

## APPENDIX

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Appendix 1 – Printed circular sent to numerous Gloucestershire Parishes.

This particular letter was sent to the Overseer of Colesborne.

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.

## RURAL POLICE.

At a General Meeting held at Newland on the 18th of November, 1841, It was resolved, (the general expense of the Rural Police being brought before the meeting,) that a Committee be appointed, to take into consideration the burden on the Parish for the said Police expense, which, in the opinion of the meeting, is wholly unnecessary.

The Committee met on the 24th of November, and having taken the subject before them into full consideration, are of opinion that a Memorial should be drawn up, to be presented to the Magistrates, at the Quarter Sessions, stating that it is the belief of the Rate-payers, that the expense of the Rural Police is burdensome and unnecessary, and request them to take into consideration whether they may not be abolished.

The Overseers of Newland particularly request that the Rate-payers of the Parish to which this circular be sent, will be good enough to return to them a written opinion on the subject.

December 26th, 1841.

C. HOUGH, TYE, COLEFORD.

To the Worshipful the Magistrates for the County of Gloucester, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, on the *fourth day* of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two.

The Petition of the undersigned Occupiers of Land and others, in the ~~Parish~~ *Township* of *Bishops Cleeve* in the said County,

SHEWETH,

That your Petitioners have observed, with much concern, the great increase of the County Rates, occasioned by the extensive introduction of the Police Force throughout this County. That your Petitioners are deeply sensible of the expediency of every necessary precaution being taken to ensure the Peace, and, as far as practicable, to prevent the committal of Crime. That in large and populous Towns, a Police Establishment may not be considered disadvantageous; but in Rural Districts, your Petitioners verily believe that crime is not of that extent as to warrant the interference of such force, and that the introduction of Police into those Districts of this County, has created a great feeling of dissatisfaction amongst the Yeomanry and others, whose loyalty and promptitude in assisting the Civil Power, have been found sufficient, in the most turbulent times, for the suppression of outbreaks.

Considering, therefore, a Police Force in the Rural Districts unnecessary, that the County Rates have been seriously increased by its introduction, and that, in case of any popular commotion, the good and loyal feeling of the great majority of the Inhabitants, combined with the assistance of the Military Force, will, at all times, be found sufficient to preserve the Peace.

Your Petitioners earnestly pray, that your Worshipful Bench will be pleased to adopt, forthwith, such Resolutions as will relieve your Petitioners from contributing to the maintenance of the Police Establishment of this County.

And your Petitioners will every pray, &c.

*John Fowler - Tenant*  
*John Peabody*  
*James Tankins - Churchwarden*

*(Occupiers of the Township  
of Bishops Cleeve)*

*John Minnett*  
*William Robert*  
*Thomas Sturt*  
*John Smith*  
*Eliaboth Taylor*  
*Joseph Aldred*  
*John Alder*  
*John Tankins*

*Henry Minnett*  
*George Ballinger*  
*Thomas Ballinger*  
*Charles Yend*

South West of Gloucestershire who petitioned against the Rural Police

Names of Parishes	Number of Signatures	Rateable Value of the Parish	Value of the Land occupied by those signing the Petition
Acton Turville	10	1107 10 3 3/4	814 12 1 1/4
Gold Ashton	19	2644 5 "	2294 5 6 1/4
Doddington	14	2125 15 0	2115 7 6
Doynton	24	3823 10 "	3107 7 "
Dyham and Hinton	37	3596 16 4 1/2	2573 11 "
Inampton Pottrell	216	4823 0 0	3436 2 "
Hawkesbury	231	756 "	3178 2 "
Horton	29	3930 15 "	2606 0 6
How Acton	104	5862 2 6	4328 7 "
Little Sodbury	14	1588 10 3	1463 5 "
Marshfield	130	8107 "	5244 "
Old Sodbury	85	4100 "	3694 " 6
Puckchurch	43	5591 3 6	3446 10 "
Formorton	64	3465 "	3144 3 9
Wapley Woodrington	39	4326 12 6	4157 12 "
Westonleigh	109	7030 1 "	6402 17 "
West Littleton	5	1420 15 "	936 2 6
Wick and Osborn	63	3730 "	2804 " "
Lyate	52	6190 "	5734 10 "
<b>Total</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>85,226 24 2 1/4</b>	<b>65,189 8 4 1/2</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>£</b>      <b>s</b>      <b>d</b>  <b>Total rateable value</b>    85,226    14    2 1/4  <b>Value of Signatures</b>    65,189    8    4 1/2 </p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">Being more than three fourths against the Rural Police</p>			



# GLOUCESTERSHIRE PARISHES

## Appendix 4 - Gloucestershire Parishes which petitioned

Against the Rural Police, 1839 - 46





