

Tithes Commutation

At a meeting of landowners and tithe owners of the parish of Melksham, held at the King's Arms, on Friday last, the amount for commutation was amicably agreed upon. The Vicar's (Rev. G. Hume) tithe for Melksham, was set at £900, and the great, or Rector's tithe (held on lease by J. Awdry, Esq.) at £950. For Seend, the Vicar's at £315 and the great at £300. For the Chapelry of Earle Stoke there was no commutation, it being endowed with glebe; this arrangement is considered advantageous to the landowners, the tithe of Melksham alone having been valued under a late surveyor at £2,200.

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