

A Public Apology

Newland Offices, Sherborne June 14 1890

To the REVEREND GEORGE HOWARD WATERFALL of Tollard Royal and to all others whom it may concern – I hereby beg most respectfully and most humbly to apologise to the REVEREND MR. WATERFALL for having thoughtlessly written and published several doggerel rhymes, in which I have very wrongfully, as I must fully admit, alluded to himself and others in disrespectful language, for which I had not the slightest foundation, and I hereby beg him to forgive me for so doing, and hereby promise never to do so again. And I wish this apology published in such a manner as the Rev. Mr. Waterfall may think proper.

SIGNED: John Gillett, Tollard Royal

Witness, ALBERT LAWES, Tollard Royal

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