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Introduction

The documents catalogued in the present volume only recently came to my notice. Had I found them earlier, they would, of course, have been united with those described in Eton College Records vol. 45, which relate to the same property. These newly discovered records greatly amplify the documentation of the Priory of Lyminster, from the twelfth to the fifteenth century.

Many of the mediaeval documents bear evidence of having been kept in France. For if a document is noted, in French, as relating to England, the presumption surely is that the note was made in France. The following numbers are so endorsed, in a late fourteenth or fifteenth century hand:-

3. Angleterre
4. lettre dengleterre
5. Angleterre
8. Angleterre
11. lettres touchantes la prioure dengleterre
70. lettres touchantes Angleterre

The following items also appear to be endorsed in the same hand, with notes of the places or subjects with which the deeds are concerned:- 9, 12-15, 17, 23, 32, 35, 37-8, 44, 50, 53, 57, 59, 63, 69, 72, 80, 83. Moreover, many deeds bear on their backs what can only be archival references in the form of letters, single or double or triple, to shelves or drawers or boxes. Now the archives kept in the tiny Priory of Lyminster, in addition to not having "Angleterre" written upon them, would not have been so numerous as to require the archive references that these deeds bear. It follows that the noted documents must have resided at the mother house of Almeneche in Normandy. The question then arises at what moment they were transferred to England.

Lyminster was among the Alien Priories confiscated by Henry V. On 1 July 1409 it was granted to Joan, the widow of Henry IV, for her life¹; and the grant was confirmed on 27 January 1414². It is to be conjectured that Henry V's conquest of France made possible the final severance of all connection between the daughter and the mother house by the removal from the latter of the archives relating to the Priory.

Among various mediaeval seals here described, there are six examples (44, 70, 79, 80, 82 and 83) of the seal of the Abbey of Almenêche, of which impressions seem to be rare. None is mentioned in Demay's Inventaire des Sceaux de la Normandie and there is only one reference in Douet d'Arcq (no. 8840). This seal, with its substantial figures, its Roman lettering and its absence of Gothic features, is presumably of the twelfth century. It occasions an agreeable surprise that the later abbesses, who appended their delicately architectural personal seals, alongside that of the convent, to documents issuing from their chapter, should, as late as the fifteenth century, have been content with such an old-fashioned but majestic symbol for their Abbey.

A document which dates from the early days of modern artillery (1345) is no. 70, in which the top indented side of the parchment has been cut in the form of a crenellated battlement.

The protracted dispute between the nuns of Almenêche and the rectors of the chapel of Cudlow within the parish of Climping - now long disappeared beneath the sea - which was

1. Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1408 - 1413 p. 86.
2. Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1413 - 1416 p. 165.

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illustrated in such detail by nos. 83 and 84 of Eton College Records, vol. 45, can now be further studied over more than a decade, from 1307 until the settlement in 1318 (56, 58 to 62).

The earliest of the College leases (84), dated 12 November 1486, and already in English, is of "the parsonage called Mynchyn Bernes with all its houses within the parish of Clympyng". I have not succeeded in identifying this property.

Noel Blackiston

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D e e d s

(1 to 83)

Quitclaim by Gervase, canon of Chichester,
to the nuns of Almenesch of the church of Paling into
the hands of Hilary, bishop of Chichester, for the use
of the said nuns who are to pay him one mark for the
rent which he used to pay them for the four churches
he held of them. And for the remaining three he will
pay them one mark. [1148 - 1169]

Gervasius Canonicus Cicestrensis omnibus Christi
fidelibus ad quos littere iste pervenerint salutem Sciat
universitas vestra quod pro amore dei refutavi et quietam
clamavi deo et Beate Marie et abbatisse et sanctimonialibus
de Almenesch ecclesiam de Paling cum pertinenciis suis et
eam in manus Hylarii Cicestrensis episcopi ad opus earundem
monialium refutavi et quietam clamavi ita quod eodem
moniales computabunt ^r m^llⁱ singulis annis unam marcham
argenti de redditu suo quam eis annuatim reddebam pro
quatuor ecclesiis quas de illis tenebam et de reliquis
tribus aliis ecclesiis earum unam marcham argenti eis
singulis annis persolvam

Valete

[This document is a copy in an early 13th C. hand, along
with nos. 6 and 7, on a small roll].

Notification by Ralph called the Archdeacon of
Hereford that the Abbess and Convent of Aumenesch have
given him the church of Clipping with its appurtenances,
Fordes and Rustinton. To hold from them for 4 weeks a
year and keeping two nuns there or making his grant to
them therefrom.

[1185 - 1210]

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Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit
Radulfus dictus Archidiaconus Herefordie salutem
Noveritis quod Abbatisa et Conventus de Aumenesch
dederunt mihi^h ecclesiam de Clipping cum pertinentiis
scilicet Fordes et Rustinton Tenendam de eis
per quatuor marcas argenti inde annuatim reddendas et
ad tenendum ibi duas sanctimoniales vel faciendum eis
inde grantum suum Et ut id universis innotescat
presenti scripto et sigilli appositione attestor
Testibus Magistro Stephano de scriptorio domini Regis
Magistro Edmundo Henrico abbate Sagiensi
Simone fratre meo Hugone Peverel Rogero de
Sancto Edmundo Johanne de Aquila Nicholao
fratre meo Willelmo de Landa et multis aliis

Doubled tag for Seal which does not survive.

[This document has been dated by the abbacy of Henry de
Bracquevilla at Seez (see Neustria Pia.) If Stephen of
the King's Scriptorium is to be identified with Stephen
of Fougères (see Bishop's Scriptorio Regis), plate xxxi (b),
his dates have to be somewhat stretched forward to bring him
into line with abbot Henry and Hugh Peverel.]

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Agreement between R. called Archdeacon of Hereford
and the Abbess and Convent of Aumenesch that for the four
marks which he has to pay them yearly from the church of
Clipping and for the sustenance of the two nuns whom he
has to maintain in the same, he shall pay them yearly
100s at Easter. [late 12th C.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum
pervenerit R. dictus Archidiaconus Hereford salutem
Sciatis ita convenisse inter me et abbatissam et conventum

de Aumenesch' quod pro quatuor marcis quas eis annuatium
solvere debui de ecclesia de Climping et pro sustentatione
duarum monialium quas in eadem exhibere debui ecclesia
solvam eis annuatium in Pascha C. solidos sterlingorum
Et ut hoc ratum habeatur presenti scripto id testificor
Hic testibus Johanne Archidiacono de Arein '
Aluredo Capellano Hugone Peverel Gilleberto de Sutton
Thomas de Wichet

Traces of Seal, green wax, on tongue.

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Order by the Dean and Treasurer of Hereford and
Master G. Winton' to the Abbess and nuns of Almanesch to
appear before them on the vigil of St. Simon and St. Jude
concerning a settlement between them and R. the Clerk
relating to tythes claimed for the church of Palinges.
A mandate to them from Pope Urban III, to hear the case,
is recited. [1186 - 7.]

J. Decanus Hereford' et J. ejusdem loci
Thesaurarius et Magister G. Winton' Abbatisse et
monialibus Almanescar' salutem Mandatum
domini Pape in hac forma suscepimus Urbanus
episcopus servus servorum dei dilectis filiis Decano
Thesaurario Hereford et Magistro G. Wint' salutem et
apostolicam benedictionem Ex conquestione R.
Clerici intelleximus quod cum Abbatissa et moniales
Almanescar' adversus eum movissent super quibusdam
decimis questionem quas ad suam ecclesiam de Palingis
pertinere dicebant Tandem eodem Clerico proponente
quod super his eis respondere minime tenebatur donec
ipsam ecclesiam quam cum pretermisso juris ordine

spoliaverant rehaber^et et testibus ipsius Clerici jam productis et examinatis inter partes amicabilis est transactio facta et juramento hinc inde firmata sub eo tenore videlicet quod predictae moniales ei post quinquennium prescriptum deberent ecclesiam restituere sub antiqua unius marce pensione tenendam et idem clericis^u eis interim XII denarios pro decimis supradictis annis singulis exhiberet Inde est quod discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus de transactione illa presentibus partibus cognoscatis et si eam de assensu^u parcium et sine pravitate factam esse constiterit moniales et clericum ad eam servandam presertim si est juramento firmata sublato appellacionis obstaculo auctoritate nostra ecclesiastica districtione cogatis Porro si omnes his exequendis nequiveritis interesse duo vestrum ea nichilominus exequantur

Datum Verona ii Idus Julii

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati vobis precipimus quatinus vigilia Apostolorum Symonis et Jude coram nobis appareatis apud Hereford sufficientem^e instructe respondere Magistro Roberto Clerico juxta apostolici formam mandati ut pro vobis sufficientem^e mittatis responsalem Sciture pro certo quod si neutrum feceritis nos nichilominus in causa juxta rigorem juris procedemus

Traces of Seals on three doubled tags.

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Grant by Seffridus II, bishop of Chichester, to the nuns of Almenesch, in consideration of their poverty both here and across the seas of the following pensions, 5 marks from the church of Climping, 5 marks from the church of Rustiton, 2 marks from the church of Ford, to be paid by their respective parsons, or 10 marks collectively

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should the churches be in the hands of a single parson.

[1180 - 1206]

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Seffridus dei gracia Cicestrensis episcopus secundus salutem in domino Jhesu Cum universorum nobis in Christo subjectorum teneamur saluti et utilitate providere eos tamen qui majori florere noscuntur religione volumus sicut et debemus cura diligentiori confovere Hinc est quod nos divini amoris intuitu considerata etiam paupertate domus sanctimonialium feminarum de Almenesch eo quod tam in cismarinis quam transmarinis partibus tenuissimas et minus sufficientes habere dinoscantur facultates concessimus ut de ecclesia sua de Climping V^{quo} marcas argenti de ecclesia de Rustitun III^{as} marcas de ecclesia de Ford II^{as} marcas singulis annis nomine pensionis percipiant ab his quicumque pro tempore fuerint persone predictarum ecclesiarum vel si una sola persona illas tres ecclesias possederit prefatas X^{sem} marcas integre persolvat Similiter si singule persone singulas illas possederint ecclesias juxta modum illum et numerum quem superius distinximus memoratam pensionem prefate domus de Almenesch cum deſita integritate persolvat Et ut hec nostra concessio rata in perpetuum et stabilis perseveret presentis eam duximus scripti testimonio confirmandam

Teste toto capitulo ecclesie nostre Cicestrensis
Valeat fraternitas vestra semper in domino

Traces of Seal, green wax, on doubled tag.

A copy of the foregoing in an early 13th C. hand, along with nos. 1 and 7, on a small roll.

Grant by Seffridus II, bishop of Chichester, to the nuns of Almenesches, in consideration of their poverty, of a pension of 15 marks viz. 100g from the church of Climping, 60g from the church of Rustinton and 40g from the church of Ford.

[1180 - 1204]

Universis Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Seffridus dei gracia Cicestrensis episcopus secundus salutem

Cum universis Christi pauperibus ad nos clamantibus justa illud omni petenti te tribue pia miseratione compati debeamus illis precipue auditum facilem prebere et misericordie sinum detegere debemus in quibus honesta paupertas et pauper honestas concurrere disnoscentur Nos igitur sanctimonialium de Almenesches jugi contemplacione deo famulantium paupertatem maximam et honestatem prefulgidam accendentes eisdem divine miserationis intuitu de ecclesiis de Climping de Rustinton et de Ford in quibus jus patronatus [optinent omitted] concessimus XV marchas nomine pensionis singulis annis percipiendas in hunc modum de ecclesia de Climping centum solidos viz. ad Pascha C. solidos et totidem ad festum Sancti Michaelis de ecclesia de Rustinton sexaginta solidos eodem modo et ad eos terminos solvendas de ecclesia de Ford quadraginta solidos simili modo ut dictum est et eisdem terminis observatis

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Ut autem hec nostra concessio perpetue
firmitatis robur obtineat eam presenti scripto sigilli
nostri appositione confirmavimus

Hiis testibus Ricardo Chesam Magistro
Silvestro Archidiacono Magistro Radulfo de Ford
Magistro Willelmo de Kainesham Canonicis Cicestrensibus
Roberto de Ford' Capellano Stephano et David Clericis
et aliis multis

[This document is a copy in an early 13th C. hand,
along with nos. 1 and 6, on a small roll].

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Notification by Ranulf, bishop of Chichester,
that he has found the nuns of Almenesch in possession
of a pension of 100s in the church of Climping, and that
he confirms the same to them. 17 December 1220

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis hoc presens
scriptum visuris Ranulfus divina miseratione Cicestrensi
ecclesie minister humilis salutem in domino Ad
omnium volumus noticiam pervenire nos dilectas nobis in
Christo moniales de Almenesch invenisse in plena et
pacifica possessione pensionis centum solidorum in
ecclesia de Climping Unde nos eandem pensionam
dictis monialibus caritatis intuitu concessimus et
auctoritate episcopali confirmavimus Salva nobis
et successoribus nostris in perpetuum jure pontificali
et parochiali Hiis testibus

Godefrido Canonico Cicestrensi Magistro Johanne de
Arundell persona ecclesie de Climpinges Jacobo de
Runham Thomas de Berningham Ernasio clericis

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Roberto Capellano vicario ecclesie de Bixl' et Willelmo
de Cicestrí clerico et aliis

Datum apud Bixl' per manus ipsius Godefridi
sextodecimo Kalendas Januarii pontificatus nostri
anno tercio

Doubled tag for Seal which does not survive.

9

Inspeximus by Ranulf, bishop of Chichester,
of a charter of Seffridus II, his predecessor, granting
the nuns of Almenesch a pension of 18 marks from the
churches of Climping, Rustington, Fordres and Palinges
(cp. 5 - 7), confirming the said pensions, together with
10s each from the churches of Burcham and Hamtone.
Aldingeburne 19 February 1222.

Omnibus hoc presens scriptum visuris Ranulfus
divina miseracione Cycestrensis ecclesie minister humilis
salutem in domino Ad universorum volutus [-----]
pervenire Nos inspexisse cartam bone memorie Seffridi
episcopi predecessor [-----]ri in hec verba Universis
sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos scriptum per [-----]
Seffridus dei gracia Cycestrensis episcopus secundus
salutem in domino Cum universis Christi pauperibus
[-----] clamantibus juxta ill [-----] Omni petenti te
tribus pia miseracione compati deb [-----] illis precipue
audit [-----]lem preferre et misericordie sinum detegere
debemus in [-----] honesta pau [-----] pauper honestas
concurrere dinoscuntur Nos igitur sanctimonialium de
Almenas [-----] templacione deo famulancium paupertatem
maximam et honestatem prefulg [-----] entes eisdem divine
miseracionis intuitu de ecclesiis de Climpinges de Rusting
[-----]e de Fordres et de Palinges in quibus jus

patronatus optinent concessimus decem et octo marcas
nomine pensionis singulis annis percipiendas in hunc
modum

De ecclesia de Climpinges centum solidos
videlicet ad pascha quinquaginta solidos et totidem
ad festum sancti Michaelis De ecclesia de
Rustingtone sexaginta solidos eodem modo ad eosdem
terminos solv [-----]

De ecclesia de Fordres quadraginta solidos
simili modo terminis prescriptis [-----] de ecclesia
de Palinges quadraginta solidos eodem modo ut dictum
est et [-----] observatis Ut autem hec nostra
concessio perpetue firmitatis robur [-----] senti
scripto et sigilli nostri appositione confirmavimus
Hiis [-----] saurario

Magistro Silvestro archidiacono Magistro
Radulfo de Fordres [-----] Kaynesham canonicis
Cycestrensibus Roberto de Ford' capellano
Stephano et David clericis et multis aliis

Nos igitur predictas pensiones una cum decem
solidis de ecclesia de Burcham et decem solidis de
ecclesia de Hamtone quos intelleximus jus earudem
fuisse predictes monialibus de Almesasch auctoritate
episcopali et de consensu capituli Cycestrensis divini
amoris intuitu concedimus et confirmamus presenti scripto
sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo capituli Cycestrensis
in testimonium apponentes salvo nobis et successoribus
nostris inperpetuum jure pontificali et parochiali
Hiis testibus Magistro Symone decano Willelmo
et Eustachis archidiaconis Magistris Willelmo de
Kaynesham Alexandro de Lorekel Symone de Waltham
Adam de Edesdone Roberto de Amberl' Godefrido et
Ernsio canonicis Cycestrensibus

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Datum apud Aldingeburne per manum ipsius
Godefridi undecimo Kalendas Marci pontificatus nostri
anno quinto

[This document is a copy made about 1255, along with
nos. 13 to 15, on a small roll]

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Grant in frankalmoin by Maud, daughter of Hugh,
and Ellen, her sister, to the church of the Blessed Mary
of Lumenistre of half an acre in Totinton. With warranty.

[1222 to 1244]

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis hoc
scriptum visuris vel audituris ego Matillis filia
Hugonis et Alina soror mea salutem in domino Noverit
universitas vestra nos dedisse et concessisse et hac
presenti carta nostra confirmasse deo et ecclesie beate
Marie de Lumenistre unam dimidiam acram terre nostre de
Totinton pro salute animarum nostrarum et patris et matris
nostrorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam illam scilicet
dimidiam acram que jacet inter terram Willelmi Gyg et
terram Gelfridi de Hampton in Merefurlang et extendit
severus aquilonem et austrum Habendam et tenendam
inperpetuum dictam ecclesiam (sic for acram) de nobis et
heredibus nostris libere quiete bene et in pace Et
ego Matillis et Alina soror mea dictam ecclesiam (erased)
dimidiam acram dicte ecclesie warantizabimus et defendemus
contra omnes homines et feminas In cujus rei
testimonium sigili mei presentam (sic) cartam munimine
reboravi

Hiis testibus Domino episcopo Radulfo de Nevile tunc
tempore Cicestrensi Domino Reginaldo de Wincestre
ejus officiali

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Domino Adam sacerdote de Preston Domino Johanne
sacerdote de opido Arundell' [que jacet inter terram
Willelmi filii Hugonis et terram Willelmi Gie in
Touislos] *

Fragment of Seal, round, 17mm., natural coloured
wax, on doubled tag. A flower.

* This sentence at the bottom of the deed is
presumably a further description of the land conveyed.

11

Letter from Geoffrey, bishop of Siez, to Ralph,
bishop of Chichester, requesting that he postpone the
provision of a vicar in the church of Leominster, whom
he is proposing to create anew there, until the abbess
of Aumenesches shall again be able to cross the seas to
England, which at the present time of discord and
turbulenceshe is unable to do. He reminds the bishop
of Chichester that he is Geoffrey of Maeto, formerly
canon of Rouen, who has often enjoyed the hospitality
of the bishop of Chichester. S. Pierre sur Dives.

18 Feb., 1242-3

Reverendo Patri ac domino Radulfo dei gracia
Cicepstremsi episcopo Gaufridus divina miseracione
Sagiensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem et reverenciam
cum honore Cum dilecta in Christo filia abbatissa de
Aumenesches nostre diocesis ad visitandum prioratum de
Nemmenistre vostre diocesis commode accedere pro utriusque
regni discordia et turbacione non possit ejusdem abbatisse
amice nostre et conventus sui precibus inclinati paternitatem

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vostram attente requirimus et rogamus quatinus priorisse
et domini de Nonnenistre propitiationis paterne
benivolentiam exhibentes locum ipsum cum inhabitantibus
quantum cum deo et justitia poteritis supportetis
ordinationem provisionis vicarii quem in ejusdem loci
ecclesia de novo creare proponitis donec predicta
abbatissa ad partes vestras commode transire valeat
differentes Ne autem propter ignotam forte
persone nostre pristinam amicitiam precum nostrarum
in hiis vel aliis retardetur effectus et ut nobis
quicquid vobis placuerit securus precipere valeatis
sciatis quod sumus ille Gaufridus de Maeto quondam
canonicus Rothomagensis qui cum bone memorie Thoma
tunc decano Rothomagensi et postmodum Bajocensi
episcopo et domine Drocone de Trablevill Rothomagensis
ecclesie negocia procurando vos frequenter visitavimus
et a vobis multas liberalitates recepimus et honores
propter que vestram et vestrorum omnium voluntatem
tenemur modis omnibus quibus possumus adimplere

Bene et diu valeat paternitas vestra in domino

Datum apud Sanctum Petrum super Divam anno domini
m.º cc.º xl secundo die Mercurii ante Cathedram Sancti Petri

Seal, pointed oval, 50 (originally about 60)
x 40mm., green wax, on tongue, chipped away at top left
and bottom right. The bishop robed, left hand holding
staff, right hand raised in benediction.

G A U F R I D U S D - - - - -

Counter Seal, round, 24mm. A hand in benediction.

† DEXTERAM DOMINI

Inspeximus by Richard II, bishop of Chichester, of a charter of Seffridus II, confirming a grant by Godfrey de Caux, Knight, in frankalmoign to the nuns of Almenesch of the chapel of Warnecamp with the tythes there. And confirmation to the same, with the consent of the Dean and Chapter, of the church of Limenistrí (saving the vicarage in the same of which the presentation is known to belong to the nuns), and 10s from the church of Burgham and 10s from the church of Hampton. Pering, 15 April 1248.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentes litteras visuris vel auditoris Ricardus secundus permissione divina Cycestrensis episcopus salutem in domino Cartam felicis recordationis Seffridi episcopi predecessoris nostri inspeximus in hec verba Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Seffridus secundus dei gracia Cycestrensis episcopus salutem in domino Noverit universitas vestra quod Godefridus de Caux miles intuitu dei et pro salute anime sue et parentum et antecessorum suorum concessit et dedit in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Almenasch^h et sanctimonialibus in ea domino famulantibus capellam sancti Egidii de Warnecamp cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et decimis tam de terris cultis quam colendis de dominico suo in villa de Warnecamp sine aliquo retinemento

Hoc autem ratum habemus et presentis scripti testimonio roboramus

Hiis testibus Ricardo Archidiacono Cycestrensi
 Godefrido de Stoghton Magistro Silvestro Magistro
 Malgero Magistro Petro de Colemere Godefrido
 Capellano Phillippe

Clerico et multis aliis Nos autem prefatum
collationem ratam habentes eam sicut rite facta est
una cum ecclesia de ~~Liministri~~ ^{Liministri} salva vicaria in eadem
prout ordinata est cujus presentatio ad predictas
abbatissam et conventum de Almenasch' dinoscitur pertinere
et etiam cum decem solidis de ecclesia de Burgham et decem
solidis de ecclesia de Hampton decani et capituli
Cycestreusis consensu concurrente predictis abbatisse
et conventui de Almenasch' auctoritate pontificali
confirmamus volentes istius nostre confirmationis seriem
sub pena anatematis ab omnibus inviolabiliter observari
In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum una cum
sigillo decani et capituli Cycestreusis presenti scripto
fecimus apponi Datum apud Fering decimo septimo
Kalendas Maii anno domini millesimo ducentesimo
quadragesimo octavo

Traces of two Seals, green wax, on doubled tags,
one of them with a pink silk skipper.

Endorsed: I. Craneb'

[See Eton College Records vol. 45 no. 4, a copy of the above.]

A copy of the foregoing, made about 1255, along
with nos. 9, 14 and 15, on a small roll.

Order by Richard [de la Wich], bishop of
 Chichester, concerning the obventions of the altar
 and the lesser tythes of the churches of Climpinges
 and Palinges. Chichester 9 October 1248.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum
 pervenerit R. divina miseracione Cycestrensis episcopus
 salutem in domino Ad universitatis vestre noticiam
 volumus pervenire quod cum M. abbatissa et conventus
 beate Marie de Almenesche totum jus quod optinuerunt
 in ecclesiis de Climpinges Palinges Rustintone et
 Fordres pure et absolute spontanea voluntate in nos
 transtulerunt prout in earundem litteris exinde confectis
 plenius continetur Nos paupertati et necessitati
 earundem compatientes et ecclesiam^{or} honestati providere
 volentes accedente consensu^u G. decani et capituli
 ecclesie nostre Cycestrensis invocata spiritus sancti
 gracia de eisdem ecclesiis ita duximus ordinandum quod
 de Climpinges et de Palinges ecclesie cum suis pertinenciis
 cedentibus vel decedentibus earum rectoribus scilicet
 J. de Arundell tunc cancellarius Cycestrensis et Thomas
 de Climping cedant jure perpetuo in usus proprios^r dictarum
 monialium salvis vicariis a nobis cum magna deliberacione
 in hac forma taxatis videlicet quod ad vicariam ecclesie de
 Climpinges omnes obvenciones altaris et minute decime cum
 manse prato et terra dicte ecclesie pertinebunt novem acris
 exceptis que jacent in campo de Horgeflige quas dictis
 monialibus pro necessitatibus domorum horreorum et ortorum
 assignamus Eodem vero moniales integre percipiant omnes
 decimas bladi leguminum et feni de tota parochia extra
 ortos De terra vero vicarii et prato moniales nichil
 percipient nec eciam vicariis de memorata terra monialium
 Ad vicariam vero ecclesie de Palinges similiter
 omnes obvenciones altaris et minute decime cum manse

ecclesie pertinebunt horreis et decimis majoribus
 scilicet decimis bladi leguminum et feni juri monialium
 reservatis de quibus solvent annuatim sexaginta solidos
 vicario qui pro tempore fuerit ad quatuor ^{ca} termini
 scilicet in festo sancto Michaelis quindecim solidos in
 natali domini quindecim solidos in pascha quindecim solidos
 in nativitate beati Johannis Baptiste quindecim solidos
 Memorati vero vicarii dictarum ecclesiarum omnia onera
 debita et consueta ordinaria sustinebunt ipsis vero
 cedentibus vel decedentibus ipse moniales personas
 idoneas a nobis vel successoribus nostris aut a decano
 et capitulo ecclesie nostre sede vacante nominandas
 presentabunt ut ab eisdem institutionem recipiant
 canonicam

De Rustington quidem et de Fordres ecclesias ad
 hec nostre ordinationi reservamus Devotionem vero
 dictorum abbatisse et monialium attendentes intuita dei
 et religionis amore sic duximus providendum quod de
 omnibusdictis ecclesiis consueta percipient pensiones
 donec prescripte ordinationis nostre in ecclesiis de
 Climpinges et Palinges plerum assecute fuerint beneficium

Nos vero auctoritate dei et ecclesie nostre Cycestrensis
 cui licet indigni presidemus omnes illos qui contra hanc
 ordinationem nostram venire aut eciam eam maliciose impedire
 seu in aliquo infringere presumpserint excommunicationis
 sententia duximus innodandos Ad perpetuum vero hujus
 facti memoriam impressione sigilli nostri et sigilli
 ecclesie nostre decani et capituli presens scriptum
 fecimus communiri

Datum apud sinodum nostram in ecclesia Cycestrensi
 celebratum in festo scilicet sancti Dionisii anno domini
 m^o. cc^o. xlviij^o.

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Bull of Alexander IV, on the supplication of the nuns of Amenesches, confirming provision by R. bishop of Chichester for the sustentation of the vicars of Climpingnes and Palingnes. Naples 30 January 1255.

Alexander episcopus servus servorum dei dilectis in Christo filiabus abbatisse et conventui monasterii de Amenesches ordinis sancti Benedicti Sagiensis diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Cum a nobis petitur quod justum est et honestum tam vigor equitatis quam ordo exigit rationis ut id per sollicitudinem officii nostri ad debitum perducatur effectum Sane petitio vestra nobis exhibita continebat quod bone memorie R. episcopus Cyccestrensis pie considerans vos non modica paupertate gravari pro relevandis vestris defectibus de Climpingnes et de Palingnes ecclesias sue diocesis in quibus habetatis jus patronatus cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis earundem de sui assensu capituli vobis prout spectabat ad ipsum pia et provida deliberacione concessit porcionibus vicariis congruis de ipsarum bonis et facultatibus assignatis quibus vicarii commode valeant sustentari ac episcopalia et alia onera sustinere prout in litteris ipsius episcopi confectis exinde dicitur plenius contineri Nos itaque vestris devotis supplicacionibus inclinati quod super hoc pie ac provide factum est ratum habentes et gratum illud auctoritate apostolica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus

Nulli igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre confirmacionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario

contraire Si quis autem hoc attemptare
 presumpserit indignacionem omnipotentis dei et beatorum
 Petri et Pauli aposolorum ejus se noverit incursum
 Datum Neapoli iiii Kalendas Februarii pontificatus
 nostri anno primo

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Grant by John de Cicestr' son of Nicholas to the
 church of the Blessed Mary of Lumenistre and the prioress
 and nuns there, in frankalmoign, of a messuage in the city
 of Chichester in the south street, saving to the chief
 lord of the fee a rent of 8d [2nd quarter 13th C.]

Universis Sancte Matris ecclesie filiis ad quos
 presens scriptum pervenerit Johannes de Cicestr' filius
 Nicholai salutem in domino

Noverit universitas vestra me divine Karitatis
 intuitu dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse
 deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Lumenistre et priorisse et
 monialibus ibidem deo servientibus in liberam puram et
 perpetuam elemosinam unum mesuagium cum pertinentiis in
 civitate cicestrensi in vico scilicet australi quod me
 jure hereditarie contingebat salvo capitali domino feodi
 annuo redditu octo denariorum scilicet sterlingorum pro
 omni servicio consuetudine et exaccione In hujus rei
 testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis
 testibus

Domine Nicholao priore de Arund' Magistro Johanne de
 Clipping ~ Canonico Cicestrensi

Domino Willelmo de Hotot	Petro de Hotot		
Bernardo de la Hache	Henrico Burgens		
Johanne Justar	Willelmo de Totitun	Adam de	
Billinghamst	Diacono	Ricardo Morin	Johanne
de Parco	Willelmo de Haraton ⁱⁿ et aliis		

Doubled tag for Seal, which is lost.

Quitclaim by Alice Haket, in her widowhood, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Aumenesch and the Abbess and convent there of all her right in an acre of land in the vill of Isleham, on which their granges are built, which they had of the gift of Roger son of Alexander and Alice Burdun, his wife. For 10s.

[last quarter 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Alicia Haket in ligia viduitate mea remisi et ^{quictlamavi} quictlamati pro me et heredibus meis ecclesie Beate Marie de Aumenesch et Abbatisse et conventui ibidem deo et Beate Marie servientibus et quibuscumque eis succedentibus totum jus et clamium quod habui vel aliquo jure habere potui racione commune pasture seu aliquo alio modo in una acra terre seu aliquibus pertinenciis suis in villa de Isleham super qua grangie dicte Abbatisse et conventus construuntur quam eciam habuerunt de dono Rogeri filii Alexandri et Alicie Burdun de Isleham uxoris sue et jacet illa acra in predicta villa de Isleham in campo qui vocatur Prestestredlond inter terram domini Gregorii capellani ex una parte et magnum iter regale ex altera Ita quod nec ego nec aliquis heredum meorum aliquid juris vel clamii in posterum in dicta acra seu aliquibus pertinenciis suis ut predictum est exigere poterimus

Pro hac autem mea remissione et quietaclamacione
 dederunt michi predicta Abbatissa et conventus de bonis
 ecclesie sue decem solidos sterlingorum premanibus
 Et ut hec mea remissio et quietaclamacio firma sit et
 stabilis in perpetuum presens scriptum sigilli mei
 impressione roboravi His testibus Dominis
 Luca de Vyane Roberto de Hotot Henrico de
 Symbans militibus Petro de Elmere Gervasio de
 Wildebrugge Galfrido Fauerche Johanne de Mellira
 Willelmo le Wyte de Abytone Johanne le Grant de
 Hampton Johanne le Metre Willelmo Gyne
 Willelmo de Totingtone Daniele de Totington et
 multis aliis

Seal, pointed oval, 30 x 17mm., green wax, on
 doubled tag. A fleur de lys.

† SIGILLUM ALICIE R.....

Grant by John de Justur of Wike to Yvo the
 Merchant of Arundell of half an acre in the land of
 Wikes. Rent 3d. With warranty. For 12s.

[2nd quarter 13th C.]

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris
 quod ego Johannes le Justur de Wike dedi concessi et
 presenti carta mea confirmavi Yvoni Mercatori de
 Arundell unam meam dimidiam acram in territorio de
 Wikes plenariam et integram jacentem inter terram
 meam et terram Ade West ex parte australi vie que

dicitur Thedway Habendam et tenendam de me et heredibus meis ipse et heredes suis vel ^ucircumque assignare voluerit libere quiete bene et in pace

Reddendo inde per annum mihi vel heredibus meis ipse vel heredis sui tres denarios ad festum Beati Michaelis pro omni servicio consuetudine secta curie exactione seculari et demanda Et ego Johannes le Justur et heredes mei predicto Yvoni et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis dictam dimidiam acram contra omnes gentes debemus warrantizare et defendere imperpetuum Pro hac autem donacione et presentis carte confirmacione dedit mihi predictus Yvo duodecim solidos sterlingorum premanibus Et in hujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus

Petro de Hotot Henrico Burgum Willelmo de Totinton Willelmo de Hampton Johanne de Parco Roberto Magistro de Hampton Reginaldo Belhonn Willelmo Ginay Rogero Scurel Rogero Belhomme et multis aliis

Traces of Seal, green wax, on doubled tag.

Grant by John le Justur of Wyk' to Yvo the Merchant of Arundell of an acre in the land of Wyk'. Rent 4d. With warranty. For 2 marks.

[2nd quarter 13th C.]

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes le Justur de Wyk' dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Yvoni Mercatori de Arundell unam acram terre mee in territorio de Wik' videlicet illam que jacet ex parte australi vie que vocatur Theddweye inter

terram meam ex una parte et terram Willelmi Avenell
 ex altera et extendit se in longitudine versus
 orientem et occidentem Habendam et tenendam
 dictam acram terre de me et heredibus meis dicto
 Ywoni et heredibus meis ~~dicto Ywoni et heredibus suis~~
 et cuicumque vel quibuscumque eam dare vendere
 legare vel assignare voluerit libere quiete bene et
 in pace jure hereditarie imperpetuum Reddendo
 inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis ipse et heredes
 sui vel sui assignati quatuor denarios esterlingorum
 ad festum Beati Michaelis pro omni serviciis seculari
 secta curia exaccione et demanda Ego vero dictus
 Johannes le Justur et heredes mei dictam acram terre dicto
 Ywoni et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis contra omnes
 gentes et feminas warantizabimus acquietabimus et
 defendemus per predictum servicium Pro hac autem
 donacione concessione et carte mee confirmacione dedit
 michi dictus Ywo duas marcas esterlingorum in gersumam

Et ut hec mea donacio concessio et carte mee confirmacio
 firma sit et stabilis imperpetuum presentem cartam sigilli
 mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Petro de
 Hotot Waltero de Kyngestun Willelmo de Totingtun
 Daniele de Totingtun Roberto filio Petri de Wyk'
 Roberto le Maystre de Hamptun Willelmo de Gynay de
 Hamptun Willelmo Bulling de Hamptun Willelmo de
 Hamptun tunc maiore de Arundell Waltero Walleth
 Willelmo Fyne Ricardo Paris et multis aliis

Doubled tag for Seal which is lost.

Grant by Maud, relict of John le Justur of Wykes, to William son of William de Totington, of an acre in Wykes in two half-acres. To hold from William le Justur. Rent 2d. With warranty. For 36s: 8d.

[mid. 13th C.]

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Matillis relictata quondam Johannis le Justur de Wykes in pura viduitate mea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo filio Willelmi de Totington unam acram terre mee in Wykes unde dimidia acra jacet apud la Lydgate inter terram Isabelle relicte Roberti Wlward et terram Willelmi capellani et altera dimidia acra jacet apud la Drefhende inter terram Ade de Hammes et terram Roberti filii Willelmi ceteris prepositi Habendam et tenendam predictam acram terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis de Willelmo le Justur et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis dicto Willelmo de Totington et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim dicto Willelmo le Justur et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis ipse Willelmus de Totington et heredes sui vel eorum assignati duos denarios sterlingorum in festo Sancti Michaelis pro omnimodis sectis consuetudinibus exaccionibus et demandis Et dictus Willelmus le Justur et heredes sui vel eorum assignati predictam acram terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicto Willelmo de Totington et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis contra omnes homines et feminas warantisabunt acquietabunt et defendent per predictum servicium Pro hac autem mea donacione concessione et presentis carte mee confirmacione dedit michi dictus Willelmus de Totington triginta et octo solidos et octo denarios sterlingorum premanibus Et ut hec mea donacio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio firmitatis robur optineat hanc presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi

Hiis testibus Domino Petro de Hotot Johanne de
 Kyngeston Thomas de Preston Roberto le Maystre
 Daniele de Totington Johanne le Grant Willelmo
 Bulling Thoma filio Laurencii de Wykes Roberto
 fratre ejusdem Ricardo Goldewyne Roberto
 Goldewyne et multis aliis

Seal, round, 30mm., natural coloured wax, on doubled
 tag. A flower of eight petals. † S'MATILLE DE PARIS

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Grant by Maud, relict of John le Justur of Wykes,
 to William son of William de Totington of two acres in
 Wikes (including the two half-acres of no. 20) with a
 house and croft, which Reynald called le Hocker holds,
 together with the body and following and chattels of
 the said Reynald. To hold from William Le Justur her
 son. Rent 4d. With warranty. For 9 marks.

[mid 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Matilda relicta
 Johannis le Justur de Wykes in pura viduitate mea dedi
 concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo
 filio Willelmi de Totington duas acras terre mee in
 Wikes cum domo et crofta que Reginaldus dictus le
 Ho^ccker tenet una cum corpore et sequela et catallis
 ejusdem Reginaldi et suorum quarum una acra jacet in
 parte occidentali crofte predicte inter terram Willelmi
 dicti le Burges^t et terram que fuit Willelmi filii
 Roberti Ruffi et dimidia acra jacet apud la Pidgate
 inter terram Ysabelle relicte Roberti Wlward et terram
 Willelmi capillavi filii Laurencii de Wikes et dimidia

acra jacet apud la Drove Ende inter terram Ade de
 Hammes et terram Roberti filii Willelmi veteris
 prepositi Habendam et tenendam totam predictam
 terram cum dictis domo etcrofta corpore sequela
 catallis dicti Reginaldi et suorum et cum omnibus
 pertinenciis suis de Willelmo le Justur filio meo
 et heredibus suis vel assignatis dicto Willelmo et
 heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis libere quiete
 bene et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum

Reddendo inde annuatim dicto Willelmo et heredibus
 suis vel suis assignatis quatuor denarios sterlingorum
 ad festum Sancti Michaelis ipse Willelmus de Totington
 et heredes sui vel sui assignati pro omnimodis sectis
 consuetudinibus serviciis exaccionibus et demandis

Et dictus Willelmus Justur et heredes sui vel sui
 assignati totam predictam terram cum predictis domo
 crofta corpore sequela catallis dicti Reginaldi et
 suorum et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicto Willelmo
 et heredibus vel suis assignatis contra omnes gentes
 warantizabunt equetabunt et defendent per predictum
 servicium Pro hac autem mea donacione concessione

et presentis carte mee confirmacione dedit mihi dictus
 Willelmus novem marcas sterlingorum premanibus in
 gersumam Et ut hec mea donacio concessio et

presentis carte mee confirmacio firma et stabilis
 permaneat hanc presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione
 roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Petro de Hotot

Willelmo Avenel Johanne de Kingeston Thoma de
 Preston Ricardo Goldewyn Roberto le Maystr'
 Johanne le Grant Willelmo Bolling Thoma filio
 Laurencii de Wykes Daniele de Totington Simone
 Hamund Radulfo Chepman et multis aliis

Seal, green wax, as on 20.

Grant by William le Justur of Wykes to Maud,
 his mother, of two acres in Wykes with a house and croft
 which Reynald called le Huckere holds, together with the
and chattel, of the said Reynald. Rent 4d. With warranty. Maud has paid for this grant by one
 body and following acre in Wykes.

[mid 13th C.]

Scia nt presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus
 le Justur de Wykes dedi concessi et hac presenti carta
 mea confirmavi Matillide matri mee duas acras terre mee
 in Wykes cum domo et crofta quam Reginaldus dictus le
 Huckere tenet una cum corpore et sequela et catallis
 ejusdam Reginaldi et suorum quarum una acra jacet in
 parte occidentali crofte predictae inter terram Willelmi
 le Burgeys et terram Willelmi filii Roberti Ruffy et
 dimidia acra jacet apud la Lydgate inter terram Ysabelle
 relicte Roberti Wward et terram Willelmi Capellani filii
 Laurencii de Wykes et dimidia acra jacet apud la
 Drovenorthende inter terram Ade de Hammes et terram
 Roberti filii Willelmi veteris prepositi Habendas
 et tenendas predictas duas acras terre cum domo et crofta
 predicta cum corpore et sequela et catallis dicti Reginaldi
 et suorum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis de me et heredibus
 meis vel assignatis dicte Matillide et heredibus suis vel
 eorum assignatis libere quiete bene et in pace jure
 hereditario imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim
 michi et heredibus meis vel assignatis ipsa Matillis
 et heredes sui vel eorum assignati quatuor denarios
 sterlingorum ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omnimodis
 consuetudinibus exaccionibus et demandis Et ego
 dictus Willelmus le Justur et heredes mei vel assignati
 predictas duas acras terre cum domo et crofta predicta
 una cum corpore et sequela predicti Reginaldi cum catallis
 eorundem dicte Matillide et heredibus suis vel eorum
 assignatis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus

acquietabimus et defendemus per predictum
 servicium Pro hac autem mea donacione concessione
 et presentis carte mee confirmacione dedit michi dicta
 Matillis una acra (sic) terre in Wykes Et ut hec
 mea donacio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio
 firmitatis robur optineant hanc presentem cartam sigilli
 mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Petro
 de Hotot Willelmo Avenel Roberto le Maystre
 Willelmo et Daniele de Totington Johanne le Grant
 Thoma filio Laurencii de Wykes Willelmo Bolling
 Symone Hamund Radulfo Chipman Roberto Brugham
 Roberto Gewdewyn Matheo Coterel et multis aliis

Seal, round, 35mm., natural colour wax, on doubled
 tag, slightly chipped. A flower of eight petals.

† S' WILL ---- LE JUSTUR

Inspeximus by William le Justur of Wykes of a
 charter of feoffment of two acres, with a house and
 croft and the body and following of Reynald le Huckere
 and his chattels which the mother of William made to
 William de Totington in Wykes, with confirmation of the
 same, and warranty. For 4d rent. For ½ mark silver.

[Mid 13th C.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum
 pervenerit Willelmus le Justur de Wykes salutem in
 domino Noveritis me inspexisse cartam de feffemento
 de duabus acris terre cum domo et crofta corpore et
 sequela Reginaldi le Huckere et catallis suis et suorum
 cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quam mater mea fecit
 Willelmo de Totington in Wykes quod quidem factum ratum

habeo Donacionem et concessionem eidem Willelmo
 factam prout in carta ipsi Willelmo facta continetur
 ego et heredes mei vel assignati dicto Willelmo de
 Totington et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis contra
 omnes gentes warantizabimus aquietabimus et defendemus
 per servicium quatuor denariorum annui redditus
 inperpetuum Pro hac autem mea concessione et predicta
 carte confirmacione dedit michi dictus Willelmus de
 Totington dimidiam marcam argenti in gersumam Et ut
 hec mea concessio et presentis scripti confirmacio
 firmitatis robur optineat presens scriptum sigilli mei
 inpressione roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Petro de
 Hotot Willelmo Avenel Johanne de Kingeston Thoma
 de Preston Ricardo Goldewyn Roberto le Haystre
 Johanne le Grant Willelmo Belling Thoma filio
 Laurencii de Wikes Daniele de Totington Simone
 Hamund Radulpho Chepman et multis aliis

Seal, green wax, as on 22. † S' WILLELMI LE JUSTUR

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Inspeximus and confirmation by William le Justur
 of Wykes of the grant by Maud, his mother, of an acre in
 Wykes to William son of William de Totington.

[Mid 13th C.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum
 pervenerit Willelmus le Justur de Wykes salutem in
 domino Noverit universitas vestra me inspexisse
 cartam Willelmi filii Willelmi de Totington quam
 Matillis mater mea eidem Willelmo fecit de quadam
 aera terre in Wykes et mihi et heredibus meis inde
 redditum assignavit Pro quo quidem redditu ego

Willelmus le Justur et heredes mei vel assignati
 eandem acram terre cum pertinenciis suis dicto Willelmo
 de Totington et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis contra
 omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus acquietabimus et
 defendemus imperpetuum prout liberius continetur in carta
 ejusdem Willelmi de eadem acra terræ quam cartam et
 donacionem ratam habeo et presenti scripto confirmo pro
 me et heredibus meis vel assignatis imperpetuum Et
 in hujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum
 apposui Hiis testibus Domino Petro de Hotot
 Johanne de Kyngeston Thoma de Preston Roberto le
 Maystre Daniele de Totingtone Johanne le Grant
 Willelmo Bulling Thoma filio Laurencii de Wykes
 Ricardo Goldewyne Roberto Goldewyne et multis aliis

Traces of Seal, green wax, on doubled tag.

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Grant by William le Justur of Wykes to William
 son of William de Totington of an acre in Wykes. Rent 2d.
 With warranty. For 40s.

[Mid 13th C.]

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus
 le Justur de Wykes dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea
 confirmavi Willelmo filio Willelmi de Totington unam acram
 terre mee in Wykes unde dimidia acra jacet super furlangum
 apud Twameruche inter terram quam Matillis mater mea
 aliquando tenuit nomine et terram Ade West et alia
 dimidia acra jacet super furlangum qui vocatur Brodelond
 inter terram Johanne West et terram que fuit aliquando
 Roberti Ruffi Habendam et tenendam predictam acram
 terre cum pertinenciis suis de me et heredibus meis
 vel assignatis dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis vel eorum

assignatis libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario
 imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim michi et
 heredibus meis vel assignatis ipse Willelmus et heredes
 sui vel eorum assignati duos denarios sterlingorum in
 feste Sancti Michaelis pro omnimodis sectis consuetudinibus
 exaccionibus et demandis Et ego dictus Willelmus et
 heredes mei vel assignati predictam acram terre cum
 pertinenciis dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis vel eorum
 assignatis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus acquietabimus
 et defendemus per predictum servicium Pro hac autem
 mea donacione concessione et presentis carte mee
 confirmacione dedit mihi dictus Willelmus quadraginta
 solidos sterlingorum premanibus Et ut hec mea
 donacio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio
 firmitatis robur optineant hanc presentem cartam sigilli
 mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Petro
 de Hotot Johanne de Kyngeston Thoma de Preston
 Roberto le Maystre Daniele de Totington Ricardo
 Goldewyne Johanne le Grant Willelmo Bulling
 Roberto Brwham Thoma de Wykes Roberto Goldewyn
 et multis aliis

Seal, green wax, slightly chipped at sides, as on 22.

† S' WIL --- MI LE I --- UR

Grant by William le Justur of Wykes to William
 son of William de Totingtone of an acre in the vill
 of Wykes. Rent 2d. With warranty. For 37s.
 [Mid 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus
 le Justur de Wykes dedi concessi et hac presenti carta
 mea confirmavi Willelmo filio Willelmi de Totingtone

unam acram terre mee in villa de Wykes et jacet super
 Cusbyri inter terram quam Robertus Wlward aliquando
 tenuit et terram quam Willelmus Thurbarn tenet

Habendam et tenendam dictam acram terre cum omnibus
 pertinenciis suis de me et heredibus meis vel assignatis
 dicto Willelmo de Totington et heredibus suis vel eorum
 assignatis libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario
 imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus
 meis vel assignatis ipse Willelmus et heredes sui vel
 eorum assignati duos denarios sterlingorum ad festum
 Sancti Michaelis pro omnimodis sectis consuetudinibus
 exaccionibus et demandis Et ego dictus Willelmus
 le Justur et heredes mei vel assignati predictam acram
 terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicto Willelmo de
 Totington et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis contra
 omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus acquietabimus
 et defendemus per predictum servicium Pro hac autem
 mea donacione concessione et presentis carte mee
 confirmacione dedit michi dictus Willelmus triginta et
 septem solidos sterlingorum premanibus Et ut hec mea
 donacio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio
 firmitatis robur optineant hanc presentem cartam sigilli
 mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Willelmo
 Avenel Willelmo Payn Johanne de Kyngeston Thoma
 de Prestone Roberto le Maystre Daniele de Totington
 Johanne le Grant Willelmo Bulling Thoma filio
 Lauranci et multis aliis

Seal, green wax, on doubled tag, chipped at top left,
 as on 22. † S' WILLELMI LE JUST --

Quitclaim by William le Justur of Wykes to Walter Sewale of 7d rent for 1½ acres which William's father once sold to Ivo the Merchant of Arundel in the territory of Wykes. Paying a rose at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. With warranty.

[Mid 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus le Justur de Wykes dedi et hac presenti carta mea quietum clamavi pro me et heredibus meis Waltero Sewale septem denarios redditus quos idem Walterus michi solvere tenebatur pro una acra et dimidia quam acram et dimidiam pater meus quondam vendidit Iwoni Mercatori de Arundel in territorio de Wykes Habendos et tenendos dictos septem denarios redditus de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis et assignatis suis vel cuicumque dare vendere assignare voluerit libere quiete bene in pace Reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis vel assignatis ipse et heredes sui et assignati sui unam rosam ad nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste pro omni servicio seculari exactione et demanda Et ego predictus Willelmus et heredes mei predicto Waltero et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis predictos septem denarios redditus contra omnes homines et feminas warentizabimus aquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum Pro hac autem donacione et quieta clamacione dedit michi predictus Walterus dimidiam marcam sterlingorum premanibus Et ut hec mea donacio et quieta clamacio firmitatis robur optineant presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Roberto Magistro de Hamtone Daniele de Totitune Thoma Passatori de Hamtone Johanne le Grant Willelmo Bulling Willelmo Albo de Abitone Ricardo Senescallo Clemente le Bunde Waltero le Franceys de Binstede Henrico le Jefene Roberto Fyngkedey et multis aliis

Seal, green wax, fragmentary, as on 22.

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Grant by William le Justur of Wikes to the church of the Blessed Mary of Lyministr' and the prioress and nuns there, in frankalmoin, of a messuage and 4 acres in Wykes. To hold from the chief lord of the fee, for a rent of 8d for which he will warrant the same.

[End 13th C.]

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus le Justur de Wikes in legia potestate mea dedi concessi et hac presenti mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Lyministr' et domine priorisse et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum unum mesuagium in vila de Wykes et quatuor acras terre in territoris ejusdem ville quod mesuagium situm est super una acra quam (sic) jacet inter mesuagium Johannis le Bule et terram Willelmi le Burgeis ex parte boreali et terram et mesuagium quod fuit aliquando Roberti Rufi ex parte uastrali et alia acra jacet super Cumbiri inter terram quam Robertus Wlwald aliquando tenuit et terram quam Willelmus Thurbern tenet et una dimidia acra jacet in loco qui vocatur Lychgathe inter terram quam Isabella relicta Roberti Wlfald tenet ex parte boreali et terram Willelmi de Wykes capellani ex parte australi et alia dimidia acra jacet in furlango qui vocatur Twancruche inter terram Matillidis matris mee ex parte australi et terram quam Adam West tenet ex parte boreali et tercia dimidia acra jacet in furlango qui vocatur Brodelond inter terram quam Johanna West tenet ex parte

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orientali et terram que fuit aliquando Roberti Rufi
ex parte occidentali et quarta dimidia acra jacet
super furlango qui vocatur Drofende inter terram quam
Adam de Hammes tenet ex parte australi et terram quam Robertus
filius Willelmi veteris prepositi tenet ex parte boreali

Habendum et tenendum dictum mesuagium cum predictis
quatuor acris terre et cum omnibus suis pertinenciis de
capitali domino feodi quicumque fuerit predictae ecclesie
et priorisse et sanctimonialibus et earum successoribus
libere quiete bene et in pace imperpetuum Reddendo
inde annuatim ille et earundem successores dicto capitali
domino feodi quicumque fuerit octo denarios sterlingorum
ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio seculari et
pre relevio homagio et herietto et secta cujuslibet curie
et hundredi et regalibus serviciis querelis omnibus et
demandis Et sciendum est quod predictus capitalis
dominus quicumque fuerit predictis ecclesie et priorisse
et sanctimonialibus et earum successoribus predictum
mesuagium cum predictis quatuor acris terre et cum omnibus
suis pertinenciis per predictum servicium contra omnes
gentes varantizabit defendet et in omnibus ubique equietabit
imperpetuum Et ut hec mea donacio concessio et
presentis carte confirmacio rata et stabilis imperpetuum
permaneat hanc presentem certam impressione sigilli mei
roboravi Hiis testibus Roberto de Hotot
Symone de Paling Nigillo di Eroch Willelmo Payn
Johanne de Kyngeston Roberto le Maystr' Willelmo
et Daniele de Totington Johanne le Grant Willelmo
Bulling Thoma le Passur et multis

Seal, round, 35mm., natural colour wax, on doubled

tag. A flower of seven petals. † S' WIL-----TUR

Grant by William de Totington, son and heir of William de Totington, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Lanemistr' and the nuns there of a messuage with an acre of land on which it is situated, and half an acre in Lychgate, in the vill of Wykes, with the body and following and chattels of Reynald le Huckere. To hold freely and of hereditary right from William le Justur. Rent 3d to the said William le Justur. With warranty from the said William le Justur. For 7l: 6s.

[Mid 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Wilelmus de Totington filius et heres Willelmi de Totington in legia potestate mea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Lanemistr' et sanctimonialibus ac sororibus ibidem deo servientibus quoddam mesuagium cum una terre mee acra super quam situm est idem mesuagium et jacet inter mesuagium Johannis le Bule et terram Willelmi le Burgeis ex parte boreali et terram et mesuagium quod fuit aliquando Roberti Rufi ex parte australi et unam dimidiam acram terre mee que jacet loco illo qui vocatur Lychgathe inter terram quam Isabella relicta Roberti Wulfald tenet ex parte boreali et terram Willelmi de Wykes Capellani ex parte australi in villa de Wykes cum corpore et sequela ac catallis Reginaldi le Huckere Habendum et tenendum de Willelmo le Justur et heredibus suis vel assignatis suis predictae ecclesie et sanctimonialibus ac sororibus predictis et successoribus suis vel assignatis totum predictum tenementum cum corpore et catallis et sequela dicti Reginaldi le Huckere et puerorum suorum et omnibus pertinenciis suis libere quiete integre bene et in pace finabiliter et jure

hereditario Reddendo inde annuatim dicto Willelmo
 le Justur et heredibus suis vel assignatis ille et
 earundem successores vel assignati tres denarios
 sterlingorum ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni
 servicio et consuetudine et seculari exactione et
 pro omnimodis curiarum sectis et omnibus rebus aliis

Et sciendum est quod predictus Willelmus le Justur
 heredes sui vel assignati totum predictum tenementum
 cum omnibus pertinenciis suis una cum corpore sequela
 et catallis predicti Reginaldi et puerorum sibi per predictum
 servicium imperpetuum contra omnes gentes warrantizabunt
 defendent et in omnibus ubique quietabunt Pro hac
 autem donacione concessione et presentis carte mee
 confirmacione dederunt mihi predictae sanctimoniales
 et sorores de bonis ecclesie predictae septem libras
 et sex solidos sterlingorum in gersunam Et ut hæc mea
 donatio concessio warrantizatio et presentis carte mee
 confirmatio firme et stabiles imperpetuum perseverent
 presentem cartam sigilli mei munimine corroboravi Hiis
 testibus domino Petro de Botot Nigello de Broch
 Willelmo Avenel Willelmo Payn Johanne de Kyngeston
 Roberto le Mestr^r Willelmo et Daniele de Totington
 Johanne le Grant Willelmo Bulling Thoma Laur^r
 et aliis

Traces of Seal, green wax, on doubled tag.

Grant by William de Totington, son of William de
 Totington, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Luministr^r
 and the Prioress and nuns there in frankalmoin of an acre
 in Wykes on Cumbryi. To hold from William le Justur.
 Rent to the said William 2d. With warranty from William.
 For 20s.

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Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus
de Totington filius Willelmi de Totington dedi concessi
et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie
Beate Marie de Luministr' et domine Priorisse et
monialibus ejusdem loci in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam
unam acram terre mee in Wykes videlicet illam acram que
jacet super Cumbyri inter terram quam Robertus Wiwald
aliquando tenuit et terram quam Willelmus Thurbarn tenet

Habendam et tenendam predictam acram terre cum
omnibus pertinenciis suis de Willelmo le Justur (repeated)
et heredibus suis dictis deo et ecclesie predicte et
domine Priorisse et monialibus ejusdem loci et earundum
successoribus vel assignatis libere quiete bene et in pace

Reddendo inde annuatim dicto Willelmo le Justur et
heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis ipsa Priorissa vel
assignati duos denarios sterlingorum ad festum Sancti
Michaelis pro omnimodis sectis consuetudinibus exactionibus
et demandis et homagiis et fidelitatibus et rebus aliis

Et dictus Willelmus le Justur et heredes sui vel
assignati predictam acram terre cum pertinenciis dictis
deo et ecclesie et domine Priorisse et monialibus et
earundem successoribus vel assignatis inperpetuum contra
omnes gentes warrantizabunt acquietabunt et defendent per
predictum servicium

Pro hac autem concessione
donacione et presentis carte mee confirmacione dederunt
mihi dicte priorisse de bonis ecclesie earundem viginti
solidos sterlingorum premanibus

Et ut hec mea
donacio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio firmitatis
robur optineant inperpetuum hanc presentem cartam sigilli
mei impressione reboravi

Hiis testibus

Domine		
Petro de Hotet	Johanne de Kyngeston	Thoma de Presten
Roberto le Maystre	Johanne le Grant	Willelmo Bullyng
Daniele de Totington	Thoma filio Laurencii de Wykes	
Thoma de Calceto Clerico et multis aliis		

Traces of Seal, green wax, on doubled tag.

Grant by Robert de Hamton son of Gilbert to the church of St. Mary of Almonesch and the convent there in frankalmoign of 2s of his rent in Totiton viz. those 2s which Susan, his aunt, and his heirs were bound to pay. With warranty.

[2nd quarter 13th C.]

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Robertus de Hamton filius Giliberti eternam in domino salutem Noverit universitas vestra me pro salute anime mee et Giliberti patris mei et omnium antecessorum meorum et heredum meorum dedisse et concessisse deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Almonesch et conventui ejusdem loci in puram et perpetuam elemosinam duos solidos sterlingorum de redditu meo in Totiton annuatim persolvendos ad festum sancti Michaelis scilicet illos quos Susanna amita mea et heredes sui michi et heredibus meis ad predictum terminum jure hereditario solvere tenebantur Ego vero Robertus et heredes mei predictam elemosinam meam contra omnes homines et feminas predictis ecclesie et conventui inperpetuum warrantizabimus

Et ut hec mea donacio rata perseveret et inconcussa eam tam testium subscripcione quam sigilli mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Henrico Priore de Tortiton Silvestro Capellano de Lemenistr Amia Diacono Johanne de Arundell Willelmo fratre suo Willelmo de Guneto de Hamton Nicholao Bulling et multis aliis

Seal, round, 35mm., greenish wax, on plaited white, brown and blue cords. A griffin.

† SIGILL ROBERTI FILII GILBERTI

Grant by Walter Sewale and Maud, his wife, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Luminstre and the prioress and nuns there in frankalmoin of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Wykes; and a shop in the public street in Arundell. Rent to William le Justur of a rose for the land, and to the lord Arundell of $4d$ for the shop. With warranty. For 5 marks. [Mid 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus Sewale et Matillis uxor mea unanimi assensu et consensu^u dedimus et concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus pro salute animarum nostrarum deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Luminstre et priorisse et monialibus ibidem deo seventibus in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam unam acram et dimidiam terre nostre in Wykes et jacent ex parte australi vie que vocatur Thedwee unde una acra jacet inter terram que fuit quondam Johannis le Justur et terram que quondam fuit Willelmi Avenel et dimidia acra jacet inter terram que fuit quondam Ade West et terram Willelmi Burgeis Dedimus et concessimus predictis deo et ecclesie et priorisse et monialibus predictis unam soppam in publica strata in villa Arundell et est sita juxta soppam Willelmi le Specir Habendam et tenendam totam predictam terram cum soppa predicta et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis de nobis et heredibus nostris predictis deo et ecclesie et monialibus predictis libere quiete et in pace imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim ipsa et moniales vel earum successores sive assignati Willelmo le Justur et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis unam rosam pro predicta terra in feste Natalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste et domino Arundell pro predicta soppa quatuor denarios ad Pentecosten et nobis et heredibus nostris unum denarium ad eundam terminum pro omnimodis sectis et consuetudinibus secularibus serviciis exactionibus et demandis Et ego predictus Walterus et Matillis

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 utor mea et heredes nostri totam predictam terram cum
 soppa predicta et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sicut
 liberam et perpetuam elemosinam nostram predictis deo
 et ecclesie et priorisse et monialibus predictis et
 earum successoribus vel assignatis per predictum
 servicium contra omnes gentes inperpetuum warantizabimus
 acquietabimus et defendemus Pro hac autem nostra
 donacione et concessione et presentis carte nostre
 confirmacione dederunt nobis predicta priorissa et
 moniales de bonis ecclesie sue quinque marcas
 sterlingorum premanibus et ut hoc nostra donacio concessio
 et presentis carte nostre confirmacio firmitatis robur
 optineant hanc presentem cartam sigillorum nostrorum
 inpressione roboravimus Hiis testibus Nigello
 de Brek Roberto de Hotet Johanne de Kingeston
 Petro de Prestone Thoma de Prestone Daniele
 de Totintone Willelmo de Totintone Johanne
 le Graunt Willelmo de Calceto Ricardo Dodding
 Simone de Calceto Thoma de Calceto et multis aliis

Two Seals, brown wax, on doubled tags.

1) Pointed oval, 28 x 20mm. A bird.

† SIGILL' WALTERI SEVAILLE

2) Round, 30mm. A fleur de lys.

† S'MATILL' FILIE IVONIS

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Grant by Walter Sewale and Maud, his wife, to the
 church of the Blessed Mary of Almonesch and the runs there
 in frankalmoign of $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Wikes and a shop
 in the public street in Arundell. Rent to William le
 Justur of a rose for the land and to the Lord Arundell
 of $4d$ for the shop and $1d$ to the grantors. With warranty.
 For 5 marks paid by Agatha, the prioress.

[Mid 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus Sewale et Matillis uxor mea unanimi assensu ^{me} and et consensu dedimus et concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus pro salute animarum nostrarum deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Almonesch et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo servientibus in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam unam acram et dimidiam terre nostre in Wikes et jacet ex parte australi vie que vocatur Thedweye unde acra jacet inter terram que fuit quondam Johannis le Justur et terram que fuit quondam Willelmi Avenel et dimidia acra jacet inter terram que fuit quondam Ade West et terram Willelmi le Burgeis

Dedimus eciam et concessimus predictis deo et ecclesie et sanctimonialibus predictis unam soppam in pupplica strata Arundell' que sita est juxta soppam Willelmi le Spicyer

Habendam et tenendam totam predictam terram cum soppa predicta et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis de nobis et heredibus nostris predictis deo et ecclesie predicte et sanctimonialibus predictis libere quiete bene et in pace inperpetuum

Reddendo inde annuatim ipse moniales et earum successores Willelmo le Justur et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis unam rosam pro predicta terra in festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste et domino Arundell pro predicta soppa quatuor denarios ad Pentecostem et nobis et heredibus nostris unum denarium ad eundem terminum pro omnimodis sectis et consuetudinibus secularibus serviciis exaccionibus et demandis

Et ego predictus Walterus et Matillis uxor mea et heredes nostri totam predictam terram cum soppa predicta et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis sicut liberam et perpetuam elemosinam nostram predictis deo et ecclesie et sanctimoniabilibus predictis et earum successoribus vel assignatis per predictum servicium contra omnes gentes, inperpetuum warantizabimus aquietabimus et defendemus

Pro hac autem nostra donacione et concessione et presentis carte nostre confirmacione dederunt nobis predictae moniales de bonis ecclesie sue per manus Agate

tunc prioris de Luministre quinque marcas
sterlingorum premanibus Et ut hec nostra
donacio concessio et presentis carte nostre confirmacio
firmitatis robur optineant hanc presentem cartam
sigillorum nostrorum inpressione roboravimus Hiis
testibus Roberto le Hotot Petro de Preston
Thoma de Preston Johanne de Kyngeston Ade le
Milliers Daniele et Willelmo^c de Totinton
Johanne le Grant Willelmo de Calceto Willelmo
le Kyng Symone de Calceto Thomas de Carceto
et multis aliis

Two Seals, green wax, on doubled tags. As on 32.

Grant by Henry de Duabus Ecclesiis to the chapel
of St. Peter upon his tenement of 12^d rent, payable at
the four terms of the year.

[1st or 2nd quarter of 13th C.]

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de
Duabus Ecclesiis dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta
mea confirmavi capelle sancti Petri super tenementum
meum duodecim denarios annuatim ad redditum ad quatuor
terminos anni scilicet ad annunciacionem sancte Marie
tres denarios ad nativitatem sancti Johannis baptiste
tres denarios ad festum sancti Egidii iii denarios ad
festum sancti Nicholai tres denarios Et ego predictus
Henricus per tales terminos appositos ad majorem
securitatem sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus
Domino Petro de Hotot Johanne Justur Willelmo de
Tottinton Roberto Magistro Roberto Capellano
Roberto Domo Sancti Sepulcri et multis aliis

Seal, pointed, oval, 33 x 19mm., natural colour wax with
a brown glaze, on doubled tag. A fleur de lys.
† S^r HEN -----

Grant by Henry de Duobus Monasteriis to the church of the Blessed Mary of Liminstre and the nuns there of a house, with a curtilage, and half an acre in the same vill. Rent 20d. With warranty and a bond of all this goods, both in land and buildings.

[Mid 13th C.]

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presens scriptum visuris vel auditoris Henricus de Duobus Monasteriis salutem in domino Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Liminstre et monialibus ibidem deo et Beate Virgini servientibus domum quandam cum curtilagio et cum dimidia acra terre in eadem villa illam scilicet domum quam Gilbertus Cordir tenuit simul cum dimidia [acra omitted] que jacet proxima curie monialium et extendit se in latitudine a septentrionali parte ejusdem curie versus austrum et in longitudine a gardino earundem monialium versus occidentem Habendam et tenendam dicte ecclesie et monialibus libere quiete bene et in pace Reddendo inde annuatim per manum priorisse que pro tempore fuerit viginti denarios ad quatuor anni terminos tam mihi quam heredibus meis vel meis assignatis pro omni servicio consuetudine exactione seculari ad me vel ad meos heredes vel meos assignatos pertinente scilicet ad annunciationem Beate Virginis quinque denarios ad nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste tantundem ad festum Sancti Egidii tantundem ad festum Sancti Nicholai tantundem

Et ego Henricus et heredes mei et mei assignati prescriptam domum cum curtilagio et cum dimidia acra sepedicte ecclesie et monialibus per antedictum servicium contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus et defendemus Et in hujus rei testimonium omnia bona mea tam predia quam edificia obligo et presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione

manivi Hiis testibus Hugone Esturui
 Petro de Hotot Willelmo Fresteng Bernardo
 de la Hache Willelmo de Totintun Johanne
 Justur Johanne de Parco Willelmo de Hanton
 Gundewino Willelmo Harang Thoma de Stoctun
 Maigero Benvenaⁿ et multis aliis

Seal, pointed oval, 37 x 23 mm., green wax on doubled tag. A fleur de lys between stars, above a crescent.

S' HENRICI DE DUOBUS MONASTERIISⁿ

Another copy of the foregoing. Bienvenu for Benvenu.

Endorsed in a mediaeval hand that John Wiltshire holds the premises without a title unjustly on the ground that his father once held them to farm from the nuns so he has kept them.

Seal, as on 35.

† S' HENRICI DE DUOBUS MONASTERIIS

Grant in frankalmoign by Henry de Duobus Monasteriis to the church of the Blessed Mary of Lumenistr' and the nuns there of 5 messuages and an acre of land in Lumenistr' and half an acre of meadow in Prestebroke. Rent 20d. With warranty.

[Mid 13th C.]

Universis Sancte matris ecclesie filiis presens scriptum visuris vel auditoris Henricus de duobus

monasteriis salutem Noverit universitas vestra
me dedisse et concessisse in legia potestate mea in
puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime mee et
antecessorum meorum deo et ecclesie beate Marie de
Lumenistr' et monialibus ibidem deo et beate Virgini
servientibus quinque mesuagia in villa de Lumenistr'
cum curtilagiis suis et unam acram terre mee in eadem
villa et unam dimidiam acram prati mei in Prestebroke
illud scilicet mesuagium cum curtilagio suo quod
Gilbertus Cordir aliquando tenuit simul cum dimidia
acra terre que jacet proxima curie monialium extendens
in latitudine a septentrionali parte ejusdem curie
versus austrum et in longitudine a gardino dictarum
monialium versus occidentem et illa quatuor mesuagia
cum curtilagiis suis que jacent inter gerdinum dictarum
monialium et mesuagium Gerevasii filii Radulfi Noel et
illam dimidiam acram terre que jacet juxta terram Radulfi
Militis ex orientali parte extendens in longitudine a
crofta quam Susanna filia Herberti Nigri aliquando tenuit
versus austrum et illam dimidiam acram prati que jacet
juxta pratum Rogeri Blanchard extendens in longitudine
a prato Savarici de Buhun versus orientem usque ad pratum
Thome Clerici de Palinges Habenda et Tenenda dicta
ecclesie et monialibus de me et heredibus meis libere
quiete bene et pacifice Reddendo inde annuatim dicta
ecclesia et moniales mihi et heredibus meis per manum
priorisse que pro tempore fuerit viginti denarios scilicet
et quatuor anni terminos ad festum Sancti Nicholai quinque
denarios ad annunciacionem beate Marie tantundem ad festum
Sancti Johannis Baptiste tantundem ad festum Sancti Egidii
tantundem pro omni servicio seculari exaccione et demanda

Et ego vero jam dictus Henricus et heredes mei
sepedicte ecclesie et monialibus omnia prenominata
mesuagia cum prefata terra et prato per antedictum redditum

contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus et
 defendemus Et in hujus rei bestimonium presens
 scriptum sigilli mei impressione coroboravi His
 testibus Domino Savarico de Bahun Hugone Sansauer
 Thoma Makarel Willelmo de Hotot Hugone Esturmi
 Petro de Hotot Johanne Justur Roberto Magistro
 Willelmo de Totintone Willelmo Fauarche
 Nigello de Angemere Matheo Avenel et multis aliis

Seal, natural colour wax, only the centre surviving,
 as on 35.

[See Eton College Records vol. 45 no. 6, a copy of the
 above].

Grant by Henry de Duobus Monasteriis to the chapel
 of St. Peter of Lumenistre which is situated in his free
 tenement in the field called Chifflet of all that land
 as much as the enclosure of the chapel contains, and 12d
 rent to the light of the chapel. The Prioress of
 Luminestre shall receive the 12d from Thomas de Stockton
 and Maud, his wife. With warranty.

[1st or 2nd quarter 13th C.]

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de
 Duobus Monasteriis caritatis intuitu ad redemptionem
 anime mee dedi et concessi et hec presenti carta mea
 confirmavi deo et capelle Sancti Petri de Lumenistre
 que sita est in libero tenemento meo in campo qui
 vocatur Chifflet totam terram illam quantam clostura
 illius capelle circuit et duosdecim denarios redditus
 ad lumen dicte capelle Priorissa vero de Luminestre
 dictum redditum videlicet xii denarios a Thomas de Stockton

et Matillide uxore ejus vel heredibus eorum annuatim
 percipiet ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet ad
 Annuntiationem Beate Marie tres denarios et ad festum
 Sancti Johannis Baptiste tres denarios ad festum Sancti
 Egidii tres denarios et ad festum Sancti Nicholai totidem

Ego vero Henricus et heredes mei dictam capellam cum
 clostura ejusdem capelle sicut per metas et per bundas
 mensurata est cum predicto reddito contra omnes gentes
 warantizabimus et defendemus Et ut hec mea donatio et
 warantizatio et concessio firmitatis robur obtineant
 presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi Hiis
 testibus Domino Roberto Capellano Fratrem Roberto de
 Sancto Sepulcro Petro de Hotot Johanne Justar
 Willelmo de Totiton Henrico Burgense Gervasio
 de Lumenistre Laurencio de Wikes Laurencio Diacono
 Magistro Ranulpho de Arundell Henrico de Hotot
 Remigio Clerico et multis aliis

Traces of Seal, natural colour wax, on doubled tag.

Grant by Henry de Duobus Monasteriis in
 frankalmoign to the church of the Blessed Mary of
 Lumenistre and the nuns there of a house with a
 curtilage which Eluina la Camere once held. Rent
 ½ pound of cumin. With warranty.

[Mid 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de
 Duobus Monasteriis dedi et concessi et hac presenti
 carta mea confirmavi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam
 deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Lumenistre et monialibus
 ibidem deo et Beate Virgini servientibus illam domum cum
 curtilagio quam Eluina la Camere aliquando tenuit et jacet

juxta domum quam Alicia mater Hereberti Puttel quondam tenuit ex parte aquiloni et extendit se a terra Hereberti Puccel usque ad plateam per quam itur apud Wykes

Habendam et tenendam dictam domum cum curtilagio de me et heredibus meis dicta ecclesia et moniales usque in perpetuum libere quiete bene et in pace Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis dicta ecclesia et moniales unam dimidiam libram cymini ad festum Sancti Nicholai pro omni servicio seculari exaccione et demanda Et ego vero Henricus et heredes mei dictam domum cum curtilagio sepedicte ecclesie et monialibus per predictum redditum contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus et defendemus

Et ut hec mea donacio et concessio rata et stabilis perseveret presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione reboravi

Hiis testibus Hugone Esturmi Willelmo de Hotot
Petro de Hotot Willelmo Fresteng Willelmo de Totinton
Johanne Justur Johanne de Parco Willelmo de
Hampton Willelmo Harang Thoma de Stokton
et multis aliis

Seal, natural colour wax, as on 35.
The wax is somewhat crumbled.

Grant by Henry de Duobus Monasteriis to the church of the Blessed Mary of Lumenistre and the nuns there of a croft next their garden. Rent 8d. With warranty.

[Mid 13th C.]

Universis Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis hoc scriptum auditoris Henricus de Duobus Monasteriis salutem in domino Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Lumenistre et moniabilus ibidem

deo et Beate Virgini servientibus unum croftum illum
 scilicet qui est proximus gardino dictarum monialium
 ex parte australi et extendit se a terra Hereberti
 Fattel usque ad plateam per quam itur apud Wikes in
 longitudine et in latitudine a dicto gardino usque ad
 croftum quem Eluina la Cumere quondam tenuit Habendum
 et tenendum dicte ecclesie et monialibus libere quiete
 bene et in pace Reddendo inde annuatim per manus
 priorisse que pro tempore fuerit mihi et heredibus meis
 octo denarios ad quatuor anni terminos scilicet ad
 Annuntiationem Beati Virginis duos denarios ad
 Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste tantundem ad
 festum Sancti Egidii tantundem ad festum Sancti Nicholai
 tantundem pro omni servicio consuetudine et exaccione
 seculari Et ego Henricus et heredes mei prescriptum
 croftum prenominate ecclesie et monialibus per antedictum
 servicium contra omnes gentes warantisabimus et defendemus

In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum
 meum apposui Hiis testibus Hugone Esturni
 Willelmo de Hotot Petro de Hotot Willelmo Fresteng
 Bernarde de la Hache Willelmo de Totinton Jehanne
 Maur Johanne de Parco Willelmo de Hampton
 Gundewino Willelmo Harang Thoma de Stockton
 et multis aliis

Seal, as on 35.

The upper third is missing.

----RICI DE DUOBUS MONAS -----

Grant by Henry de Duobus Monasteriis to William
 son of Gernegan Harang of that land once held by Roger
 Blanchard and, besides, a half acre. Rent 19d. With
 warranty. For 9s.

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Noverint presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de Duobus Monasteriis dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo Harang filio Gernegane Harang pro homagio et servicio suo terram illam cum pertinenciis que jacet inter terram Johannis Barate et terram Galfridi Wallens' quam scilicet Rogerus Blanchard aliquando tenuit cujus etiam unum caput extendit se versus plateam qua itur a Wikes ad ecclesiam de Lumenistr' et aliud caput ad pratum Savarici de Bohun et preterea unam dimidiam acram terre que jacet inter duas dimidias acras Godefridi de Clavile et extendit se a prato de Cheureflet usque ad pratum Savarici de Bohun Habendam et tenendam dictam terram cum dicta dimidia acra libere quiete et pacifice de ~~me~~^{me} et heredibus meis illi et heredibus suis vel ~~circumque~~^{circumque} eam quocumque modo assignare voluerit Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis ille et heredes sui vel assignati sui decem et novem denarios ad quatuor terminos anni scilicet ad festum Sancti Nicholai quinque denarios ad Annuntiationem dominicam quinque denarios ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste Sancti licet ad Nativitatem quinque denarios ad festum Sancti Egidii quatuor denarios pro omni servicio et demanda

Predictam itaque terram cum dicta dimidia acra ego Henricus et heredes mei antedicto Willelmo et heredibus suis vel assignatis per prescriptum servicium contra omnes contu gentes warantizabimus et defendemus Et pro hac donacione et concessione et hujus carte confirmacione idem Willelmus dedit michi novem solidos sterlingorum in gersunnam In hujus rei testimonium presens scriptum sigilli mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Bernardo de la Hache Willelmo de Totiton Johanne de Parco Thoma Belhonne Johanne Justur Gervasio de Lumenistr' Willelmo Gisnay Ricardo fratre ejus Nicholao Bulling Ricardo filio Willelmi Roberto de Brugeham Petro Anselm at aliis

Only the upper half survives, in a string skippet.

† S' HENRIC ----- STERIIS

Grant by Roger, son and heir of Henry de Duobus Monasteriis, with the consent of the chapter of Chichester, to Thomas, son of Lawrence de Wyke, for his homage and service, of 2 acres in Lumenistr' in Chercheffet, and 1/2 acre of meadow in Prestebrok. Rent 2s: 6d. With warranty.

[3rd quarter 13th C.]

Scient presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus filius et heres Henrici de Duobus Monasteriis assensu et consensu totius capituli Gycestrensis dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Thome filio Laurencii de Wyke pro homagio et servicio suo duas acras terre mee in Lumenistr' in loco qui vocatur Chercheffet unde una acra jacet inter terram que fuit Rogeri Blanchard et terram Godefridi Clavile et extendit versus aquilonem et austrum et dimidia acra jacet inter terram que fuit dicti Rogeri et terram que fuit Willelmi Lymbernere et extendit se versus aquilonem et austrum et dimidia acra jacet inter terram que fuit Willelmi Eylot et terram filie Barate Dedi etiam et concessi eidem Thome dimidiam acram prati mei et jacet in prato de Prestebrok inter pratum quod fuit dicti Rogeri Blanchard et pratum Godefridi Clavile Habendam et tenendam totam predictam terram cum prato predicto et omnibus pertinenciis suis de me et heredibus meis vel assignatis dicto Thome et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis vel assignatis ipse Thomas et heredes sui vel eorum assignati duos solidos et sex denarios ad quatuor anni

terminos videlicet ad festum Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptiste septem denarios et obolum et ad festum Sancti Michaelis septem denarios et obolum et ad festum Sancti Thome Apostoli septem denarios et obolum et ad festum Annunciacionis Beate Marie septem denarios et obolum pro omni servicio seculari consuetudine exaccione et demanda salva mihi secta curie mee debita et salvo servicio domini regis quantum pertinet ad tantam terram de eodem tenemento Et ego dictus Rogerus filius et heres Henrici de Duobus Monasteriis et heredes mei vel assignati totam predictam terram cum prato predicto et omnibus pertinenciis suis dicto Thome et heredibus suis vel eorum assignatis contra omnes homines et feminas warantizabimus et deffendemus per predictum servicium

Et ut hec ^{mea} donacio concessio et presentis carte mee confirmacio firmitatis robur obtineant inperpetuum hanc presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione robpravi Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem commune sigillum capituli Cicestrensis presenti scripto apponi procuravi Hiis testibus Petro de Hotch Waltero de Kingest Thoma de Preston Willelmo le Justur Roberto le Maistre Willelmo et Daniele de Totinton Johanne Graunt Willelmo Bulling Symone Hamund Radulfo Chepman de Preston Roberto Goldewine de Paling Willelmo filio Roberti Ruffy de Wykes et multis aliis

Two doubled tags for Seals, on the first of which are traces of green wax, on the second a fragment of the green wax Seal of the chapter.

Grant by Reger son of Alexander and Alice Burdun of Iseham to the church of the Blessed Mary of Aumenesch and the abbess and convent there of an acre of arable in

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the vill of Isleham in frankalmoign. Rent 6d. With
warranty. For 30s.

[3rd quarter 13th C.]

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Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam inspecturis
vel auditoris Rogerus filius Alexandri et Alicia Burdun
de Isleham uxor sua salutem in domino Noverit
universitas vestra nos unanimi consensu nostro dedisse
concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse
pro salute animarum nostrarum deo et ecclesie Beate Marie
de Aumenesch et abbatisse et conventui ibidem deo et
Beate Marie servientibus et quibuscumque eis succedentibus
unam acram terre arabilis cum pertinenciis in villa de
Isleham in campo qui vocatur Prestestredlond inter terram
Willelmi Capellani de una parte et magnum iter regale ex
altera Habendam et tenendam predictam acram cum
pertinenciis predictis deo ecclesie abbatisse et conventui
et eis succedentibus vel cuicumque vel quibuscumque
quocumque modo predictam acram cum pertinenciis dare
vendere excambiare inponere voluerint in liberam
elemosinam inperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim
predicta abbatisa et conventus et eis succedentes
nobis et heredibus nostris vel assignatis sex denarios
sterlingorum ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omnibus
serviciis consuetudinibus omnibus sectis curie omni
seculari exactione et omnibus demandis inperpetuum Ego
vero predictus Rogerus et ego predicta Alicia Burdun et
heredes nostri predictam acram cum pertinenciis predictis
deo ecclesie abbatisse et conventui et eis succedentibus
contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus et defendemus sicut
liberam elemosinam inperpetuum per predictum servicium
Pro hac autem donacione concessione et confirmacione
et warrantizacione dederunt nobis predicta abbatisa et
conventus de bonis ecclesie sue triginta solidos sterlingorum
premanibus Et ut hec nostra donacio concessio et
confirmacio et warrantizacio firma sit et stabilis inperpetuum

presentem cartam sigillis nostris roboravimus Hiis
testibus Petro de Hotot Radulfo de Stokes
Willelmo de Fauarches Magistro Willelmo Coco
Philippe de Elmere Willelmo de Stroudlond
Roberto Haket Willelmo de Arundell clerico
Willelmo de Totinton Daniele de Totinton Thoma
Forester Johanne Tothe Galfrido de Hotot clerico
et multis aliis

Two Seals, pointed oval, green wax, on doubled tags.

- 1) 32 x 20mm. A device. † S' ROGERI FIL' ALEXAND'
- 2) 30 x 20mm. A bird. † S' ALIC' [YF'] BUR [YO']
D'ISL'H'

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Grant by the Abbess of Almonech and the prioress
of Lomenistr' to John le Bole of Wikes of an acre of land
with a house and croft built on it in the vill of Wikes
in the parish of Lonemistr'. Rent 7s. With warranty.
For 8s. [3rd quarter 13th C.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ^{presentis} scriptum visuris vel
audituris Abbatissa de Almonech et conventus ejusdem loci
et Priorissa de Lomenistr' quecumque fuerit salutem in
domino sempiternam Noveritis quod nos concessimus
et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Johanni le
Bole de Wikes unam acram terre cum domo et crofta super
edificato et est in parochia de Lonemistr' in villa de
Wikes et jacet inter terram dicti Johannis ex parte
boreali et terram Thome Forst ex parte australi et
extendit se versus orientem et occidentem Habendam
et tenendam de nobis et successoribus nostris dicto
Johanni et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis dictam
acram terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis libere quiete

bene et in pace jure et hereditarie inperpetuum Reddendo
 inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris septem solidos
 ad quatuor terminos anni solvendos pro omni servicio
 seculari exactione et demanda Et predicta Abbatisa
 et conventus de Almonesch et priorissa de Lomenistr' et
 successores earum quecumque fuerint predicto Johanni et
 heredibus suis et suis assignatis predictam acram terre
 cum omnibus pertinenciis suis contra omnes gentes
 warrantizabunt aquietabunt et deffendent per predictum
 servicium inperpetuum Pro hac autem concessione
 warrantizacione presentis carte nostre confirmacione dedit
 nobis predictus Johannes octo solidos sterlingorum
 premanibus Et ut hec nostra donacio concessio
 warrantizacio et presentis carte nostre confirmacio rata
 sit et stabilis et inconcussa permaneat hanc presentem
 cartam sigilli nostri inpressione roboravimus Hiis
 testibus Danielle de Totinton Willelmo de Totinton
 Johanne le Grant de Hampton Ricardo Gendewyne Gilberto
 de Lonemistr' Stephano le Vinetir et multis aliis

Seal, pointed oval, 42 x 25mm (originally about 55 x 40)mm,
 natural coloured wax, on doubled tag. The Virgin, with
 the Child on her left knee, in her right hand a lily.
 A star above a crescent to her right side. A good deal
 perished, and none of the legend survives.

Indenture of grant by Peter son and heir of Sir
 Robert de Hotot to William Fikolyn of an "area" which
 Agnes de la Wych once held in the vill of Lonemenstre.
 For his life. Rent 2s. With warranty. For 2s.
 [3rd quarter 13th C.]

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Petrus filius et heres domini Roberti de Hotot dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo Fikolyn unam aream quam Agnes de la Wych aliquando tenuit in villa de Lonemenstre illam videlicet que extendit se in longitudine ab austro versus boreum inter tenementum quod Alicia de Hotot tenet ex parte occidentali et tenementum quod est Gilberti de Lonemenstre ex parte orientali Habendam et tenendam ad terminum vite sue libere quiete bene et in pace Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis vel meis assignatis duos solidos sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos pro equali porcione solvendos pro omni servicio seculari et omnibus quibuscumque aliis exacionibus et demandis salva mihi secta curie mee Et ego Petrus predictus predictam aream cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicto Willelmo dum vixerit contra omnes gentes warantizare teneor et defendere Post decessum vero dicti Willelmi area predicta cum omnibus pertinenciis suis ad me vel ad heredes meos vel meos assignatos integre sine alicujus contradictione revertetur Pro hac autem mea donacione concessione et presentis carte mee confirmacione dedit mihi dictus Willelmus duos solidos sterlingorum premanibus

In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Domino Adam Bulke perpetuo vicario de Lonemenstre Roberto Brugham Willelmo Coco Stephano le Vynetir Adam Godwyne Gilberto de Lonemenstre Willelmo Peytevyn capellano et multis aliis

Seal, round, 17mm., brown wax, on doubled tag.
On a shield, a device or anagram.

† S' - ETRI HOTOT

Composition made in the church of Chichester before the Bishop's Official, in a dispute between John, rector of Climpinges, and sir Savary de Bohun, by which Sir Savary grants that all ~~cover~~^{corn} on his holding there shall be tythed by hulas, (a measure of corn) and the servants of the rector may take his tythe as soon as the corn is carried. And he grants to the church of Climpinges all the land which Jordan Carias held there [1222-1244] in frankalmoign. To be held in the name of the tythe of all his marsh.

Acta die Lune proxima post festum Sancti Hylarii in majori ecclesia Cicestrensi coram magistro R. de Wint' Domini Cicestrensis Officiali Cum inter Johannem rectorem ecclesie de Climpinges ex una parte et dominum Savaricum de Bohun ex altera super iniqua bladorum decimatione et injusta decime eorundem detentione facte super decima feni et herbagii de marisco de Climpinges necnon et quibusdam dampnis et injuriis que memoratus Johannes sibi et ecclesie sue a dicto Savarico multis modis conquirebatur illata coram dicto magistro R. officiali questiones varie verterentur lites omnes inter eos mote amicabili compositione finite sunt in hac forma videlicet quod dictus dominus Savaricus concessit quod de cetero totum bladum de tenemento suo de Climpinges per hulas decimetur et quod quancito aliquid ipsius blade sui evectum fuerit ejus decimam absque aliquo sui vel suorum impedimento servientibus rectoris ecclesie de Climpinges libere liceat exportare Dedit etiam et concessit deo et ecclesie de Climpinges totam terram illam quam tenuit Jordanus Carias que jacet ab oriente ville sue de Climpinges secundum quod fossatis ex orientali australi occidentali parte concluditur et protenditur usque in flumen Tarente cum omnimoda libertate quantum ad ipsum

pertinet in ipso flumine ex directo ejusdem terre

Habendam sibi et successoribus suis libere et
 quiete in puram et perpetuam helemosinam nomine decime
 totius marisci sui quod protenditur a dicta terra usque
 ad tenementum domini Reginaldi Agull' de Yalesham et
 claudendam prout ipsi placuerit et quibuscumque voluerit
 et potuerit usibus adaptandam Ita quidem quod nec
 ipse Johannes nec successores sui aliquid unquam nomine
 petite decime vendicabunt Partes insuper memorate
 se superscripta fideliter observaturas promittentes et se hoc
 affidasse profitentes remissis injuriis quas sibi ab
 invicem illatas proposuerant et firmas mutuo deinceps
 amicicias hinc inde futuras promittentes cartas sibi
 ad invicem juxta suprascriptorum tenoram confecerunt
 Ista litera signata est signo Officialitatis Willelmi
 Archidiaconi Cycestrensis Domini R. de Amberl'
 Canonici Domini Godefridi Canonici Magistri
 Walteri Officialis Domini Archidiaconi

Five Seals, on tongues.

- 1) Pointed oval, 33 x 23mm., green wax. The upper part of the bishop, mitred, in his left hand a staff, the right hand raised in blessing. Beneath, a star. -OFFICIALITATIS; ECCLESIE CIGEST.
- 2) Pointed oval, 33 x 20mm., red wax. An ecclesiastical figure standing between floral decoration. A legend.
- 3) Oval, 30 x 15 (originally perhaps 25)mm., red wax. Part of a head. The right half of the seal is missing.
----- TIA PLENA
- 4) A fragment of red wax.
- 5) Oval, 30 x 18 (originally about 22)mm., green wax. A head. Much of the seal is missing.

† S' -----MUND DED-----

Grant by Savaricus de Bohun, who desires that peace between himself and ecclesiastical persons may be preserved, that all the corn from his holding at Climping shall be tythed and the said tythe may be taken by the servants of the rector there as soon as the corn is led. And grant to the church there and John, the rector, of all the land Jordan Carias held, in frankalmoign, in the name of the tythe of all his marsh.

[2nd quarter 13th C.]

Sciunt tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Savaricus de Bohun ob honorem dei et Beate Marie et amorem pacis quam inter me et ecclesiasticas personas omnimodis desidero conservari concessi quod totum bladum de tenemento meo de Climpinges per hulas decimetur et quod quancito aliquid ipsius bladi mei evectum fuerit ejus decimam absque aliquo mei vel meorum impedimento servientibus rectoris ecclesie de Climpinges libere liceat exportare Dedi etiam et concessi deo et eidem ecclesie de Climpinges et Johanni ejusdem ecclesie rectori totam terram illam quam tenuit Jordanus Carias que jacet ab oriente ville mee de Climpinges secundum quod fossatis ex orientali australi et occidentali parte concluditur et protenditur usque in flumen Tarente cum omnimode libertate quantum ad me pertinet in ipso flumine ex directo ejusdem terre

Habendam sibi et successoribus suis libere et quiete in puram et perpetuam helemosinam nomine decime totius marisci mei quod protenditur a dicta terra usque ad tenementum domini Reginaldi Agull' de Yslesham et claudendam prout ipsi placuerit et quibuscumque voluerit et potuerit usibus adaptandam Ita quidem quod nec ipse nec successores sui aliquid unquam nomine decime in dicto marisco vendicabunt

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In horum etiam testimonium presens scriptum
sigillo meo signavi Hiis testibus Nicholas
Reinerio Galfrido de Arundel de Tortinton et de
Avrinton prioribus Willelmo persona de Gates
Willelmo de Yslesham Manserio Roberto de Wy capellanis
Deminis Reginaldo Agull' Petro de Middleton
Roberto de Montibus Roberto le Fauchimeur
Adam de la Bere Rogero de Borham militibus
et multis aliis

Seal, round, 40mm., green wax, on doubled tag.

Armorial, ? a bend.

† SIGILL' SAVARI D-BOUN

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Grant by John de Polingefaud, Knight, to the church
of the Blessed Mary of Almenesches, and the nuns there of
7^d rent, from a rent of 8^d which they have been accustomed
to pay him; which rent be had of the gift of William le
Justur from his fee in Wykes.

[3rd quarter 13th C.]

Noverint universi presens scriptum visuri vel
audituri quod ego Johannes de Polingefaud miles dedi
concessi et remis pro salute anime mee et antecessorum
meorum pro me et heredibus meis deo et ecclesie beate
Marie de Almenesches et sanctimonialibus ibidem deo
servientibus et in perpetuum servituris septem denarios
annui redditus videlicet de redditu octo denariorum quos
michi annuatim solvere consueverant Quem quidem
redditu habui de dono et concessione quondam Willelmi
le Justur de feodo suo in villa de Wykes Salvis
tamen mihi et heredibus meis vel meis assignatis homagiis
et serviciis debitis una cum redditu unius denarii ad

festum sancti Michaelis annuatim solvendi In
 cuius rei testimonium presens scriptum sigilli mei
 impressione patenter est cunitum Hiis testibus
 Willelmo Paen Nicholao Avenel Ricardo
 Jemedeayne de Falinges Johanne le Grant et Johanne
 le Maystre et Willelmo de Hamtone Stephano le Vinetyr
 et Gilberto de Lonemistr' et multis aliis

Seal, round, 20mm., green wax, on doubled tag.
 Armorial, two bars. * S' JOH'IS D'POLLIN----ND

Grant by Robert Brekespere of La Blakehurst to the
 church of the Blessed Mary of Lyministr' and Margaret,
 the Prioress, and the nuns there, in frankalmoin, of
 4½ acres of his land of Le Blakehurst. With warranty.

[Last quarter 15th C.]

Sciunt omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego
 Robertus Brekespere de la Blakehurst pro salute anime
 mee et omnium antecessorum meorum dedi concessi et hac
 presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie Beate Marie
 de Lyministr' et domine Margarete Priorisse et monialibus
 ibidem deo servientibus et earum successoribus quibuscumque
 imposterum servituris in liberam puram et perpetuam
 elemosinam quatuor acras et dimidiam terre mee de la
 Blakehurst videlicet illas quatuor acras et dimidiam
 que jacent inter terram Gilberti le Rus ex utraque parte

Habendas et tenendas predictas quatuor acras terre
 et dimidiam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et singulis
 predictis deo et Beate Marie et domine Margarete Priorisse
 de Lyministr' et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus et earum
 successoribus quibuscumque libere quiete bene et in pace ite
 libere et quiete sicut aliqua terra liberius dari
 inelemosinari vel concedi potest Et ego vero predictus

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Robertus et heredes vel mei assignati predictas quatuor
acras terre et dimidiam cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et
singulis sicut superius dictam^u est liberas et ab omni
servitute solutas deo et Beate Marie et domine Margarete
Priorisse de Lyministr' et monialibus ibidem deo servientibus
et earum successoribus quibuscumque contra omnes gentes
warantizabimus aquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum

Et ut hec mea donacio concessio warantizacio et
presentis carte mee confirmacio perpetue firmitatis
robur optineant hanc presentem cartam impressione sigilli
mei roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Roberto de Hotot
Nigillo de Broc Johanne de Palingofaud Willelmo
Payn Nicholao Avenel Johanne de Kyngeston
Petro de Preston Clerico Ada de Milirs Thomaſ le Frie
Johanne le Mestre Johanne le Graunt Ricardo Jodegyne
Gilberto de Lyministr' Stephano le Winetir Willelmo
le Spicir Roberto Brugham de Warnecamp Gilberto
le Rus et multis aliis

Seal, round, 22mm., green wax, on doubled tag.

A wheel. * S' ROBERT' BREK'

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Quitclaim by Geoffrey Fresteng to the chapel of
St. Giles of Codelawe and Richard de Gates, rector of the
same, in frankalmoign of all the lands his ancestors have
conveyed thereto. The lands are described. The rector
grants in return that the chaplain there shall celebrate
each month a mass with Placebo and Dirige and Classico,
(a peal of bells) for the souls of his ancestors and
descendants, and of himself and his wife and children
and an anniversary for the same yearly on the morrow of
St. Giles. 20 Nov. 1257.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus
 Presteng in ligia potestate mea concessi quietum
 clamavi pro me heredibus meis deo et capelle Sancti
 Egidii de Codelawe et Ricardo de Gates ejusdem capelle
 rectori et omnibus suis successoribus dicte capelle
 rectoribus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam
 omnes terras quas antecessores mei dicte capelle quondam
 contulerunt Illas videlicet que jacent in campo qui
 vocatur Westrade cum toto fossato in occidentali parte
 adjacente et illum mariscum qui vocatur Wlatemer cum
 omnibus pertinentiis suis et illam particulam terre que
 jacet in campo qui vocatur Horsecroft una cum porcione
 illius particule terre que jacet in eodem campo sub domibus
 rectoris dicte capelle quam Willelmus pater meus tempore
 Johannis de Exsete quondam ejusdem capelle rectoris contulit
 capelle memorate Habenda tenenda et possidenda dicte
 Ricardo et successoribus suis dicte capelle rectoribus
 libere integre pacifice et quiete in puram et perpetuam
 elemosinam in perpetuam ~~claves~~ Pro hac autem mea concessione
 et quieta clamantia concessit michi dictus rector pro se et
 successoribus suis quod capellanus qui pro tempore dicte
 capelle deserviet unam missam quolibet mense cum Placebo
 et Dirige et Classico et aliis ad tale servicium spectantibus
 pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum necnon et mei
 uxorisque mee et liberorum meorum necnon et ~~orundem~~
 anniversarium annuatim in crastino Sancti Egidii cum omni
 servitio pro defunctis singulis annis in dicta capella
 celebrabit Et ut hec mea concessio et quieta
 clamantia perpetue firmitatis robur optineant presentem
 cartam sigilli mei appositione roboravi una cum sigillo
 venerabilis patris domini Johannis Cicestrensis episcopi
 secundi quod presentibus apponi procuravi Datum
 anno domini millasimo ducentesimo quinquagesimo septimo
 ad festum Sancti Edmundi Martiris Hiis testibus
 Dominis Francone de Boun David de Lions Militibus

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Dominis Willelmo Cancellario	Johanne
Archidiacono Cicestrensibus	Willelmo Tracy
Rogero de Sancto Martino	Willelmo Faverham
Rogero de Bulesham	Magistro Willelmo Coco
Johanne le Toghe	Ricardo Dodding et multis aliis

Three Seals, green wax, on doubled tags.

- 1) Only faint traces of a Seal remain.
- 2) Pointed oval, 40 x 33 (originally about 60 x 35)mm.
The bishop, robed, staff in left hand, right hand raised in blessing. The bottom part and the legend missing. At about the level of the knees, on one side of the bishop JOHNS and on the other 11^o
Counter Seal, pointed oval 36 (originally about 50) x 28mm. Within a Gothic canopy, Christ, half length, with a nimbus, his right hand raised holding an object. Beneath, within an ogee arch, the upper part of the praying figure of the bishop.

DEDUC ME -- ----TAM TUORUM

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- 3) Pointed oval 45 x 33 (originally about 50 x 36) mm. Seal of the Dean and Chapter of Chichester. Christ enthroned, between Alpha and Omega, the right hand raised in blessing.
----ANI ET CAPIT -- CICES -----

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Final concord, Michaelmas 55 Hen.III, between Agatha, Prioress of Luministr', plaintiff, and Walter Sewale and Maud, his wife, defendants, concerning 1½ acres in Wyke. To be held by the Prioress and her successors in frankalmoign. With warranty. 1271.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Cycestri in octabis sancti Michaelis anno

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regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis quinquagesimo
quinto coram magistro Rogerode Seyton Radulfo de Hengham
Adam de Greynvill et Johanne de Cobeham justiciariis
itinerantibus et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi
presentibus inter Agatham Priorissam de Luministr'
querentem et Walterum Sewale et Matildam uxorem ejus
impedientes de una acra terre et dimidia cum pertinenciis
in Wyke unde placitum warantizacionis carte summonitum
fuit inter eos in eadem curia scilicet quod predictus
Walterus et Matilda recognoverunt predictam terram cum
pertinenciis esse jus ipsius Priorisse et ecclesie sue
beate Marie de Luministr' ut illam quam eadem Priorissa
et ecclesia sua predicta habent de dono predictorum Walteri
et Matilde Habendam et tenendam eidem Priorisse et
aliis Priorissis que ei succedent et ecclesie sue predicte
de predictis Waltero et Matilda et heredibus ipsius Matilde
in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam inperpetuum

Et predicti Walterus et Matilda et heredes ipsius
Matilde warantizabunt acquietabunt et defendent eidem
Priorisse et aliis Priorissis que ei succedent et ecclesie
sue predicte predictam terram cum pertinenciis ut liberam
puram et perpetuam elemosinam suam contra omnes homines
imperpetuum Et eadem Priorissa recepit predictos
Walterum et Matildam et heredes ipsius Matilde in singulis
benefactis et oracionibus que decetero fient in ecclesia
sua predicta inperpetuum

[This document is the left hand Indenture. The Foot of
the Fine onto which it fits is in the Public Record Office
ref. C.P. 25/2/234/25].

Grant by Robert de Brigham to Agatha, prioress of
Lunemunstre and her successors of half a pound of wax,
for a parcel of land which she has granted him and his

heirs, to be paid yearly at Martimes.

[3rd quarter 13th C.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Robertus de Brigham salutem in domino

Noverit universites vestra me dedisse et hoc presenti scripto meo confirmasse domine Agathe priorisse de Lunemunstre et successoribus suis pro me et heredibus meis dimidiam libram cere pro quadam particula terra quam michi et heredibus meis dedit concessit et carta sua confirmavit solvendam eidem ego et heredes mei singulis annis ad festum beati Martini in domo priorisse supradicte ad cujus dimidie libre cere solutionem oblige me et heredes meos seu assignatos subjiciens me et heredes meos choercioni et districcioni domini Cycestrensis Archidiaconi et ejus officialis qui pro tempore fuerit ut possit nos sine cause cognicione monicione eciam non premissa sententia excommunicacionis innodare si in predicte dimidie libre cere solucione suis terminis facienda aliquo modo cesseverimus renunciens in hac parte pro me et heredibus meis omni excepcioni cavillacioni et maxime regie prohibicioni inpetrate et inpetrande et omni juris remedio tam canonici quam cyvili per quod hec presens dimidie libre cere solucio inpediri possit vel differri

In cujus rei bestimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Daniele de Totitone Willelmo de Totitone Roberto Magistro de Hampton Thoma le Passur Thoma Laurencio et multis aliis

Seal, round, 30mm., natural colour wax, on doubled tag. A fleur de lys.

- ROB BR-----AD -----

Quitclaim by Benedicta, relict of William le Justur of Wykes, to the prioress of Lamenistre of all her right in an acre of arable in the territory of Wikes. With warranty. For 6s: 8d. Lamenistre 28 February 1296.

Pateat universis presentibus et futuris quod ego Benedicta relictia Willelmi le Justur de Wykes in sana viduetate mea et in legia potestate mea remisi et quietum clamavi pro me et heredibus meis vel assignatis meis totum jus et clamium meum quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui priorisse de Lamenistre in unam acram terre arabilis in territorio de Wikes illam videlicet acram que jacet in furlango qui vocatur Cumbury inter terram Willelmi Wolwald et terram Laurencii atte Lane Habendam et tenendam dictam acram terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi vel circumque vel quocumque mihi dare vendere legare vel assignare voluerit libere quiete bene et in pace et jure hereditario in perpetuum faciendo inde annuatim capitali domino feodi debita servicia et consueta Et ego predicta Benedicta et heredes mei dictam acram terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicte priorisse et heredibus vel assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus quietabimus et defendemus per predictum servicium inperpetuum Pro hac autem remissione et quieta clamacione dedit mihi predicta priorissa sex solidos et viii denarios sterelingorum premanibus Et ut hec remissio et quieta clamacio rata sit et stabilis hanc presentem quietam clamacionem sigilli mei impressione roboravi Datum apud Lamenistre die martis proxima post festum Sancti Mathie apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi vicesimo quarto Hiis testibus Nicholao Avenel Ricardo Jeddewyne Willelmo de la Combe Willelmo de Barghamwyke Johanne le Maystre Johanne le Graunt Johanne Laurens Roberto Brugham Roberto Forst et aliis

Receipt by Geoffrey deVezano, nuncio of the
Apostolic See, from the Prioress of Lunemenstr' of
10s: 6d from procurations for the eighteenth, nineteenth
and twentieth years of his stay in England.

11 July 1296

Pateat universis quod nos Giffredus de Vezano
apostolice sedis nuncius recepimus a Priorissa de
Lunemenstr' Cicestrensis diocesis decem solidos et
sex denarios sterling' de procuracionibus nostris
pro decimo octavo decimono [sic] et vicesimo annis
more nostre in Anglia videlicet tres solidos et sex
denarios pro quolibet (sic. Presumably for quolibet)
sibi reliquam remittentes pro paupertate ipsius

Et constat nobis quod de omnibus aliis annis
precedentibus est nobis plenarie satisfactum eundem
nostre contra ipsam priorissam vel ejus moniales
seu ecclesiam liberaliter relaxamus Datum Londini
v Idus Julii anno domini m^o cc^o nonagesimo sexto

Fragment of Seal, pointed oval, red wax, on tongue.

S' GIF-----

Appointment by Agatha, prioress of Lyministr',
of John Alisaundre of Arundel as her proctor in all
causes and businesses touching her person whatever
days and places she may be absent.
Because her seal is unknown that of the Dean of Arundell
is appended.

Arundell, 26 February 1303-4

Fragment of Seal, green wax, on tongue.

Indenture of Memorandum that between the Abbess and nuns of Almonach, rector of the church of Clymping, plaintiffs, of one part and Sir John de Vyenna, rector of the church or chapel of Codelawe, defendant, of the other, a question of spoliation arose concerning the tythes issuing from 18 virgates of land (a virgate reckoned of 16 acres) in Codelawe, and a provocation and appeal was made by the nuns to the Apostolic See and for protection to the Court of Canterbury against the said spoliation. On the intervention of friends, an agreement was made between the lady Agatha, prioress of Lunemenstr', proctor for the Abbess, and the said rector, (on seeing the appropriation of the church of Clymping to the nuns and other tenants) by which the latter on a day fixed would appear in the court of Canterbury and renounce the provocation and appeal from that court to the Holy See, and recognise the tythes as belonging to the nuns, and restore those he had withdrawn, and would have the writ of the lady Mary, his patroness, revoked by her sealed letters patent; and the nuns would recognise the rector's possession in the tythes of other lands which he and his predecessors had hitherto received in the name of the church or chapel of Codelawe. The parties named their sureties, viz. for the Prioress, master William de Hiburgheden and Richard de Heghes and for the Rector, master Thomas de Codelawe, Rector of the church of Cherlewode.

Lunemenstr' 1 March 1306-7

Two doubled tags from which the Seals are lost.

Letters Patent of brother Gilbert, bishop of Annadown, suffragan of John, bishop of Chichester. At the request of Sir Stephen, rector of the church of Hampton in the diocese of Chichester, he dedicated the said church on 8 March 1308-9, all right, however, and all pensions accustomed and due, and which might be due, to the church of Lunemynstr' remaining safe thereto. These letters, sealed with his seal, at the request of the lady Agatha, then prioress of Lunemynstr' and with the agreement of the said Sir Stephen, he has made patent. 8 March 1308-9.

Seal, pointed oval, originally about 50 x 35mm., now 40 x 30mm., green wax, on tongue. Only some of the centre part, including the robed figure but not the head or feet, and the right side remain.

-----TI DEI G+-----

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Letters Patent given by copy under the seal of the Deanery of Arundell, from brother Gilbert minister of the church of Annadown and suffragan of the bishop of Chichester. Since on 6 March 1309 he was asked by the lady Mary de Vyenne and others to dedicate and consecrate the church of Codelawe and the cemetery of the same, he visited the church on the said day when William, vicar of the church of Clypyng, and John Alikundr', proctor of the Abbess and convent of the Blessed Mary of Almeneche, rectors of the church of Clypyng appeared and alleged that the said dedication and consecration were prejudicial to them and the church of Clypyng. At length the lady Mary in the name of John, rector of the church of Codelawe,

and the said William, vicar, and John, proctor, shewed certain instruments in the form of a convention made between them, and the said William and John gave their assent to the dedication and consecration, with the protestation, however, that there should be no prejudice to the church of Clympyng but that they should receive all greater and lesser tythes as accustomed according to the form of the convention; and they for their part undertook to receive none of the greater and lesser tythes on other parochial rights touching the church of Godelawe nor permit them to be received in their name to the prejudice of the said church.

The Seal, and its tongue, missing.

The Dean of the church of the Blessed Mary of Arches in London, Commissary General of the Official of the court of Canterbury, to the Dean of Arundel and Rector of Felgham in the diocese of Chichester. On an appeal in the business concerning tythes both on the lands of the tenants and on the demesne of Sir Luke de Vyenna, knight, deceased, within the limits of the parochial church of Clympyngg, in the Court of Canterbury between the Abbess and nuns of Aumonachys in the diocese of Seez, who hold the said church to their own use, being the appellant party, and John Clenche, declaring himself to be Rector of the chapel of Godelawe, and John de Vyenna, late Rector of the said chapel, being the party appealed, in consideration of all and singular the grievances of the Abbess and Convent (after and against their provocation and appeal to the Apostolic See and to the protection of the Court of Canterbury lawfully interposed) inflicted upon them by the said John Clenche

and John de Vyenna and rashly attempted to their prejudice, especially the spoliation of tythes to the value of 20 marks after and against the provocation; Order that all such grievances and spoliation be revoked and the Abbess and Convent be restored to a state of receiving the said tythes and John Clenche and John de Vyenna be warned on pain of excommunication to make such restitution within fifteen days of receiving this warning.

London 29 October 1310.

Fragment of top of Seal, pointed oval, green wax, on tongue.

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Another copy of the foregoing.

Fragment of Seal, as above, on tongue.

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The Dean of Arundel to the Dean of the Blessed Mary of Arches. Recites a document dated 11 Dec. 1316 similar to the foregoing up to the Order, which then declares that William de Fischeborn, rector of the chapel of Codelawe, has continued in the spoliation of the tythes aforesaid, and makes an Order similar to the foregoing in respect of him. The Dean of Arundel, who received the said document on 29 December, states that he has been unable to proceed against John Clenche and John de Vyenna because Clenche is not to be found within the bishopric nor is known to have a certain domicile in the same, and John de Vienna has died intestate without the appointment of executors. But he personally warned William de Fischeborn in the chapel of Codelawe on 22 December to satisfy the nuns in respect of the tythes despoiled, and

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as Fischeborn paid no attention to the warnings he
peremptorily cited him to appear before the Official
or one of his Commissioners.

Lenemenstr) 12 January 1317

Fragment of Seal, green wax, on tongue.

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Indenture of Settlement in the dispute between
the Prioress (the office of Abbess being vacant) and
Convent of Almenaches, who have the church of Clympinges
in their own use, and master William de Fischeburne,
rector of the chapel of Codelawe, concerning the tythes
of the lands as well of the tenants as of the demesne
of Codelawe.

At length, by the intervention of common friends,
Emeline, Prioress of Lenemenstr' and Roger Favel, proctors
in England of the monastery of Almenaches and the said
William, rector of the chapel aforesaid, who at the time
of this composition detained all the tythes of Codelawe
for himself and his successors and the chapel with the
consent of Luke de Vyene, patron of the same, imposed
an end to the dispute, to wit that William and his
successors shall receive all tythes issuing from the
places hereinafter recited and the nuns from other
places recited viz. William shall receive the tythes
of Horsecrofte and Westgarstone and Estgarstone and
Westret and Nyerude Hyngham Northrud Westrud Cobeam
except $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Westrude which belong to the church
of Clympinges; in the field called Estfeld the church
of Clymping shall receive the tythes of all the land on
the west of a rood which is of the dowry of the lady de
Fordes, and the rector of Codelawe shall receive the
tythes of all the rest towards the east together with
the tythe of Littledunge which extends towards the east

and west; in the field called Southeastret the church of Clymping shall receive all the tythe from Littledunge to the land of Thomas Spasy and the land of Codelawe as the bounds lead; and the said church also shall receive all the tythe of the furlong called Flaxmer in the same field which extends to the east and west and the tythes of all the rest in the same field the rector of Codelawe shall receive; in the field called Estbrademer the church of Clymping shall receive the tythes of the land which was once of Robert le Nyeman in Estforlang and so from the south side to the King's way as the bounds lead; and the rector of Codelawe in the same furlong on the north of the land of the said Robert; in Westbrademer the rector of Codelawe shall receive the tythes of the whole Northforlang which extends to the east and west and also from the land called Coselond and the tythe of the whole of the rest of the same field the church of Clymping shall receive; in the field called Brandelak the church of Clymping shall receive the whole tythe and also in the field called Southwode the church of Clymping shall receive the whole tythe; in the field called Northfeld on the north of a spinney as far as the ditch of Athering the church of Clymping shall receive the tythes, but on the south of the spinney to the ditch of Southfeld the rector of Codelawe shall receive all tythes; in the field called Southfeld in Westforlang the rector of Codelawe shall receive the tythes of the land called Eldelond which contains in breadth (the same) as Anedlond which was once of Richard Aylard extends in length and thus down to the marsh of Elmer the said furlong extends; and also in the same field in Southforlang the rector of Codelawe shall receive the tythes of 8 pieces of land which contain 4 acres between the land from which the rector shall receive tythes and the marl-pit of Southfeld, and the tythe of all the residue of the said field the church of Clymping shall receive as the bounds and metes divide and distinguish.

And the church of Clymping shall receive yearly 2s sterling for the tythe of a meadow called Lanknep.

The appointment of the proctors by Katherine, prioress of Almenaches, dated 21 March 1313.

Adyngeburne 19 February 1318

Four Seals, on doubled tags.

- 1) Pointed oval, 40 (originally 45) x 28mm., bronze wax. The Virgin and Child, full length, within a Gothic niche. Beneath, the Prioress in prayer.

-EMELINE PORISSE DE NUNMENSTRE

- 2) Oval, 22 x 18mm., green wax. Within a Gothic niche the Virgin and Child, half length. Beneath, a figure in prayer. A legend. (William de Fischeburne).
- 3) Round, 18mm., green wax. On a lozenge a fesse indented between ? A decorative border. (Luke de Vyene).
- 4) Round, 20mm., bronze wax. A lion rampant.

† S' ROG'IDE PAWEL CLER'G

Release by John Ballyng of Hampton to the Abbess of St. Mary of Aumenaches and the Prioress of Lunemestr^r of all his right in two half acres in the fields of Hampton by Arundell, in perpetuity, for a rent of 2d.

Witnesses: Sir Robert de Totington, chaplain, Thomas de Yabiton, William Wilteshire, Richard Druery, Peter Forst, William Wodeland.

Lunenestr^r 9 December 1325

Seal, round, 22mm., red wax, on doubled tag. A floral design of eight points or petals.

• S' JOHANNIS BOLLING

Indenture of Memorandum that on 5 February 1325 William de Warnecamp, perpetual vicar of the church of Lenemesh rendered his account there before William de Grundeswell and Nicholas de Aultone, rectors of the churches of Felgham and Middleton, assigned for the auditing thereof by the lord John, bishop of Chichester, in the presence of the lady Emily, Prioress of Lenemenstr', Robert de Totyngton, perpetual vicar of Arundell, Robert de Brugham, priest, and Thomas de Yavitone assessors of the said Prioress, from the first time that he had the custody of the goods of the said Prioress and nuns, viz. from 9 February 1321 to 14 October 1324, that is for 3 whole years and 32 weeks. It was found that he had accounted well and faithfully and had exonerated the nuns of 45l: 9s: 8d in money and of 4 quarters 2½ bushels of corn and 3 quarters 7 bushels of barley in which they were indebted towards divers creditors, and furthermore spent 13l: 5s: 3d in the making of a new hall with chambers and offices. And he will be held to acquit the nuns towards any persons who make any claim upon them in respect of any items contained in any account of his. It was objected by the assessors that one William Woderove who under the said vicar administered divers goods of the nuns and did so less well, to their inconvenience and loss. By his corporal oath the vicar bound himself to the restitution of the said loss.

Lenemenstr' 8 February 1326

Seal (of W. de Warnecamp), round, 17mm., green wax on doubled tag. Paschal lamb.

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Indenture of lease by Gervasia, prioress of Lunemenstr', and the nuns there to Beatrice, relict of Thomas Coteman, of Salvyngton, of a piece of land in Warnecampe lying next the tenement of William Brekespere extending in length from east to west viz. from the land which was of William Sewalle on the east to the land of the said Beatrice on the west, and in breadth lying between the land of Robert le Ryde on the north and that of the prior of Calceto on the south. To hold for 26 years from Michaelmas next. Rent 3s. With warranty. If the lessee fails to compost and suitably maintain the premises, the lessors may evict her.

Witnesses: John de Hasfolde, Ralph Markant, Richard Arnery, Matthew Danel, Peter Forst.

Lunemenstre 28 October 1332

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Statement by John, Archdeacon of Chichester, that in the parish church of Clympyng, of which he was making a visitation on Friday after All Saints (4 Nov.) 1334 there appeared the parishioners, of one part, and sir Robert, rector of the church of Parham, proctor of the prioress and nuns of Lunemenstr', who possess the church of Clympyng to their own uses. The parishioners claimed a vestment for the altar of the Blessed Mary from the nuns, but produced no witnesses to support their case. The proctor of the nuns said that they had no obligation to provide the vestment, but out of pure liberality and with

no prejudice to their successors would do so. The Archdeacon condemns the nuns to find the vestment on their own terms.

Seal of the Archdeacon, pointed oval, 30 x 19 (originally about 36 x 22) mm., green wax on tongue. The Virgin with the Child on her left knee, on a throne, a staff in her right hand; beneath, in an ogee arch, a head and hands in prayer.

----- ARCHID' CYCEST.

Receipt by Gervasia de Byartz, Prioress of Lonemenstr' from sir Symon, comunarius of the Dean and Chapter of Chichester, of 10s for the yearly pension of the church of Burgham from Easter 1336. Loneminstr' 9 April 1336

Tongue for Seal which does not survive.

Writ from Alan, Abbot of Battle (Bello), collector of the tenth, to the Archdeacon of Chichester, or his official. The King having notified him that he is to receive nothing from the Prioress of Leominstr' for the current tenth, he directs the Archdeacon that if he has already received from him an order for making execution against the Prioress for non-payment he is to treat the same as superseded. Battle, 30 November 1338

Traces of Seal, red wax, on tongue.

Quitclaim by Peter Burdon, of Islesham, son and heir of Robert Burdon, of Islesham, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Almenisches and the abbess and convent there, of all his right in a rent of 6d from an acre in Islesham in the field called Prestestrondlond between the land of sir Thomas, rector of Islesham on one side and the king's great road on the other, on which there are granges and other buildings of the abbess and convent, who had the same of the gift of Roger, son of Alexander, and Alice Burdon, his wife, of Islesham, ancestors of the said Peter. For 10s.

Witnesses: William de Bulesham, Henry de Gate, John le Boys, Richard Torald, Richard le Burgeys, Thomas Avenel, Roger le Kyng, William Wedelond, William Wylteschyre, William le Graunt, William Daniel, Peter Forst.

Islesham, 10 May 1343

Seal, round, 16mm., bronze wax, on doubled tag.

A device, a legend.

Agnes, abbess of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Almeneschiis, and the whole convent of the same, to sir Thomas Mercenarii, priest, of the diocese of Sees. The priory of Lemmonistro vacant by the death of sister Gervasia, late prioress, has been given to sister Johanna de Insula. Direction to sir Thomas to receive the oath (recited) from the new prioress. 28 March 1345

Two Seals, pointed oval, brown wax, on tongues.

- 1) The Abbey. As on no 44. 50 (originally about 55) x 40mm. The Virgin enthroned, with the Child on her left knee, in her right hand a lily.

A star above a crescent to the Virgin's right side.

S' CONVENTUS BEAT. MARIE DE ALMEN-----

2) The Abess. 46 x 30mm. The abess standing, a staff in her right hand and a book in her left hand. On each side of her body, a shield bearing a leopard; on each side of her head a fleur de lys. Above, the Virgin and Child.

S' AGNETIS ARBISS BEATE MARIE DE ALMENESCH

Alan, abbot of Battle, collector of the tenth, to the Archdeacon of Chichester. Having had an order from the King to receive nothing from the lady Joan de Iale, prioress of Leomynstre, for the tenth now due, he orders him to exact nothing from her, if he has already instructed him to do so.

Battle, 8 June 1345

Seal, round, 23mm., green wax, on tongue. Only the central section survives. St. Martin and the beggar.

* S----- TUM ABBA-----

Public Instrument testifying that on 14 March 1345-6 in the presence of the underwritten Robert, notary public, and a multitude of others, before master Robert de Wygornia, official of the venerable father Robert, Bishop of Chichester, in the chapel of St. Faith next the cathedral of Chichester, sitting in the place of the Consistory for

a tribunal, in a cause of tythes at issue between the Abbess and Convent of Almenaches being in possession of the parish church of Climpingg, plaintiffs, of one part, and Sir Ralph de Bernham, rector of the church or chapel of Codelawe, defendant, of the other, on the right of receiving the tythes issuing from certain lands called Cobeham, Westrete, Estgarston, Horscroft and Westgarston, which the nuns assert to be within the bounds of the parish of Climpingg and Ralph asserts to be within those of the parish of Codelawe; Sir Robert de Lenemenstr', rector of the church of Perham, in the diocese of Chichester, and master William de Ferringg, clerk, being proctor of Sir Ralph; master Robert pronounced judgment in favour of the nuns and Sir Ralph is to pay the expenses of the action.

Notarial mark of Robert Hyve of Wendlingburgh, clerk,
of the diocese of Lincoln, public notary.

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Indenture of Lease by Alan de Hampton, son and heir of Simon de Hampton, to Stephen le Gobel and Robert le Gobel, his brother, of two half acres of arable in the field called Soththedweye, of which one half acre lies between the land of William Clanel on the west and that of sir John le Mastre on the east and the other half acre lies in the same field between the land of John Bullig on the east and that of the relict of le Sonn de Hampton on the west. To hold for 10 years. With warranty. For 15s.

Witnesses: Ralph de Polyges, William de Preston,
William le Grant, John Bullig, William
Wodeland, William Wiltechir. 1 October 1346

Seal, round, 20mm., red wax, on doubled tag. A profile, with a hand raised in prayer, within a circle of a floral design.

Indenture of Sale by the lady Jeanne la Feryr,
 Prioress of Lenemenstr', and the nuns there to Sir
 William Burgham, vicar of the church of Palyng, of all
 their tythes of corn and hay on their lands in Palyng,
 Angemeryng and Hormere, also an acre of arable and an
 acre of meadow of their demesne in Palyng, and the tythe
 of hay in Prestebrok pertaining to the rectory of Palyng
 and all their granges there. From 24 June 1352 for one
 year. For a sum of money paid. With warranty.
 Lenemenstr' 21 June 1352

Seal, round, about 17mm., red wax, on doubled tag.

Paschal lamb.

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[see Eton College Records vol. 4 no. 11, a copy of the above].

Inspeximus by Simon de Bredon, archdeacon of
 Chichester, of an inspeximus by John, bishop of
 Chichester, of an ordinance of Richard II, his predecessor,
 concerning the vicarage of the church of Lynemynstre
 collating the said vicarage to dom. Robert de Cantuar,
 priest, which is taxed by the dean there and other worthy
 and sworn men according to the resources of the said church,
 which vicarage consists in all altarage, lesser tythes,
 oblations and bequests and 5 marks from the issues of the
 chapel of Warnecampe yearly; and instituting the said
 Robert to the vicarage and having him inducted into
 corporal possession thereof, saving his pontifical and
 parochial rights, and to the nuns there all tythes of
 the sheaves of corn, and to the abbey and nuns of
 Almenesches the right of presenting the vicar in future
 when the said Robert shall go or die. And the vicar for

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the time being shall sustain all archidiaconal and
sinodal burdens. Given at Terring in the third year
of his pontificate 14 April 1247.

Witnesses: Simon, rector of Terring, master Lawrence
de Somercote, official of the bishop, John
de Cor-----, dom. William Calpha [--] of
the Order of Hospitallers, dom. Simon de
Clypyng, canon, -----, Ranulf de
Suceorhos, clerk, dom. Thomas, vicar of
Beause, John Blunders-----
Confirmation by bishop John at
Aldyngforn 27 March 1254.

The archdeacon, to whom the foregoing has been
judicially exhibited by dom. John Okeman, vicar of the
parish church of Lymynster, on his archidiaconal
visitation of the church on 23 November 1354, publishes
and confirms the same. Lynemynstre.

Seal, pointed oval, 33 x 22mm., dark wax, on doubled tag.
The Virgin seated, with the Child on her left knee.

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A partial copy of the foregoing.

[? 16th cent.]

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Simon de Bredon, Archdeacon of Chichester, at his
visitation in the church of Lenemenstre on 19 October
1355, received 6s: 8d in part payment of 10s from Sir
John, vicar of Lenemenstre; also, to the completion of

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the said 10s, he allocated 40d on the part of the prior Darundell, having the church of Hampton in his own use, to the said Sir John in the name of a yearly pension, which had to be paid in the chancel of the church of Lenemenstre, as contained in a composition by the reverend father the lord John, bishop of Chichester. Sealed with the seal of his office.

Traces of Seal, green wax, on doubled tag.

78

Indenture of lease by Joan Ferryre, prioress of Lunemenstr', and the nuns there to Peter Forst of Wykes of 3 acres of arable lying in the field of Wykes called Westffelde, 1 acre in the furlong called Combury, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in the furlong called Brodfforlang, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in the furlong called Lydgate, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in the furlong called Mulfforlang, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in the furlong called Knulfforlang. From this date for 12 years. Rent 6s. With warranty.

Witnesses: Elias de Clypiffolde, John Ryhulle, John Bullyngg, Richard Wylteshire, clerk.

Lunemenstr' 3 November 1359.

Seal, round, about 17mm., natural colour wax, on doubled tag. A device, a legend, conceivably the same as on 74.

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Appointment by the Abbess and Convent of Aumenesches of their beloved sister lady Katherine de Lyulle to the priory of Luministre, vacant by the death of the lady Jeanne de la Feriere, with full power and administration of the goods thereof. Dated in their chapter 23 March 1360-l.

Two Seals, dark green wax, on tongues.

- 1) The Abbey, as on 70. Only a portion of the central part survives.

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- 2) The Abbess. Oval, 25 x 22mm. Within an oval border of ogee arching the hand of the Abbess emerging from a sleeve and gripping a staff.

A legend.

French.

Appointment by Johanna, abbess of the monastery of Almenesch, and the whole convent, of Margaret de Auribecco, a nun of the same, as their proctor in England for the rule, governance and possession of all their lands and rights there.

Given in the chapter at the capitular hour, 4 April 1390.

Two Seals, pointed oval, brown wax, on tongues.

- 1) The Abbey, as on 79. Slightly chipped at top and bottom.

- CONVENTUS BEAT---IE DE ALMENES--

- 2) The Abbess. 40 x 30 (originally about 55 x 40) mm. The Virgin enthroned within a Gothic canopy (the upper part missing), the Child on her left knee, in her right hand a lily. Beneath an arch, to the right of which is on a shield an eagle displayed. The figure within the arch and the lower left of the seal is missing.

-----EBELI -----

A green silk skipper.

Eustace, perpetual vicar of the church of Lenemenstr', in the diocese of Chichester, to the lord Robert, bishop of Chichester, certifying that he has inducted Georgia le Clouestier, a nun of the monastery of Almeneschiis, to the keepership of the priory of Lenemenstr' vacant by the death of the lady Katherine Lille, the last prioress. The mandate of the bishop, dated at his manor of Durynggewykes 20 June 1401, to put the said Georgia in corporal possession of the same, and induct her, is recited.

Leneminstr' 21 June 1401.

Seal of John Gyles, clerk, commissary of the bishop, used because that of the vicar is unknown to many. Pointed oval, 50 x 30mm., reddish brown wax, on tongue. The bishop seated, left hand holding staff, right hand raised in benediction, beneath a Gothic canopy.

SIGILLU -----SSARII [] ROBERTI DEI GRA CICESTRENSIS EPI

Notification by sister Radulpha, abbess, and the whole convent of the monastery of the Blessed Mary of Almeneschiis, of the order of St. Benedict, in the diocese of Seez, that on this day came Hennequinus de Lequere bearing certain letters close from sister Nicolaa de Hertees, a nun of the said monastery, which make mention of the death of Georgia la Cloutiere, prioress of the priory of Liministre in England, in the diocese of Chichester, being a member and appendage of the monastery, also of Johaneta de Pell [e] v [a or i]lle, her fellow sister. Having read these letters they intend

as soon as may be to provide for the rule and administration of the said priory.

Dated in the chapter at the accustomed capitular hour,
18 May 1407

Two Seals, pointed oval, dark brown wax, on tongues.

- 1) The Abbey. As on 80. Somewhat chipped at top and bottom.

--NVE--US BEATE MARIE DE ALMENESC-

- 2) The Abbess. 30 x 35 (originally about 55 x 40)mm. Only the lower half remains. Within a round arch the Abbess with crook in hand, kneeling to the left. On either side a shield of arms.

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Election by Radulpha, abbess of the monastery of St. Mary of Almenesch, and the whole convent there, of sister Nicholaa de Hercez, one of the nuns, to the priory of Lemenistre, vacant by the death of Georgeta la Clouetiere, the last prioress, and her appointment as their attorney both in the secular and the ecclesiastical court, with general administration of all their affairs and possessions in England.

Dated in the chapter (hora capitulari) of Almenesch
20 March 1408-9

Two Seals, pointed oval, bronze wax, on tongues.

- 1) The Abbey, as on 82. Somewhat chipped at top and bottom.

--NVENTUS B---- -ARIE D- -----

- 2) The Abbess, as on 82. About 40 x 33mm. Chipped at edges. The Virgin standing with the Child in her arms, within a Gothic canopy. Beneath, the Abbess as before and shields. The arms are more distinct than on 82.

-----MENESCHII-

College Leases

(84 to 139)

Indenture of lease, 12 November 1486, by master Harry Best, Provost of Eton, to Robert Hakisby, priest, Thomas Bolde, Richard Bedill and Robert Downer, of the parsonage called Mynchyn Bernes with all its houses within the parish of Clypyng, also all lands, meadows etc pertaining to the same. From St. John the Baptist's day last for 5 years. Rent 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. The lessee at the beginning of his term to repair all the said houses and pales and closures and ditches, and to find the timber for such repairs as are needed throughout his term. If the rent is in arrears by 15 days the lessor may enter and distrain.

In English.

Seal and doubled tag are missing.

Indenture of lease, 1 April 1570, by the Provost and College to Thomas Cooke, of Leomynster, gent., of the site of the rectory or parsonage of Leomynster with all appurtenances in Leominster, Poling, Hampton and Arundell, except the advowson of the vicarage of Leomynster and Poling. From Michaelmas last for 25 years. Rent 21 quarters and 2 bushels of wheat and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. The lessee to provide man's meat and horse meat for the Provost and College or their officers who shall come on College business for 2 nights and 1 day a year. The lessee to make a true terrar of all glebe lands belonging to the rectory within 3 years.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 14 x 11mm., red wax, on doubled tag.

A male or female profile, in a hat.

Witnesses: Edmund Hollier and Benjamin Owtred, the scribe.

Bond by the lessee in 601 for the observance of the terms of the foregoing.

Date, Signature, Seal on tongue, and witnesses as on 85.

Indenture of lease, 1 May 1570, by the same to the same of the same, excepting also all courts leets and profits of the same and all waifs, strays, reliefs, fines, heriots, wards, marriages, escheats, and all great trees. From Michaelmas 1592, or whenever the lease of 1 April last shall be void by surrender or forfeiture, for 31 years. Rent, until the end of the former lease 10 quarters of malt, and from the end thereof 21 quarters 2 bushels of wheat, and one boar at Christmas or 13s: 4d for the same, and 8l: 10s. The lessors will pay 5s for every quarter of malt.

Signature, Seal on doubled tag and witnesses as on foregoing.

Bond by the lessee in 601 for the observance of the terms of the foregoing.

Date, signature, Seal on tongue and witnesses as on 87.

Indenture of lease, 15 June 1611, by the same to Thomas Aynscombe, of Maighfield, esq., upon surrender of a lease to Thomas Cooke, of the same. From this date

for 21 years. Rent 9l: 3s: 4d and 21 quarters 2 bushels of wheat and 3 quarters of malt, and a boar or 26s: 8d for the same.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 18mm., red wax, on doubled tag.

Armorial. A chevron between three fleurs de lys.

Witnesses: Benjamin Owtred, public notary, John Baker, Henry Sayre, Ran. Patin.

Indenture of lease, 16 October 1611, by the same to the same, upon surrender of his former lease, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, as on 89.

Witnesses: Benjamyn Owtred, public notary, Ran. Patin.

Indenture of lease, 29 April 1613, by the same to the same, upon surrender of his former lease, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 14 x 11mm., red wax, on doubled tag.

Armorial. A chevron between three fleurs de lys.

Witnesses: Benjamyn Owtred, public notary, Richard Button.

Indenture of lease, 5 August 1628, by the same to Katherine Anscombe, of Mayfeild, widow, upon surrender of a lease to Thomas Anscombe, esq., deceased, of the same. From Lady day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee (Aynscombe).

Seal, as on 91, a poor impression.

Witnesses: Thomas Baker, John Pollard.

Memorandum, 8 August 1628, by John Hales, bursar, that he holds the College part of the lease of Leominster, demised to Mrs Katharin Ainscoms, which part is to be delivered when the counterpart shall be returned by her.

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Indenture of lease, 30 July 1656, by the same to William Faulkner, of Watling, co. Sussex, gent., upon surrender of a lease to Mary Anscombe, widow, of the same. From Lady day last for 17 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which has been cut off.

Indenture of lease, 2 August 1751, by the same to William Christopher, of Arundell, and Elizabeth, his wife (late Elizabeth Fuller, spinster, sister, next of kin and administratrix of Thomas Fuller, late of Arundell, timber merchant, deceased) and to the executors and assigns of

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Elizabeth, upon surrender of their former lease, of the same. From Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag, detached.

96

Indenture of lease, 1 August 1755, by the same to the same (Christopher, shipwright), upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag, detached.

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Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of lessees.

Two Seals, identical, oval, 20 x 16mm., red wax, applied. A male profile in tasselled cap.

Witnesses: Henry Chatfield, junior, John Penycud.

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Counterpart of lease, 17 December 1759, by the same to the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Two Seals, identical, oval, 18 x 16mm., red wax, applied. A bald and bearded profile.

Witnesses: Francis Dear, William Palmer.

Counterpart of lease, 28 June 1763, by the same to the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Two Seals, identical, oval, 18 x 16mm., red wax, applied. A bearded profile.

Witnesses: J. Johnston, George Woodall.

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Indenture of lease, 28 July 1767, by the same to the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

101

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of lessees.

Two Seals, identical, oval, 20 x 17mm., red wax, applied. Profile of youth in cap.

Witnesses: J. Johnston, George Woodall.

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Counterpart of lease, 24 May 1779, by the same to Robert Hunt, of Arundell, farmer, upon surrender of his former lease, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 13 x 10mm., red wax, applied.

Classical profile of girl.

Witnesses: Thomas Broad, George Woodall.

Counterpart of lease, 31 July 1783, by the same to the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 20mm., red wax, applied. Chipped away at right. A male and female profile facing opposite ways out of one head.

SEMPER -----

Witnesses: Charles Bushby, Thomas Finch.

Counterpart of lease, 17 June 1791, by the same to Mary Hunt, of Warningcamp, widow of Robert Hunt, upon surrender of a former lease to Robert Hunt, of the same. From old Lady day for 10 years. Rent as before.

Mark of lessee.

Seal, oval, 23 x 20mm., red wax, applied.

A helmeted head.

Witnesses: Thomas Bushby, Robert Bushby, bankers, Arundel.

Indenture of lease, 13 May 1799, by the same to John Lucas, of Burpham, yeoman, and Sarah Hunt, of Warningcamp, widow, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before (1530 gallons of wheat, 216 gallons of malt).
The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.
Signatures of lessees.
Two Seals, identical, round, 15mm., red wax. ? a dove.
Underneath, a scallop shell.
Witnesses: William Carleton, attorney, Arundel, James Wisdom, his clerk.

Indenture of lease, 9 April 1804, by the same to the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day 1803 for 10 years. Rent as before, together with 19l; 12s in consideration of the Redemption of Land Tax.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.
Signatures of lessees.
Two Seals, identical, round, 17mm., red wax, applied. M.
Witnesses: Robert Hunt, farmer, George Thomas Colomb, clerk to Mr. Mant, attorney.

Counterpart of lease, 9 February 1808, by the same to Betty Lucas, of Burpham, widow, and Sarah Hunt, of Warningcamp, widow, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Mark of Betty Lucas and signature of Sarah Hunt.

Two Seals as on foregoing.

Witness: George Mant, solicitor, Arundel.

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Indenture of lease, 10 June 1811, by the same to Betty Lucas, widow, and Richard Parker, of Arundel, banker, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

111

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Mark and signature of lessees.

Two Seals, plain, red wax, applied.

Witnesses: William Lucas, George Mant, Benjamin Stone.

112

Undertaking by the foregoing lessees, who have applied for a renewal of their lease but are unable to find the former lease to surrender the same for cancellation, that they will surrender the document if it is found and hereby relinquish all title and benefit accruing therefrom.

31 July 1815

Mark and signature as on foregoing.

Witnesses: H. Parker, William Lucas.

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Indenture of lease, 27 February 1816, by the same to Betty Lucas, widow, and James Osborn, of Leominster, yeoman, for 624l and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

114

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Mark and signature of the lessees.

Two Seals, as on 108.

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Indenture of lease, 9 July 1819, by the same to William Lucas of Burpham, yeoman, Charles Osborn, of West Meon, Hants, yeoman, Thomas Duke of Leominster, yeoman, and William Newland, of Tortington, yeoman, for 624l and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of lessees.

Four Seals, as on foregoing.

Witnesses: George Mant, of Storrington, Robert Blake,
Essex Street.

Indenture of lease, 26 July 1823, by the same to Thomas Duke, of Leominster, yeoman, William Newland, of Tortington, yeoman, and Charles Osborn, of Hayling Island, yeoman, of the same, for 580l and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of lessees.

Three Seals, plain, red wax, applied.

Witness: William Robins.

Counterpart of lease, 2 August 1827, by the same to the same, for 599l: 13s: 0d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signatures of lessees.

No Seals have been applied.

Witnesses: Daniel Aishen, Joseph Pannell.

Indenture of lease, 25 April 1831, by the same to Charles Osborn, yeoman, for 466l: 2s: 6d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which has been cut away.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, as on 108

Witnesses: Thomas Woodman, Julian Hills.

Indenture of lease, 8 April 1835, by the same to the same, for 511l: 4s: 0d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which has been cut away.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, plain, red wax, applied.

Witness: George Mant, of Stottington.

Indenture of lease, 19 April 1839, by the same to same (gent), for 650l and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of the lessee.

Seal, red wax, applied. A bad impression.

Witness: George V. Garret, of Hayling Island.

Indenture of lease, 15 April 1843, by the same to the same, for 77l: 1l: 10d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal, which has been cut away.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, rectangular, 16 x 13mm., red wax, applied.

A Sheaf above C O.

Witness: George V. Garret, Fareham.

Indenture of lease, 10 July 1847, by the same to the same, (of Fareham), for 708l: 11s: 5d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as on 127

Witness: George Sutton, the lessee's clerk.

Indenture of lease, 4 June 1851, by the same to the same for 700l and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as on 127

Witness: Walter Sidney, Hyslop, the lessee's clerk.

Indenture of lease, 18 May 1855, by the same to the same, for 678l: 14s: 11d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as on 127

Witness: G.S. Newman, Fareham, the lessee's clerk.

Indenture of lease, 15 April 1859, by the same to the same, for 729l: 10s: 6d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seals on 127

Witness: John Parkes, Fareham.

Counterpart of lease, 2 May 1863, by the same to George Viner Garrett, of 16 Titchfield Terrace, Regents Park, gent., and George Sowton Newman, of Fareham, surveyor, executors of the last will of Charles Osborn, gent., deceased, for 738l: 2s: 4d and the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Two Seals, identical, rectangular horizontal, 12 x 10mm., red wax, applied. A lion passant.

Witness: M.L. Diaper, clerk to Mr. Newman, Fareham.

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Incomplete draft of an indenture, 1842, selling to Charles Osborn, of Fareham, esq., two barns and the sites thereof, formerly used for receiving the tythes in kind belonging to the rectory of Leominster, which have now been commuted.

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Schedule of Deeds, from 9 February 1808 to 2 May 1863, relating to a freehold estate at Leominster, co. Sussex, the property of the Provost and College of Eton. F. Charaley, Registrar. Received by Lee & Bolton, 7 December 1870.

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Abstract of the Tithe of the Provost and College
of Eton to a freehold estate at Leominster, reciting
deeds aforesaid 1808 to 1863.

16 fs.

Archbishops' Mandates, Bishops'

Nominations etc.

(140 to 147)

Order by Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, who has found that the vicarage of Polyn in the diocese of Chichester has not sufficient for its sustenance and for the care of souls there, that from henceforth the vicars there are to receive both the greater and the lesser tythes in the parish and all offerings, enrolments etc. that should belong to them.

The manor of Lamhith 29 January 1424-5.

A paper copy on one folio, of perhaps about the date of the original.

[see Eton College Records, vol. 45 no. 12].

Copy of return by Edward, bishop of Chichester, to a writ of the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer. Search has been made in his registers and other evidences and it has been found that the Provost and College of Eton hold the churches of Lunemenstr' and Warnecamp, Clympyng and Palyng and certain temporalities taxed under the name of the Abbey of Lucerne and have held them for the time of his episcopacy viz. for 21 years, and in each of the said churches from the time of their appropriation there is a vicarage founded and endowed.

Dated at the manor of Aldyngborne, 28 February 1498.

William, archbishop of Canterbury, to all rectors, vicars, chaplains, etc.

Order to cite Robert Maryng, vicar of Poling, and Isabel Wappham, of the same, to appear in the parish church of Lamehith in the diocese of Winchester before the Auditor of Causes to answer to the Provost of Eton College, proprietor of the parish church of Leomynster, in a cause of subtraction of a portion or spiritual loan and other ecclesiastical rights.

The manor of Lamehith, 4 November 1504.

Traces of Seal, red wax, on tongue.

Nomination by Guy [Carleton], bishop of Chichester, to Richard Allestree, Provost of Eton, of Robert Denham, clerk, to the vicarage of Poleing in the diocese of Chichester, vacant by the death of Thomas Brodnex. 20 August 1679.

Signature of the bishop.

Fragment of the episcopal Seal, only the upper portion surviving, a bad impression, on doubled tag.

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Nomination by Guy [Carleton], bishop of Chichester, to Richard Alestree, Provost of Eton, of Richard Deane, clerk, M.A., to the vicarage of Climping in the diocese of Chichester, vacant by the retirement of the last incumbent. 22 March 1679-80

Signature of the bishop.

Traces of Seal, red wax, on doubled tag.

Nomination by Thomas, Bishop of Chichester, to the Rev. Henry Godolphin, Provost of Eton, and the Fellows there, patrons of the vicarage of Glymping, vacant by the death of Conyers Richardson, clerk, the last incumbent, of Christopher Tillier, A.M., clerk, to the same.

25 January 1714-5.

Signature of the bishop and his Seal, pointed oval, 95 x 63mm., papered, on doubled tag. Armorial.

✦ SIGILLUM. THOMAE . MANNINGHAM. EPISCOPI. CICESTRENSIIS.

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Nomination by the same to the same of Henry Hughes, A.M., clerk, to the vicarage of Liminster, vacant by the death of Philip Thorn, clerk, the last incumbent.

7 January 1715-6

Signature of the bishop and Seal as on 145

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Nomination by Thomas, bishop of Chichester, to the Provost and College, patrons of the vicarage of Leominster, vacant by the death of Henry Hughes, clerk, the last incumbent, of Bell Carleton, A.B., clerk, to the same.

4 April 1720.

Seal, papered, of the bishop, as on 145.

Accounts, Terrier, Valuations

(148 to 153)

Leomynstre

Account of Thomas Belyngham, farmer. [1457].

John Marushull and John Mersshfeld, bursars.

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Leomynstre cum Clympynge

Account of Thomas Belyngham, farmer.

M. 1461 - M. 1462.

1 m.

A rough draft of a valuation or survey of the Rectory, formerly Priory of Leomynster of which the Provost and College of Eton are the true Rector and Patron.

[Hen. VIII]

1 f.

A true and perfect terrier of the Gleabe Lands belonging to the parsonage of Liminster

1715

1 m.

Valuation of Leominster Rectory. 1736.

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Copy of estimate of yearly value of the Glebe
Lands and Rectory of Leominster by M^r. Palmer. 1777

1 f.

Correspondence

(154 to 164)

Thomas Aynscombe, Mayfield, 9 April 1611, to Sir Henry Savill, knight. Since his return from Eton last August he has been ill and unable to attend to Warningcampe business. The ^{cause} ~~course~~ has therefore been deferred by the High Commission, and is now to be heard this Easter term at Chichester. Asks that he or some other of the Fellows should attend with the College evidences. He understands from some Warningcampe men that they intend to prove Warningcampe a parish of itself, as they choose churchwardens, but he thinks that will be disproved, as Warningcampe has no churchyard. If it has been an ancient parish, he thinks this would appear in the ancient writings of the College, and that before the endowment of the vicar, as he remembers, a deed of R.2, bishop of Chichester, dated 1248, he thinks, will prove it, or of Seffridus, bishop before that. If they will peruse the patent of the king who gave Warningcamp to the College, they should find whether it is a parish or chapel of ease.

2 fs.

Philip Thorne, Arundel, 26 October 1697, to the Rev.^d Dr. Eede, Residentiary of the church in Chichester. Has made inquiry into what he was desired to inquire and finds that both Warningcamp and Liminster belong to the College and are let out by Mr Medley. The tenant of the parsonage of Liminster pays about 100^l rent and believes Mr Medley pays two or three loads of wheat to the College. The tenant of the parsonage of Warningcamp pays about 30^l rent, out of which Mr Medley pays to the vicar of Limister 3^l and a noble per annum.

Fragment of a small Seal, round, red wax, a fleur de lys.

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William Christopher, ^{Arundel,} 27 March 1767, to Mr William Cooke, giving an account of the value of Leominster and Warningscamp.

Seal, red wax.

2 fs.

The same, Arundel, 13 May 1767, to the same concerning his lease and the fine of 77l: 14s: 2d for its renewal for 4 years, which is "the largest and most chargablest I ever knew".

Seal, red wax.

2 fs.

George Woodall, Arundell, 7 March 1777, to the Rev^d Edward Betham, Bursar. Mr Christopher has been dead some years, but before his death assigned his lease to Robert Hunt who will at any time show any gentleman and give any information.

2 fs.

Copy of Thomas Biddulph, son of Charles Biddulph, Burton, 28 December 1777, to the Bursar and Gentlemen of Eton College, on behalf of his father who is ill with gout, saying that his claim to the tythes of Warningcamp is as good as that he has to Burton and his other estates which were the late Sir William Goring's, who died upwards of 50 years ago.

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Copy of Richard Wyatt, Steyning 3 January 1778, to the same. He holds the tythes of Coartweek farm in Lemenster on the same terms as Sir James and Sir George Coalbrook did in paying 6s: 8d a year to the vicar of Lemenster. He had his title approved by Mr Dewain when he purchased the estate.

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George Woodall, Arundell, 25 January 1778, to the Rev^d Dr. Roberts sending letters from Mr Biddulph and Mr Wyatt concerning the tythes of Leominster Parsonage.

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The same, Arundell, 10 January 1779, to the same concerning the same.

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Edward Johnson, Chichester, 31 March 1781, to the same, on behalf of several of the proprietors of land in the common fields of Week in Leominster, asking that the College will concur, in respect of its lands there, in their plan for exchanges among them of many detached parcels, in order that the lands of each proprietor can become more concentrated.

Seal, red wax.

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Introduction

The property of the College at Pirton, co. Hertford, was acquired as a result of Letters Patent of 9th July 1516 to Richard Copcot and John Same granting them a license to alienate in mortmain to the Provost and College the manor of Pirton alias Pirton alias Odynsellys, together with certain specified lands.^{1.} Robert Clutterbuck's History and Antiquities of the County of Hertford (1827)^{2.} gives further information about the acquisition. Roger Lupton, Provost of Eton, had bought the estate from Richard Dycens, esquire, for £500 on 4th July 1515, with a view of giving it to the College. "For better carrying his donation into effect," he gave the same in fee simple to Richard Copcot(t) and John Sam(e) by deed of 13th July 1515. These trustees granted the property in perpetuity to the Provost and College by deed of 9th December 1518. This information is said by Clutterbuck to have been taken "from the Evidences of Eton College." Such evidences have not yet come my way.

The College manor at Pirton, the manor of Oddingsells, was often called, and in the College leases was called, the moiety of the manor of Pirton. It was that part of the manor of Pirton which on the death of Basilia Oddingsells near the end of the

1. Eton College Records Vol. XXXIX no. 154

2. Vol. III p. 123

thirteenth century fell to the share of her son, Hugh.³

Mr Doewrar, who appears as the writer of a note among the documents (no. 25), was presumably either Perian Doewra, lord of the manor of Pirton, who died in 1642, or Thomas, his son.

The Rectories, together with the advowsons of the Vicarages of Oakley and Bronham, in Bedfordshire, were granted to the College by the Crown in a deed of exchange by Letters Patent of 30th August 1547.⁴ Tithes in Clapham and the advowson of the chapel there were included with Oakley Rectory. Oakley with Clapham and Bronham had formerly belonged to the Priory of Caldwell in Bedfordshire and the oldest lease of Oakley recorded in the present volume is, in fact, not a College lease but a copy of the last lease from the Prior of Caldwell, of 1534, (no. 74), produced in connection with legal proceedings in 1638 (see nos. 71 to 79). These proceedings are interesting among other reasons as showing the ambiguity of the status of Clapham in the early seventeenth century, and as providing us with two attractive informal documents, nos. 72 and 73, being notes relating to the journey to London of a Fellow of the College, Thomas Weaver, on "Oakley buisness" in Michaelmas term

3. Victoria County History, Herts., Vol. III, p. 49.

4. Eton College Records, Vol. XXXIX, no. 162.

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1638. Maxwell Lyte tells us that Weaver was a generous benefactor of the College in the matter of coats of arms, a communion cup and desks, pews and other wood work, also that he was musical. Our notes bear out this last fact. For Weaver's agenda in London include, in addition to "A leather nightcapp" and "Carie broken spectacles," "Carie y^e jack of y^e harpsicord for a new one." The notes also contain a list of books printed in Venice and Paris, 1608 to 1629, without indication whether they were to be bought, bound, sold or for what other purpose they were an item of Weaver's business in London.

No original leases of Brotham are found at Eton between that of 1st November 1566 and that of 15th December 1651. The Victoria County History,⁵ however, draws attention to the copy of a College lease of 1638 to Sir Lewis Dyve which is among the State Papers, Domestic.⁶ The disparity of the rents in this lease with those both of the 1566 and the 1651 lease will be noted.

Noel Blakiston

5. Bedfordshire Vol. 111 p. 48.

6. Calendar of State Papers Domestic, Addenda 1625-1649 p.537.

Pirton, co. Hertford

(1 to 25)

Counterpart of indenture of bargain and sale, 19th
 November 1520, by master Roger Lupton, Provost, to John Fryday
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 otherwise called Peryton, co. Herts, called Tyngley wood viz. 15
 acres of wood and underwood to be measured by the perch or pole
 containing 18 feet in length by the squyer and so every acre to
 be 40 perch or pole in length and 4 pole in breadth of the
 measure aforesaid. For 40 $\frac{1}{2}$, that is to say 4 marks for every
 acre, of which 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ is to be paid at St. John Baptist's day next
 and 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ at the same feast next ensuing. The grantees to fell
 the said wood and underwood in winter between Martinmas and the
 middle of March, except the oaks and ashes, for saving of the
 bark, to be felled till the middle of May. And the spring of
 the wood to be saved so that it be not hurt negligently in
 felling, lying or carrying. They are to have two years of
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 the Provost and College for tithe if any be due. At their own
 costs they are to make a sufficient hedge about the wood, the
 stakes being of oak where needful, so that the hedge shall
 stand and save the spring of the wood for the term of seven
 years next after the felling thereof. In every acre of the
 wood there shall be left growing 50 standards of young oaks if
 so may be there or else to fill the number with young ashes
 if these may be found. If the ground of the wood is found to

contain within the bounds or ditches of the same more than 15 acres, they are to pay the grantors in their second payment for the over measure at the rate of 53g : 4d. And if it contain less, they shall be abated proportionately at the same rate.
Eton.

Memorandum of receipt by the Provost and College in part payment of 40 l of 6g : 8d by the hands of Richard Fytzwater. Seal, round, 12 mm, redwax, on doubled tag. A device. There is another doubled tag, with no trace of a Seal.

Endorsements.

Memorandum by Nicholas Smale and Richard Wynnesmor, bursars, of the receipt by the hands of Richard Fytzwater on 8th July 1521 of 20 l.

Memorandum by Richard Wynnesmor and William West, bursars, of the receipt on 23rd October 1522 of 23 l : 13g : 4d.

Memorandum of agreement between the parties to the Indenture that the grantees shall have three years of utterance of the premises from Christmas 1520, that is to say the first two years to fell the bigger wood or coppice and the third year to fell the less part that lies by itself and shall keep the spring of the said coppice and hedges and closures of the same for 7 years next after that the wood and underwood is felled and carried at their costs and charges, notwithstanding anything written in the indenture.

Bond by the said Fryday and Tristram, yeoman, to the
Provost and College in 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the observance of the foregoing.
Seal, redwax (?), as on the foregoing, on tongue.

Counterpart of lease, 30th November 1555, by the Provost
and College to Richard Assheton, of Shetelyngton, co. Beds,
yeoman, of the site of their moiety of the manor of Pyrton with
all the demesne lands belonging, also the moiety of their two
woods there called Odyngsilles woods, and all manner of rents
and profits appertaining in as ample manner as one Thomas Semme
late held the same, except all perquisites of courts and leets
and the keeping of the same, and all great trees growing or
that shall grow on the tenements there always reserved to the
grantors. From Lady day 1557 for 20 years. Rent 21 $\frac{1}{2}$: 6s : 8d,
and one bear to be delivered at Christmas or 20s. The lessee
to keep the premises repaired with rough timber assigned to him
therefrom. When the lessee fells timber for fuel or for sale
he is to leave in every acre sufficient standers according to
the statute and shall protect the springs and woods from all
dangers so much as in him lies. The lessee to provide honest
lodging with man's meat and horse meat for one day and one
night whenever a member of the College shall come or send
another to hold a court there.

Seal, round, 15 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. A fleur de lys.

4.

Bond by the said Asheton to the Provost and College in 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the making of a terrar of the premises within three years. 30th November 1555.

Seal, redwax, fragmentary, on tongue.

5.

Bond by the said Richard Asheton and Thomas Asheton, of Old Weston, co. Hunts, and Thomas Edwards, citizen of London, carrier, to the same in 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the observance of the foregoing indenture.

Signature of Edwards.

Sealed and delivered in the church of St. Paul (? ad fontem).

5th February 1556.

Three Seals, round, redwax, on tongues.

- (1) About 13 mm. Partial impression of a head in profile.
- (2) 20 mm. A bearded head in profile.
- (3) 20 mm. A city gate between R and (?).

6.

Counterpart of lease, 10th April 1569, by the Provost and College to Thomas Asheton, of Grayes Inne, co. Middlesex, gentleman, of the same, but reserving only the great trees.

From Lady day last for 21 years. Rent 21 $\frac{1}{2}$: 6s : 3d and 20 good wether sheep to be delivered at Eton in the pasture called "the playing lease" on the feast of St. Bartholomew or 6s : 3d

for every such sheep, and one bear at Christmas or 20s. The lessees to permit the lessors from time to time to hold courts of survey upon the premises, in which courts the lessors shall not intermeddle or have anything to do with any taxing of any fine or income for the grant or admittance of any copyhold estate, or with any profits of the courts there, and the authority that the lessors shall have in the said courts shall be only to give judgment upon such actions, quarrels and suits as shall happen to be depending in the said courts. Within three months of holding any court or leet, copies of the court notes are to be sent to the lessors. All courts are to be entitled and entered in the name of the Provost and College. The lessees to provide once a year for any representative of the lessors who shall come to keep any Court Baron, Survey or Leete, for two days and three nights. The lessee binds himself in 50 l for the observance of the indenture. *Signature of lessee.*

Seal, round, 20 mm., redwax, on doubled tag.

A monogram of THOMAS ASHTON, beneath (? a sprig of ASH) and above a TUN.

7.

Counterpart of lease, 20th June 1569, by the same to the same of the same. From Lady day 1590, or whenever it shall happen that the foregoing lease shall be ended, for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Seal, as on foregoing.

8.

Counterpart of lease, 6th October 1608, by the same to John Thame, of Bagworth parke, co. Leicester, gentleman, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rent 14 $\frac{1}{2}$: 4 $\frac{a}{2}$: 5 $\frac{d}{2}$ and 10 quarters 5 bushels 2 pecks of wheat and 14 quarters 2 bushels of malt or their money equivalent after the rate of Windsor market, and 20 sheep (or 6 $\frac{a}{2}$: 8 $\frac{d}{2}$ each) and one boar or 33 $\frac{a}{2}$: 4 $\frac{d}{2}$.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, redwax, on doubled tag, fragmentary.

Witnesses: Thomas Hoddison, Benjamin Owtred, public notary.

9.

Counterpart of lease, 30th October 1611, by the same to John Hammond, of Pirton, gentlemen, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signature of lessee (Hammond)

15
Seal, round, 15 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. A water
bird.

Witnesses: Benjamin Owtred, Thomas Dickinson.

10.

Counterpart of lease, 27th November 1617, by the same, to
the same upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From
Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 16 x 13 mm., redwax on doubled tag. Armorial
a bend battled-counter-battled between two crosses
crosslet. Above the shield D C.

Witnesses: Benjamin Owtred, public notary, Thomas
Hutchinson.

11.

Counterpart of lease, 20th May 1618, by the same to the
same, upon the surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From
Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, as on foregoing.

Witnesses: Benjamin Owtred, public notary, Ran. Patin.

12.

Counterpart of lease, 16th November 1625, by the same to
the same, upon the surrender of the foregoing, of the same.
From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

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Signature of lessee.

Traces of Seal, redwax, on doubled tag.

Witnesses: James Holt, Henry Sayer

13.

Counterpart of lease, 3rd October 1631, by the same, to the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 14 x 10 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. I H upon a floral pattern.

Witnesses: John Veniere, Henry Sayer, junior.

14.

Counterpart of lease, 9th April 1638, by the same to the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 10 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. A rose.

Witnesses: George Lashe, Christofaro Palledi, William Tydder (mark).

15.

Counterpart of lease, 27th July 1658, by the same, upon surrender of a lease to Robert Hamond the elder and Robert Hamond the younger, gentleman, to the said Robert Hamond the elder and Susan, his wife, of the same. From Lady day last for

21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Two Seals, round, 13 mm., redwax, papered. No detailed impressions made through the paper.

Witnesses: T. Vauxe, William Woodell.

16.

Counterpart of lease, 4th August 1673, by the same, upon surrender of a lease to Robert Hamond, deceased, to Robert Collison, of Pirton, yeoman, guardian of Robert Hamond, son of the said Robert Hamond, late of Pirton, gentleman, deceased, of the same. From Lady day 1672 for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 13 mm., redwax, applied. Armorial, a bar between three lilies, two and one.

Witnesses: Thomas Vauxe, Joseph May (mark).

17.

Counterpart of lease, 27th August 1679, by the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, to Jeremiah Carter, of Hitchin, co. Herts, yeoman, of the same. From Lady day last for 21 years. Rents etc. as before.

Signature of lessee, "Jeremy Carter".

Fragment of Seal, redwax, on doubled tag.

Witnesses: Thomas Vauxe, Thomas Hammond.

18.

Bond, 27th August 1679, by the lessee in 100 l for the observance of the foregoing. (paper)

Signatures as on foregoing.

Seal, round, 10 mm., redwax, applied. A rose.

19.

Indenture of lease, 31st December 1753, by the Provost and College, upon surrender of a lease to Edward Lacy, to Margaret Sparhawk, of Baldoock, co. Herts, widow, and executor of William Sparhawk, late of the same, gentleman, deceased, who was executor and residuary legatee of the will of Edward Sparhawk, gentleman, deceased, of the same. From 5th April last for 20 years. Rents etc. as before (except that the carcasses of the sheep to weigh 44 pounds, or their money equivalent). Examined by William Hetherington.

Doubled tag for the College Seal, which has been cut away.

20.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 20 x 17 mm., redwax, applied. Armorial, on a Greek cross a mullet.

Witnesses: Isaac Wilkinson, Thomas Barnes.

Examined by William Cooke.

21.

Indenture of lease, 24th March 1763, by the same, upon
surrender of the foregoing, to the same. From 5th April 1760
for 20 years. Rents etc. as before.

Examined by R.^d Lyne.

The Collage Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

22.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, about 15 mm., red wax, applied. Armorial
on a chevron between three birds, two and one,
six lilies.

Witnesses: Edward Sparhawk, Isaac Wilkinson.

Examined by William Hetherington.

23.

Draft of lease, 8th April 1789, by the same to Lady
Frances Radcliffe, widow, and Sir Charles Farnaby Radcliffe,
Bart., acting executors of John Radcliffe, esquire, deceased,
upon surrender of a lease to the said John Radcliffe, of the
same. From 5th April last for 20 years. Rents etc. as
before. 8 fs. paper.

24.

Indenture of conveyance, 15th February 1800, by the same,
for 4926 l : 8s : 4d, to Dame Penelope Farnaby Radcliffe, of
the Priory near Hitchin, and Charles John Clarke, of the same,
esquire, of the same. The indenture is tripartite between the

Collage, the Commissioners for Redemption of Land Tax, and the purchasers. The premises had been leased to the purchasers on 7th February 1800 for 21 years from Michaelmas last.

The document is not authenticated.

25.

Mr. Doewrar's note concerning the rent of Pirton.

Manerium de Pirton. Rent to the Collage 21 l : 6s : 8d, with 20 weathers or 20 nobles viz. 6 l : 13s : 4d and a boar or 20s. Total 29 l.

Of this, 13 l : 11s : 4d is of copy and free rents, 40s profits of court, 6 l : 13s : 4d the weathers, 20s the boar and 5 l : 15s : 4d the rent of the demesnes besides. (? mid 17th century.)

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Oakley and Clapham, co. Bedford

(26 to 37)

Counterpart of lease, 1st August 1613, by the Provost and College to John Faldowe, of Okeley, co. Beds, gentleman, upon surrender of his former lease, of the Rectory and Parsonage of Okeley, with all houses, barns, edifices, buildings, orchards, gardens, yards, glebe lands, meadows, pastures, feedings, waters, fishings and other commodities appertaining thereto, and tithes of corn, hay and wood, and the tithes of Bayouse Wood in Clapham and all other tithes appertaining within the parish precincts and bounds of Okeley and Clapham, parcel of the said Rectory; except the advowson of the Vicarage of Okeley and of the chapel of Clapham, with their own woods and tithes, and all rents etc. belonging to the manor of Okeley and Clapham always reserved to the lessors. From Lady day last for 21 years. Rent 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 quarters of wheat and 8 quarters of malt, or their money equivalent. The lessees to keep the buildings and the chancel of the church in repair, and to receive the College representatives for two days and three nights, at one week's notice, each year, when they shall come to keep courts or for other purposes. Within the space of three years they are to make a terrar of all the glebe lands and tenements belonging to the premises.

Signature of lessee, "John Faldo".

Seal, round, 14 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. A fleur de lys.

Witnesses: Benjamin Owtred, public notary, Thomas Hewes,
Thomas Hochinson.

27.

Counterpart of lease, 1st September 1624, by the same to
the same (Faldoe), upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same
(Bayhouse). From Lady day last for 21 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 13 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. A pelican
in her piety.

Witnesses: Thomas Hutchinson, Henry Sayer.

28.

Counterpart of lease, 16th April 1634, by the same to the
same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From Lady
day last for 21 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 13 x 11 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. A goat
passant.

Witnesses: Thomas Hochinson, Robert Faldo, Henry Sayer.

29.

Counterpart of lease, 20th December 1647, by the same to
the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From
Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Traces of Seal, redwax, on doubled tag.

Witnesses: Robert Powkes, Robert Faldo, Thomas Spencar.

30.

Counterpart of lease, 2nd May 1659, by the same, upon
surrender of a lease to John Faldoe, gentleman, deceased, to
Robert Faldoe, of Okeley, gentleman, of the same. From Michael-
mas last for 21 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, redwax, on doubled tag. A bad impression.

Witnesses: Robert Needler, registrar, John Hollenshed.

31.

Counterpart of lease, 20th August 1666, by the same to
the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, of the same. From
Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Doubled tag for Seal, which has been cut off.

Witnesses: Thomas Aspin or Asperin, Robert Woodwad.

32.

Indenture of lease, 21st December 1747, by the same, upon
surrender of a lease to John Russell, gentleman, to John, Duke
of Bedford, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years.
Rents as before.

Examined by George Harris.

The College Seal and tag are missing.

33.

Counterpart of lease, 16th November 1751, by the same,
upon surrender of the foregoing, to the same of the same. From

Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 45 mm., papered, applied. Armorial, the Garter, arms, supporters and motto (Bedford).

Witnesses: R. Butcher, Richard Branson.

Examined by William Hetherington.

34.

Indenture of lease, 14th February 1756, by the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, to the same of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by Richard Lyne.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

35.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as before.

Witnesses: R. Butcher, William Tyrrell.

Examined by William Hetherington.

36.

Bond by the lessee, 14th February 1756, in 200 l for the observance of the foregoing.

Signature, Seal and witnesses as on foregoing, paper 2 fn.

37.

Counterpart of lease, 20th December 1759, by the same, upon surrender of his former lease, to the same of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 18 x 15 mm., redwax, applied. Amorial, the Garter.

Witnesses: Richard Vernon, P. Beaumont.

Examined by Stephen Apthorp.

38.

Indenture of lease, 20th December 1763, by the same, upon surrender of the foregoing to the same of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by G. R. Lyne.

Doubled tag for the College Seal, which has been cut away.

39.

Counterpart of lease, 15th March 1768, by the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, to the same of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as before (no. 33)

Witnesses: Robert Palmer, P. Beaumont.

Examined by Stephen Apthorp.

Counterpart of lease, 17th December 1771, by the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, to Gertrude, Duchess of Bedford, Caroline, Duchess of Marlborough and Robert Palmer, of Bloorbury Square, Middlesex, esquire, executors of the will of John, Duke of Bedford, deceased, of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Three Seals, redwax, applied, bad impressions.

Witnesses: Don: Murray, Daniel Beaumont.

Examined by W. H. Roberts.

Counterpart of lease, 15th December 1779, by the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, to the same of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Three Seals, oval, redwax, applied.

(1) 23 x 20 mm. The shield lozenge shaped. Armorial, Bedford impaling (?) (G. Bedford).

(2) 23 x 20 mm. G. G. (G. Marlborough).

(3) 20 x 17 mm. Armorial, cheque in chief two mullets (Palmer).

Witnesses: J. Harrington, Daniel Beaumont.

Examined by Thomas Chamberlayne.

42.

Bond, 17th November 1787, by Francis, Duke of Bedford, in 200 l for the observance of the terms of a lease of the same date.

Signature of the Duke.

Seal, about 30 x 25 mm., redwax, applied. Armorial, Russell, with crown, supporters and motto.

Witnesses: J. Harrington, Daniel Beaumont. Paper, 2 fs.

43.

Counterpart of lease, 17th December 1791, by the College to Francis, Duke of Bedford, upon surrender of his former lease, of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, redwax, applied. A bad impression.

Witnesses: Daniel Beaumont, S. Williams.

Examined by John Norbury.

44.

Counterpart of lease, 21st April 1796, by the same, upon surrender of the foregoing, to the same of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before (232 gallons of wheat and 576 gallons of malt).

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 25 x 22 mm., redwax, applied. Armorial, Russell, with crown, supporters and motto.

Witnesses: John Gotobed, J. Wing.

Examined by Benjamin Heath.

45.

Indenture of lease, 18th October 1799, by the same, upon
surrender of the foregoing, to the same of the same. From
10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by William Roberts.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

46.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as on no. 44.

Witness: Thomas Pearce Brown, 15 Norfolk Street.

Examined by William Roberts.

47.

Bond by the lessee, 18th October 1799, in 200 l for the
observance of the foregoing.

Signature, Seal and witness as on foregoing. Paper, 2 fs.

48.

Indenture of lease, 1st March 1804, by the College, upon
surrender of a lease to Francis, Duke of Bedford, to John, Duke
of Bedford, of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years.
Rents as before, together with 16 l in consideration of the
Redemption of Land tax.

Examined by Benjamin Heath.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

49.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as on no. 44.

Witnesses: Daniel Beaumont, Thomas Pearce Brown,
Norfolk Street.

50.

Counterpart of lease, 5th August 1808, by the same, upon
surrender of the foregoing, to the same of the same.

Signature, Seal and witnesses as on foregoing.

Examined by Benjamin Heath.

51.

Counterpart of lease, 19th October 1857, by the same, for
542 l : 18g : 2l and the surrender of his former lease, to
Francis Duke of Bedford, of the same. From 11th October last
for 10 years. Rents as before.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, rectangular horizontal, 27 x 22 mm., red wax,

applied. Armorial, Russell, with crown, supporters,
motto and Garter.

Witnesses: Christopher Haedy, Charles Parker, Bedford
Office, Bloomsbury.

Examined by J. J. Wilder.

Indenture of conveyance, 30th March 1876, by the same, for 16,275 £ , to Francis Charles Hastings, Duke of Bedford, of the Rectory or Parsonage of Oakley (but not the advowson of the Vicarage) and the tithes of Bayhouse Wood in Clapham and all other tithes and rent charges in lieu of tithes appertaining to the rectory, or allotments awarded and the redeemed land tax of 13 £ , and the fee farm rent of 1 l : 5 s : 8 d payable in respect of the rectory, and the waters and bed soil and banks of the river Ouse and all fishings and other appurtenances, and those parcels of arable and pasture land with the house and buildings thereon described in a schedule and shown on a plan, containing in the whole 230 acres 7 perches, to hold to the use of himself and his heirs and assigns for ever, subject to the obligation of maintaining the chancel of the parish church of Oakley. His widow shall not be entitled to dower out of the premises.

The schedule enumerates the parcels of land, with reference to the numbers in the Tithe apportionment. The following place names occur:- Home piece and meadow, Hungry Hill close, Colsey meadow, Folly close, Knaves Bush Ground, Brock Ground, Road Hill Ground, Long Hill Ground, Crow Hill Ground. A coloured plan on part of the second sheet of parchment shows the fields, the church, house and buildings, the river Ouse, the line of the Midland Railway from Nottingham to Bedford, the road from Blotsoe to Bedford and other roads, the parish gravel

pit, and the names of adjacent proprietors; 6 chains to an inch, compass indicator; 1 ft. 4.4 in. x 1 ft. 7.4 in.

Signature of grantee.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

The grantee's Seal, oval horizontal, 33 x 28 mm., redwax, applied. Armorial, Russell, with crown, supporters and motto.

Witness for the Duke: Thomas T. Wing, Bedford Office.

Endorsed with receipt for the purchase money by Charles O. Goodford, Provost, for himself and the College, witness: T. H. Richard, clerk to Messrs Hallows, Price and Hallows, 39 Bedford Row, solicitors.

53.

Receipt from the Duke of Bedford, 29th April 1756, of 75 l, for the use the Rev. Mr Thomas Ashton. Signed by Caesar Hughes for Messrs Henry and Richard Hoare and partners. 1 l.

54.

Tax Office.

Form of the Certificate of the Amount of the Land Tax, and the lands upon which it is assessed.

Certificate by John Gibbard, esquire, and Edmund Williamson, clerk, two of the Commissioners of Land Tax for the county of Bedford, in respect of lands in the parish of Brotham, described (as in no. 57), of the apportionment of 34 l : 17s : 9d

(of the total sum of 177 $\frac{1}{2}$: 16g) to the College in Land Tax.
1 $\frac{1}{2}$., printed, completed in MS.

55.

A similar certificate by the same in respect of lands in the parish of Oakley (as in no. 57) of the apportionment of 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ (of the total sum of 90 $\frac{1}{2}$: 2g : 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d) to the College in Land Tax.
1 $\frac{1}{2}$., printed, completed in MS.

56.

Land-Tax Register Office, no. 9 Lincoln's Inn Fields.
Certificate of the registration of the following Contract (no. 57) by George Harrison, Principal Register, 13th February 1800. Noted as having been exhibited on 22nd March 1800 to James Giles, Collector of the parish of Oakley.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$., printed, completed in MS.

57.

Tax Office.

Certificate of Contract for the Redemption of Land Tax, Brunham and Oakley, co. Beds., by William Hooper and Anthony Denvert, clerks, Commissioners appointed for the purposes of the Act viz. contract with the College for the Redemption by them of:-

- (1) 34 $\frac{1}{2}$: 17g : 9d Land Tax, being their share of the Land Tax charged upon a messuage or farm house and farm and 128 acres 14 poles of land occupied therewith, and 21 acres

58.

A BILL for Dividing, Allotting, and Inclosing the Open and Common Fields, Common and Lammes Meadows, Commons, and Waste Lands, within the Parish of Oakley, in the County of Bedford, 1803.

Examined by W. Roberts and annotated. Gotobed, Brown and Gotobed, solicitors.

23 printed numbered pages, sewn together.

59.

An Act for the same.

Examined by W. R. Noted that Royal Assent was given 17th May 1803.

24 printed numbered pages, sewn together.

60.

Appointment, 22nd November 1854, by the Provost and College of Stou of George Crocker, of Burnham co. Bucks, Land Valuer, to be an arbitrator to settle and determine, in conjunction with an arbitrator to be appointed by the Midland Railway Company, the amount of purchase money and compensation to be paid by the Company for the purchase of parcels of land mentioned in a schedule and for injury done to adjoining land and hereditaments, the property of the College, by reason of the taking of the lands and the construction of an extension of the Midland Railway from Leicester to Hitchin. The schedule refers to 3 acres 0 roods 34 perches in the parish of Oakley, co Beds.

The College Seal, papered, applied.

With a declaration by George Crocker that he will faithfully hear and determine the matters, subscribed in the presence of Robert Blount, magistrate for New Windsor, 1st February 1855.

2 ls.

6l.

A terrar of all the lands, tenements and hereditaments belonging to the College in Okeley and Clapham now in the occupation of John Faldo, farmer of the Rectory there, and of Robert Foxkes, Vicar of Okeley with the chapel of Clapham, made 7th December 1621.

- (1) The Rectory, consisting of one mansion house called the parsonage, with three barns, a stable, a cow-house, a dovehouse with a yard, orchard and garden, containing by estimation half an acre of ground.
- (2) A close of pasture thereto adjoining, containing six acres, with divers elm trees growing in the hedgerows of the close, of the nourishing and planting of the said tenant in possession and of his ancestors.
- (3) A gore of ley ground lying in the Westfield adjoining a meadow there called Beverye meade containing half a rood, the land late Richard Scott's lying on the north.

- (4) The ground and river of ^{the} Ouse with the fishing on both sides of the same water beginning at the west end of the corner of the vicarage wall and ending at the east end of the parsonage close corner.
- (5) All the tithes of corn, hay and wood renewing and growing yearly in Okeley, and all tithes of whatsoever kind renewing and growing yearly in Clapham, do belong to the Rectory or parsonage of Okeley.
- (6) A competent vicarage house adjoining the parsonage house, disposed into six rooms, three beneath and three above, with a kitchen, a barn of two bays and a yard containing one rood of ground, with all manner of tithes arising in Okeley (except the tithe of corn, hay and wood aforesaid) belongs to the vicarage of Okeley.
- (7) The churchyard of Okeley, containing half an acre of ground, belongs to the vicarage.

Terrar of all the lands, tenements and hereditaments belonging to the College in Okaley now in the occupation of Robert Falde, farmer of the Rectory there, made 1667.

- (1) The Rectory, the mansion house called the parsonage house, with three barns, a stable, a hay barn, a dovehouse, a malthouse, two small orchards or garden plots.
- (2) A close of pasture and yard containing six acres, with some elm trees and ash trees growing in the hedgerows of the said close.
- (3) A gore of ley ground lying in the West Feild adjoining a meadow there called Bevery Meade.
- (4) The ground of river of Oyse with the fishing on both sides of the water beginning at the west end of the corner of the Vicarage Wall and extending to the east end of the parsonage close corner.
- (5) All the tyth corn, hay and wood, the tyth wood of Bayhouse lying in Clapham do belong to the Rectory of Okaley and the small tythes to the Vicar. 1 m.

Terrar of all the lands, tenements and hereditaments belonging to the College in Okaley and Clapham in the occupation of Robert Faldee, farmer of the Rectory there, made 1682.

- (1) The Rectory of Oakley with the chapel of Clapham, with their rights, members and appurtenances.
- (2) A mansion house called the parsonage, with three barns, a stable, a cow house, a dovehouse, a yard, orchard and garden containing half an acre of ground.
- (3) A close of pasture thereto adjoining, containing six acres, with diverse elm trees growing in the hedgerows of the same in possession of Robert Foldoe and his ancestors.
- (4) A gore of ley ground lying in the West Feild adjoining Beverie Meade, containing half a rood, the land of Richard Scotts lying on the north.
- (5) The ground and river of Ouse in Oakley with the fishing on both sides of the same water beginning at the west end of the corner of the vicarage wall and extending to the east end of the parsonage close corner.
- (6) All the tythe corn, hay and wood, and the tythe of Bayhouse wood, renewing and growing yearly in Oakley do belong to the Rectory, and the residue of the tythe to the Vicarage.

64.

A Terrar and Description of the Parsonage House and Glebe Land belonging to the Parsonage of Oakley, 11th March 1752. Particulars are given, with references to numbers in the plan, of the Parsonage buildings and closes, covering 6 acres 1 rood 4 perches; and of Tithe Dells in Beverley, Susoe and Thyrne Meadows, covering 3 acres 2 roods 2 perches, with names of occupants and adjacent occupants; and of a piece in Beverley Moors in West Field. Signed J. Davis. 1 p.

65.

A Terrar and Description, similar to the foregoing, written and signed by Thomas Butcher, agent to the Duke of Bedford. Noted: "This Terrar by Butcher was delivered to the College in the year 1764, and is agreeable to some other late Terrars within a few years past".

Also noted: "September 1767 The above Terrar examined and found right, Edward Smith". 1 f.

66.

A Yearly Estimate of the Glebe Lands and Tithes of Oakley. Surveyed and estimated by Edward Smith September 1767. 1 f.

67.

A Yearly Estimate of the Tithes of Clapham, the last part of which are inclosed lands and several the west part open fields and common. By Edward Smith September 1767. 1 f.

68.

Particulars of Oakley and Clapham taken from the mouth of Mr Smith, the surveyor, 25th September 1767, by the Bursar (William Cooke). The Duke's principal tenant, living in the Parsonage is one Field. "Smith could obtain no information from any of the Duke's tenants. All he could learn was from one of the Hiltons, an old man of above 70. Field, in particular, to whom he several times applied, would enter into no communications with him; nor could he get a sight of any of the Parish Rates or Assessments". Old Hilton not a tenant of the Duke.

1 f.

69.

A Terrier and Description of the Parsonage House and Glebe Land belonging to the Parsonage of Oakley, 23rd June 1800, by J. Wing, agent of the Duke of Bedford.

1 m.

70.

Plan of the Farm-house and Homestead at Oakley in Bedfordshire, taken by William Lane, 19th November 1821. Pen and ink. Scale $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to 10 feet. In addition to the plan there is an elevation of the farmhouse. The river Ouse is shown. The sheet measures 1 ft. 4 in. x 11.1 in.

71.

The Provoct and College, John Faldoe and Robert Fowkes, plaintiffs, against James Waferer, James Digby, John Smith and Giles James, defendants, by English bill, concerning the tythes

of Clopham, whether they belong to the Rectory of Okeley or the Rectory of Clopham, order that the plaintiffs shall enjoy the tythes only within the great wood called Bayns Wood containing 70 acres lying within the precincts or tytheable places of Clopham. Touching all other tythes in Clopham they shall have no right. Easter term 5 Charles I, May 1629. 3 ls.

72.

Mr Weaver and Mr Harrison's expenses being sent to London about Olie buisnes termino Michaelis 1638.

To Mr Keeling in the Crown Office for enrolling the warrant to sell Coken woods. 6s : 8d.

To the same for an extract of the orders by Lord Holland for bringing in the Cha: claim 2s

To Mr Harrison (our Counsel) for drawing the bill and setting his hand. 20s.

For copying and engrossing the bill 5s.

(For the paper book of indenture concerning the tenement in Windsor where Sadler dwells. 5s.

This account belongs to the reckoning of the poor).

For six days for Mr Weaver and his servant, meat, drink and fire. 1 l : 17s : 9d.

For horsemeat for 2 geldings six nights and one gelding five nights, ut per billam. 1 l : 4s : 10d.

On the back of this sheet, memorandus by John Hales of

receipt from Mr Weaver on 25th November 1638 of the warrant to
sell Cockam woods and the copy of the order out of Mr Keeling's
office to shew our claim.

1 f.
73.

Notes, presumably by Thomas Weaver, for the foregoing
journey. "Directions for London October 12th 1638.

A girdle with a long claspe before.

A leather nightcapp.

Carie y^e Jack of y^e harpsicord for a new one in y^e box.

Pay Mr Start.

Carie broken spectacles.

Penknife".

There follows a list of nine books, printed in Venice and
Paris, 1608 to 1629.

Memoranda: "Mr Iver in y^e little old Baylie neere y^e
White Lyon, Mr Fitch Lyeth at Mr White's in y^e White Fryere".

On the back of this sheet, notes of documents carried
relating to Okelle, Goldcliff, Cockam, with notes concerning
Blakenham and Cresting.

1 f.

Documents in the College case, 1638.

nos. 74 to 79.

Document numbered 1.

Copy of lease, 4th August 1534, by Thomas, Prior of the Priory of St. John Baptist and St. John Evangelist of Caldwell, and the convent of the same, to Richard Deye of the parsonage of Ooley with all tythes as corn, hay and wood belonging within the parish of Ooley, also the tythe of Bayonwood in the parish of Clapham, except the advowson of the Vicarage of Ooley and Clapham with all their own woods and tythe of the same and all manner of rents, suits and services belonging to the manor of Ooley and Clapham being always reserved to the lessors. To hold from the end of the natural life of Sir John Wisant for 71 years. Rent 12 l. The lessors to pay all manner of dymes and other charges as to the queristers of Lincoln or other. The lessee to repair and maintain the buildings of the parsonage as in "tyling theking winding splenting daubinge y^e yearthwork" and all other reparations except great timber which shall be delivered to the lessor within 3 miles of Ooley by the lessors as need shall require. The lessee to bear the costs of 2 visits a year by the Prior, cellarer and steward when they come to keep court, and to find straw for the church of Ooley to be strowed as it has been of old time accustomed to be strowed. If the payments of the rent are 14 days in arrears the lessors may enter and distrain. Given in the Chapter House of Caldwell. 1 l.

Document numbered 2.

Copy of the Record in the Augmentation Office for Ookeley and Bronham Rectories purchased for Eton College.

Ookeley. The farm of the Rectory is valued at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$: 16 $\frac{3}{4}$: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, viz. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ less 3 $\frac{3}{4}$: 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ for procurations and sinodals paid to the Bishop of Lincoln.

The Rectory is leased to Richard Daye by Indenture of 4th August 1534 for 21 (an) years from the death of John Vyan, clerk.

Bronham. The farm of the Rectory is valued at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$: 3 $\frac{3}{4}$: 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, viz. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ less 5 $\frac{3}{4}$: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the pension of the Vicar (40 $\frac{3}{4}$) and procurations and sinodals (16 $\frac{3}{4}$: 8 $\frac{1}{2}$).

The Rectory is leased to John Wernett by Indenture of 7th October 1527 from Lady day 1528 for 23 years.

The copy, examined by Richard Brasier, Deputy Auditor, has been made on 1st June 1547 for the College of Eton. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Document numbered 3.

Copy of grant by Thomas Chamberlaine, of Oole alias Aole, clerk, to Henry Seckford, of St. John's in Middlesex and Rebecca, his wife, of all such vicarage tythes, profits, comodities, duties and demands in Clapham as are in any way due to him (Chamberlaine), together with all right therein; also full power to place a sufficient minister or reader there to do divine

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service and to discharge the cure there. To have the said
tythes etc. and full power from Michaelmas 1600 for 21 years.
6th January 1601-2. 2 fs.

77.

Document numbered 4.

Copies of Bill and Answer.

(1) Trinity term 1633. In the Exchequer. To William
(Juxon), Bishop of London, Lord Treasurer, Francis, Lord
Cottington, Chancellor and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer,
Sir Humphrey Doveport, Knight, Chief Baron, and the other
Barons of the Court.

Bill of complaint of Anthony Topham, D. D., Dean of
Lincoln, Hamblett Marshall, D. D., Chanter and one of the
Chapter there, Robert Meeres, D. D., Chancellor, Morgan Wynne,
D. D., Archdeacon, Robert Nevell, D. D., Subdean, and the rest
of the Chapter there, debtors and accountants to the Crown,
showing that they are entitled to a pension of 26*g* : 8*d* from
the Rectory of Oakley, of which the College of Eton is seized
in fee and Robert Faldowe is the occupier and farmer, and com-
plaining that some persons have made and contrived secret
estates and conveyances by which the plaintiffs cannot make it
appear from what lands the said pension should issue and so
cannot recover the same at common law, and therefore they ask
for the issue of a writ of distringes against the College of

Eton and writs of subpoena to Robert Faldow and others to appear before the Court of Exchequer Chamber to answer concerning the premises.

Bourchier (counsel for the defendants). 7 fs.

(2) The joint and several Answer of Thomas Wever and John Harison, two of the Fellows on behalf of themselves and of the College, defendants, to the Bill of Complaint of Anthony Topham, Dean of Lincoln, Hallett Marshall, Chanter of the Cathedral of Lincoln, Robert Meers, Chancellor, Morgan Wynne, Archdeacon, Robert Newell, Subdean, and the rest of the Chapter there, complainants. By Patent of 30th August 1547 King Edward VI granted the College the Rectory of Oakley to hold in perpetuity by the service of the fortieth part of a Knight's fee for a rent of 23s : 8d, and 3s : 4d to be paid to the Bishop of Lincoln, and 14s : 2d to be paid out of the Rectories of Bronham and Oakley for synodals and procurations. No sum of 26s : 8d was ever due to the church of Lincoln from the Rectory of Oakley, nor has the College made any conveyance of the premises now in being save one lease not exceeding 21 years to John Faldow.

8 fs.

Document numbered 5.

Extracts from a Court Roll of Okley Rectory. (Henry VIII)

Margaret Faldeo exhibited her copy to the Court, by which John Wyon, clerk, surrendered into the King's hands a parcel of land lying in Okley upon (document torn) called Fitz John's Stockyng, containing 14 acres lately in the tenure of Henry Pycarde for the use of the said Margaret Faldeo, widow, and Thomas, her son. Rent 2s. Fine for entry 2d. Fealty and admission.

Surrender by John Wyon, clerk, of a close with (?) virgates of land and an acre of meadow in Okley called Bowlers late in the tenure of Simon Lorde for the use of Thomas Stokys, senior, and Margaret, his wife. Rent 12s. Fine 10d. Fealty and admission.

"Also ther ys y^e parsonage howse with a kechen a dowffe-howe a gret baxrune with dy^rers other howses whych be very ruines and in decaye and v acres of ground lying about the parsonage of Glybe lands in severalty".

Rents of Cawdwell.

Sir Larence Tayllor	13d
William Stokes for lands called Bays	16d
Richard Edwardes	9d
William Falldowe	2s
Robert Peverell	12d

Thomas Stokes	12s
William Faldow	7 ¹ / ₂ d
Renolde Page	20d
William Stokes	4 ¹ / ₂ d
Henry Stokes	3s : 4d
John Berry	5s
William Denny	5s
Henry Stoke	5s
Sun	39s : 2d
	1 £.

79.

Document numbered 7.

Breviate. John Faldoe, gentleman, plaintiff, Humfrey Taylor, William Lavender, defendants.

Complaint that on 26th September 1614 at Clapham in Cokerley the defendants did carry away five loads of wheat belonging to the plaintiff, and five loads of rye, twenty loads of barley, twenty loads of pease and four loads of oats, being tythes set forth from the rest of the nine parts, to his damage 100 £. Trespass proved by Thomas Chamberleyne, John Gidden, John Gale.

Noted Non Culp'.

The plaintiff's title to the Rectory impropriate of Cokerley by the Letters Patent of 30th August 1547 and the

College lease of 1st August 1613 for 21 years to Faldoe is set out.

The defendants agree that the corn in question is the tythe of corn growing in Clapham, but say that Clapham is not within the parish of Oakeley but is a Rectory impropriate and parish of itself, and that the corn is tythe belonging to that rectory. Henry VIII, being seized of the Rectory of Clapham by the dissolution of the Priory of Caldwell, granted it by Letters Patent of 30th March 1545 to Henry Awlelye and John Maynard (recited). The defendants claim under this grant.

From a note in the Augmentation Office, it appears that the error of regarding Clapham as a separate Rectory began with a lease of 20 Henry VIII. No such Rectory was ever heard of before. There follows the disproof of the defendants' title and proof of the plaintiffs'. Clapham was no church but a chapel of ease to Oakeley. The "legier booke" of the Priory of Caldwell and extenplifications of records in the Exchequer and at Lincoln show that Clapham was only a chapel.

"This is inferred by matter of facts proved by witnesses as John Gale, John Gidden, Willian Tap, John Gardiner: It is written in the window of Clapham that Henry Colaine did builde that Chappell.
Clapham hath noe churchyard but standeth in a freeholder's close.

They have noe buryalls att Clapham but burye att Oakeley.

The inhabitants of Clapham are bound to repaire parte of the mounded of the churchyard of Oakeley.

There was never anie house for Parson or Viccar att Clapham butt att Oakeley there are both.

There was never anie man presented instituted or inducted to Clapham but the Curatts are thrust in noe man can tell howe and beenge in theye have gotten grauntes under the Viccar of Oakeley to hold yt.

The proprietor of Oakeley hath nowe son Tithes in Clapham and ever hath had as Tith wood.

Sir Henry Sackeford who had the estate in Clapham in right of his wiefe as a jointeresse did for a sum of money compound with Mr Chamberlaine the Viccar of Oakeley for his interest in Clapham durings his time and had a graunte thereof in wrytings and afterward assigned it to Waverer owner of the inheritance and William Tap the nowe minister of Clapham holdeth as well under the right of the Viccar of Oakeleye as of the defendant".

2 fs.

30.

Thomas Eggle, Baginton near Coventry, 17th September 1795, to (the Bursar) asking for information about Oakeley which he is going to visit. "It appears to be near Bedford". He asks for the papers to be sent to Mr Eggle, Land Surveyor, Bull Inn, Royston, Herts.

1 fs. torn

81.

The same, 4th November 1795, to the Rev. Mr William Roberts, corrected to Mr Tew, Eton College, sending his valuation of the Impropriate Rectory of Oakley. "This lordship would by an Inclosure upon proper terms, improve the estates of the Duke, also that of Eton College. I was informed by a servant (a farm bailiff resident at Oakley) of the Duke's that such a measure was now under consideration on the part of his Grace". With a note by Tew.

Seal, redwax, applied.

2 fs.

82.

The same, Baginton, 12th January 1796, to the Rev. Mr Tew answering criticisms of his report on Oakley from Mr Stone, the Duke's surveyor. "Mr Stone, without any great appearance of candour towards a brother surveyor, says 'Error is everywhere to be found in the statement sent'. Here he appears to quit calculation, and to be pretty much out of humour with his subject, whether from having lately received an unpleasant visit from some impertinent intruder in office, or from any other cause, is to me totally unknown and totally immaterial". Eagle does not feel the least inclination to recommend the College to make any abatement in their demand.

2 fs.

83.

J. Farcy, Woburn, 9th April 1799, to Benjamin Heath Esq. concerning the Lead Tax in Oakley.

2 fs.

84.

Thomas Eagle, Baginton, 18th April 1799, to (the Bursar) concerning the same. 1 f. torn.

85.

Draft of letter from Dr Benjamin Heath, 19th April 1799, to J. Faray concerning the same. The draft is written on the blank part of a cover of a letter from Lord Auckland to Heath and bears the Seal of Lord Auckland, as Postmaster General, red wax, amorial, with the Garter. 1 f.

86.

J. Faray, Woburn, 28th April 1799, to the Rev. Dr. Heath concerning the same. The Duke has been pleased to place the management of Oakley and his other estates around Bedford under the care of Mr Wing of Thorney Cambridgeshire, with whom the College should deal. Noted by W. Roberts that he has ordered Mr Brown to write to Wing.

87.

Draft of letter from Dr Benjamin Heath, 3rd May 1799, to J. Faray concerning the same written on cover of letter from G. Lincoln (George Pretyman, Bishop of Lincoln). 1 f.

Bromham, co. Bedford

(88 to 130)

Counterpart of lease, 1st November 1566, by the Provost and College to Lewys Dyve, of Bronham, co. Beds, esquire, of the Rectory and parsonage of Bronham and all manner of tythes of corn and grain, hay and wood to the same belonging and all manner of tythes of fruits, oblations, obventions, profits, commodities, advantages and emoluments whatsoever at anytime heretofore belonging in and upon the same, and all the grange and messuage in Bronham with all lands pertaining to the same in Bronham, Stecheden and Stevington, co. Beds, with the advowson of the Vicarage of Bronham. From Lady day next for 80 years. Rent 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 20 good and fat weather sheep to be delivered at the College pasture called the Flainge Lease, or, if the sheep are disliked and refused by the Bursars, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$: 13s : 4d; and 40s to be paid annually to the Crown. The lessee to repair and maintain the premises, and to give at their own expense to the parishioners of Bronham at some time in the Rogation Week a drinking of old time used and accustomed, and to find straw for the church as of old time. The lessee may take timber for repair and maintenance. The lessee to provide horsemeat and mansmeat for one day and two nights for the College and its officers.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 17 x 15 mm., redwax, on doubled tag. A water fowl.

89.

Counterpart of lease, 15th December 1651, by the same to Thomas Wood, of London, merchant, of the same (spellings Brunham, Steventon), but the advowson of the Vicarage excepted. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rent 4 $\frac{1}{2}$: 13s : 4d and 3 quarters 4 bushels 2 pecks of wheat and 4 quarters 5 bushels 2 pecks of malt or their money equivalent and 20 weather sheep or 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 40s to the Crown.

Signature of lessee.

Seal missing.

Witnesses: Robert Stileman, Abigail Bachiler.

90.

Indenture of lease, 24th March 1749, by the same, upon surrender of his former lease, to the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Trevor, Baron of Brunham, of the same (spellings Brunham, Steadken and Steventon). From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by Thomas Ashton.

The College Seal and tag are missing.

91.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Examined by William Cooke.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, octagonal, 22 x 18 mm., redwax, applied, armorial.

Witnesses: Henry Dawson, John Endersbee.

92.

Indenture of lease, 25th March 1754, by the same, upon
surrender of the foregoing lease, to John, Lord Trevor, Baron
of Brudenell, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years.
Rents as before.

Examined by William Cooke.

Doubled tag from which the College Seal has been cut.

93.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Examined by William Hetherington.

Signature of lessee.

Seal as before.

Witnesses: James Molloy, Samuel Evans.

94.

Bond by John Lord Trevor, 25th March 1754, to the Provost
in 200 l for the observance of the foregoing indenture.

Signature, Seal and witnesses as on the foregoing. 2 ls.

95.

Counterpart of lease, 7th April 1762, by the Provost and
College, upon surrender of his former lease, to the same of
the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as
before.

Examined by Stephen Apthorp.

Signature of lessee.

Portion of Seal, red wax, annular, applied.

Witness: William Thomas.

96.

Indenture of lease, 17th January 1766, by the same, upon
surrender of his former lease, to Robert, Lord Trevor, Baron
of Bruham, of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years.
Rents as before.

Examined by R. Lyne.

The Collage Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

97.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Examined by William Cooke.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, about 27 x 24 mm., black wax, amerial,
applied.

Witnesses: Stephen Hawtrey, Samuel Turnbull.

98.

Counterpart of lease, 18th November 1769, by the same,
upon surrender of his former lease, to the same of the same.
From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by Stephen Apthorp.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, as on foregoing, redwax.

Witnesses: Stephen Hawtrey, William Fisher.

99.

Indenture of lease, 13th December 1773, by the same, upon surrender of his former lease, to the same of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by Thomas Chamberlayne.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

100.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Examined by W. H. Roberts.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, redwax, applied, a bad impression.

Witnesses: John Morgan, George Brooks.

101.

Counterpart of lease, 13th December 1777, by the same, upon surrender of his former lease, to the Right Honourable Robert Hampden Lord Viscount Hampden of Great and Little Hampden, co. Bucks, of the same. From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by Thomas Chamberlayne.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, redwax, armorial, applied, a bad impression.

Witnesses: George Brooks, Samuel Turnbull.

102.

Counterpart of lease, 24th December 1781, by the same,
upon surrender of his former lease, to the same of the same.
From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by H. Slesch.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, red wax, amerial, applied, a bad impression.

Witnesses: James Charters, William Coles.

103.

Indenture of lease, 16th January 1798, by the same, upon
surrender of his former lease, to the Right Honourable Thomas
Haupden Lord Viscount Haupden of Great and Little Haupden, of
the same. From the 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as
before (256 gallons 2 quarts of wheat, 337 gallons 2 quarts
of malt).

Examined by Thomas Chamberlayne.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

104.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Examined by J. Norbury.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, red wax, amerial, applied, much missing.

Witnesses: George Brooks, Benjamin Kent.

105.

Indenture of lease, 13th March 1802, by the same, upon
surrender of his former lease, to the same of the same. From
10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before, together
with 34 l : 17s : 9d in consideration of the Redemption of
Lead Tax.

Examined by Benjamin Heath.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

106.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Examined by Edward Tew.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, originally about 30 x 23 mm., redwax,

amorial but a bad impression of the arms, applied.

This is the same as the previous Hampden seals but
with rather more surviving.

Witness: John Pye.

107.

Indenture of lease, 15th February 1806, by the same,
upon surrender of his former lease, to the same of the same.
From 10th October last for 10 years. Rents as before.

Examined by G. Heath.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

108.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Examined by John Roberts.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, the same as on no. 106, black wax, armorial,
applied. The centre part only remains but is a
good impression.

Witnesses: William Huchells, servant to Lord Hampden,
John Brocks, Chancery Lane.

109.

Bond, 22nd January 1810, by Thomas Viscount Hampden to
the Provost and College in 200 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the observance of the
terms of a lease of the same date.

Signature of Hampden.

Seal, redwax, applied, bad impression. A profile.

Witness: W. Willoughby, at Messrs Hoare's.

2 fr.

110.

Agreement, 29th January 1845, between the Honourable
George Rice Rice Trevor and the Rev. James Joseph Goodall,
vicar of the parish of Bromham, by which Trevor grants to
Goodall and his successors a piece of land containing 30 poles
in consideration of which Goodall agrees that 1452 acres 3
roods 25 perches of land shall be absolutely discharged from
the payment of the sum of 12g, part of a sum of 196 $\frac{1}{2}$: 19g
: 9d payable by Trevor according to an instrument apportioning

rent charges under the Act for the commutation of Tithes. The plot of land, consisting of the Little Plantation and a small piece of sward lately in the occupation of John Lavender, farmer, is shown in a drawing in the margin. Trevor holds it as tenant for life under the will of John Viscount Hampden, deceased. In the margin it is written that the Provost and College, patrons of the living of Brnham with Oakley annexed consent to this deed of exchange, 2nd May 1845.

Signatures of the parties, each with the same Seal, oval, about 25 x 20 mm., redwax, amorial, applied. Blurred impressions.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Witnesses: George Harding, 57 Great Russell Street, solicitor, Acton Tindal, Aylesbury.

Examined by T. Carter.

111.

Indenture of lease, 24th January 1856, by the Provost and College, for 847 $\frac{1}{2}$: 15g : 4d and the surrender of his former lease, to Henry Davis, of Bloxham, co. Oxford, gentleman, the surviving executor and trustee named in the will of John Davis, late of Banbury, gentleman, deceased of the Rectory of Brnham etc. as before. A tabulated statement of the lands in Brnham and Stagsden is set out.

Examined by T. Carter.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

112.

Licence by the same to the same to assign the premises to Broome Pinniger, of Calne, co. Wilts, surgeon.

The document has not been dated or authenticated.

113.

Abstract of the Title of the Provost and College to a Freehold Estate at Brunham, taken from College leases from 22nd January 1810 to 12th October 1867. F. Charsley, Registrar.

19 large fs.

114.

Schedule of the Deeds abstracted in the foregoing, viz. the following leases:-

22nd January 1810	To Thomas, Viscount Hampden.
21st December 1813	To the same.
6th March 1818	To the same.
24th April 1826	To Captain George Wyndham.
20th December 1827	To Jane Maria, Viscountess Hampden.
19th October 1835	To the Rev. John Keate.
9th March 1836	To John Davis.
17th October 1839	To the same.
10th November 1843	To the same.
23rd October 1847	To Elizabeth Davis and Henry Davis.
30th October 1851	To Henry Davis.
24th January 1856	To Henry Davis.
23rd November 1859	To Sarah Davis.

1st December 1863 To the same.
 12th October 1867 To the same.

F. Charley, Registrar.

3 large fn.
 115.

A duplicate of the foregoing. 3 large fn.
 116.

Valuation by William Staines, steward to Lord Trevor.
 An exact account of the rent of the Glebe Land and Great
 Tythes of Brunham held by lease from the College by Lord
 Trevor. Total 123 l. : 11g. : 9d.

8th December 1761. 2 fn.
 117.

An exact account by the same of the number of acres in
 Brunham Lordship exclusive of the Glebe Land. Annotated "N.B.
 Lord Trevor's steward came to College in April '62, and gave
 in this Valuation; but in discoursing and examining him upon
 it, he came at last to allow that the College interest there
 might be worth 150 l. per annum".

2 fn.
 118.

Note of Brunham rents for the computation of the Fine,

1 fn.
 119.

Account of the Land Tax at Brunham, 1762. 1 fn.

120.

E. Betham, Eton College, 30th July 1773, to Mr Palmer with detailed instructions for making a survey of Bronham Rectory.

2 fs.

121.

Miscellaneous notes by Betham relating to the same. (1773).

5 fs.

122.

Lord Trevor, Hampden House, 15th August 1773, to the Rev^d Mr E. Betham. His steward, Mr Staines, is dead, but he will give orders for Mr Palmer's reception at Bronham.

Seal, red wax, amorial, as on losses.

2 fs.

123.

George Brooks, Auckland Castle, Durham, 10th September 1773, to the same, applying on behalf of Lord Trevor for whom he acts for a renewal of the lease of Bronham Grange and tythes.

2 fs.

124.

Estimate of the yearly value of the Rectory of Bronham, by Mr Palmer. 1773.

2 fs.

125.

E. Betham, Greenford, 17th October 1773, to the Rev^d Mr Southernwood at Walkern near Buntingford, Herts, with reference to Palmer's valuations of Thurlby, Bronham and Hullevington.

2 fs.

126.

George Brooks, London, 20th November 1773, to the Rev^d
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127.

The same, Green Street, 8th December 1773, to the same
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128.

Robert Mesham, Bronham, 6th May 1818, to Rev^d William
Roberts, Ston Collage, forwarded to Worplesdon. On the
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129.

Plan of the elevation of the north front of Bronham
Vicarage, built by J. J. Goodall, Vicar. Designed by F. O.
Fenwicke, Vicar of Kempston, Beds. 1830. Pen and ink. The
vicar is shown standing in the porch. 1 f.

130.

A Valuation of an Estate called the Grange in the
parishes of Bronham and Stagden, Beds., the property of the
Collage of Ston, Henry Davis, esquire, leasee. 161 acres 37
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INTRODUCTION.

A translator of the original Statutes of Eton College can be in no doubt as to what document he has to work from, namely that known as the Liber Originalis kept in the muniment room of the College. This volume is, so far as we know, the oldest surviving version of King Henry's Statutes. It bears his signature, R.(ex) H.(enricus), at the top of the first membrane, and again at the end of Statute 63. It contains a part of the blue and white threads by which the King's Great Seal was once attached to the volume. It includes the additional Statute 64 on a separate membrane sewn into the book which is signed by the King as above, both at the top and at the bottom. It also includes a copy of Letters Patent of 12 July 1455^a by which the King, in view of his own many and great preoccupations with the government of the realm, deputed to William, bishop of Winchester, and John, bishop of Lincoln, authority to make such changes as they might think necessary in the Statutes. Four such alterations then occur beneath the copy of the Patent.

If any Statutes had been formally compiled before those which appear in the Liber Originalis, they have not been found. Yet there is strong evidence that such existed. Statutes are mentioned as early as December 1443, when a ceremonial opening of the College took place before joint commissioners, namely Thomas Bekynton, lately appointed bishop of Bath and Wells, and the earl of Suffolk. On this occasion, in the choir of the collegiate church, William Waynflete, provost, knelt and reverently

a. Calendar of Patent Rolls 1452-61 p.241

swore to obey the Statutes; and a royal dispensation was read, temporarily suspending all those portions of the Statutes which related to buildings as yet incomplete.^b

The date, however, of the issue of the Statutes in the Liber Originalis (other than the supplementary clauses) cannot be earlier than 1447, for William Waynflete in Statute 31^f is stated to be bishop of Winchester and late provost of Eton. He became bishop of Winchester on 10 May 1447.

The date of the Liber Originalis, which is thus not earlier than about the middle of 1447 and not later than about the middle of 1455 (the date of the Patent mentioned above), is rendered more precise by an entry in the College Audit Roll for 1452-3 :- Pro scriptura libri statutorum et correctione alterius libri statutorum 20s. The first of these two books was presumably the Liber Originalis, the alter liber an earlier version, perhaps as early as 1443, which does not survive.

If I had been resident at Eton I should hardly have been obliged, merely for the sake of my translation, to refer to any other and later texts than the Liber Originalis. In the circumstances, however, I found it convenient to use the mid-nineteenth century printed version of the Statutes that appears in Heywood and Wright, The Ancient Laws of.....King's College, Cambridge, and.....Eton College (London 1850) at pp. 477 to 625; and then to amend my translation in the light of a collation made between Heywood and Wright and the Liber Originalis.

b. see Maxwell Lyte, History of Eton College 4th edn. p.18 and Eton College Records vol. LIV no. 10

c. see note 79 to the text.

Considering the several stages through which the text had passed between the original MS and this printed version, I was agreeably surprised to find how few amendments had to be made.

The preface of Heywood and Wright explains the source of their text. It was taken from a copy of the Statutes of the College printed in 1818 by the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the Education of the Lower Orders, of which Lord Brougham was chairman.^d Brougham's report says that the text printed had been taken from a copy of a MS copy of the Statutes made by the Rev. Roger Huggett M. A., which was in the British Museum. The copy had been "most carefully revised and compared with Huggett's MS whereof it may be esteemed a perfect transcript, preserving the abbreviations, erasures, marks etc." The Committee was indebted to Henry Ellis of the British Museum for this work.

Heywood and Wright in their preface state that the text they are printing is that of the 1818 House of Commons edition; "but the abbreviated words are given at length, so as to render the Statutes more easily legible, and the later alterations, by crotchets or erasures, are not noticed." They give the reference to Huggett's MS in the British Museum, Sloane no. 4844, but it seems unlikely that they ever looked at that document and even more unlikely that they, or indeed Ellis, ever saw the Liber Originalis. They incorrectly give the date of the aforesaid Patent as 1445 and of the Liber Originalis as 1444.

Who was Roger Huggett and on what was his copy of the Statutes based? Once Heywood and Wright and the Liber Originalis had been brought together, it would, as I have said,

d. Appendix (A) to the Fourth Report of the Committee p. 221

have been unnecessary for this translator to concern himself further with Huggett and his MS. For I do not intend in this short introduction to attempt to write (if it could be done) a history of the Statutes, of the successive lapses, that is to say, whether formal or informal, that took place in their observance from the death of the founder until the provision of a new code of Statutes in 1869; and of how these were reflected in the Liber Originalis and other texts. Huggett, however, did have such a familiarity with our source book and was, moreover, such a colourful and entertaining character that it would be a pity not to give some account here of his activities in respect of the College Statutes. It will give an idea of the extent to which the Statutes had become a dead letter by the middle of the eighteenth century. Huggett, indeed, if one were writing a history of the decline in the force of the statutes, would probably be one's principal witness.

Readers of Etoniana^e will be familiar with this disgruntled and rebellious eighteenth century conduct, or stipendiary chaplain, who was in continual warfare with provosts and fellows. His grievances against his employers generally concerned affairs of material interest to himself, such as the blocking by Dr. Thomas Ashton's new staircase of the door from the conduct's rooms on to the cloisters. At other times his complaints dealt with matters of principle. No subject stirred his indignation more than the contempt with which the authorities at Eton treated the Statutes to which they had sworn, or should have sworn, their allegiance. Much of his

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ble on this subject envenomed the marginal notes he made to his transcripts of the Statutes (B. M., Sloane, MS4844 and Bodl. MS894), notes that were fully reproduced in Brougham's printed edition.

It is clear that nobody at Eton in the middle of the eighteenth century had informed himself better about the College Statutes than Roger Huggett. "In the year 1759 or thereabouts", he wrote in a note at the end of his transcript, "it was mentioned one day at the Fellows table by MR. Hetherington, one of the Fellows, when I was present, that as the several copies of the Eton Coll. Statutes were wrote some of them with detestable bad ink, and others with numerous and very difficult abbreviations, it would be proper to have another transcript of them in a fair legible hand, which he was pleased to say I c^d do to satisfaction; and would therefore advise, that I should be desired to set about it. But upon this motion thus made, a most profound silence ensued- as at the time it was not known, ~~that~~ I had in my possession a Copy of the said College Statutes. But when in the year 1760, the then Provost, Dr. Stephen Sleech, gave orders to the workmen to pull down a part of my room, as Chaplain of the Coll., to make a pompous stair case for Dr. Ahston, the then Bursar, and to fasten up the door of my room against me, I exhibited, in writing, to the said Provost and Fellows this grievance with many other articles of complaint, founded on, and supported by Statute, whereby they then well knew, that I had them in my custody^f; and that if they were intrusted to me for such transcript I should not be a jot wiser than heretofore- while yet, as a member of the Society, I had an equal statutable right with themselves to a free inspection.

f. meaning perhaps that he had had full access to the Statutes.

"Accordingly Mr. Southernwood, a Fellow of the College, having met with a copy of the King's College Statutes, wrote in a tolerable good law hand, offer'd to give it to Eton Coll: (where by injunction of the Founder such copy ought always to have been) in case a fair transcript was made of the said Eton Coll: Statutes to pair with it. Whereupon, in the beginning of the year 1768 the said Mr. Hetherington, with the consent of the Provost and Fellows, requested it of me, that I would undertake such Transcript, which I accordingly did; and in order hereunto I was intrusted with what is called the Bursar's copy; which being very incorrect, and the ink detestably bad, I had afterwards the Vice-Provost's copy; where in the margin of Stat. XXXI, finding quaedam desunt, I requested to see the Liber Originalis, for supply of such omission; which being granted, I did, during the time of making good the deficiency and noting some few other Errata for emendation, note also the several particulars, as in the foregoing pages."

After referring to other copies of the Eton Statutes, not at Eton, Huggett declares, no doubt with truth, that the copy he made "has, in every part where there was seemingly any difficulty occurred, been carefully collated, and may therefore be said with the greatest probability to be the most perfect copy of any now extant, either in or out of College".

There appears to be a contradiction in this account by Huggett of his transcript. He was asked to make it, he says, in the beginning of the year 1768, by which time he had ceased to be a conduct at Eton and was the vicar of Hartley Wespall

in Hampshire. He was then entrusted with the untidy and incorrect Bursar's copy, probably made in the 17th century, from which he moved on to the Vice-Provost's better but still inadequate copy, and from that last to the Liber Originalis. This hardly tallies with his previous statement that in the year 1759 or thereabouts he already had in his possession a copy (made by himself?) of the Statutes. For if he already possessed a reliable copy that he had made, or acquired, some years earlier, he would hardly in 1768-9 have been plodding his way through Bursar's Copy, Vice-Provost's Copy and Liber Originalis, going to Eton from his country vicarage to do this work and doing it at speed, for he died on 27 July 1769 at Hartley Wespall, with his copy for the College and two presentation copies all complete.

If it is unlikely that Huggett made a transcript of the Statutes de novo in 1768-9, we must probably accept what he appears to say, namely that he saw the Liber Originalis for the first time only after Mr. Hetherington's request for a transcription in 1768. His perusal then of the Liber would have been made with the purpose of noting omissions and errata in a transcript that he already held and had held for probably a decade at least.

Huggett's transcript exists in three fair copies, handsomely bound:-

1. The volume at Eton, bound in red leather with gilt tooling, E.C. in the centre of both covers.
2. British Museum Sloane MS 4844
3. Bodleian Library ^{Bodl.} MS 894.

Both 2. and 3. were bequeathed to the said libraries by Huggett at his death. In each of these copies there are the abusive annotations that were printed by the Brougham Committee. These are naturally not found in the Eton volume. Nor does the Eton volume include, as do the others, strands from the silk threads formerly attached to Henry VI's Great Seal which Huggett had wrenched from the Liber Originalis.

By what means Huggett obtained the copy of the Statutes which he tells us he already possessed in 1759 - though the majority of the fellows did not suspect this and would have been glad for him to remain in absolute ignorance of the Statutes - we do not know. For many years, however, he had been receiving a gratuity for attendance in the Library and in 1737 and 1738 he and Mr. Carter, one of the fellows, had twice received 15 guineas each for making the catalogue of the Library^g. It was not, perhaps, hard during all those years for a determined acting librarian to find his way to documents in the archives which he had "an equal statutable right" to inspect with any member of the community. Could he not have seen at least the Vice-Provost's Copy of the Statutes?

Huggett's examination of the Liber Originalis and of the Vice-Provost's Copy, which was the book of Statutes generally used in College business, showed "several words, lines and pages scratched through or crossed over with a pen", also lines running down the margins....."seemingly so noted in order for omissions in such parts of statutes which run counter

g. Order Book 1716-58; Audit Books 1732 to 1768

to the notions of these temporizing men, who hereby from time to time have shown the little regard they had, or may now have, to the sacredness of repeated oaths, to the direful imprecations of your pious Founder or to the true literal sense and meaning of any one of his statutes, which are by these vile methods thus perverted (and by clerical men) to purposes quite contrary to his plain intentions....."

Here a word of warning is necessary to any who may read the resume of Huggett's notes which is to be found in the preface to Heywood and Wright, where it is said (on p. xxxvi) "the omissions in the original copy of the Eton Statutes noticed by Mr. Huggett may be thus enumerated:...." In that sentence the words "original copy" appear to cover both the Liber Originalis and the Vice-Provost's Copy. In both these books erasures, scratchings, additions, underlining, lines down the side and annotations have been made, though much more blatantly in the Vice-Provost's Copy than in the Liber Originalis. The word "omissions", however, gives a false impression that the documents contain gaps with regard to the clauses enumerated by Huggett. This is not so. What they contain in each case is a line down the side or a line of cancellation or erasure indicating, we must presume, that the clause is one which no longer has validity and may be omitted from the obligations to which those who swore to the Statutes were bound.

Any amateur who had the curiosity to look at the original documents in this connection should also be warned that one of the mediaeval methods of cancelling a passage in a manuscript was to underline it.

While enumerating the most flagrant instances in which the Statutes had thus been tampered with by the members of the College, Huggett took the opportunity to pitch into the Provosts and Fellows, past and present. "Altho'," he wrote, "those Original Statutes thus enjoyn'd to every member of his (i. e. Hen. VI's) College, under the severest sanctions, et nostris sigillis sigillata; with a most express prohibition agst. any the least alteration in the same, sub poena perjurii et interminationis divini judicii etc. yet have there been those who have so harden'd themselves as to attempt such alterations and indeed annihilations etc. of these- and so as to make them altogether different from these injoy'n'd by the Founder. Of the which take these instances which I noted in the said originals^h: the which are in a much more modern hand and bad ink - differing from the orig: as I conjecture about the beginning of the Reformation and probably under the Provostship of Rob. Aldrich, who in 1535 came in by royal mandamus (or however by royal recommendation) & was, as Burnet and Wood observe of him, a most notorious time-server..... or perhaps under the Provostship of Wm. Day whose vile character you may read in Frith's Catal: Decanorum et Canon: Coll: de Windsor circ. 1559".

Huggett makes play with a Forma Juramenti solemnⁿis which is to be found in a 17th or 18th century hand written into the Vice-Provost's Copy: - Jurabis quod ea omnia quae in Statutis modo lectis continentur quatenus te concernent bene diligenter et fideliter exequere. 'A most refin'd jesuitical saving clause!' exclaims Huggett. 'To enter in

h. Printed in the preface to Heywood and Wright, pp. xxxvi to xxxix.

by any other way than by the way prescribed by the Founder himself, & to receive and dispose of the Revenues of his College, without, and in express contradiction to, his authority; especially to receive and to dispose of these College Revenues chiefly among themselves or their friends, and without the least regard had to the prescribed rules of distribution to the members of the College, what name will you give to the persons thus acting herein? Truly here seems to be somewhat strongly savouring of Sacrilege or of Perjury, or of both. Nor will this jesuitical evasion, in thus partiall, taking the statutable oath in the least free them from the above imputation; as in the words of Cic: Fraus adstringit, non dissolvit Perjurium".

'That the Prøvost and Fellows do not read the several articles of the respective Oaths at the time of subscribing and as prescribed in the Juramentum Praepositi et Juramentum Sociorum is pretty evident from hence, that the said Oaths are for the most part cross'd over or cross'd thro, or have a line running down one or both margins, or have some note, crotchet or mark in the text or margin, as an intimation that such parts or articles thus mark'd, are intended to be omitted.....

But I have well sufficient proof for the partial reading of the said Oath, as Dr. Thos. Ashton, a Fellow of the College, did declare in my hearing that he never did take this part of the Oath, against accepting of any Dispensation (for the holding a Living with his Fellowship) and that he never would have done it."

With regard to the obligation of the Fellows to read the Statutes at least once^e every year cum bona diligentia et deliberatione matura, "the Fellows now give themselves no trouble about the reading over the Statutes annually. This they willingly are ignorant of, and I have heard some of them confess after some long time in the Fellowship, that they had never read the Statutes."

As to the quality of Huggett's transcript of the Statutes, if he did indeed transcribe unaided from a fifteenth century manuscript, he deserves high praise for his mastery of the old hand. Provost Goodall had grudgingly to admit before the Brougham Committee in 1818, "in the letter of the statutes, I believe he is not guilty of any inaccuracies." And Goodall had collated the text of many of the Statutes in Huggett's transcript at Eton with the Liber Originalis, noting at the end of each such Statute, Collatum J. G. At the same time he noted in red ink in the margins of the Liber Originalis the corresponding page references in Huggett's volume.

In view of Huggett's presumed familiarity with the mediaeval script and, one would suppose, with at least the sight of some of the many sealed Letters Patent in the Eton archives, it is surprising that he should describe the Seal which still in his day was, at least in part, attached to the Liber Originalis, as follows:

"The Seal appendant is of green wax, originally of about 4 inches diameter, with threads of twisted silk of white and purple, fasten'd to the book, and running through the Seal.

It is now much broken- on the one side is represented a man on horseback, arm'd with an helmet, but the head is broken off, & the few letters remaining on the margin are not enough legible to make out the sense. On the reverse is probably the Virginia Mary wth her right hand upon her hip, and her left holding a globe. Opposite to the waiste are two escutcheons of the royal arms vizt. 1st & 4th semé de lys & 3 Lyons passt. guardt. Under each escutcheon are seemingly two books (perhaps bibles). The few remaining letters on the margin are Marie et."

The "two books" create a problem, but the Seal was evidently a good deal worn, and was, of course, the Great Seal of Henry VI, on which the king was portrayed on one side on a charger and on the other, seated, with an orb in his left hand. The part of the legend surviving and misread by Huggett, would have been (Rex F)rancie et (Anglie).

On the matter of accuracy, the evidence of Goodall himself before the Select Committee is open to criticism, when he said "It has been very inaccurately asserted, that our Statutes are nearly the same with the Statutes of Winchester; but I can assure the Committee, they differ in almost every instance for which I have had occasion to refer to them." Such a statement is misleading. The statutes of Winchesterⁱ must have been continually in front of the compilers of the Statutes of Eton. The conspicuous differences that do exist between the two occur rather from the different circumstances of the two founders than from differences of opinion as to how a boarding school should be administered.

i. Printed in T. F. Kirby Annals of Winchester College (1892) pp. 455 to 523