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A Register of Moneys collected upon Briefs Grace the Act of Parliament made for that purpose Anno 4° & 5° Anna. Regina

OPC Note:

Briefs were a way for people to raise money for the rebuilding or repair of their church, or for damage after a natural disaster.

They originated in the 13th century, but the most prolific period for collections was the seventeen and eighteenth centuries, when mentions are found in parish registers or separate brief books.

In order to obtain a brief, you had to apply to the reigning monarch, who, if successful, would grant Letters Patent for the appeal to be made. The brief would then be read out in churches, and a collection made after the service. The money would be given to an authorised travelling collector or handed over during the Bishop's visitation.

10 May 1752		Lymington Church in County of Southampton. Charge 1,030. Collected July 5	£0 0s 0d
10 May 1752	Loss by Fire	Aylesbury in County of Bucks. Charge 1,630. Collected August 19	£0 0s 2d
10 May 1752		Knoltingley Chapel in County of York. Charge 1,280. Collected August 26	£0 0s 0d
10 May 1752		Shellow Bowells in County of Essex. Charge 1,050. Collected September 27	£0 0s 0d
10 May 1752		Horsforth Chapel in County of York. Charge 1,509. Collected October 4	£0 0s 0d
10 Nov 1753	Loss by Fire	Pranvills & Dowlish in Devonshire & Hants. Charge £1050. Collected April 5	£0 0s 8d
10 Nov 1753		Gosdy [?] Chapel in County of Lincolnshire. Charge 1,000. Collected September 12	£0 0s 0d
10 Nov 1753		Effingham Church in County of Surrey. Charge 1,115. Collected May 3	£0 0s 0d
10 Nov 1753		Leighford Church. Charge 1,060. Collected May 27	£0 0s 0d
10 Nov 1753		Greasley Church in County of Nottinghamshire. Charge 1,530. Collected May 31	£0 0s 0d

Source: Parish Register 1682-1777