

The next visitation was on 5th April 1666, from Heyford '*...unto Adderbury about 8 a clock at night...*' The following day, Sunday, at the vicarage they '*tarryed untill about nine of the clocke, & soe returned unto Sir Thomas Cobbs.*' The Court was held at the Parsonage on Monday, concluding at four, when

*'Haveing dined at Sir Th. Cobbs, about 5 a clocke wee rode towards Swalcliffe heareing by the way the Bells of Bloxham, very sweet and delightful bells, I was soe affected therewith that I sent unto the Ringers 12d..'*

In September 1668 there was

*'a complaynt by some Tenants that Sir Th. Cobb according to Custome, as they sayd, did not keep a Bull & a Boare, Sir Thomas replied, that there was noe Custome for it, his Father indeed Sir Will. Cobb, when for 4yard land hee kept a Bull, & had several kine, for that time might keep a Bull, as many other in the Parish doe, but, as keeping no kine, he denyed to keep one...*' This was in effect a renewal of the Christmas bull claim settled in 1659. Sir Thomas was still giving 2s.-worth of bread weekly '*hee doth pay it, but of his owne bountie...*'

*'Wee went to dinner about 2 of the clocke, ... the provision was very great, a chine of beefe & a venison Pastie with other answerable dishes, & at last a dish of Fruit, Peaches, Grapes, Plumbes, Walnutts etc that almost bent the dish. About eight, wee had supper, though few could eat any thing.'* Next day '*all the morning it rained, & all the afternoone also, soe that, haveing expected untill about 4 of the clocke & it raineing still, Sir Th. Cobb would 1st have engaged mee to tarry the night, when that was not obtained hee caused his Coach & 6 Horses to bee made ready for mee, in which my Selfe & Mr Steward rode to Hayford.'*

For the next (and last recorded) visitation, in April 1673, '*I could not go my Selfe, there being neither at the Colledge Rectorie nor at Sir Th. Cobbs any place to lye in, Sir Thomas hath pulled downe part of his house, & not rebuilt it as yet.*' So concludes this visitor's occasional glimpses of life in Restoration Adderbury and the large part in it played by Sir Thomas Cobb. Might Sir Thomas's house, as at Aynhoe Park, have been 'turned round to face the other way' because it was more convenient?

Sir Thomas Cobb died in 1699, succeeded by his sons, Sir Edward (d.1744) and Sir George. Surprisingly no Cobb is named in poll books for the 1754 Oxfordshire election. Sir George, who, aged 90, died by accidental drowning whilst visiting one of his daughters at Reading in 1762, was to be remembered long after in Adderbury. Apparently he left word that four fine