

Almshouse of Ashton in Decemb^r Anno Domini 1630

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Where whose names are subscribed Justices of the peace of the shire of Lancashire
doe hereby order George Marland of Ashton underlyne husbandman to pay to Jane
Smyth yearly for the tennure of twelue yeares next ensuinge for some of Twenty shilling
for and towards the maintenance of the said bastard childe begotten on the body
of the said Jane Smyth, for the allowance of twenty shillinges by the year
to be paid quarterly for first payment thereof to shewment and begin the fourteenth
day of the month of December; and so to be paid by five shillinges for quarter during
the tennure aforesaid. And also order hereby that Jane Smyth mother of the said bastard
childe shall well and sufficiently keep and maintain her said childe with Meate Drinke
cloathes and Lodginge untill it shall attaine the age of twelue yeares, so as in the
meantyme itt be not chargeable to the parish of Ashton in which it was borne
And for the punishment of the said Jane Smyth we hereby order George Marland to be
openly whipped in the towne of Ashton by the Constable of Ashton ^{on Thursday next} And for
that the said Jane Smyth hath heretofore offended in the premises, we hereby order
that shee be conveyed by the Constable of Ashton to the house of
Correction at Wressler, there to remaine and be punished for two monethes next
ensuinge for default hereof a witness wherof we have hereto subscribed
our Names the year and day above written.

or

J. M. Ashton

Edm. Hopwood