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Manorial accounts for the manor of Rotherham under the following headings:

1. certain yearly payments and allowances;
2. disbursed for casual and uncertain charges;
3. assessment imposed on lands in Rotherham for the war;
4. assessment imposed on lands in Kimberworth for the war;
5. assessments imposed on tenements at Wadsley, Catcliffe, Falconer, Orgreave and upon tithes;
6. rents in arrears in Rotherham, Kimberworth, Thorpe, Dinnington, Wadsley, Orgreave and Whitley.

N.B. at this period the lord of the manor was Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel.
MARKET

Charters

The following charters and other documents relating to the market at Rotherham were extracted from the Public Records and translated by Charles Devon of 36 Queen Square, Bloomsbury, for Mr. Hoyle of Rotherham (William Fretwel Hoyle attorney and steward of the manor of Rotherham) in the period 1840-41. The investigation appears to have related to the tolls that the Earl of Effingham was entitled to charge as lord of the manor.

1/1 Grant by King John to Eustace de Vescy of the right to have a port at Avonmew (Avonmouth) with a market there every Wednesday and a fair at Rotherham on the day and morrow of St. Edmund (20, 21 November).
Dated at Winchester, 2 January 9 John (1207/8)

1/2 Grant by Henry III to John de Lexinton of the moiety of the manor of Rotherham which Matilda, widow of Geoffrey de Sancesmare held in dower, with the advowson of a moiety of the church, to be held after the death of Matilda and until such time, to have £20 p.a. from the Exchequer.
Dated 24 January 27 H.III (1242/3)

1/3 Confirmation by Edward I of a grant made by John de Vescy (son of William de Vescy) to Thomas de Steynegrave, abbot, and the convent of St. Maryof Rufford, of 8 bovates at Rotherham and all his manor of Rotherham with the advowson of a moiety of the church and the lordship of a moiety of the market and fair.
Dated at Rutland, 9 February II Ed. I (1282/3)

1/4 Confirmation by Edward I of a quitclaim by John de Vescy to Rufford Abbey of all the lands, etc. in Rotherham, given to the Abbey by John de Lexinton, William Lovel and Hugh Frasel, with the lordship of the market and fair.
Dated at Westminster, 12 June 12 Ed. I (1285)

1/5 Grant by Edward I to Robert de Waddesley of a market every Friday at his manor of Rotherham and a fair every year on the vigil, day and morrow of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (23-25 June).
Dated at Carlisle, 1 April 35 Ed. I (1307)
1/6 Grant by Edward II to Edmund Dacre of free warren within his lands at Hexham, and a market every Friday at his manor of Rotherham with a fair for 8 days starting on the vigil of St. Edmund the Archbishop (15-22 November). Dated at Westminster, 4 March 2 Ed. II (1308/9)

1/7 Grant by Edward II to Rufford Abbey of a market every Monday at their manor of Rotherham with a fair for 8 days starting on the vigil of St. Edmund the King (19-26 November). Dated at Lincoln, 7 February 9 Ed. II (1315/16)

1/8 Release and quitclaim by Edmund Dacre to Elias, Abbot of Rufford, of a moiety of the Monday Market at Rotherham and of the fair beginning on the vigil of St. Edmund the King, with grant to the Abbey of a messuage and 14s. rent in Rotherham. Dated at Westminster, Wednesday after St. Andre the Apostle, 14 Ed. II (3 December 1320)

1/9 Account of William Whitmore as bailiff for the lordship of Rotherham, late parcel of Rufford Abbey.

1/10 Letters patent of Henry VIII granting to George, Earl of Shrewsbury, the site of Rufford Abbey with all the lordships, etc. of the abbey, including the lordship of Rotherham with the rectory of Rotherham and patronage of the vicarage. Dated at Westminster, 6 October 29 H VIII (1537).

1/11 Final concord between Sir Edward Leche, kt. and John Dixie als. Ramsey, esc., plts. and William, Earl of Pembroke, Mary his wife, Thomas, Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Alathea his wife, Henry, Earl of Kent and Elizabeth his wife, dfts. of various properties in Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, including the manor, rectory, market and fair of Rotherham. Dated 3 weeks of Trinity, 3 CI (10 June 1627)

1/12 Final concord between Henry, Earl of Kingston, and Robert Stapylton, plts. and Thomas Howard, Lord Mowbray, dft. of the manors of Rotherham, Kimberworth, Wadsley and Dinnington with 330 messuages, 10 cottages, 150 tofts, 7 mills, 8 dovecouses, 500 gardens, 1400 acres land, 700a meadow, 1700 acres pasture, 300a wood, 3000a furze and heath, common of pasture, free warren, view of frankpledge, fairs, markets, etc. in Rotherham, Kimberworth, Wadsley, Dinnington, Orgraves, Catcliffe, Brinsworth, Dalton, Tinsley, Bassingthorpe, Anston, Greasbrough, Masbrough, Morthen, with the rectory of Rotherham, also the manor of Worksop, etc. Dated the morrow of Trinity (14 June) 1652.
Charters (cont.)

1/13 Letter from Charles Devon re his investigation of 1/5 and 1/6 giving further suggestions of sources to search for evidence concerning tolls. Dated 25 November 1840.

1/14 Analysis of documents showing the grant of a market at Rotherham to the Abbot of Rufford and tracing the manor of Rotherham from the Abbey, 1207-1692. Dated 18 June 1841.

Disturbance of Franchise

2/1 Copy case for opinion of counsel concerning the Borough Council's market right and the possibility of an injunction to prevent Rawmarsh UDC establishing a market. Dated February 1953.

2/2 Copy opinion of G. D. Johnston, Lincoln's Inn that the old franchise market had ceased and that the Corporation was entitled only to market rights under their Acts of Parliament. An injunction could only be obtained upon proof of damage. Dated 9 March 1953.

2/3 Copy opinion of Geoffrey Cross, Lincoln's Inn, doubting whether the Corporation owns any 'charter' market - an action against Rawmarsh UDC would probably succeed but damage would have to be proved. Dated 17 April 1953.

Mineral Rights

3/1 Report by Hardy and Page, Record Agents, Lincoln's Inn on the history of the Manor of Rotherham with reference to the Earl of Effingham's rights as lord of the manor to minerals under land allotted by the Rotherham Enclosure Award and, in particular, lands allotted to the Feoffees - gives a detailed history of the descent of the manor from 1066 with transcripts of relevant documents.

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A Field Book of all the land in the manor of Kimberworth in the West Riding of Yorkshire belonging to the Rt. Hon. Francis Howard, Earl of Effingham and Deputy Earl Marshall of England, survey'd by John Colbeck.