

opponents to the payment of tithes in this parish the rate
pages at once named him as Chairman evidently with the
view of carrying measures which had been previously agreed on
by the party whose Organ he was and in order to prevent the
election of any other person who would be less likely to be a partisan.

The Object for which the Vestry had been
assembled, namely "to enter into a amicable composition
with the Dissenters" having been stated by the Agent of the
Rector one of the rate payers commenced with some vituperative
observations against the Church and the Agent having called
on the Chairman to propose order and present without matter
being introduced he replied "I consider all matters connected with
the Church and tithes are relevant and as to business I think we
have no other business but to acquire tithes as the Dissenters
are determined never again to pay tithes." The Vicar endeavored to
explain to the meeting the situation in which the parish was then
placed, he stated that a Commission had been appointed by the
Government whose duty it would be to settle the composition without
regard to the prejudices or wishes of either party upon which although
replied "I consider it a matter between the Government and the
Clergy in which we are determined to take no part and therefore
let them settle it as they wish" and thereupon the Vestry adjourned
Amén.

In this state matters continued until the
Commissioner called on the Incumbents to furnish him with
Schedules of the tithes for 7 years previous to the year 1830 in
order to strike the average which were accordingly furnished
to him and he then appointed the 8th of October for the Agent
of the Rector to attend at the Vicar's House Bureau to be examined
on both as to the several items contained in the Schedules.