# Articles of Inquiry,

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#### AT THE

## TRIENNIAL VISITATION

### OF THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD THOMAS LORD BISHOP OF ST. DAVIDS.

1810.

# To the CHURCHW ARDENS of the Polito Star gues

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YOU are defired to answer the following Articles, particularly, advisedly, and conscientiously, and deliverthem fairly written at the Visitation. You are requested to regard the Nature of the OATHS which you have taken; and that on the due Discharge of your Duty depends, in a great Degree, the Reformation of publick Disorders, notorious Sins, and Offences within your Parish; and that in Cases of Omission of your Duty, you muss expect to give an Account thereof to God, and to be proceeded against by your Ecclesiastical Superiors, to whom you are accountable for Neglect, as well as the Violation of your Oaths.

Your Oath was— That you would well and truly execute the Office of Churchwarden within your Parifh; and faithfully prefent fuch Things and Perfons, as to your Knowledge, ought to be prefented by the Ecclefiaftical Laws of this Realm.

The Side-man fwore to affift the Churchwardens in the due Execution of their Office.

# DAYS of VISITATION.

Wednefday, August 8, at Brecon Tuefday, \_\_\_\_\_14, at Carmarthen Tuefday, \_\_\_\_\_21, at Cardigan Thuriday, \_\_\_\_\_23, at Haverfordweft

Title 1. Concerning the Clergy.

ift. Doth your Minifter refide in his Parifb, and in the Houfe belonging to it? If not, where, and at what Diftance, doth he The Incumber or Curate? The Paisanage Haun

2d. Is your Minister fober, studious, and pious? Is his Conduct fuitable to his facred Function? If not, in what Refpect is he irregular?

yes and that Inequilar 3d. Is any Stranger admitted to preach in your Church, not having his Licence and Name noted in a Book?

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4th. How often doth your Minister perform Divine Service, and preach on the Sabbath? What Feafts and Fafts are obferved in your Parish? Are the Children always baptized in the Church, except in Cafes of Neceffity? Are the Children inftructed in the Church Catechifm? How often have you the Sacrament administered? Doth he visit the Sick?

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Title 2. Concerning the Parishioners.

Ift. Are there any Perfons who abfent themfelves from Morning and Evening Prayer, on the Sabbath? or follow their wordly Employments on that Day?

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2d. Do the Parifhioners behave themfelves reverently and decently during Divine Service?

yes 3d. Have you among you any common Swearers, Blafphemers, or Drunkards? any who lie under publick Sufpicion of Adultery, Fornication or Inceft?

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4th. Are there any, who refuse to pay their Rates towards the Repairs of the Church, and the providing of Things neceffary for the Service of Almighty God?

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Title 3. Concerning Churches and Chapels; the Fabric, Furniture and Ornaments.

ift. Is every Part of your Church or Chapel in good Repair? Are the Root's found, the Windows glazed, the Walls plaiftered,

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and White washed? Are the Pews, and Bells, in good Order? And all things kept, as becometh the House of God?

2d. Hath any Part of your Church or Chapel been taken down? How long fince, and upon what Occafion? Have any of the Materials, or of the Bells been difposed of? When, and by whom?

hance?

3d. Have you a decent Font? Have you a decent Table, with Carpet or Cover for it? Have you a fair Linen Cloth, a Chalice and Cover, a Flagon and Paten and Napkin to cover the fame? Of what Metal are the Chalice, Flagon and Paten?

They des a Orent Stand, Jable Simen Clathic in Chatice and Teve of Velow a flagar of prever Bhapin 4th. Have you the Bible and Common Prayer Book in Folio, both in English and Welch? Have you a convenient Reading Desk, and Pulpit? Have you a decent Surplice? Sto Bibles and Common prayer book are in falls The Bibles and Common prayer book are in falls The Bibles and Common prayer book are in falls The Bibles and Common prayer book are in falls The Bibles and Common prayers book are in falls The Bibles are i

5th. Have you a Table of Degrees, within which Marriage is prohibited, hung up? Have you proper Register Books for Christenings, Burials, and Marriages?

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6th. Have you a Cheft with Locks and Keys, wherein the Records belonging to your Parifh fhould be kept?

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7th. Are the Window Shutters kept conftantly open? And are there Cafements in the Windows to open?

8th. Have you a Bier and Black Cloth? -There are a Bier but Prever lised .

oth. Is your Church kept free from all profane and improper Ufes? Is School kept therein?

10th. Is there any Chapel within your Parish, of which there is no Chapel-Warden? And is every Thing in good Order, and in good Repair there? Thus is no Chapel in the parish

11th. Are the feveral Church Ways preferved, and kept, as they ought to be?

Title 4. Concerning the Church-Yard, Houfes, Glebe, Tithes, &c.

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Ist. Is your Church-Yard well fenced? and decently kept? Have any Encroachments been made thereon? Have any Trees therein been cut down, by whom, and for what Ufe?

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3d. Are the Houfe, and Out-houfes, belonging to the Minifter, in good and fufficient Repair? 4th. Hath any Encroachment been made on the Glebe, or Lands belonging to your Minister? when and by whom?

5th. Are there any Bounty Lands or Houses belonging to your Minister? Are they occupied by him; or rented by any Tenant? And are they taken care of?

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Title 5. Concerning Church-Wardens, Parish Clerks, and Sextons.

ift. Are the Churchwardens chosen yearly in Easter Week, one by the Minister, and one by the Parishioners?

2d. Have your laft Wardens fettled their Accounts? And are they duly entered in a Book kept for that Purpole?

### yes

yes

3d. Is your Parish Clerk qualified to perform his Duty? Can he read, write and fing? is he chosen by your Minister? And doth he perform his Duty regularly and decently?

## yes

4th. Doth the Sexton keep the Church and Church-Yard clean and decent? and toll the Bells at the proper Hours before Prayers? Title 6. Concerning School-Mafters.

Doth any one teach School in your Parish? If there be a School, is it public or private? Is it endowed, or not? Is the Master licensed? Doth he instruct his Scholars in the Church Catechism? Doth he come to Church? Doth he take Care that his Scholars attends Divine Service?

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