

LEICESTERSHIRE

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Expressed in acres									
5	Allextan	9	1	4			2		
782	Anstey	See Thurcaston							
18	Asfordby	71½	117	24	31½		32½		(50½)
23	Ashby de la Zouch	320	321½	433½	82½	(9)			(69½)
24	Ashby Folville and Barsby	54	60	48½	1		40		(12)
25	Ashby Magna	94	91	144½	3	4		76½	
26	Ashby Parva	34	40	72	3	1	3	41	1
33	Aston Flamville	57	47	59½					(41)
2	Aylestone	126½	134½	116	10		13		(53)
47	Barkestone	89	38	65		(37)			(10)
51	Barlestone	63	68	65				2	
24	Barsby	See Ashby Folville							
533	Barton in the Beans	See Nailstone							
60	Barwell	127½	164	89½	15½	3	8	63	
73	Beeby	46	20	18		5	6		(3)
77	Belgrave	74	115	91½	12	3	27½		(48) 4
80	Belton	168	136	81½	10	(63)		42	3
627	Bescaby	See Saltby							
86	Billesdon	71	28	133	3½	2	4½	3	1
146	Birstall	17	81	46	8		15		(41) 8
95	Blaby	130	89	88	7	18			(30)

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96	Blaston St Giles			1½	½		½			
96	Blaston St Michael	5	15	11			5	1		
112	Bottesford	206½	162	87½	8		(175)			(19½)
124	Braunstone	17	99	171	5		(5)			(108)
127	Breedon on the Hill	290	218	123	20		(81)			(40)
131	Brighthurst, includes Great Easton and Drayton	372	339	6½	5		653½			
133	Brooksby	4	21	5	1	7				(22)
137	Broughton Astley	205½	148½	107½		6½	2			(72½)
129	Bruntingthorpe	44	61½	91	2½	8				(32)
145	Burrough on the Hill	17½	13	13	1½		9			(3½)
588	Burton on the Wold	See Prestwold								
149	Burton Overy	32	26	11	2		(15)		7	
156	Cadeby	37½	73½	37	3	2				(64)
169	Carlton (i.e. in Market Bosworth)	59	60	38	1					(25)
169-70	Carlton Curlieu	7	7	6½	½					(9)
247	Castle Donington	166	167	142	9		43			(54)
177	Catthorpe	32	48	17	2					
479	Church Langton	146	102	80	12		181			(1)
192	Claybrooke	172½	198	201½	9½	9½			121	
488	Cold Newton	See Lowesby								

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567	Cold Overton	5	3	9	1					
562	Coleorton	116	92	73	7	(35)		(23)		
204	Congerstone	104½	62	20½		(160)				
209	Cosby	98	174	176	4	22	9	(62)		
210	Cossington	137	175	36	7	1	12	(80)		Cabbages 6 Vetches 2
211	Coston	32	20	70	1	1	1	(16)		
588	Cotes	See Prestwold								
212	Cotesbach	33	34	34		3	3	(18½)		
213	Countesthorpe	110	120	80	5	10	40	(20)		
217	Cranoë	36	38	2	1	8	70			
220	Croft	73½	94	61		2½		(71½)		
782	Cropston	See Thurcaston								
225	Croxton Kerrial	81	313	208	2		29	(124)		
230	Dadlington	70½	46	75	1		2	(7)		
232	Dalby on the Wolds	83	34	87	6	7	1	30		
241	Desford	74	150	106	5	3		(60)		
245	Diseworth	282½	178½	103½	3	(110½)		(37½)		
254	Donington le Heath	36½	55½	52	½		2	(29)		
131	Drayton	See Bringham								
258	Dunton Bassett	82½	92½	89	2½		9	(51)		
461	Earl Shilton	See Kirkby Mallory								
798	East Norton	See Tugby								
260	Eastwell	30	39	103	5	(4)		(65)		
261	Eaton	56	94	191	7	11		123		

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268	Edmondthorpe	31	54	3	3	2	17		(36)
273	Elmesthorpe	69	42	62	½		55		
277	Enderby	75½	66½	76½	8½		5½		(39½)
254	Penny Drayton	131	61½	93	2½				(49½)
294	Fleckney	47	50	41	2	(22)			(4)
301	Foston	28	17	10½	½	(4)		8½	
303	Foxton	41	15½	22	1	2½	33½		
309	Frolesworth	65½	127½	70	3½	1	1		(76½)
315	Garthorpe	29	24½	22			6		(22)
323	Glenfields	108	67½	14½			165		
326	Glooston	44	42	12	2		79		
327	Goadby Marwood	45½	55½	95	8½	6½	4		(51) 1
115	Great Bowden	52½	11	52½	7½		25½		
131	Great Easton	See Bringhamst							
324	Great Glen	73½	54½	62½	1½	11	33½		(2½)
346	Gumley	44	10	40			21		
354	Hallaton	160	43	92	6		30		(10)
361	Harston	25	94½	151½	4				(81) 1
393	Hinckley	133	156	185	10½	3½	10½		(43)
397	Hoby	80	118	49	4½	4½	9		(58)
409	Horninghold			18			4		(4)
770	Hothorpe	See Theddingworth Notes and Hothorpe entry in Northamptonshire							
412	Hoton	120	130	43	10	9	6		(78)
416	Houghton on the Hill	54	6	77	2	2	15		(1)

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418	Hugglescote	59½	77½	119½	1		7	(47½)		
421	Humberstone	85	95	38½	7		70	(26½)	1	
423	Hungarton	82	27	30			13	(3)		
110	Husbands Bosworth	93	129½	150½	1½	8½	12½	(86½)	6½	Tares or Vetches 6
427	Ibstock	146	264½	177½	4			115		
430	Illston on the Hill	42½	33½	66½	1	1½	6½	(23)		
443	Kegworth	175	197	98	11	1	75	(23)		Dill 9
450	Kibworth Beauchamp	101	79	42	6		112	(8)		
451	Kilby	68½	43½	27½		6	22	7		Peas and Beans 31
452	Kimcote	126	97	195	3	17		(77)		
457	Kirby Bellars	95	70	22	3	6	20	(31)		
461	Kirkby Mallory and Earl Shilton	236½	356½	251½	21		11	190	½	
468	Knaptoft	5	4	8				(2)		
470	Knipton	38½	75½	99½	7	3	13	(82½)		
471	Knossington	6	14½	12	½		4	(5)		
451	Laughton	14	25	14	1	3½	1	(6½)		
464	Leicester St Leonard	2	2		1					
465	Leicester St Margaret	1	2	5	26	2	4	(10)		
466	Leicester St Mary	144	93	92	29		10	(31)		
458	Leire	48	37	33	4	½		(21)	4	

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486	Loddington	17	11	34	1	½	3			
189	Long Clawson	186½	80½	140	5	5½	80½	20½		
488	Lovesby and Cold Newton	43	33	62	1		2		(21)	
490	Lubenham	78	9	91	4		18			
497	Lutterworth	120	105	127	3		25		(52)	
111	Market Bosworth	159½	113	167	3	11½	22	59		
359	Market Harborough	2			½	1				
513	Melton Mowbray	240	149	193	10	9	40		(59)	
522	Misterton	149½	246	161		12½		114½		1½
525	Mowsley	34	30	60	½		10		(26)	
532	Muston	118	66	25	3	3	49		(24)	
533	Nailstone with Barton in the Beans and Normanton	147	244	191	3	1	1		(159)	
535	Narborough	124	162	114	2	3	5			
138	Nether Broughton	54	11	31	3		(18)	1		
540	Newbold Verdon	81½	63½	76½	6	18½	18½		(65½)	½
545	Newton Harcourt	85	39	37	1		(72)	4½		
533	Normanton	See Nailstone								
453	North Kilworth	70	50	50	1	6			(40)	3
552	Norton-by-Twycross	154	92	131					(17)	
555	Oadby	46½	45½	83½	4½	7½	23	8½		½
563	Orton on the Hill	180	105	81	5½		26	27½		
564	Osbaston	51½	88	90				27½		

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566	Osgathorpe	84½	57½	44½	5		8	21		
572	Packington	197	267	197	8		4	(106)		
576	Peatling Magna	49½	57½	71		8	12½	31½		
577	Peckleton	120	239	97	7	2		(123)		
584	Plungar	33½	23	20		(22)				
60	Potters Marston	12	12	13		1		8		
588	Prestwold with Burton and Cotes	246	150	170	4	12		(48)		
593	Quorndon	124	214	50	4		4	(92)		
606	Rearsby	78	17	178	31	5	6	(22)		
608	Redmile	105	60	65		(48)		16		
537	Rotherby	49	48	20	3	1	22	(30)		
624	Saddington	50	69	24	4	5	26	(36)		
627	Saltby and Bescaby	128	247	382	1	13	20	(120)		
634	Sapcote	122	88	84	9½	10½	12½	(67)		
640	Saxelby with Shoby	35	32½	67	1	4	6	(14)		
641	Scalford	172	68	107½	1½	9½	18	(54)		
653	Scraptoft	32	9	28	2	5				
459	Seagrave	266½	28½	135	2	21	74	(2½)		
659	Shackerstone	93	114	63	2			(14)		
661	Shangton	17	10	10						
663	Sharnford	73	74	60	5			(53)	1	
664	Shawell	64	53	71	3	9	½	35		
669	Shearsby	30	28	60	2		10	(13)		
667	Shenton	112	65½	113½		14	6	12		

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640	Shoby	See Saxelby							
671	Sileby	236	106	73	8		84	(39)	
676	Skeffington	3½	19½	54½				9	
685	Slawston	55½	26	30	2		20	(6)	
694	Somerby	15½	51½	63½	7	2	1½	50	3 4½
226	South Croxton	127	60½	54	3	1	52½	(26½)	
692	Sproxton	71	219	275	3	20	2	(135)	
710	Stapleford	30	34	26	2		19½	(13½)	Cabbages 2
60	Stapleton	71½	68½	67½				35	
721	Stockerston			6	½				
230	Stoke Golding	79½	66½	86½	8	2	5	(6)	
727	Stonesby	35	68	58	1		6	(44)	
728	Stoney Stanton	102	91	39		25	9	(26)	
709	Stonton Wyville	10	4				5		
786	Stoughton	See Thurnby							
324	Stretton Magna	30		16					
743	Sutton Cheney	117	58½	117		11	27	16½	
751	Sweptone	229	304	225	10			(140)	
753	Swinford	120	64	91		31	7	(55)	11
756	Swithland	103	83	78	3	(11)		49½	
674	Syston	102	123	3	7	2	6	(58½)	½
770	Theddingworth	19	42½	28½		1	1½	2½	
777	Thornton	95	103	85		6	12	(57)	
782	Thurcaston, Anstey and Cropston	141½	146	76½	8½	23	19	61½	1

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787	Thurlaston	151	193	157	3					(122)
786	Thurnby and Stoughton	51	33	44	2	1	24			(24)
798	Tugby and East Norton	44	30	67			24	3		
801	Twycross	118½	104½	67	½		2			(27)
802	Twyford	66½	47½	24½			84½			(15)
821	Waltham on the Wolds	74	100	140	4		(15)			(103)
823	Wanlip	50	38	19	1					(45)
831	Welham	4	3	10	½		(1)			
847	Whetstone	174	148	118	4	12				(76)
851	Whitwick and its hamlets	307	179	291	14		(111)			(43)
866	Willoughby Waterless	71	30½	107½	3	9	4	27½		
878	Wistow			6						
882	Witherley	84	64	104	4		(3)			(5) Vetches 5
891	Worthington	150	70	60	4		(100)			Dill 60
853	Wyfordby	18½	12½	23½			8½			(1½)
903	Wymeswold	230	130	187	5	95				(30)
904	Wymondham	57	93	80	8		(17)			(60)

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18 Asfordby

A larger quantity of grain has been got this year, than in any year since the inclosure under the act passed in the year 1761.

23 Ashby de la Zouch

Not having sufficient knowledge of my own to answer your Lordship's questions, I had no other means of obtaining information, than by application to the farmers. I hope and am inclined to think that the statement, herewith sent, is pretty correct. I shall be happy of any opportunity of serving government.

24 Ashby Folville and Barsby

This account and that of Croxton are returned as accurately as I could procure them but I apprehend from many causes they cannot be literally depended upon, though he hopes they are not very far from the truth.

25 Ashby Magna

The crops very good in general.

47 Barkestone

The crops here my Lord have been very good especially wheat; I should think I am not extravagant when I say 3 quarters upon the average: of the other crops can say but little. About 3 quarters per acre of barley, 4 of oats. Peas and beans are generally sown here mixed the crop about 2 quarters per acre. This is bad turnip land; it is wet in winter. Potatoes produce 27 quarters.

60 Barwell

To the living of Barwell belong two chapels viz. Stapleton and Potters Marston, which are distinct parishes in other respects. As only one paper was inclosed have made the return of the number of acres of the different sorts of grain etc. grown in the several parishes in the same: which believe is perfectly accurate; except Stapleton which is deficient a few acres of wheat, barley, oats and turnips as one farmer who occupies about 5 or 6 score acres objected to making any returns.

73 Beeby

98 acre in tillage, the lordship contains about 1,500 acres.

77 Belgrave

The above statement is accurate and the different grains well got in.

80 Belton

So large a number of acres can only be sown on the parish with wheat once in three years. Full crops and got in well, though the present cannot be considered as a standard year, so that unless the occupiers of land be compelled to till one-half of their land and unless those who are interested in common and waste lands throughout the Kingdom are allowed to enclose and cultivate the same without the trouble and expence of applying to Parliament, a return of scarcity it is generally supposed cannot possibly be avoided. If more land were tilled more often and fewer horses would be used by the husbandman and of course fresh meat with other sorts of provisions would be much more plentiful than of late. Peas and beans a tolerable crop with some loss in getting them in.

86 Billesdon

All the crops remarkably fine and well got in.

146 Birstall

The above statement is accurate and the different grains well got in.

96 Blaston St Giles

In the village of Blaston there are two parishes St Giles's and St Michael's. The latter belongs to the rector of Hallaton and lest he should have neglected to give an account of the different species of grain etc. grown this year in his parish I have here took the liberty as being resident in the village to give the account as follows, wheat 5, barley 15, oats 11, beans 5 and turnips 1 acre. It is observed that there is far too little land in tillage in most of the neighbouring parishes to support the inhabitants thereof; and upon enquiry I find it is a general complaint, almost everywhere. May it please Government to take this into consideration: and also that nefarious practice of forestalling and monopolizing: which grievance if not speedily prevented by some quick easy and certain method, such as inflicting a severe penalty on the offender by information: the lower class of people must inevitably be ruined through the dearness of provisions principally occasioned thereby, as well as the higher much injured. If I have offered any improper remarks: I hope the earnest desire of wishing well to the public, will sufficiently apologize for the liberty I have here taken.

112 Bottesford

Crops of white corn in general good and got without rain. No rye grown in this parish. Potatoes not grown as a field crop in this parish, but only in gardens and spare pieces of ground,

8 acres perhaps about the full quantity. Crops of beans very good but partially damaged by the rain. Peas and beans in general mixed.

127 Breadon on the Hill

First I find all the farmers inclined to give in less than they really have. Second more wheat has been grown in this neighbourhood this last year than is usually grown. Third no rye is grown in this neighbourhood, nor, I believe, is much, if any grown in the whole country. Fourth within the last 30 years almost all the country north-west of Leicester to the extremity of the county has been inclosed; by which means the land is become in a higher state of cultivation than formerly; but on account of a great proportion of it being converted into pasturage much less food is produced than when it was more generally in tillage.

131 Brighthurst

The parish of Brighthurst includes the parochial chapelry of Great Easton, and the hamlet of Drayton. The number of acres is given according to the customary computed measure which does not contain more than 3 roods per acre, chain measure.

133 Brookaby

I suppose the wheat will average 3 quarters and 4 strikes per acre, barley 5 - 4, oats 5 - 0, peas 3 - 0.

137 Broughton Astley

Every family has a small quantity of potatoes for their own use. The crops of all sorts of grain are good and in general yield well. The farmers complain of a smut in the wheat, but I apprehend it is not much injured. The greatest part of this parish is employed in making cheese and fattening cattle, and breeding cows and sheep.

129 Bruntingthorpe

His Grace of Portland's proclamation, a hasty and ill-timed measure, operated as a kind of watchword to establish amongst the farmers and graziers, corn factors, corn jobbers, millers, mealmen, butchers, bakers etc. a most nefarious system of monopoly and speculation, to the great irritation and injury of the middling and lower classes of society. This system they have so long felt the (?) of, that they are unwilling to communicate the least intelligence by which they suppose Government may be enabled to judge of the true state of the case; and which, they seem also suspicious, will ultimately lead to some strong measure as a check to their rapacity. For the above reasons, I am afraid, I have not been able to obtain a just statement throughout my parish; which I suppose contains altogether about 1,050 acres, a very small part of which, your Lordship will perceive, from the account of crops given, to be in tillage.

- 149 Burton Overy
The whole lordship is unfavourable for ploughing, being a very strong clay.
- 156 Cadeby
The estimate per acre as follows, wheat 3½, barley 4½ and oats 5 quarters per acre.
- 169-70 Carlton Curliou (This return unpaginated but lying between pages 169 and 170.)
The small quantity of grain grown in this parish has proved invariably good this year, and abundant, and was got in without rain.
- 177 Catthorpe
The parish of Catthorpe is very small, and inclosed. The number of occupiers of land, only five. The farmers shy of answering to enquiries. The number of acres given in here probably below the mark.
- 479 Church Langton
I have only to observe that 50 acres or thereabouts of old pasture land in this parish have been converted into tillage during the last 12 months.
- 192 Claybrooke
The produce rather more than one-fourth, above an average crop of wheat, barley and oats, and all very good. A considerable quantity of land in this parish was taken this year into tillage, more than usual, in order to meet the exigence of the former years of scarcity; and likewise more, I believe, than is intended to be kept in tillage, after the present end is answered, the land in general, being more adapted for grazing, or the dairy.
- 204 Congerstone
Congerstone is an open field lordship, one-third of which is every year fallow. It consists of 1,200 acres of land which would be considerably improved by means of an inclosure.
- 209 Cosby
The whole lordship contains 2,220 acres.
- 210 Cossington
Wheat good crops (except 5 acres which was sown in the spring and produces very little grain) and exceedingly well got. Barley good crops, and exceedingly well got. Oats excellent crops, and exceedingly well got. Turnips or rape above average crops. I hope I shall not be deemed impertinent in remarking, that, had I received this paper a month or six weeks sooner, my return would have contained more accurate and ample information. I was not acquainted with the wishes of Government, in this respect, until

September 14th, when, from the earliness of the season, the corn was all taken off the land, and many parts of it ploughed. This lordship contains about 1,600 acres of land.

220 Croft

There are no potatoes grown in the parish for sale, but the farmers have all of them a small piece in the corners of their fields which are sufficient for the consumption of their own families, and for their labourers.

230 Dadlington

Stoke contains about 1,000 acres. Dadlington about the same.

232 Dalby on the Wolds

Wheat yields on an average about 22 bushels or strikes per acre; but part of it is said to be damaged by the smut. Barley is a good crop; yielding on the average about 38 bushels. Oats are a good crop; yielding on the average about 48 bushels. Potatoes a good crop, peas seldom cultivated, excepting for the use of the kitchen, beans seldom cultivated, the soil being unfavourable for them, turnips a good crop. The harvest in general was very well housed.

241 Desford

The cottagers well supplied with potatoes.

261 Eaton

The vicar refers to his remarks to his return for the parish of Knipton in this county.

273 Elmesthorpe

Wheat 15 acres light crop the rest good, barley good and plentiful, oats 20 acres light crop the rest good, potatoes good, turnips good and plentiful.

294 Fleckney

According to orders I received from the Bishop of Lincoln, I enclose a faithful account (to the best of my knowledge) of the numbers of acres in tillage within my parish.

303 Foxton

January 23 1801 remitted in answer to inquiry by Mr Bullivant then officiating minister. Number of acres in whole lordship 1,755. Answer of crops to present inquiry 115½. Fallow 1801. 25. Remains in pasture 1,614½. Total 1,755. N.B. the above is thought to be accurate.

315 Garthorpe

Three parts out of four good, the other a little inferior.

- 323 Glenfield
The fields are not inclosed.
- 327 Goadby Marwood
Wheat of which 6 acres were about half crops the rest good. Rye good. Barley of which 5 acres were very bad, the rest good. Oats the whole a tolerable good crop. Potatoes mostly good, peas the same, beans the same. Turnips or rape 3 acres bad the rest very good. I believe the above statement delivered to me by Mr Manners' steward correct.
- 115 Great Bowden
Got in very fine weather and the best order.
- 354 Hallaton
South and North Hallaton are now known as one parish only. The crops of all sorts of grain are expected to turn out very abundant, far exceeding the average crop.
- 361 Harston
The general produce of each kind wheat 3 quarters per acre, rye 5, barley 5, oats 6, potatoes 30. No peas or beans are grown in the lordship of Harston. Turnips or rape usually eaten upon the ground.
- 397 Hoby
The crops of wheat, barley and oats were well got in and are very productive. Potatoes a very abundant crop and fine in quality, peas a good crop, beans a very good crop, turnips or rape extremely good and abundant.
- 409 Horninghold
Upon the whole a good crop both of oats and beans and well got in. Turnips appear very well. No potatoes except a few in gardens, scarcely an acre and a half in the parish altogether.
- 421 Humberstone
The crops were plentiful but owing to the dryness of one part of the summer were not abundant.
- 423 Hungarton
No potatoes set only for private use.
- 427 Ibstock
A great proportion of the land in Ibstock is laid down in grass for sheep and beasts, and a considerable quantity of meadow hay is cut. Large dairies for cheese.
- 430 Illston on the Hill
The crops in general in this parish have proved abundant, and were carried without being injured by the rain.

443 Kegworth

The bread generally eaten in this parish is a mixture of wheat and barley, in proportion varying according to the respective means and inclinations of the several inhabitants. Of these two sorts of grain (viz. wheat and barley) annually consumed in this parish it is calculated that scarcely two-thirds is grown in the lordship. The quantity of land under tillage is considerably diminished since the inclosure, which took place about 20 years ago.

461 Kirkby Mallory and Earl Shilton

The wheat in general smutted, rye good, all other crops good and plentiful.

470 Knipton

The rector of this parish begs leave to remark to Lord Pelham that he found the farmers much disinclined to let anything belonging to them be known for fear it might lead hereafter either to raising their rents or increasing their taxes. He further takes the liberty of observing that neither rents nor taxes in this part of England are anyway proportioned to the profit the trading farmers make of their produce. There is not a class of people in England more able to pay to the exigencies of the state, or fairer objects of taxation than the farmers whose profits are in general so considerable that, for instance, a man in the parish of Harston adjoining this parish rents among other lands a close of nine acres, for which he pays rent 20 shillings per acre, it grew barley this last year, which barley, deducting ploughing, sowing, reaping and threshing brought in a clear profit of £190 on the nine acres. The particulars Lord Pelham may have if he pleases. The rector begs leave to suggest to Lord Pelham that as there is a crafty kind of cunning in the farmers to conceal the value of their produce or property, whether any future information might not be more correctly obtained by the parochial assessors of taxes, they being obliged to give an account upon oath if required or under a penalty as in the affairs of taxes, subject to the examination of the minister who should be desired to certify to his behalf of or dissent from the return made by the assessor.

451 Laughton

Having been informed by the Bishop of Lincoln, that it was your Lordship's pleasure to be acquainted with the number of acres in tillage in the different parishes of this Kingdom, I enclose that number of those in mine.

464 Leicester St Leonard

Wheat 3½ quarters per acre, barley 4½, potatoes 250 strikes.

465 Leicester St Margaret

Wheat 3½ quarters per acre, barley 4½, potatoes 250 strikes.

- 486 Loddington
Wheat very bunt the produce heavy in the grain but small in quantity. Barley fair crop, oats good crops, potatoes, peas and beans all middling.
- 189 Long Clawson
The crops of corn are in general good. Wheat, barley and oats are well got in. The wheat crop it is supposed will average nearly 4 quarters per acre and is of a good quality, except some little, which is damaged by the smut. The bean crop being later, although very good, is, I fear, somewhat damaged by the rains. The potato crop is in general abundant. They are now sold at 16 pence per bushel; but our land being in general a cold heavy clay is not well calculated for the growth of potatoes, yet most of the poor families have a small plot.
- 488 Lowesby and Cold Newton
The lands are chiefly meadow and pasture.
- 490 Lubenham
Lubenham in the county of Leicestershire, 1766 new inclosure took place consisting of 1,233 - 2 - 39. Answer of crops to present inquiry 200 acres, fallow 31. Supposing the tillage in the new inclosure which it mostly is, remains in pasture 1,002 - 2 - 39. With some difficulty I have made out the preceding, which has delayed the return. Although cover requesting answer to the inclosed was directed on His Majesty's Service, for this parish and Marston Trussell which I returned September 25th I paid 18 pence. N.B. I believe the return to be accurate. (Editor's note: This entry also includes details for the parish of Thorpe Lubenham, mainly in Northamptonshire, for which see the Northamptonshire tables.)
- 497 Lutterworth
There are many small portions of land in which potatoes are grown, these added together may perhaps make up one more acre.
- 533 Nailstone
The parish of Nailstone, including Barton in the Beans hamlet belonging to Nailstone, consists of about 2,400 acres and Normanton in the same parish about 1,200 acres. Conceiving it might be of importance to your Lordship be informed also of the number of acres of cabbages grown in this parish I have taken the liberty of giving this hint. I think the quantity of that useful vegetable grown in this parish and neighbourhood averages about one third of the quantity of turnips, there are also some carrots, but not in quite abundance.
- 535 Narborough
Wheat estimated at producing 434 quarters, barley 810, oats 627, potatoes 30, peas 10, beans 17. The crops were in general very good and well got in.

138 Nether Broughton

The crops of every kind of corn are in general very good this year, and have been very well gotten together.

540 Newbold Verdon

Wheat in general blighted with mildew, barley light crops but good in quality, oats abundant crops, potatoes a fair average crop, peas and beans a fair average crop, turnips or rape much improved (?) the late rains. A statement similar to the following might be useful information to Government respecting the waste lands as well as cultivated in this Kingdom. Lands inclosed 900 acres generally pasture land, open fields 300 in plough, heath and waste lands 700 good land.

453 North Kilworth

The crops abundant, well housed and likely to be very productive.

555 Oadby

Some inconsiderable quantities of turnips and potatoes grown for the use of private families and poor labourers and manufacturers may not be noticed in this return.

563 Orton on the Hill

Grazing land 714 acres. I congratulate your Lordship and the rest of His Majesty's Councillors on adopting this judicious plan of discovering whether the grain produced in the country be competent to the supply of the people. In my parish of Orton and chapelry of Twycross, all the crops are more abundant than ever was known in the memory of man, there being only 20 acres injured by the smut in the two districts.

19/160 Orton on the Hill (This letter was found in the Diocese of Peterborough returns. It is signed by the same incumbent as the above document and therefore clearly refers to the same place even though the acreages mentioned in the two documents are different.)

The quantity of grain which has been injured by the smut at Orton on the Hill, is about 20 acres, and the total amount of the wheat grown here is 172 acres, of barley 142, of beans 25, of oats 112, so that the injury done is very trifling. I have not as yet obtained the account from my chapelry of Twycross, but, as soon as I can, I will immediately, remit it to your Lordship. I have had a great deal of trouble, attended with some expense, in compelling the obstinate farmers of this parish to deliver in a proper account. I wrote to you about a week ago, desiring to know whether the number of acres of grass, potatoes and turnips were to be sent to your Lordship. I imagine they are by the account, but the farmers have omitted them. I suppose, my first letter miscarried, and therefore, I shall be particularly obliged to your Lordship, if you will let this be answered as soon as possible, and then I will act with the utmost decision.

- 576 Peatling Magna
I think there are in the Lordship of Peatling Magna about 1,800 acres of land. It was inclosed about the year 1756.
- 584 Flungar
Wheat, farmers say here not more on the average than 2 quarters per acre. I think 3 quarters. Barley, farmers account 3 quarters per acre, oats 4. Potatoes, very few, chiefly in gardens. Peas and beans 2 quarters. There was hardly ever known more wheat per acre.
- 60 Potters Marston (See the notes attached to Barwell above.)
- 593 Quorndon
There are several acres of stubble turnips and rape besides.
- 606 Rearsby
I suppose the wheat will average 3 quarters 4 strikes per acre, rye 4 - 0, barley 5 - 2, oats 5 - 4, peas 3 - 4 and beans 4 - 0.
- 608 Redmile
The parish has been inclosed about 7 or 8 years, previous to which only 35 acres were sown with wheat, but the produce of barley and beans was considerably greater than it has been since the inclosure; a great part of the common fields being now converted into grazing land.
- 627 Saltby and Bescaby
The same remarks respecting Sproxton the adjoining parish herewith sent are applicable in every respect as far as I can judge to this parish. N.B. according to the report of some of the tenants of the hamlet of Bescaby; corn probably 60 acres or more has been given in at Waltham (neighbouring parish) where they reside. An error I apprehend as Bescaby is in the parish of Saltby and has no connection with Waltham in any shape whatever.
- 634 Sapcote
The crops universally good. No delay or damage in the harvest from unseasonable rains. Last winter, no grain, or very little, was carried to market from this place. The maltsters bid 13 shillings a strike for the good barley. The farmers saw that all they had would be wanted for bread for the inhabitants would not sell it to the maltsters; kept it for the inhabitants and sold it to them for 6 shillings a strike; an instance of generosity that deserves to be remarked.
- 640 Saxelby with Shoby
The number of acres in Saxelby with Shoby is 1,790. The land is in general of a stiff clayey nature, and said to be more favourable for feeding and grazing than for the plough. The crops were more abundant and productive this year than usual.

641 Scalford

Wheat crops very good and well got in, rye none ever sown here, barley crops very good and well got in, oats crops very good, but much damaged by the wet. Potatoes crops very good, very few ever planted here. Peas crops very good, but very much damaged by the wet, beans also. Turnips or rape crops very good. The above is a very just and true return to the best of my knowledge and belief.

661 Shangton

I believe this to be the account of the number of acres specified, with the several sorts of grain stated in the schedule, which have been sown in this parish of Shangton; it is very ancient inclosures.

671 Silaby

I wish these papers might be delivered to the churchwardens at the Michaelmas visitation when they would be received safe and without expence. Delivered in the present mode they are very uncertain in their arrival as well as some expence to which added to the trouble of collecting the information is what I should conceive Government would not wish to impose upon the clergy. The accuracy of the report depends upon the fidelity of the return of each individual, which for aught I know may be relied on. N.B. the Lordship contains about 2,000 acres all inclosed.

685 Slawston

N.B. in this parish there is far too little in tillage to support the inhabitants.

694 Somerby

The arable land in the Lordship of Somerby is very small indeed, what there is is grazed. And indeed it is nearly the same in several of the adjoining parishes.

226 South Croxton

The writer would just mention that there are several parishes which are peculiar in their jurisdiction and therefore have not received letters from the diocesan, Gadby 1,500 acres, Rothley, Wycombe and Chadwell, Wartnaby, Grimston and Keyham. The above lordships belong to one peculiar. There is another on the other side of Leicester and probably many in the Kingdom. As the above have been omitted, it is likely others in the circumstances may be in the same predicament.

692 Sproxton

The within account of acres is taken from every farmer's statement as given in by himself. More barley bread is used in the parish than any other sort, though wheat is more used than formerly. No oat or rye bread. Millers grind less corn for the poor than they did sometime since, they sell them flour ready dressed, and even this practice seems in some measure giving way

to the bakers who sell them bread by the loaf from 2 pence to a shilling. Some made of barley, some of wheat and some of both. Much of the land on tillage was before the inclosure, heath and moor, and in general yields but slender crops, perhaps 2 quarters of barley per acre, some of the best land 5 or 6. The average I think cannot exceed 4 quarters. Other grain in proportion. More than an average crop of all sorts of grain this year. Some little mildew among the wheat, not much, more smut of late years, but not serious.

710 Stapleford

Cabbages, which are considered as an excellent substitute for turnips, are very much cultivated in some countries for the purpose of feeding cattle etc.

60 Stapleton (See notes attached to Barwell above.)

230 Stoke Golding (See notes attached to Dadlington above.)

709 Stonton Wyville

Potatoes, none except in small gardens about their houses.

756 Swithland

Potatoes, besides what were set in gardens, headlands and corners, which will be more than sufficient for the consumption of the inhabitants.

674 Syston

The crops of all kinds of grain have been very abundant. Wheat upon an average has produced 4 quarters to the acre, barley about 6. Notwithstanding this great plenty, wheat advanced in price 10 shillings a quarter last market day at Leicester, wheat at £4-10-0 and barley at £2-16-0 per quarter. Pork 8 pence per lb, mutton 7 and beef 6. 311½ acres in tillage: The lordship contains upwards of 1,700 acres.

770 Theddingworth and the village of Hothorpe

The parish of Theddingworth including the village of Hothorpe (in the county of Northampton and Diocese of Peterborough) it is presumed the account of the produce of that lordship may be acceptable and it is therefore placed in a second column, (if required). Except in this instance, potatoes are cultivated within the above parish only for the use of the respective families, and planted on headlands, in ricksteads, and small gardens.

(Editor's note: The figures for Hothorpe can be found in the Northamptonshire county tables.)

782 Thurcaston, Anstey and Cropston

The parish of Thurcaston consists of 3 lordships, Thurcaston inclosed in 1798, Cropston in 1781 and Anstey in 1761. The two first will in all probability (as indeed already appears) produce more grain from the improvement since the inclosure, while at the

same time a greater quantity of land can be converted into grass owing to the introduction of artificial seeds which preclude the necessity of a fallow every third year. Anstey, I understand from report, produces considerably less grain than it did before the inclosure, and will most probably continue to do so. It is a very populous village and a considerable part of the land is converted to grass for the express purpose of supplying the inhabitants with butter, cheese etc.

787 Thurlaston

Potatoes, besides these there are sufficient grown by each farmer for the consumption of his own family and for those of his labourers.

786 Thurnby and Stoughton

The land rich and in an high state of cultivation.

798 Tugby and East Norton

Wheat the produce 3½ quarters per acre, barley 4, oats 5, potatoes none grown except for family use, beans 4, turnips a good crop.

801 Twycross (Almost exactly the same note as for 563 Orton on the Hill, above.)

802 Twyford

No potatoes grown only for private use.

821 Waltham on the Wolds

Abundant crops and well got.

831 Welham

The township of Welham contains about 1,000 acres is very high rich grazing land and the above ploughing is only casual. There are about 50 acres now in woad which is manufactured for the dyers. It is ploughed 2 years for that, and then three more for corn oats and barley, but mostly oats, after that, it is again laid down for grazing.

866 Willoughby Waterless

The lordship of Willoughby was inclosed in the year 1636 and contains about 1,100.

882 Witherley

Mensuration, by the eye; not, the chain.

853 Wyfordby

Wheat crops very good, well got in. Rye none ever sown here. Barley crops very good, well gathered. Oats crops very good,

much damaged by the wet. Potatoes seldom ever planted here. Peas very seldom ever grown here. Beans crops very good, much damaged by the wet. Turnips or rape crops very good, seldom sown here. This parish is in a rich grazing country, and is chiefly in pasture and meadow lands. The above is a true return to the best of my knowledge and belief.