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Long Parliament. The Kerrich family of Geldeston flourished here for several generations. The copyholders in this parish are subject to arbitrary fines. Redenhall gives name to a deanery, and its church, dedicated to St. Mary, is a handsome gothic edifice with a lofty embattled tower, and eight bells. It was rebuilt in 1330 by Thomas, Earl of Norfolk, except the tower said to be the finest in the county, which was begun in 1460, and finished in 1616. It contains many memorials to the Gawdy and other families, and in 1841 a fine organ was erected at a cost of £700, of which £300 was given by W. S. Holmes, Esq. The rectory, valued in the King's book at £20, has about 30a. of glebe, and £1008 awarded in heu of tithes, in 1839. The Ven. Thomas Johnson Ormerod, M.A., Archdeacon of Suffolk, is the incumbent. The Duke of Norfolk is patron, but must present the nominee of the Bishop of Norwich. A neat National school was built in 1848 at a cost of £500, where about 160 children attend. HARLETSON, is a small market town, 10 miles E. by N. of Diss, 20 miles S. of Norwich, and 100 miles N.E. by N. of London. It is partly in Redenhall and Mendham, and was anciently called *Herolveston*, from a valiant Danish leader who settled here in the time of Richard II. The market for corn is held on Wednesday, in a handsome Corn Exchange in the Doric style, built in 1850, by Messrs Smith and Buck. The principal room measures 70 feet by 40 feet, and is 20 feet high, and lighted from the roof by three lanterns. It contains 25 stands; and there is a smaller room used for magisterial purposes. Fairs are held July 5th and Sep. 9th, and hiring sessions on the 3rd Wed. in Sep., and on the 12th October. The gas works, established in 1840, are now the property of Mr. Samuel Chapple. The Chapel of Ease dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is a lofty edifice, with semicircular chancel. Archbishop Sancroft in 1688, granted to the Masters and Fellows of Emanuel College, Cambridge, £54 per annum, to be paid to a clergyman who should perform divine service here, and teach a school; the said Chaplain to be appointed by the masters and fellows of the said college. The Rev. Jas. N. Hammond, M.A., is the present curate. Here is a Wesleyan chapel and two Independent chapels, but one of them stands in Mendham parish. The Saving's Bank, held at the Black Swan, is open on the first Monday of every month, and has about £13,000 belonging to 450 depositors. In 1712, Jno. Dove left £200 for the support of a Free School and some second and secon School, which was laid out in the purchase of 39a. 2r. 10p. of land, now let for £42 a-year. In 1808 the trustees expended £103 in building a school, which has been used as a Sunday school since 1826, when the free scholars were removed to the National school, established in 1813. The trustees of Dove's charity appoint 28 free scholars. Here is also a British school. Seymer's Pightle 3½a. is let for £11, and has been long vested in trust for the poor of Redenhall and Harleston, who have also £4 left by Thos. Barnsley, in 1730. A new line of railway from Tivetshall to this place is in contemplation. Petty Sessions are held at Harleston every alternate Friday. The County Court for debts not exceeding £50, is held at the Corn Exchange, and its jurisdiction embraces the following places, viz.:—Alburgh, Billingford, Brockdish, Burston, Denton, Dickleburgh, Earsham, Flixton, Fritton, Fressingfield, Gissing, Hardwick, Hemphall, Homersfield, Langmere, Mendham, Metfield, Mourningthorpe, Needham, Pulham St. Mary the Virgin, Pulham St. Mary Magdalen, Redenhall with Harleston, Rushall, Syleham, Shelton, Southelmham All Saints-St. Nicholas-St. Cross-St. James-St. Margaret-St. Michael—and St. Peter, Starston, Stratton St. Mary, Stratton St. Michael, Shimpling. Tharston, Tasburgh, Thorpe Abbotts, Tivetshall St. Mary, Tivetshall St. Margaret, Weybread, Wingfield, Withersdale, Wacton and Wortwell. Judge; Fras. K. Eagle, Esq. Clerk; Thos. Collins, High Bailiff; Geo. H. Blake. Assistant Clerk; Mr. Wm. L. Fox.

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