. Gossett now advocated, but for what he did in 1869. He then wrote a pamphlet in favour of union. He said then: "The motto upon the seal of the Board is ' Union is strength;' the design in the middle of the seal is

bundle of sticks; strong when tightly bound together, weak when unbound." He (Mr. Pynsent) was against dissolution. — Mr. B. Pickard reminded Mr. Gossett that when the Board was first formed, he recommended that it should consist of 24 members. (Laughter.) — Capt. Molesworth and Mr. W. Pickard saw no reason why Mr. Gossett's suggestion, to reduce the numbers and divide districts into wards, should not be carried out. — The Inspector said he also saw no reason, but it could only be done by a resolution of the ratepayers and owners. — This ended the inquiry, and the Inspector went down on the Burrows to visit the place or places complained of. — In the course of a few weeks the Inspector will make his report to the Local Government Board.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

North Devon Journal: Thursday 14th November 1878

Westward Ho! the Drainage Question: Who is to Blame? The question as to the best mode of disposing of the sewage of Westward Ho has been under the consideration the authorities and the ratepayers generally for six or seven years. Numerous meetings have been held; the subject has been many times discussed by the Northam Local Board (Westward Ho! being part of the district of that Board); and three inquiries have been held by Inspectors of the Local Government Board. But the drainage is now in as unsatisfactory state as ever. The principal point at issue has been whether the sewage should be carried across the Burrows eastwards, or whether the outfall should be at Westward Ho! to which the residents of the district are naturally strongly opposed, the result would be, they contend, to injure the prospects of Westward Ho as a popular sea-side resort. Complaints having recently been made to the Local Government Board by T. Pynsent, Esq., one of the principal landowners of Westward Ho! and by other gentlemen, that the Northam Local Board had been guilty of default in the matter, another enquiry — the fourth — was held for the Board above on Wednesday in last week, at the Westward Ho! Hotel, by Lieut.-Col. Ponsonby Cox, R.E. There were present — A. B. Wren, Esq. (Chairman of the Local Board), the Rev. I. H. Gosset, Col. Wheeler, Capt. Molesworth, Capt. Wyborough, Capt. Williams, E. U. Vidal, Esq., T. Pynsent, Esq., Mr. J. Ellis, C.E. (Exeter), Mr. C. Hole (Clerk of the Northam Local Board), Messrs. Sandercock, Bazeley, Pickard (2), Oatway, Vellacott, W. Kelly, Vickary, Heywood, G. Baker, Cawsey (2), Mill, W. Bassett, Dymond, Ellis, Tremeer, Cory, Lock, E. Williams, Price, and Ward (Local Board Surveyor). The enquiry lasted only about two hours, for the Inspector insisted, firmly but courteously, upon the exclusion of remarks irrelevant to the objects of the enquiry, which he defined to be — (1) with reference to a complaint made to the Local Government Board that the Local Board Northam had made default in not providing the district with sufficient sewers; (2) with reference to a proposal which had been made to dissolve the district of the Local Board, and merge it in that of the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Bideford Union, or, in an alternative proposal, to include the portion of the district known as Westward Ho! in the said Sanitary Authority; and (3) with

reference to a suggestion which had been made to reduce the number of members the Northam Local Board. First of all, he would invite information relating to the first of those points — the alleged default of the Local Board. After Mr. Wren, as Chairman the Local Board, had made a few remarks, which were subsequently repeated, Mr. Pynsent was requested to speak in substantiation of his complaint. Mr. Pynsent went so far back as 1870, when, after Mr. Morgan, C.E., had held the first enquiry, it was decided to drain to the eastward, but as the pipes were laid almost at a dead level, and as there was no proper outlet provided, an intolerable nuisance was created. He read a letter from the Rev. Cowley Cowles, Eversley, Hampshire, who visited Westward Ho! with the late Canon Kinsley and Mr. Froude, the historian, bearing emphatic testimony to the nuisance which found to exist. The gentlemen named were staying at the Pebble Ridge Hotel, belonging to Mr. Pynsent (and which has long been vacant consequence the defective drainage I, and when they went out to the balcony Mr. Kingsley was taken ill, the cause being the stench which arose from the sewage which had been brought in close proximity to the hotel. Mr. Pynsent was proceeding with his narrative, when the Inspector remarked that the Board above were already in possession of the facts, complaints having been made to them from time to time by Mr. Pynsent and others. What he wished to ascertain was what the facts were at the present time, and he thought it was not necessary to go further back than when the Local Board, after Mr. Morgan's last inquiry, obtained powers to borrow £350 in part payment of the works for the Pimpley scheme. Could the Chairman of the Local Board explain why these works had not been executed? Mr. Wren said that in consequence of Mr. Morgan's recommendation the Board resolved to carry out the Pimpley scheme, but they could not, of course, proceed with it in the summer months when visitors were about. On the 15th of June last, the Clerk reported that Mr. Bazeley had not, as requested, convened a meeting of the Joint Westward Ho Committee, and it was resolved that, having regard to the delay in the calling of that meeting and to the approaching hot weather, the Pimpley scheme should be proceeded with, and that plans and , specifications should be obtained from Mr. Ellis, advertisements should be issued, and steps taken to procure the completion of the works. At the next meeting, on the 13th July, the sea having in the meantime broken the cesspit then in use, the Surveyor was instructed to lengthen the outfall into the sea, and to abate the nuisance temporarily until the Pimpley outfall was made. The next meeting was held on the 10th August, and the Clerk then reported that Mr. Ellis had declined to furnish plans, the reason he assigned being that Capt. Molesworth was opposed to the scheme, and would thwart its being properly carried out; but he promised to re-consider his decision, if the Board wished him to do so. On the same day the Clerk was directed to forward a copy of Mr. Ellis's letter to the Board above and inform them that an outlet had been constructed, which they wished to give a fair trial. Afterwards came the notice of the Local Government Board's intention to hold the present enquiry. Capt. Molesworth, noticing Mr. Ellis's letter, denied that he had ever opposed the Pimpley scheme, and said that even if he had been opposed, he

should not have attempted to thwart it if once adopted. Mr. Pynsent said there had been plenty of voting by the Local Board, but no action. There had been enough voting to cleanse Cyprus. (Laughter) The money of the ratepayers had been squandered in carrying out temporary works, and those which had been last constructed, in May last, were swept away by the ocean. The "trial" alluded to in the Local Board's letter came off last Saturday week, when the works were carried out into the sea and smashed. Mr. Wren said that, that experiment having failed, the Local Board would, no doubt, have gone on with the Pimpley scheme, in accordance with the resolutions which were passed, but for this enquiry. Mr. Bazeley had no doubt that if the experiment had succeeded the Local Board would have abandoned the Pimpley scheme and drained to the westward. Capt. Molesworth thought Mr. Pynsent was perfectly right in the main, and that but for his complaint the Local Board would have shelved the matter until they saw an opportunity of draining to the westward, which would not benefit Mr. Pynsent's property at all. Members of the Board had said as much at meetings at which he had been present. The Local Board had passed resolutions, he knew, but he judged their intentions from their action. Mr. Pynsent: Inaction. Capt. Molesworth said he had not complained because of the injury which complaints did to the reputation of the place, the drainage and water supply of which were amongst the best in England, although a very different impression had got abroad. Mr. Pynsent, disposed to leniency, asked the Inspector if the sentence of capital punishment proposed to be passed on the Local Board could not be mitigated to one of "six months' hard labour," in which time they should be compelled to carry out the Pimpley scheme; but the Inspector replied that he could not answer that question without anticipating many stages of the enquiry. Mr. Pynsent said transportation was no longer allowed, or he should be disposed to transport of the Local Board to Cyprus. (Laughter) Capt. Molesworth said that as a member of the Local Board he held that body to be guilty of the charge now under investigation. Mr. Williams said Capt. Molesworth had strongly opposed the Pimpley scheme. The Inspector said he would now proceed with the other points, and at the close of the enquiry would go and visit the outfall and inspect the locality. In reply to the Inspector, Mr. Vidal, as Chairman of the Bideford Rural Sanitary Authority, said that that body had not considered the desirability of the district of the Northam Local Board being merged in the Union; and Mr. Wren said that the Local Board had not discussed the question whether it would be well for Westward Ho! to separate from Northam and become part of the Union. Mr. Beer: Why not give us a separate district altogether? Mr. Gosset said that he had been for some years in favour of reducing the number of members of the Local Board, which now stood at 24, and the largeness of which had produced considerable difficulty. He considered that 12 would be quite sufficient, and in fairness to all they should be elected in wards, so that the people resident at Appledore should no longer be able to bear down, by the weight of their number, those living in Northam and Westward Ho! His idea was that Appledore should return four members; that part of Northam towards Appledore and the sea, two; that part of Northam

towards the river Torridge and Bideford, two; Northam Ridge, a small district on the other side of Bideford, one; and Westward Ho! three. As to the proposal that Westward should be included in the Union, he would remark that he thought Westward Ho! had been badly treated by the Local Board from the beginning, the completion of its sewerage system having been so long delayed. He wanted to know why Westward Ho! should be punished for having been neglected by the Local Board by being despoiled of what little local self-government belonged to it. The penalty, he thought, should fall upon obstructors in other parts of the district. Some years ago the people of Westward Ho! memorialised for separation from Northam and Appledore and for the right to elect a Local Board of its own; but on the occasion of Mr. Morgan's third enquiry it was agreed that things should remain as they were, the Local Board promising to provide proper system of drainage. If that undertaking had been carried out this enquiry would not have been necessary, and he certainly did not see why the punishment should be visited upon the unoffending but offended — against Westward Ho! If there was to be any separation, he thought it should be of the kind originally proposed, namely, that Westward Ho! should form a Local Board district itself; or else Appledore should be expelled and Westward Ho! and Northam constitute a Local Board district. Then Appledore, which, unfortunately, had set itself against the promotion of the best interests of this district, might come under the petticoat government of the Bideford Rural Sanitary Authority, which would appoint three dictators to look after it and do exactly what they pleased. He was averse to the dissolution of the Board because he thought the parish of sufficient dimensions and importance to rule itself; but if it must be dissolved, let the district divide into two or three parts, and give each a fresh start. Mr. Pynsent, having mentioned that out of the 284 acres, 1 rood, 37 poles, of which Westward Ho! consisted, he owned 75 acres, 37 poles, besides being a shareholder in the Hotel Company and the owner of many houses, recommended, not what Mr. Gosset was now advising, but what that gentleman practically advocated in a pamphlet he published in 1869, viz., that the parish of Northam should form part of the Bideford Union, as it did up to the year 1867. The administration would then be in the hands of the leading magistrates of the neighbourhood and would not only be more efficient than under the present system, but also more economical, for instead of having to pay the salary of the clerk the Local Board, the parish would only have to pay the 16th part of the salary of the clerk to the Sanitary Authority. The Inspector remarked that the Local Board was composed of unusually large number members, and asked what the views of the members present were to a reduction. Mr. B. Pickard said he used to be in favour of a Board of 12 members, but that Mr. Gosset recommended 24; and his brother, with Mr. Wren's concurrence, said he thought the Board would not object to a reduction of one-half. Capt. Molesworth condemned the present constitution of the Local Board as unwieldy and spoke in favour of Westward Ho! separating and forming a new district. It could not be expected that it would be fairly treated by Northam and Appledore, for its wants as a watering place were altogether different from theirs. The Local Board had had the roads

cleaned in anticipation of this enquiry; but if the Inspector had come down in the summer, when it was of real importance to the interests of Westward Ho! that they should be well kept, he would have found them in a very different condition. He did not see why Appledore and Northam should object to the separation: he should have expected that they would be glad to get rid of Westward Ho! Mr. Williams: Very glad. (Laughter) Mr. Pickard said it was the proper and ordinary time to have the roads cleaned now. Capt. Molesworth further remarked that it would not be right to saddle the other parts of the district with a share the expense for what was particularly necessary to it as a watering-place. The Inspector remarked that the Local Government Board set its face against the creation of small, independent districts. He did not see why the members of the Local Board should not be returned by wards, but no change could be made until after an approving resolution by the ratepayers and a Local Government Board inquiry: As to Capt. Molesworth's last observation, that difficulty might be got over by having a separate assessment, without disintegration. Mr. Pynsent, having expressed a wish that the Local Board should be compelled to carry out the Pimpley scheme within a given time, conveyed to the Inspector the thanks of the assembly for the genial manner in which he had conducted the enquiry, which then terminated.

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Somerset County Gazette: Saturday 16th November 1878

Southmolton: ...

Town Council Meeting: The annual meeting of the Council was held on Saturday. There were present the mayor (Mr. John Galliford) Aldermen Wite, Smyth and Bickell, Councillors John Cock, jun., R. Stone ... *(local business includes)* ...

The mayor affixed the corporate seal to the conveyances to Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Pynsent's trustee of lands bought by these gentlemen at Northam ...

[see also North Devon Journal: Thursday 14th November 1878 and Western Times: Tuesday 12th November 1878]

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Newcastle Courant: Friday 22nd November 1878

English Party Leaders: The history of party leaders from Walpole to Pool takes in a century and a half of the most important period of not only the national but the world's history ...

Pitt ... took a dislike to Hayes, sold it, purchased a villa at Hampstead, and there, too, endeavoured to surround himself with solitude, At Burton Pynsent, he conceived the idea of planting a considerable area with cedars, and as a sufficient supply could not be obtained in Somersetshire he ordered them to be sent down from London, engaging relays of workmen to plant them and insisting that the work should go on all night ...

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Bedford Record: Saturday 18th January 1879

Oakley Hunt Ball: A brilliant and fashionable party met in the New Corn Exchange, Bedford, on Wednesday evening last, on the occasion of the annual Oakley Hunt Ball. The season of hunting this year has been very an-auspicious in consequence of the severe frosty weather, nevertheless the ball was well patronised. ...

The following are the names of the distinguished company: ... *(includes)* ... Mr. Pynsent C. Smith ...

Southern Times and Dorset County Herald: Saturday 18th January 1879

Marriage: The marriage of Mr. G. F. Pinney, third son of the late Mr. John A. Pinney of Blackdown House, with Lucy, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Bragge, of Sadborow, was solemnized at St. John's Church in this town, on Saturday last ... *(description of wedding)* ...

The presents were both numerous and costly ... *(includes)* ... Mrs. Willoughby, black and gold fan; Mrs. Sneyd, silver sardine box; Mrs. Pynsent, drawing room china clock on stand, Mrs. Moss King, Silver necklace; Mrs. Reynolds Reynolds, white china tailor birds ... *(continues)* ...

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February 1879

March 1879

Torquay Times, and South Devon Advertiser: Saturday 1st March 1879

Torquay Times: Directory of Torquay: ...

88: Sulyarde Ter. (Torbay Road): Torbay Hotel (Mrs. Bates, proprietress) Sulyarde House: Mr. and Mrs. Hammerton, Mr. Alfred Smith, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pynsent, Capt. And Mrs. Willoughby and family, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and family ...

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April 1879

May 1879

Western Times: Friday 30th May: 1879

Endowed School Acts: A return has been printed, to an order of the House of Lords, dated 23rd July, 1878, and moved for by Earl Fortescue, for Returns made out, County by County, in continuation of Return respecting the Endowed Schools Acts, Paper No. 6, ordered to be printed on the 21st of January, 1878, with, in each case, proximate estimate of the annual endowments of (1) the number of Schemes finally approved and in force in England and Wales under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874; (2), the number of schemes published by the Charity Commissioners under these Acts, but not yet finally approved; (3), the Endowed Schools not returned in (1) and (2), nor included in section 3 of the Endowed Schools Act, 1873, which are within the general provisions of the Endowed Schools Acts; (4), the aggregate number and income of Endowed Schools included in section 3 of the Endowed Schools Act, 1873 also Return regards (1) of the Grade, determined as in Paper (6), 1878 of each school under the scheme in force, well as the total number and grades of such schools. The following are the particulars relating to our own County: 1. Schemes finally approved and in force. ... *(includes)* ... Chudleigh – Pynsent's Grammar School: ... £30 ...

June 1879

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December 1879

North Devon Journal: Thursday 4th December 1879

Bideford: ...

County Petty Sessions: Tuesday: Present, T. Rogers, Esq., (in the chair), and A. B. Wren, Esq., there were no cases to be heard, and the only business was to Transfer the licence of the Pebble Ridge Hotel, Westward Ho! from T. Pynsent, Esq., to Mr. C. Kempe. ...

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North Devon Herald: Thursday 4th December 1879

Bideford: County Petty Sessions: Tuesday T. Rogers, Esq., (in the chair), and A. B. Wren, Esq.,
There were no cases for hearing: The license of the Pebble Ridge Hotel, Westward Ho! Was
transferred from Mr. T. Pynsent to Mr. C. Kemp.

[GRO0835 Hennock]

Western Times: Friday 12th December 1879

Exeter County Court: Tuesday: Before Judge Fortescue: Dispute as to the Sale of Cider: Hellier v. Gibbs: Mr. Friend appeared for the plaintiff, who is a farmer residing at Dunsford, defendant, an innkeeper of Newton Abbot, was represented by Mr. Creed of that town. The action was brought to recover £15 4s being the price of eight hogsheads of cider sold by the plaintiff to the defendant. The sale took place in the early part of October 1878. It was new cider. Defendant upon receipt of it "racked" seven of the hogsheads and returned the casks; the other cask was not returned for some time after, but in the meantime no complaint was made as to the quality of the cider. In June last, plaintiff sent in his bill, and then for the first time, as he alleged, complaint was made as to the quality of the cider. ... (*dispute over quality of cider*) ...

Defendant found that it was not worth two-pence to him, as it was three parts new cider. There were bits of cork, paper etc. in the cider which the plaintiff sent. Mr. Holmes, agent to Messrs. Pynsent of Newton, brewers, who was present when the sale was affected, and had since tasted the cider corroborated the defendant's evidence ...

A labourer, who was in the employ of the plaintiff when the cider was sold, was called to prove that Mr. Hellier mixed two hogsheads of old and inferior cider with that which he forwarded to the defendant, and not one hogshead only of old cider as plaintiff himself had stated ...

His Honour expressed himself of opinion that the plaintiff had acted somewhat dishonestly in mixing the old cider with the new, unknown to the defendant. He thought, however, plaintiff was entitled to a verdict for £5, including the amount paid into Court. ...

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Robert Pynsent

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