

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei Ad perpetuam
 rei memoriam Ad exequendum debitum summi pontificatus
 officii cui disponente domino presidemus sollicitis studiis
 intendentes circa ea que ecclesiarum et in illis pro
 tempore degentium personarum omnium commoda et utilitates
 respiciunt libenter cum a nobis petitur opem et operam
 quantum cum deo possumus efficaces impendimus ut exinde eis
 felicia proveniant in spiritualibus et temporalibus in-
 crementa Cum itaque carissimus in Christo filius noster
 Henricus sextus rex Anglie illustris in ecclesia parroch-
 iali de Etona Lincolnensis diocesis juxta Wyndesoram
 necnon in quodam funde cimiterio ejusdem ecclesie ex parte
 boreali contiguo et adjacente unum collegium Collegium
 Regale Beate Marie de Etona nuncupatum pro uno preposito
 ac uno magistro sive informatore grammatice necnon pro
 certis sacerdotum clericorum puerorum choristarum pauperum
 scolarium ac egenorum debiliusque virorum in illo per-
 petuo permanere et eorum vite necessaria suscipere debent-
 ium numeris tunc expressis ex ipsius summa ac pia devotione
 laudabiliter fundaverit crexerit et stabiliverit ipsamque
 ecclesiam in collegiatam canonice erigi procuraverit
 Nos circa ea que ad collegii et illius personarum pro
 tempore existentium hujusmodi utilitates et commoda cedere
 possunt providere volentes prefati regis in hac parte
 supplicationibus inclinati preposito ac omnibus et singulis
 officariis dicti collegii ad illius gubernationem seu
 administrationem bonorum deputatis pro tempore auctoritate
 apostolica tenore presentium indulgemus quod ipsi quotiens
 eis expedire videbitur omnes et singulos fructus redditus
 proventus et obventiones omnium et singularum ecclesiarum
 etiam parrochialium et perpetuarum vicariarum earundem
 necnon capellarum ac beneficiorum et locorum ecclesiastico-
 rum secularium et regularium quorumlibet cum cura et sine

cura collegio hujusmodi quavis auctoritate unitorum annexorum incorporatorum appropriatorum applicatorum vel assignatorum hactenus vel in posterum uniendorum annectendorum incorporandorum applicandorum vel assignandorum quibuscumque etiam laicalibus personis cum quibus ipsius collegii et personarum ejusdem conditionem poterunt efficere meliorem arrendare locare seu ad firmam vel annuam pensionem ad tempora de quibus eis visum fuerit concedere quodque persone etiam laicales predictae fructus redditus proventus et obventiones predictos in arrendam et locationem seu pensionem hujusmodi recipere et durantibus hujusmodi temporibus retinere libere ac licite possint et valeant diocesanorum locorum et quorumcumque aliorum super hoc licentia minime requisita non obstantibus apostolicis ac bone memorie Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in regno Anglie apostolice sedis legatorum necnon in provincialibus et sinodalibus conciliis editis generalibus vel specialibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus localibus quoque etiam juramento confirmatione apostolica vel quavis alia firmitate roboratis statutis et consuetudinibus ceterisque contrariis quibuscumque Presentibus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturis

Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum

Datum Florentie anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo quinto kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno decimo

Poggius

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

B Palavicinus

Endorsed R

Leaden Bulla on red and yellow silk cords

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To the perpetual memory hereof For the due execution of the office of the highest pontificate over which by God's disposition we preside applying our studious solicitude to those things which regard the convenience and utility of churches and of all persons abiding in them for the time being we gladly bestow when it is asked of us as effective help and assistance as with God we can that fortunate increments in spiritual and temporal things may thereby be forthcoming for them Wherefore since our dearest son in Christ Henry the sixth the illustrious King of England out of his very great and pious devotion has laudably founded erected and established in the parish church of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln and in a certain farm contiguous and adjacent to the cemetery of the same church on the northern side a college called the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton for a provost and a master or instructor of grammar also for certain priests clerks boy choristers poor scholars and needy and infirm men who are to remain and find the necessaries of their life in it for ever the numbers being then expressed and procured that the said church should be canonically erected into a collegiate church We wishing to provide for those things which may lead to the utility and convenience of the said college and its members for the time being inclining to the supplications of the aforesaid King in this behalf by apostolic authority grant by the tenor of the present to the

provost and all and singular officers of the said college deputed for the time being to its governance or the administration of its goods that as often as it shall seem to them expedient they may freely and lawfully be able and empowered to arrent let or grant to farm or to a yearly pension for times that shall seem good to them all and singular fruits rents profits and offerings of all and singular churches even parochial and of the perpetual vicarages of the same as well as of chapels and benefices and ecclesiastical places secular and regular whatsoever with cure and without cure united annexed incorporated appropriated applied or assigned hitherto to the said college by any authority or in future to be united annexed incorporated applied or assigned even to certain lay persons with which they shall be able to improve the condition of the said college and the persons of the same and that also the lay persons aforesaid may receive the fruits rents profits and offerings aforesaid in such rent or lease or pension and retain them during such times licence from the diocesans of the places or from anyone else whatever being in no wise required for the purpose Notwithstanding constitutions apostolic and those of Otto and Ottobonus of good memory sometime legates of the apostolic see in the Kingdom of England and those issued in provincial and synodel councils general or special and local ordinances also any oath apostolic confirmation or any other confirmation corroborations statutes and customs and anything

else to the contrary whatsoever. The present to last for all future time. Therefore let no man whatever infringe this page of our grant or contravene it with rash temerity. But if anyone shall presume to attempt this let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his apostles the blessed Peter and Paul.

Given at Florence in the one thousand four hundred and fortieth year of the Lord's incarnation the fifth before the Kalends of February in the tenth year of our pontificate (28 Jan. 1441)

Poggius

Freely by order of our lord the pope

B. Palavicinus

28 January 1441 Grant to the King of the power to make regulations for the dress of the members of the College.

Printed in full in Correspondence of Bekyn-ton vol. II pp. 294 and 295.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei Carissimo
 in Christo filio Henrico sexto regi Anglie illustri
 salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Ad preclara tue
 devotionis ac fidei merita quibus in nostro et sedis
 apostolice conspectu fulgere dinosceris nostre dirigentes
 considerationis intuitum illa tibi libenter concedimus
 per que ecclesiarum presertim collegialibus titulis et
 insigniis preditarum ac in illis pro tempore degentium
 personarum omnium statui decori et venustati utiliter et
 salubriter consulatur Cum itaque in ecclesia parochiali
 de Etona Lincolnensis diocesis juxta Wyndesoram ac quodam
 fundo cimiterio ejusdem ecclesie ex parte boreali contiguo
 et adjacente unum collegium Collegium Regale Beate Marie
 de Etona nuncupatum pro uno preposito ac uno magistro
 sive informatore grammaticae necnon pro certis sacerdotum
 clericorum puerorum choristarum pauperum scolarium ac
 egenorum debiliunq[ue] virorum in illo perpetuo permanere
 et eorum vite necessaria suscipere debentium numeris tunc
 expressis ex tua summa ac pia devotione laudabiliter fund-
 averis erexeris ac stabiliveris ipsamque ecclesiam in
 collegiatam canonice erigi procuraveris Nos premissa per
 te gesta hujusmodi condignis in domino laudibus commendantes
 tuis in hac parte supplicationibus inclinati tibi ut tu
 preposito ac sacerdotibus clericis pueris choristis scolar-
 ibus pauperibus et aliis viris collegii hujusmodi pro ipsis
 et eorum in dicto collegio successoribus pro tempore ex-
 istentibus quoscunq[ue] volueris habitus etiam diversos et
 distinctos dictoque etiam preposito et aliis ecclesiasticis
 personis collegii hujusmodi ad divinorum celebrationem in
 ipsa ecclesia pro tempore deputatis duntaxat almucias de
 griseis variis seu aliis pellibus exhibere tradere et
 assignare seu exhiberi tradi et assignari facere ac de

illis in ecclesia predicta seu ubilibet extra eam quotiens quando et quomodo gestandis statuere et ordinare aliaque super hoc necessaria et oportuna facere libere et licite possis et valeas ita quod prepositus et alie omnes et singule collegii hujusmodi persone habitus per te tunc seu tui nomine assignatos prefatos alias juxta tua tunc statuta et ordinata predicta deferre et gestare teneantur et debeant constitutionibus et ordinationibus apostolicis ceterisque contrariis nequaquam obstantibus plenam et liberam auctoritate apostolica tenore presentium concedimus facultatem

Datum Florentie anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo quinto kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno decimo

Poggius

Duplicata gratis mandato domini nostri pape

B Palavicinus

Leaden Bulla on strings

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To his dearest son in Christ Henry the sixth the illustrious King of England greeting and apostolic benediction Directing the gaze of our observation upon the renowned merits of your faith and devotion by which you are known to shine in our sight and in that of the apostolic see we willingly grant to you those things by which the state dignity and beauty of churches especially those endowed with the titles and emblems of colleges and of all persons dwelling in them for the time being may be usefully and healthily consulted Wherefore since out of your most high and pious devotion you have laudably founded erected and established in the parish church of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln and in a certain farm contiguous and adjacent to the cemetery of the same church on the north side a college called the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton for a provost and a master or instructor of grammar as well as certain priests clerks boy choristers poor scholars and needy and infirm men to remain there in perpetuity and get their necessaries of life the numbers being then stated and procured that the said church should be canonically erected into a collegiate church We commending these your aforesaid actions with due praises in the Lord and inclining to your supplications in this matter by the tenor of the present grant to you by apostolic authority full and free faculty that you may have the power and ability freely and lawfully to present bestow and assign or make to be presented bestowed or assigned

to the provost and priests clerks boy choristers poor scholars and other men of the said college for themselves and their successors for the time being in the said college whatever dress you wish both diverse and distinct and also almuces of grey various or other hides for the said provost and other ecclesiastical persons of the said college to wit those appointed for the time being for the celebration of divine service in the said church and to establish and ordain concerning the things to be worn in the aforesaid church or elsewhere outside it how often when and in what manner and to do other necessary and fitting things herein so that the provost and all and singular other such persons of the college may have and be compelled to bear and wear the aforesaid dress assigned then by you or in your name and otherwise according to your then statutes and ordinances aforesaid Notwithstanding constitutions and ordinances apostolic and anything else whatever to the contrary

Given at Florence in the one thousand four hundred and fortieth year of the Lord's incarnation the fifth before the Kalends of February in the tenth year of our pontificate (28 Jan. 1441)

Poggius

Duplicated freely by order of our lord
pope

B. Palavicinus

28 May 1441 Grant of indulgences to those who visit the church of the Blessed Mary of Ston at the feast of the Assumption and contribute to its reparation.

Printed in Correspondence of Bekynston vol. II pp. 297 - 9.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei
Universis Christi fidelibus presentes litteras
inspecturis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem
Dum precelsa meritorum insignia quibus regina
celorum Virgo dei genitrix gloriosa sedibus prelata
sidereis quasi stella matutina prerutilat devote
considerationis indagine perscrutamur dumque etiam
intra nostri pectoris archana revolvimus quod ipsa
utpote misericordie ac pietatis mater et humani
generis consolatrix pro salute fidelium qui delictorum
onere pregravantur sedula oratrix et pervigil
ad Regem quem genuit intercedit dignum quin potius
debitum arbitramur ut ecclesias et loca in honore
sui nominis dedicata gratiosis remissionum prosequamur
impendiis et indulgentiarum muneribus decoremus
Cupientes igitur ut collegiata ecclesia Collegii
Regalis beate Marie de Eton Lincolnensis diocesis
per carissimum in Christo filium nostrum Henricum
sextum regem Anglie illustrem juxta Wyndesoram nuper
fundati congruis honoribus frequentetur illaque ac
dictum collegium in eorum structuris et edificiis
debite reparentur pariter et conserventur et ut
Christi fideles eo libentius devotionis causa confluant
ad eandem ac ad reparationem et conservationem
huiusmodi manus promptius porrigant adiutrices necnon
pro ipsius regis statu felici dum vixerit et pro ejus
postquam ab hac luce migraverit progenitorumque
suorum animarum salute orationes ad altissimum
ferventius dirigant que ex hoc ibidem dono celestis
gratie uberius conspexerint se refectos De omnipotentis
dei misericordia ac beatorum Petri et Pauli

Apostolorum ejus auctoritate confisi omnibus vere penitentibus et confessis qui in festo Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis ecclesiam ipsam devote visiterint annuatim et ad reparationem ac conservationem predictas manus adjutrices porrexerint ut prefertur illam eandem indulgentiam seu peccatorum remissionem aut injunctarum penitentiarum relaxationem quam fideles similiter penitentes et confessi ecclesiam sancti Petri ad Vincula de Urbe prima die mensis Augusti personaliter visitantes quomodolibet consequuntur. . .
 x eorum instar auctoritate apostolica concedimus per presentes quas perpetuis futuris temporibus durare decernimus Datum Florentie Anno incarnationis dominice Millesimoquadringentesimoquadragesimoprime quinto Kalendas Junii pontificatus nostri anno undecimo

A. de florentia

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

Jo. de Steccatis.

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 Hole in document.

Endorsed

Indulgent 'q' apud Romam in ad Vincla Petri

Leaden Bulla on red and yellow silk cords

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To all Christ's faithful who shall inspect the present letters greeting and apostolic benediction While with the careful attention of our devout consideration we diligently examine the most lofty tokens of the merits by which the queen of heaven the glorious Virgin mother of God being elevated to the starry seats pre-eminently glows like the morning star and while we revolve within the secret places of our heart that she as the mother of mercy and compassion the consolation of the human race and the diligent and ever wakeful suppliant for the salvation of the faithful who are weighed down by the burden of their offences intercedes with the King whom she bore we deem it worthy or rather their due that we should attend churches and places dedicated in honour of her name with the gracious charges of remissions and adorn them with the gifts of indulgences Desiring therefore that the collegiate church of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln lately founded by our most dear son in Christ Henry the sixth the illustrious King of England should be frequented with due honours and that it and the said College should likewise be duly repaired and preserved in their buildings and fabric and that Christ's faithful should the more willingly throng thither for the sake of devotion and should the more speedily stretch forth helping hands to the reparation and preservation thereof as well as the more fervently direct their prayers to

the highest for the happy state of the said King while he shall live and for the salvation of the souls of himself when he shall have migrated from this light and of his forefathers by which they shall behold themselves the more richly renewed by the gift of heavenly grace Trusting in the mercy of almighty god and the authority of the blessed Peter and Paul his apostles by apostolic authority through these present which we ordain to last for all future time we grant to all the truly penitent and confessed who on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary shall devoutly visit the said church yearly and stretch out helping hands for the reparation and preservation aforesaid as before mentioned the same indulgence or remission of sins and relaxation of penances enjoined as the faithful similarly penitent and confessed in any way obtain who personally visit the church of St. Peter ad Vincula in the City on the first of the month of August in like manner to them Given at Florence in the one thousand four hundred and forty first year of the Lord's incarnation the fifth before the Kalends of June in the eleventh year of our pontificate (28 May 1441)

A. de Florentia

Freely by order of our lord the pope

Jo. de Steccatis

9 May 1442 Grant of plenary indulgence to those who visit the church of Eton on the feast of the Assumption and contribute to its maintenance and to the defence of Christendom against the Turks (to hold good only for the lifetime of the King).

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Calendared in Calendar of Papal Registers vol. VIII 1427-1447 p. 239.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei universis
 Christi fidelibus presentes litteras inspecturis salutem
 et apostolicam benedictionem Dum nepharias turbationum
 atque adversitatum procellas necnon insidiosas tendiculas
 pericula quoque ac discrimina varia quibus credita nobis
 divinitus beati Petri apostolorum principis navicula
 subjicitur dum insuper perfidas quas in universalis scis-
 suram ecclesie heretici et scismatici exquirere non
 cessant machinationes dum postremo strages incendia serv-
 itutes aliaque innumerabilia pericula que Christiani
 nominis inimica Turcorum et paganorum aliorumque barbarorum
 gens in creditum nobis populum in plerisque regnis ac
 provinciis catholicis a paucis citra annis exercere non
 desinunt sacratissimam orientalis cum occidentali ecclesia
 unionem factam rumpere et penitus exinanire satagentes in
 nostre mentis arcanis attenta meditatione revolvimus
 nulla profecto mortalia sola ad tantas propulsandas
 hostilitates arma nobis sufficere cognoscimus quinimo
 potius ex alto auxilium implerandum atque ad intemeratam
 dei matrem gloriosam que pietatis et misericordie fons ac
 mater et sedula pro peccatoribus apud quem genuit oratrix
 existit precipuum nobis firmum atque irreflexum manet
 refugium recurrendum fore judicamus ad quam si religiose
 devoteque nos convertimus ac etiam constructas sub sancto
 ejus nomine basilicas juxta concessam nobis divinitus
 potestatem pro nostrarum facultatum modulo tum in eis ad
 laudem dei et ipsius virginis gloriose cultus divinus
 augeatur tum ut eis mediantibus nequitie et iniquitati
 prefatorum perfidorum qui religionem Christianam destruere
 satagunt obvictur reverenter honorabimus spem gerimus
 indubiam quod ipsa unigeniti filii sui cujus apud nos
 tantus fuit amoris fervor ut pro nobis cum sceleratis

deputatus mortem etiam turpissimam pati dignatus est
 adjuta virtutibus minantes prefate naviculae fluctus
 temperabit et prefatorum religionis Christiane inimicorum
 conatus temerarios reprimet ac nos commissumque nostre
 sollicitudini gregem dominicum a tot et tantis nobis in-
 sultantibus turbationibus atque periculis liberabit
 Ingemiscimus namque vixque sepius lacrimas temperamus dum
 tot in Christiano populo nostre commissae sollicitudini
 nostris in temporibus suborta cervimus flagella Com-
 patimur oppressis sed profecto causante schismate per non-
 nullos iniquitatis filios in dei ecclesia suscitato necnon
 a plerisque tyrannis ac sacrilegis predonibus lacerati
 nedum ipsis taliter oppressis sicuti nostre incumbit
 officio succurrere imo nec solita nobis et camere nostre
 incumbentia onera¹ expensarum¹ supportare valeamus Cum
 igitur tantis sit occurrendum malis ac ne (quod absit)
 deteriora succrescant consulendum dignum salutareque dux-
 imus universos Christi fideles qui in Christo Ihesu unum
 sunt corpus membra quoque alter alterius adhortari ut sibi
 invicem compatientes pro premissis injuriis atque peri-
 culis propulsandis juxta suarum facultatum modum adoperentur
 ipsosque ut hoc citius atque ferventius faciant et exequ-
 antur nonnullis spiritualibus donis indulgentiis videlicet
 et remissionibus invitare Hac igitur necnon carissimi in
 Christo filii nostri Henrici regis Anglie illustris singul-
 ari devotione quam erga nos et Romanam ecclesiam gerit
 consideratione moti qui sicut pro sua nuper nobis fuit
 expositum collegiatam ecclesiam Collegii beate Marie de
 Etoua juxta Windesoram Lincolnensis diocesis que inter
 ceteras illarum partium collegiatae ecclesias venerabilis
 et devota existit et ad quam partium ipsarum populus

1. expensarum onera in 7 and 9.

singularis devotionis gerit affectum cum sumptuosis structuris et edificiis ac magno ministrorum ecclesiasticorum numero de facultatibus a deo sibi collatis ad ipsius dei omnipotentis honorem ac prefate sue genetricis dignissime gloriam et sub illius¹ nomine construxit et dotavit de ejusdem omnipotentis dei misericordia ac beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus auctoritate confisi omnibus prefatis Christi fidelibus vere penitentibus et confessis qui a primis vespere usque ad secundas vespere inclusive Assumptionis prefate dei genetricis eandem ecclesiam devote visitaverint annuatim et ad repellendos prefatos Turcos et nominis Christiani inimicos necnon ejusdem collegii fabricam ac² ministrorum² inibi degentium sustentationem manus porrexerint adjunctrices plenam omnium peccatorum suorum remissionem³ ac singulis sacerdotibus idoneis qui ad hoc per dilectum filium prepositum pro tempore existentem dicte ecclesie seu ab eo deputandum deputati fuerint quod omnium fidelium ut premittitur visitantium confessiones audire eosque injuncta prius penitentia salutari absolvere in omnibus casibus preterquam sedi apostolice specialiter reservatis libere ac licite valeant³ auctoritate apostolica concedimus per presentes Ex hiis autem oblationibus que per ipsos fideles hujusmodi remissionis intuitu erogabuntur quatuor partes fieri et earum unam fabrice et⁴ sustentationi ministrorum prefati collegii pro augmento cultus divini in eodem applicari volumus atque concedimus etiam per presentes Reliquas vero tres⁵ ad⁵ opus repulsionis predictorum Turcorum et subventionis regionum Christianarum et presertim civitatis Constantinepolitane insule Rodi et aliarum terrarum vicinarum que ab eis opprimuntur auctoritate prefata harum serie nostre⁶ dispositioni⁶ reservamus et

1. ejus in 7

2. ministrorumque in 7

3-3 ac - valeant omitted in 7

4. ac in 7

5. tres partes ad in 7

6. dispositioni nostre in 7

applicatus prout in aliis nostris literis¹ desuper con-
fectis latius continetur Presentibus post ipsius regis
obitum minime valituris

Datum Florentie anno incarnationis dominice milles-
imo quadringentesimo quadragesimo secundo septimo Idus
Maii pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo

Blendus

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

Jo Synodi

Endorsed R^{ta} B.

Leaden Bulla on red and yellow silk cords. The parchment
skippet survives.

1. Literis appears between confectis and latius in 7.

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To all Christ's faithful who shall inspect the present letters greeting and apostolic benediction While we reflect with careful meditation in our inmost mind on the evil storms of disturbances and adversities and the insidious snares together with the dangers and various perils to which is subjected the bark of the blessed Peter prince of the apostles divinely entrusted to us and furthermore the perfidious machinations which heretics and schismatics do not cease to seek out to the cleaving of the universal church and lastly the slaughters fires servitudes and other innumerable dangers which the people of the Turks and pagans and other barbarians enemies of the Christian name do not cease to practise against the people entrusted to us in many catholic Kingdoms and provinces for some years of late in their earnest endeavour to break and utterly to destroy the most sacred union made of the eastern with the western church we recognise that assuredly no mortal arms alone are sufficient to drive off such enmities Indeed we rather judge that help should be implored from on high and resort be had to the undefiled glorious Mother of God who is the fountain and mother of pity and mercy and the diligent suppliant on behalf of sinners to him whom she bore and remains for us an especial firm and unbending refuge to whom if we turn ourselves religiously and devoutly and also reverently honour churches built to her sacred name according to the power divinely granted to us in

proportion to the measure of our faculties so that both divine worship may be increased in them to the praise of God and of the same glorious Virgin and that by their mediation the wickedness and iniquity of the faithless aforesaid who strive to destroy the Christian religion may be obstructed we hold the undoubted hope that she with the aid of the virtues of her only-begotten son whose fervour of love for us was so great that he deigned to be placed among sinners and to suffer also the basest death will restrain the waves that threaten the aforesaid bark and repress the rash efforts of the aforesaid enemies of the Christian religion and will liberate us and the Lord's flock committed to our charge from so many and so great disturbances and dangers that assault us For we grieve and often hardly restrain our tears when we behold the scourges that have arisen in our times among the Christian people committed to our charge We have compassion on the oppressed but in truth owing to the schism aroused by certain sons of iniquity in the church of God and being provoked by many tyrants and sacrilegious robbers we lack the power not only to aid those who are so oppressed as is incumbent upon our office but also to support the usual burdens of expenses incumbent upon us and our chamber Since therefore help must be found for so great evils and counsel must be taken that they do not grow worse - and may that not happen - we have thought it right and salutary to exhort all Christ's faithful who are one body in Christ Jesus and limbs one of another that having compassion on themselves one for another

they should labour according to the measure of their faculties to drive away the aforesaid injuries and perils and to encourage them to do and execute this the more quickly and fervently by certain spiritual gifts to wit indulgences and remissions By this consideration therefore being moved as well as by the singular devotion which he bears towards us and the Roman church of our dearest son in Christ Henry the illustrious King of England who as was lately shown to us on his behalf constructed and endowed with sumptuous buildings and edifices and a great number of ecclesiastical ministers with faculties collated to him from God to the honour of the same Almighty God and the glory of his most worthy mother aforesaid and under her name the collegiate church of the College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor trusting in the mercy of the same God Almighty and the authority of his apostles the blessed Peter and Paul by apostolic authority we grant by the present to all the aforesaid Christ's faithful who are truly penitent and confessed who shall devoutly visit the same church yearly from the first to the second vespers inclusively of the Assumption of the aforesaid mother of God and shall stretch forth helping hands for the repelling of the aforesaid Turks and enemies of the Christian name as well as for the fabric of the same college and the maintenance of the ministers dwelling therein full remission of all their sins and to the several suitable priests who shall be deputed for the purpose by our beloved son the provost of

the said church for the time being or one to be deputed by him that they may freely and lawfully have the power to hear the confessions of all the faithful as aforesaid who visit there and to absolve them after first enjoining a salutary penance in all cases except those specially reserved to the apostolic see Out of these oblations moreover which shall be laid out in respect of such remission by the same faithful we will and also grant by the present that four parts be made and one of them be applied to the fabric and to the maintenance of the ministers of the aforesaid college for the increase of divine worship in the same but the remaining three with our aforesaid authority by the purport of these letters we reserve and apply to our own disposition to the task of the repulsion of the aforesaid Turks and the assistance of Christian lands and especially of the city of Constantinople the island of Rhodes and the other neighbouring lands which are oppressed by them as in other our letters drawn up above is more broadly contained The present to have no validity after the death of the same King

Given at Florence in the four thousand four hundred and forty second year of the incarnation of the Lord the seventh before the Ides of May in the twelfth year of our pontificate (9 May 1442)

Blondus

Freely by order of our lord the pope

John Synodi

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9 May 1442 Mandate to John bishop of Bath (and Wells)
to give effect to no. 6.

No. 6 is recited in full. A variation in reading appears
as a footnote to no. 6.

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and 303.

Calendared in Calendar of Papal Registers vol. VIII
1427 - 1447 p. 240.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei venerabili fratri Johanni episcopo Bathoniensi regi Anglie Cancellario salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Exigit nostre sollicitudinis officium ut que rationabiliter ex nostre mentis providentia processerunt ordinatum deducantur ad opus Hodie siquidem litteras concessimus tenoris infra scripti (Here follows no. 6. A variant reading is noted there.)

Cupientes igitur portiones ipsas juxta nostre mentis desiderium ut premittitur fideliter dispensari fraternitati tue de qua in hiis et aliis specialem fiduciam in domino obtinemus harum serie committimus et mandamus quatinus in eadem ecclesia unum truncum cum duabus differentibus clavibus fieri facias quarum unam penes te et aliam penes nostrum et sedis apostolice in regno predicto pro tempore existentem collectorem volumus remanere quodque tu tres predictarum oblationum partes eidem collectori annis singulis realiter et cum effectu assignes seu facias assignari Datum Florentie anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo secundo septimo Idus

Maii pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo

in margin

pro vadio x
marcarum tenetur

Blondus

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

Jo Synodi

Endorsed R^{ta} B.

Leaden Bulla on strings.

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants
of God To his brother John bishop of Bath Chancellor
of the Kingdom of England greeting and apostolic bene-
diction The performance of our care exacts that those
things which have reasonably proceeded from the pro-
vidence of our mind should be applied to their appoint-
ed purpose Forasmuch as we have today granted letters
of the tenor within below (here follows No. 6)
Desiring therefore that the same portions be faithfully
dispensed according to the desire of our mind by the
purpose of these letters we commit and order your
brotherhood in which in these and other matters we have
a special confidence in the Lord that you have made in
the same church a chest with two different keys of
which we will that one remains with you and the other
with the collector for the time being for us and the
apostolic see in the Kingdom aforesaid and that you
assign or have assigned three parts of the aforesaid
oblations to the same collector each year really and
effectively

Given at Florence in the one thousand four
hundred and forty second year of the incarnation of
the Lord the seventh before the Ides of May in the
twelfth year of our pontificate (9 May 1442)

Blondus

Freely by order of our lord the pope

Jo. Synodi

(He is held for a pledge of ten marks)

23 July 1442 Indult for the Provost and his appointed
priests to absolve the ministers and
persons of the college.

Printed in full in Correspondence of Bekynton vol. 2
pp. 203 - 306.

Calendared in Calendar of Papal Registers vol. VIII
1427 - 1447 p. 241.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei Ad perpetuam rei memoriam Injunctum nobis desuper apostolice servitutis officium digne peragere credimus si ad ea solite benignitatis extendamus affectum que ex devotionis ardore prodire conspiciamus et animarum valeant afferre salutis incrementum Cum itaque sicut accepimus carissimus in Christo filius noster Henricus rex Anglie illustris de terrenis celestia complectens in ecclesia parochiali de Etona Lincolnensis diocesis ac quodam fundo qui cimiterio dicte ecclesie contiguus est collegium pro uno preposito ac decem sacerdotibus et sex pueris choralibus ipsi ecclesie circa divina servituri necnon viginti quinque scolaribus egenis ac etiam viginti quinque debilibus pauperibusque viris erexerit diversis quoque redditibus et bonis dotaverit condecenter Nos quorumlibet ipsius collegii ministrorum atque personarum cupientes animarum providere saluti necnon regis ejusdem in hac parte supplicationibus inclinati ut prepositus dicti collegii pro tempore existens et singuli quos ad id deputaverit sacerdotes idonei quotiens ministrorum ac personarum hujusmodi presentium et futurorum confessiones audierint ipsos et eorum quemlibet ab omnibus suis peccatis criminibus et excessibus necnon excommunicationum suspensionum et interdicti aliisque ecclesiasticis sententiis censuris et penis si quas a jure vel ab homine generaliter latas incurrerint in singulis preterquam sedi apostolice reservatis et etiam semel in hujusmodi reservatis casibus auctoritate apostolica absolvere necnon eis inde penitentiam salutarem et alia que tunc injungenda fuerint injungere ac cum ipsis que de personis ecclesiasticis extiterint super irregularitate si quam dictis sententiis vel earum aliqua ligata missas et alia divina officia non tamen in contemptum

clavium celebrando vel se illis immittendo quomodolibet contraxerint auctoritate predicta dispensare omnemque inhabilitatis et infamie maculam sive notam per eos premissorum occasione contractam abolere ac etiam dictus prepositus ipsis ministris et personis in sinceritate fidei unitate sancte Romane ecclesie necnon obedientia et devotione nostra et successorum nostrorum Romanorum pontificum canonice intrantium persistentibus plenam omnium suorum de quibus corde contriti et ore confessi fuerint peccatorum semel tantum in mortis articulo remissionem concedere valeat eadem auctoritate tenore presentium indulgemus sic tamen quod ipsi prepositus et deputandi de hiis de quibus fuerit alteri satisfactio impendenda illam ministris et personis prefatis pro remissione hujusmodi sic confessis per se si supervixerint vel per heredes suos si tunc forsan transierint faciendam injungant quam illi facere teneantur Et ne quod absit ministri et persone predicti propterea reddantur procliviores ad illicita in posterum committenda volumus quod si ex confidentia remissionis hujusmodi aliqua forte commiserint quoad illa nullatenus eis predicta remissio suffragetur quodque singuli ministri et persone prefati pro consequenda remissione hujusmodi sic confessi per unum annum singulis sextis feriis impedimento cessante legitimo jejurent et si dictis feriis ex precepto ecclesie regulari observantia injuncta penitentia voto vel alias jejunare teneantur una alia die singularum septimanarum ejusdem anni qua ad jejunandum non sint astricti jejurent quodque si in dicto anno vel aliqua ejus parte impediti legitime fuerint anno sequenti vel alias quamprimum poterunt modo simili supplere hujusmodi jejunium teneantur Verum si forsan alias prefatum jejunium in toto vel in parte quocumque adimplere

commode nequiverint eo casu confessores idonei quos ad id elegerint jejunium ipsum in alia pietatis opera prout hujusmodi suarum animarum saluti expedire viderint commutare valeant que predicti confessi pari modo debeant adimplere alioquin quoad eos concessio de remissione hujusmodi nullius sit roboris vel momenti. Rursus singuli ministri et persone predicti quotiens ab ipsis sententiis censuris et penis absoluti fuerint incursus illarum occasione debitas forsitan aliis satisfactiones infra competentes eis ab ipsis a quibus taliter absoluti fuerint prefigendos terminos efficaciter impendant. Alioquin lapsis hujusmodi terminis nisi desuper aliud eis canonicum suffragetur in sententias censuras et penas pristinas relabantur eo ipso.

Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis et voluntatis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum.

Datum Florentie anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo secundo decimo Kalendas Augusti pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo.

Blondus

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

A de Magio

Endorsed R^{ta} B.

Bulla lost, the red and yellow silk cords survive.

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To the perpetual memory hereof We believe that we are worthily performing the duty of apostolic service enjoined on us from above if we extend the affection of our wonted benignity to those things which we perceive to proceed from the ardour of devotion and to bring an increase of the salvation of souls Wherefore since as we have heard our dearest son in Christ Henry the illustrious King of England out of terrestrial things embracing those celestial erected in the parish church of Eton in the diocese of Lincoln and in a certain farm which is contiguous to the cemetery of the said church or college for a provost and ten priests and six choir boys to serve at the divine services of the same church and twenty five needy scholars and also twenty five infirm and poor men and endowed the same sufficiently with diverse rents and goods We desiring to provide for the salvation of the souls of the ministers and persons of the same college whatsoever and also inclining in this behalf to the prayers of the same King by our apostolic authority grant by the tenor of the present that the provost for the time being of the said college and all suitable priests whom he shall depute for the purpose as often as they shall hear the confessions of such ministers and persons present and future may by the same authority absolve them and each one of them from all their sins offences and excesses as well as from the condemnations and penalties of excommunications

suspensions and interdict and other ecclesiastical sentences if they shall incur any burthen from right or from man generally except in certain things reserved to the apostolic see and even once in such reserved cases and to enjoin on them salutary penance for the same and other things which may then have to be enjoined and by the said authority dispense with those things which shall exist for ecclesiastical persons in respect of irregularity if in any way they shall have contracted any being bound by the said sentences or some of them by celebrating masses and other divine offices not however to the contempt of the keys or taking part therein and abolish all stain or mark of inability and infamy contracted by them on the occasion of the premises and also the said provost may grant to the said ministers and persons being persistent in the sincerity of faith the unity of the holy Roman church and obedience and devotion to us and to our successors the Roman pontiffs canonically succeeding full remission of all their sins of which they shall have repented in their hearts and confessed by their mouths once only in the article of death In such a way however that the said provost and his deputies for those things for which satisfaction shall be due to another may enjoin that it be made by the ministers and persons aforesaid for such remission being so confessed by themselves if they shall survive or by their heirs if they shall then chance to pass away which they may be held to perform And lest (but may it not befall) the ministers and persons

aforesaid may thereby be rendered more disposed to committing offences in future we will that if they shall happen to commit anything out of confidence in such remission the said remission shall in no way be given in their favour in respect of those things and that the several ministers and persons aforesaid for the obtaining of such remission being thus confessed shall fast for one year on every sixth holiday saving a lawful impediment and if they are obliged to fast on the said holidays by order of the church regular observance enjoined penance a vow or for any other reason they are to fast on one other day of the several weeks of the same year which are not applied to fasting and that if in the said year or in any part of it they shall be legitimately hindered in the following year or otherwise as soon as they are able they shall be bound in like manner to complete such a fast but if it shall happen otherwise that they are unable conveniently to complete the aforesaid fast in whole or in part at any time whatever in that case suitable confessors whom they shall choose for the purpose may have the power to commute the said fast into other works of piety as they shall perceive to be conducive to the salvation of their souls herein which things the aforesaid being confessed are to perform in like manner otherwise the grant of such remission is to be of no strength or moment for them Again the several ministers and persons aforesaid as often as they are absolved from the said sentences condemnations and penalties at the time of the application thereof are effectively to make good the

satisfaction that may be due to others within competent terms to be fixed for them by those by whom they shall have been so absolved otherwise when such terms have lapsed unless some other canon shall be made thereupon in their favour they are to relapse thereby into the former sentences condemnations and penalties Therefore let no man whatever infringe this page of our concession and will or by rash temerity contravene it But if anyone shall presume to attempt this let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his apostles the blessed Peter and Paul

Given at Florence in the one thousand four hundred and forty second year of the incarnation of the Lord the tenth before the Kalends of August in the twelfth year of our pontificate (23 July 1442)

Blondus

Freely by order of our lord the pope

A. de Magio

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23 July 1442 Indult to Henry VI to have the sacraments
performed in his oratory wherever he may be.

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Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei
 Carissime in Christo filio Henrico regi Anglie
 illustri salutem et apostolicam benedictionem
 Preclara celsitudinis tue merita quibus altissimo
 et apostolice sedi gratum te reddis multipliciter
 et acceptum digne nos excitant et inducunt ut tuis
 que prodire devotionis ardore cernuntur et pluri-
 morum afferre salutem possunt animarum votus favor-
 abiliter annuamus Hinc est quod nos tuis in hac
 parte supplicationibus inclinati ut in tuo oratorio
 ubicunque moram traxeris loco congruo necnon rever-
 entia et honore debitis corpus dominicum conservari
 et teneri facere valeas quodque presbiteri et cap-
 ellani capellarum infra tua maneria regia consisten-
 tium universis et singulis ipsarum capellarum ser-
 vitoribus et ministris necnon aliis utriusque sexus
 personis de tua familia existentibus presentibus et
 futuris in capellis prefatis absque prejudicio tamen
 parrochialium ibidem ecclesiarum omnia ecclesiastica
 sacramenta et sacramentalia ministrare necnon eorum
 inibi decedentium corpora apud capellas ipsas sepel-
 iri possint auctoritate apostolica tenore presentium
 indulgemus Non obstantibus constitutionibus et pro-
 hibitionibus apostolicis ceterisque contrariis qui-
 buscunque Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc
 paginam nostre concessionis infringere vel ei ausu
 temerario contraire Si quis autem hoc attemptare
 presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis dei ac
 beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit
 incursum Datum Florentie anno incarnationis
 dominice millesimoquadringentesimoquadragesimo-

secundo decimo Kalendas Augusti pontificatus nostri
anno duodecimo

Blondus

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

B. Palavicinus

Endorsed R^{ta} B

Leaden Bulla on plaited red and yellow silk cords,

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To his dearest son in Christ Henry the illustrious King of England greeting and apostolic benediction The outshining merits of your highness by which you render yourself exceedingly pleasing and worthily acceptable to the most high and to the apostolic see excite and induce us that we should favourably assent to your prayers which are seen to issue from the ardour of devotion and may procure the salvation of very many souls Hence it is that we inclining ourselves to your entreaties on this behalf with apostolic authority grant by the tenor of these present that in your oratory wherever you may be staying you may have the Lord's body preserved and kept in a suitable place and with due reverence and honour and that the priests and chaplains of the chapels which are within your royal manors may administer all ecclesiastical sacraments and sacramentals to all and singular the servitors and ministers of the said chapels as well as other persons of either sex of your household present and future in the aforesaid chapels without prejudice however to the parish churches there and may bury the bodies of those dying there at the said chapels Notwithstanding apostolic constitutions and prohibitions and whatever else to the contrary Therefore let no man infringe this page of our concession or by rash temerity contravene the same But if anyone shall presume to attempt such a thing let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his apostles the blessed Peter

and Paul

Given at Florence in the one thousand
four hundred and forty second year of the Lord's
incarnation the tenth before the Kalends of
August in the twelfth year of our pontificate
(23 July 1442)

Blondus

Freely by order of our lord the
pope

B. Palavicinus

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23 July 1442 Mandate to the bishop of London, the abbot
 of Westminster and the dean of Salisbury
to act as conservators for the defence of the property
of the provost and college against certain molestations.

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Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei
 Venerabili fratri episcopo Londoniensi et dilectis
 filiis abbati monasterii Westmonasterii extra muros
 Londonienses ac decano ecclesie Sarisbiriensis
 salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Militanti
 ecclesie licet immeriti disponente domino presiden-
 tes circa curam ecclesiarum et ecclesiasticorum
 locorum ac personarum omnium solertia reddimur in-
 defessa solliciti ut juxta debitum pastoralis officii
 eorum occurramus dispendiis et profectibus divina
 cooperante clementia salubriter intendamus Sane pro
 parte dilectorum filiorum prepositi et personarum
 collegii per carissimum in Christo filium nostrum
 Henricum sextum Anglie et Francie regem illustrem in
 parrochiali ecclesia de Etona Lincolnensis diocesis
 ac quodam fundo qui cimiterio dicte ecclesie ex parte
 boreali contiguus est fundati et erecti nobis signi-
 ficatum fuit eos pertimescere quod nonnulli archie-
 piscopi episcopi alique ecclesiarum prelati et cler-
 ici ac ecclesiastice persone tam religiose quam
 seculares necnon duces marchiones comites barones
 nobiles milites et laici communia civitatum universi-
 tates epidorum castrorum villarum aliorumque locorum
 et alie singulares persone civitatum et diocesum
 necnon aliarum partium diversarum occupare et occupari
 facere presument villas et alia loca terras domos
 possessiones jura et jurisdictiones necnon fructus
 census redditus et proventus dicti collegii et nonnulla
 alia bona mobilia et immobilia spiritualia et temporalia
 ad prepositum personas ac collegium hujusmodi pro
 tempore spectantia necnon detinentibus ea prestant

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auxilium consilium vel favorem ac etiam plerique civitatum diocesium et partium predictarum qui nomen domini in vacuum recipere non formidant ipsis preposito et ejusdem collegii personis super predictis villis et locis aliis terris domibus possessionibus juribus et jurisdictionibus fructibus censibus redditibus et proventibus eorundem et quibuscunque aliis bonis mobilibus et immobilibus spiritualibus et temporalibus et aliis rebus ad prepositum personas ac collegium hujusmodi pro tempore spectantibus multiples molestias et injurias inferant et jacturas Quare dicti prepositus et ipsius collegii persone nobis humiliter supplicarunt ut cum eis valde reddatur difficile pro singulis querelis ad apostolicam sedem habere recursum providere ipsis super hoc paterna diligentia curaremus Nosigitur adversus occupatores detentores presumptores molestatores et injuriatores hujusmodi qui temporis successu fuerint illo volentes eisdem preposito et dicti collegii personis remedio subvenire per quod ipsorum compescatur temeritas et aliis aditus committendi similia precludatur discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus vos vel duo aut unus vestrum per vos vel alium seu alios etiamsi sint extra loca in quibus deputati estis conservatores et iudices ipsis preposito ac ejusdem collegii personis efficacis defensionis presidio assistentes non permittatis eosdem super hiis et quibuslibet aliis bonis et juribus ad prepositum personas ac collegium hujusmodi pro tempore spectantibus ab eisdem vel quibusvis aliis indebite molestari vel eis gravamina seu damna vel injurias irrogari facturi dictis preposito et ipsius collegii personis

cum ab eis vel procuratoribus suis aut eorum aliquo fueritis requisiti de predictis et aliis personis quibuslibet super restitutione hujusmodi villarum terrarum et aliorum locorum jurisdictionum jurium et bonorum mobilium et immobilium reddituum quoque ac proventuum et aliorum quorumcunque bonorum necnon de quibuslibet molestiis injuriis atque damnis presentibus et futuris in illis videlicet que judicialem requirunt indaginem summarie et de plano sine strepitu et figura judicii in aliis vero prout qualitas eorum exegerit justicie complementum occupatores seu detentores presumptores molestatores et injuriatores hujusmodi necnon contradictores quoslibet et rebelles cujuscunque dignitatis status gradus ordinis vel conditionis extiterint quandocunque et quotienscunque expedierit auctoritate apostolica percensuram ecclesiasticam appellatione postposita compescendo invocato ad hoc si opus fuerit auxilio brachii secularis Non obstantibus tam felicis recordationis Bonifacii pape viij predecessoris nostri quibus cavetur ne aliquis extra suam civitatem et diocesem nisi in certis exceptis casibus et in illis ultra unam dietam a fine sue diocesis ad judicium evocetur seu ne iudices et conservatores a sede deputati predicta extra civitatem et diocesem in quibus deputati fuerint contra quoscunque procedere sive alii vel aliis vices suas committere aut aliquos ultra unam dietam a fine diocesis eorundem trahere presumant dummodo ultra tres dietas aliquis auctoritate presentium non trahatur seu quod de aliis quam de manifestis injuriis ac violentiis et aliis que judicialem

requirunt indaginem penis in eis si secus egerint et in id procurantes adjectis conservatores se nullatenus intromittant quam aliis quibuscunque constitutionibus a predecessoribus nostris Romanis pontificibus tam de iudicibus delegatis et conservatoribus quam personis ultra certum numerum ad iudicium non vocandis aut aliis editis que vestre possent in hac parte jurisdictioni aut potestati ejusque libero exercitio quomodolibet obviare seu si aliquibus communiter vel divisim a predicta sit sede indultum quod excommunicari suspendi vel interdici seu extra vel ultra certa loca ad iudicium evocari non possint per litteras apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam ac de verbo ad verbum de indulto hujusmodi et eorum personis locis ordinibus et nominibus propriis mentionem et qualibet alia dicte sedis indulgentia generali vel speciali cujuscunque tenoris existat per quam presentibus non expressam vel totaliter non insertam vestre jurisdictionis explicatio in hac parte valeat quomodolibet impediri et de qua cujusque toto tenore habenda sit de verbo ad verbum in nostris litteris mentio specialis Ceterum volumus et auctoritate apostolica decernimus quod quilibet vestrum prosequi valeat articulum etiam per alium inchoatum quamvis idem inchoans nullo fuerit impedimento canonico prepeditus quodque a dato presentium sit vobis et uniuersis vestrum in premissis omnibus et eorum singulis ceptis et non ceptis presentibus et futuris perpetuata potestas et jurisdictio attributa ut eo vigore eaque firmitate possitis in premissis omnibus ceptis et non ceptis presentibus et

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futuris et pro predictis procedere ac si predicta omnia et singula coram vobis cepta fuissent et jurisdictio vestra et cujuslibet vestrum in predictis omnibus et singulis per citationem vel modum alium perpetuata legitime extitisset Constitutione predicta super conservatoribus et alia qualibet in contrarium edita non obstante Presentibus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturis Datum Florentie anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo secundo decimo Kalendas Augusti pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo.

Blondus

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

B. Palavicinus

Bulla torn off.

Eugenius hishop servant of the servants of God To his venerable brother the bishop of London and his beloved sons the abbot of the monastery of Westminster without the walls of London and the dean of the church of Salisbury greeting and apostolic benediction Having by the disposition of the Lord albeit unworthily the government of the church militant in our unwearied sollicitude for the care of churches and all ecclesiastical places and persons we are rendered anxious that according to the duty of our pastoral office we may meet the expenses thereof and usefully apply the profits with the cooperation of divine clemency Verily we have been informed on the part of our beloved sons the provost and persons of the College founded and erected by our dearest son in Christ Henry the sixth the illustrious King of England and France in the parish church of Eton in the diocese of Lincoln and in a certain farm which abuts on the cemetery of the said church on the north side that they fear exceedingly lest certain archbishops bishops and other prelates of churches and clerics and ecclesiastical persons both religious and secular as well as dukes marquesses earls barons nobles knights and laity commons of cities universities of towns castles townships and other places and other singular persons of cities and dioceses and other diverse places presume to occupy and cause to be occupied townships and other places lands houses possessions rights and jurisdictions also fruits taxes rents and proceeds of the said College and certain other goods

moveable and immoveable spiritual and temporal belonging to the said provost persons and college for the time being as well as offer help counsel or favour to those who detain them and even many from the cities dioceses and places aforesaid who do not fear to hold at nought the name of the Lord cause manifold injuries and vexations and losses to the same provost and persons of the same college upon the said township and other places lands houses possessions rights and jurisdictions fruits taxes rents and proceeds of the same and whatever other goods moveable and immoveable spiritual and temporal and whatever else belongs for the time being to the said provost persons and college Wherefore the said provost and persons of the same college have humbly begged us that since it is very difficult for them to have recourse to the apostolic see for each several complaint we should with our fatherly care undertake to provide for them in this respect We therefore wishing to succour the same provost and persons of the said college against such occupiers detainers presumers molesters and injurers who in the succession of time there may be with such aid that their temerity may be restrained and the means of committing similar things may be precluded to others order your discretion by apostolic writ that you or two or one of you by you or another or others, even if they be outside the places in which you are deputed, as conservators and judges assisting the said provost and persons of the same college with the bulwark of effective defence do not allow the same to be

wrongfully molested by the same or any others in respect of these things and any other goods and rights belonging for the time being to the said provost persons and college or losses damages or injuries to be imposed upon them, doing to the said provost and persons of the same college the fullness of justice when you shall be required by them or their proctors or some one of them from the aforesaid and other persons whatsoever in the restitution of such townships lands and other places jurisdictions rights and goods moveable and immoveable also rents and proceeds and other goods whatsoever as well as of any injuries vexations and losses present and future in those to wit which require judicial delay, summarily and clearly without the din and fashions of the law but in other matters as their nature shall demand by restraining such occupiers or detainers presumers molesters and injurers and any contradictors and rebels of whatever dignity estate grade order or condition they may be whenever and as often as shall be expedient with apostolic authority by ecclesiastical censure appeal being laid aside invoking herein if need be the aid of the secular arm Notwithstanding either the constitutions of pope Boniface viii our predecessor of happy memory in which there is a warning that no one is to be called to justice outside his city and diocese except in certain special cases and in them not beyond one day's journey from the confines of his diocese nor are judges and conservators appointed by the aforesaid see to presume to proceed against anyone outside the city and diocese in which they shall have been deputed or to commit their authority

to another or others or to draw any beyond one day's journey from the confines of the diocese of the same so long as by the authority of these present no one is drawn beyond three days' journey or that the conservators in no wise concern themselves with other than manifest injuries and violences and other cases which require judicial delay penalties being applied to them if they shall do otherwise and against those who procure the same or any other constitutions whatever issued by our predecessors the Roman pontiffs concerning both judges delegate and conservators and the not calling to justice of persons beyond a certain number or others which might in any way hinder your jurisdiction or power and its free exercise in this respect or if indulgence has been granted to any collectively or singly by the aforesaid see that they shall not be able to be excommunicated suspended or interdicted or summoned to justice outside or beyond certain places by apostolic letters not making full express and word for word mention of such an indulgence and of their persons places orders and proper names and of any other indulgence of the said see whether general or special of whatever tenor it may be by which by not being expressed in these present or totally inserted therein the explication of your jurisdiction may in this respect be hindered in any way and of which and of the whole tenor thereof special mention is to be had word for word in our letters But we will and by our apostolic authority decree that any of you is empowered to prosecute an article which has also been initiated by another

although the same initiator be shackled by no canonical impediment and that from the date of these present perpetual power and jurisdiction is to be assigned to you and to each one of you in all the aforesaid matters and each one of them begun and not begun present and future so that you may proceed with that vigour and firmness in all the aforesaid matters begun and not begun present and future and on behalf of the aforesaid as if all and singular the aforesaid things had been begun in your presence and your jurisdiction and that of each of you in all and singular the aforesaid matters had been perpetuated by citation or any other means legitimately Notwithstanding the aforesaid constitution concerning conservators and any other such issued to the contrary The present to endure for all future time

Given at Florence in the one thousand four hundred and forty second year of the Lord's incarnation the tenth before the Kalends of August in the twelfth year of our pontificate
 (23 July 1442)

Blondus
 Freely by order of our lord the Pope
 B. Palavicinus

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26 July 1442 A copy of no. 6.

The slight variations of the text appear as footnotes to no. 6.

The date and signatures are as follows.

Datum Florentie anno incarnationis dominice millesimo
quadringentesimo quadragesimo secundo septimo Kalendas
Augusti Pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo.

B Reverella

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

Jo. Synodi

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T. de Tiniecto

Leaden Bulla on red and yellow silk cords.

29 December 1442 Mandate to the bishop of London, and
 the abbots of St. Alban's and Westminster
to act as conservators for the defence of the property of
the provost and college against certain molestations.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei
 Venerabili fratri episcopo Londoniensi et dilectis
 filiis Sancti Albani Lincolnensis diocesis ac
 Sancti Petri Westmonasterii extra muros Londonien-
 ses monasteriorum abbatibus salutem et apostolicam
 benedictionem Militanti ecclesie licet immeriti
 disponente domino presidentes circa curam ecclesiar-
 um et ecclesiasticorum locorum omnium solertia red-
 dimur indefessa solliciti ut juxta debitum pastoralis
 officii eorum occurramus dispendiis et profectibus
 divina cooperante clementia salubriter intendamus
 Sane dilectorum filiorum prepositi et sacerdotum ac
 aliarum personarum Collegii Regalis beate Marie de
 Etona Lincolnensis diocesis conquestione percepimus
 quod nonnulli archiepiscopi episcopi aliique eccles-
 iarum prelati et clerici ac ecclesiastice persone tam
 religiose quam seculares necnon duces marchiones
 comites barones nobiles milites et laici communia
 civitatum universitates opidorum castrorum villarum
 et aliorum locorum et alie singulares persone civi-
 tatum et diocesium ac aliarum partium diversarum
 occuparunt et occupari fecerunt seu occupare nituntur
 castra villas et alia loca terras domos possessiones
 jura jurisdictiones necnon fructus census redditus
 et proventus dicti collegii et nonnulla alia bona
 mobilia et immobilia spiritualia et temporalia ad
 prepositum et sacerdotes ac personas predictos spect-
 antia et ea detinent seu detinere conantur indebite
 occupata seu ea detinentibus prestant auxilium
 consilium vel favorem ac ipsos super privilegiis a

sede apostolica seu a prelatiſ eccleſiaſticis aut
 aliis Chriſti fidelibus eis conſeſſis indebite
 vexare et moleſtare preſumunt nonnulli etiam
 civitatum diocęſium et partium predictarum qui nomen
 domini in vacuum recipere non formidant eiſdem pre-
 poſito ſacerdotibus et perſoniſ ſuper predictis
 caſtris villis et locis aliis terris domibus poſſeſ-
 ſionibus iuribus et iurisdictionibus necnon fructibus
 cenſibus redditibus et proventibus eorundem et qui-
 buſcunq; aliis bonis mobilibus et immobilibus
 ſpiritualibus et temporalibus et aliis rebus ad
 eoſdem prepoſitum ſacerdotes et perſonas ſpectanti-
 bus necnon ipſorum privilegiis huiusmodi multiplices
 moleſtias et injurias inferunt et jacturas ſeu ab
 illis eis inferri veriſimiliter formidatur Quare
 tam cariſſimus in Chriſto filius noſter Henricus VI
 rex Anglię illuſtris ejuſdem collegii fundator quam
 prefati prepoſitus ſacerdotes et perſone nobis
 humiliter ſupplicarunt ut cum reddatur eiſdem pre-
 poſito ſacerdotibus et perſoniſ valde difficile pro
 ſingulis quereliſ ad apoſtolicam ſedem habere recur-
 ſum providere ipſiſ ſuper hoc paterna diligentia
 curaremus Nos igitur adverſus occupatores detentores
 preſumptores moleſtatores et injuriatores huiusmodi
 ille velentes eiſdem prepoſito ſacerdotibus et per-
 ſoniſ remedio ſubvenire per quod preſumptorum ipſorum
 compeſcatur temeritas et aliis adituſ committendi
 ſimilia precludatur diſcretioni veſtre per apoſtolica
 ſcripta mandamus quatinuſ voſ vel duo aut unuſ veſtrum
 per voſ vel aliuſ ſeu alioſ etiam ſi ſint extra loca
 in quibus deputati eſtiſ conſervatores et iudiceſ

ipsis preposito sacerdotibus et personis efficacis defensionis presidio assistentes non permittatis eosdem super his et quibuslibet aliis bonis et juri- bus ad prepositum sacerdotes et personas predictos spectantibus vel que ad ipsos qualitercunque spectare contigerit in futurum necnon privilegiis supradictis ab eisdem vel quibusvis aliis indebite molestari vel eis gravamina seu damna vel injurias irrogari facturi dictis preposito sacerdotibus et personis cum ab eis vel procuratoribus suis aut eorum aliquo fueritis requisiti de predictis et aliis injuriantibus personis quibuslibet super restitutione hujusmodi castrorum villarum terrarum et aliorum locorum jurisdictionum jurium et bonorum mobilium et immobilium reddituum quoque ac proventuum et aliorum quorumcunque bonorum pariter et conservatione dictorum privilegiorum necnon de quibuslibet molestiis injuriis atque damnis presentibus et futuris in illis videlicet que judicialem requirunt indaginem summarie et de plano sine strepitu et figura judicii in aliis vero prout qualitas eorum exegerit justitie complementum occupatores seu detentores presumptores molestatores et injuriatores hujusmodi necnon contradictores quoslibet et rebelles cujuscunque dignitatis status ordinis vel conditionis extiterint quancocunque et quotienscunque expedierit auctoritate nostra per censuram ecclesiasticam appellatione postposita compescendo invocato ad hoc si opus fuerit auxilio brachii secularibus Non obstantibus tam felicis recordationis Bonifacii pape viii predecessoris nostri in quibus cavetur ne aliquis extra suam civitatem vel diocesem nisi in

certis exceptis casibus et in illis ultra unam dietam a fine sue diocesis ad iudicium evocetur seu ne iudices et conservatores a sede deputati predicta extra civitatem et diocesem in quibus deputati fuerint contra quoscunque procedere sive alii vel aliis vices suas committere aut aliquos ultra unam dietam a fine diocesis eorundem trahere presumant dummodo ultra duas dietas aliquis auctoritate presentium non trahatur seu quod de aliis quam de manifestis injuriis et violentiis et aliis que iudicalem requirunt indaginem penis in eos si secus egerint et in id procurantes adjectis conservatores se nullatenus intromittant quam aliis quibuscunque constitutionibus a predecessoribus nostris Romanis pontificibus tam de iudicibus delegatis et conservatoribus quam personis ultra certum numerum ad iudicium non vocandis aut aliis editis que vestre possent in hac parte iurisdictioni aut potestati ejusque libero exercitio quomodolibet obviare seu si aliquibus communiter vel divisim a predicta sit sede indultum quod excommunicari suspendi vel interdici seu extra vel ultra certa loca ad iudicium evocari non possint per litteras apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam ac de verbo ad verbum de indulto huiusmodi et eorum personis locis ordinibus et nominibus propriis mentionem et qualibet alia indulgentia dicte sedis generali vel speciali cujuscunque tenoris existat per quam presentibus non expressam vel totaliter non insertam vestre iurisdictionis explicatio in hac parte valeat quomodolibet impediri et de qua cujusque toto tenore de verbo ad verbum in nostris litteris habenda

sit mentio specialis Ceterum volumus et apostolica
 auctoritate decernimus quod quilibet vestrum pro-
 sequi valeat articulum etiam per alium inchoatum
 quamvis idem inchoans nullo fuerit impedimento canon-
 ico prepeditus quodque a dato presentium sit vobis et
 unicuique vestrum in premissis omnibus et eorum
 singulis ceptis et non ceptis presentibus et futuris
 perpetuata potestas et iurisdictio attributa ut eo
 vigore eaque firmitate possitis in premissis omnibus
 ceptis et non ceptis presentibus et futuris et pro
 predictis procedere acsi predicta omnia et singula
 coram vobis capta fuissent et iurisdictio vestra et
 cujuslibet vestrum in predictis omnibus et singulis
 per citationem vel modum alium perpetuata legitimam
 extitisset Constitutione predicta super conservatoribus
 et alia qualibet in contrarium edita non obstante
 Presentibus perpetuo valituris Datum Florentie anno
 incarnationis dominice millesimoquadringentesimoquad-
 ragesimosecundo quarto Kalendas Januarii pontificatus
 nostri anno duodecimo

B. Roverella

duplicata gratis de mandato domini nostri
 pape

Jo. de Steccatis

Leaden Bulla on string

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To his venerable brother the bishop of London and his beloved sons the abbots of the monasteries of St. Alban in the diocese of Lincoln and St. Peter in Westminster outside the walls of London greeting and apostolic benediction Having by the disposition of the Lord albeit unworthily the government of the church militant in our unwearied solicitude for the care of churches and all ecclesiastical places we are rendered anxious that according to the duty of our pastoral office we may meet the expenses thereof and usefully apply the profits with the cooperation of divine clemency Verily at the complaint of our beloved sons the provost and priests and other persons of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton in the diocese of Lincoln we have observed that certain archbishops bishops and other prelates of churches and clerics and ecclesiastical persons both religious and secular as well as dukes marquesses earls barons nobles knights and laity commons of cities universities of towns castles townships and other places and other singular persons of cities and dioceses and other diverse places have occupied and caused to be occupied or try to occupy castles townships and other places lands houses possessions rights jurisdictions also fruits taxes rents and proceeds of the said college and certain other goods moveable and immoveable spiritual and temporal belonging to the provost and priests and persons aforesaid and detain them or try to detain them in wrongful occupation or to those

who detain them offer help counsel or favour and presume wrongfully to vex and molest them in respect of privileges granted to them by the apostolic see or by prelates ecclesiastical or other faithful in Christ and some even of the cities dioceses and places aforesaid who do not fear to hold at nought the name of the Lord cause manifold injuries and vexations and losses of this kind to the same provost priests and persons upon the said castles townships and other places lands houses possessions rights and jurisdictions also fruits taxes rents and proceeds of the same and whatever other goods moveable and immoveable spiritual and temporal and whatever else belongs to the same provost priests and persons with the privileges of the same or it is feared that such may likely be caused by them Wherefore both our dearest son in Christ Henry VI the illustrious King of England founder of the same college and the aforesaid provost priests and persons have humbly begged us that since it is very difficult for the same provost priests and persons to have recourse to the apostolic see for each several complaint we should with our fatherly care undertake to provide for them in this respect We therefore wishing to succour the same provost priests and persons against such occupiers detainers presumers molesters and injurers with such aid that the temerity of those presumers may be restrained and the means of committing similar things may be precluded to others order your discretion by apostolic writ that you or two or one of you by you or another or others even if they be outside

the places in which you are deputed as conservators and judges assisting the said provost priests and persons with the bulwark of effective defence do not allow the same to be wrongfully molested by the same or any others on these and any other goods and rights belonging to the aforesaid provost priests and persons or which shall happen in the future in any way to belong to the same together with the aforesaid privileges or losses damages or injuries to be imposed upon them doing to the said provost priests and persons the fullness of justice when you shall be required by them or their proctors or some one of them from the aforesaid and other persons whatsoever in the restitution of such castles townships lands and other places jurisdictions rights and goods moveable and immoveable also rents and proceeds and other goods whatever in like manner and the conservation of the said privileges as well as of any injuries vexations and losses present and future to wit in those which require judicial delay summarily and clearly without the din and fashions of the law but in other matters as their nature shall demand by restraining such occupiers or detainers presumers molesters and injurers and any contradictors and rebels of whatever dignity estate order or condition they may be whenever and as often as shall be expedient with our authority by ecclesiastical censure appeal being laid aside invoking herein if need be the aid of the secular arm Notwithstanding either the constitutions of pope Boniface viii our

predecessor of happy memory in which there is a warning that no one is to be called to justice outside his city or diocese except in certain special cases and in them not beyond one day's journey from the confines of his diocese nor are judges and conservators deputed by the aforesaid see to presume to proceed against anyone outside the city and diocese in which they shall have been deputed or to commit their authority to another or others or to draw any beyond one day's journey from the confines of the diocese of the same so long as by the authority of these present no one is drawn beyond two days' journey or that the conservators in no wise concern themselves with other than manifest injuries and violences and other cases which require judicial delay penalties being applied to them if they shall do otherwise and against those who procure the same or any other constitutions whatever issued by our predecessors the Roman pontiffs concerning both judges delegate and conservators and the not calling to justice of persons beyond a certain number and others which might in any way hinder your jurisdiction or power and its free exercise in this matter or if indulgence has been granted to any collectively or singly by the aforesaid see that they shall not be able to be excommunicated suspended or interdicted or summoned to justice outside or beyond certain places by apostolic letters not making full express and word for word mention of such an indulgence and of their persons places orders and proper names and of any other indulgence of the said see whether

general or special of whatever tenor it may be by which by not being expressed in these present or totally inserted therein the explication of your jurisdiction may in this respect be hindered in any way and of which and of the whole tenor thereof special mention is to be had word for word in our letters But we will and by our apostolic authority decree that any of you is empowered to prosecute an article even when initiated by another although the same initiator be shackled by no canonical impediment and that from the date of these present perpetual power and jurisdiction is to be assigned to you and to each one of you in all the aforesaid matters and each one of them begun and not begun present and future so that you may proceed with that vigour and firmness in all the aforesaid matters begun and not begun present and future and on behalf of the aforesaid as if all and singular the aforesaid things had been begun in your presence and your jurisdiction and that of each of you in all and singular the aforesaid matters had been perpetuated by citation or any other legitimate means Notwithstanding the aforesaid constitution concerning conservators and any other such issued to the contrary The present to be valid in perpetuity

Given at Florence in the one thousand four hundred and forty second year of the Lord's incarnation the fourth before the Kalends of January in the twelfth year of our pontificate. (29 Dec. 1442)

B. Roverella

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Jo. de Steccatis

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18 January 1443 Mandate to the archbishops of Canterbury
and York to grant the King a dispensation
to marry within prohibited degrees.

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1447 p. 283.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei
 Venerabilibus fratribus Cantuariensi et Eboracensi
 archiepiscopis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem
 Romanus pontifex beati Petri regni celestis clavi-
 geri successor vicarius Jhesu Christi cunctorum
 mundi climatum et nationum qualitates paterna con-
 sideratione discutit et examinat diligenter ac ex
 officii sui debito commoditatem et quietem appetens
 singulorum suadentibus rationabilibus causis propensa
 deliberatione salubriter ordinat et rigori canonum
 presertim erga eos qui preclsa dignitate illustrique
 prosapia fulgere noscuntur dum pro locorum et temporum
 qualitate id expediens fore conspicit dispensatoriam
 mansuetudinem anteponit Sane pro parte carissimi in
 Christo filii nostri Henrici regis Anglie illustris
 nobis nuper exhibita petitio continebat quod ipse nunc
 in juventute constitutus dum in matrimoniali statu
 esse voluerit aliquod conjugium regie dignitati debita
 paritate conveniens de facili se invenire posse non
 sperat quia diversa impedimenta inter eum et plurimos
 alios reges ac principes Christianos existunt propter
 que cum aliqua alicujus illorum filia seu nepte matri-
 monialiter copulari licite nequit nisi ei desuper a
 sede apostolica consulatur Quare pro parte dicti regis
 nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut sibi super hoc
 oportune providere de benignitate apostolica dignare-
 mur Nos igitur vices ejus per quem inter primos
 parentes ut genus cresceret et multiplicaretur humanum
 instituta fuit copula conjugalis licet immeriti in
 terris gerentes ac cunctorum Christi fidelium potissime

illustrium commodis libenter paterno affectu consu-
 lentes ex premissis et aliis nobis expositis causis
 hujusmodi supplicationibus inclinati fraternitati
 vestre de qua in his et aliis specialem in domino
 fiduciam obtinemus cum sicut eadem petitio subjungebat
 aliquis specialis aut proprius eidem regi non in una
 tantum sed in pluribus et diversis regni sui Anglie
 civitatibus et diocesibus pro tempore residenti
 diocesanus cui alias esset in hoc casu scribendum
 minime habeatur per apostolica scripta committimus et
 mandamus quatinus si est ita vos vel alter vestrum
 cum ipso rege ut cum quavis seu in cujuslibet decessus
 eventum etiam quibusvis feminei sexus persona vel
 personis de cujuscunque seu quorumcunque alterius
 regis seu aliorum regum vel principis seu principum
 comitis vel comitum aut alias magnatis seu magnatum
 genere procreata vel procreatis eidem Henrico regi
 in secundo et tertio seu tertio et tertio vel tertio
 et quarto aut quarto et quarto seu alias post secundum
 gradum hujusmodi quibusvis multiplicatis consanguini-
 tatis vel affinitatis gradibus conjuncta seu conjunc-
 tis necnon cum persona vel etiam personis hujusmodi
 et qualibet earum ut cum ipso Henrico rege si et
 quando ex causis rationabilibus insimul matrimoniali-
 ter copulari desideraverint ac persona vel persone
 hujusmodi propter hoc rapta seu rapte non fuerit vel
 fuerint matrimonium seu matrimonia libere contrahere
 et in eo vel eis postquam contractum seu contracta
 extiterit vel extiterint licite remanere valeant
 auctoritate apostolica dispensetis seu dispenset
 prolem sive proles ex matrimonio seu matrimoniis

hujusmodi suscipiendam sive suscipiendas legitimam
seu legitimas nuntiando Datum Florentie anno incarna-
tionis dominice millesimoquadringsesimoquadragesimo-
secundo quintodecimo Kalendas Februarii pontificatus
nostri anno duodecimo

B. Roverella

Duplicata gratis de mandato domini nostri
pape

Jo. de Steccatis

Leaden Bulla on strings.

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To his venerable brothers the archbishops of Canterbury and York greeting and apostolic benediction The Roman pontiff successor of the blessed Peter who bears the keys of the Kingdom of heaven and vicar of Jesus Christ in his paternal consideration discusses and diligently examines the qualities of all climates and nations of the world and in duty to his office seeking the convenience and quiet of each by the persuasion of reasonable causes and with prudent deliberation profitably ordains and by the rigour of canons reserves the clemency of his dispensation especially for those who are known to shine with highest dignity and illustrious descent while he sees that it would be expedient to the quality of the place and time Verily a petition lately exhibited to us on the part of our dearest son in Christ Henry the illustrious King of England contained that though he being now in his youth wishes to enter the married state yet he does not hope to be able to find easily a union fitting in due quality to his royal dignity because various impediments exist between him and many other Christian Kings and princes whereby he is unable to be legitimately united in marriage with a daughter or niece of any of them unless it be counselled from above by the apostolic seat Wherefore humble supplication was made to us on behalf of the said King that we should deign of our apostolic goodness to provide for him on this matter We therefore who represent on earth albeit unworthily him through whom conjugal union was

instituted among our first parents in order that the human race might grow and multiply and who in our paternal affection gladly consult the needs of all Christ's faithful and especially the illustrious for the foregoing and other reasons expounded to us being inclined to such entreaty by apostolic writ we commit and order your brotherhood in which in this and other matters we have special confidence in the Lord since as the same petition subjoined some special and particular diocesan to whom otherwise we should have written in this case would be held in very little regard by the said King when residing for the time not in one only but in many and diverse cities and dioceses of his kingdom of England that if it is so you or one of you by apostolic authority are to dispense for the said King that he may freely contract a marriage or marriages with a person or in the event of death persons of the female sex the daughter or daughters of whatever other King or Kings or prince or princes or earl or earls or other magnate or magnates though joined to the same King Henry in the second and third degrees of consanguinity or affinity or the third and third or the third and fourth or the fourth and fourth or otherwise in the same manner to whatever number after the second degree and with such a person or persons and anyone of them if and when for reasonable causes they shall desire to be coupled together in marriage with the said King Henry and the person or persons of this kind shall not be raped and thereby the marriage or marriages when contracted are

lawfully to remain valid by your announcing that the child or children of a marriage or marriages of such a kind to be made are legitimate

Given at Florence in the one thousand four hundred and forty second year of the Lord's incarnation the fifteenth before the Kalends of February in the twelfth year of our pontificate (18 Jan. 1443)

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Jo. de Steccatis

11 May 1444 Confirmation and extension of nos. 6 and 7
(to hold good in perpetuity).

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Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei Universis
Christi fidelibus presentes litteras inspecturis salutem
et apostolicam benedictionem. Dum precelsa meritorum
insignia quibus regina celorum virgo dei genetrix gloriosa
sedibus prelata sidereis quasi stella matutina prerutilans
devote considerationis indagine perscrutamur dum etiam
intra pectoris archana revolvimus quod ipsa utpote miser-
icordie mater et gratie ac pietatis amica generis humani
consolatrix pro salute fidelium qui delictorum onere pre-
gravantur sedula oratrix et pervigil ad regem quem genuit
intercedit dignum quinimo debitum¹ arbitramur¹ ut ecclesias
in honorem sui nominis dedicatas gratiosis remissionum
prosequamur impendiis et indulgentiarum muneribus decoremus
Nuper siquidem quamplurimis arduis et honestis tunc ex-
pressis nobis legitimis² causis necnon carissimi in Christo
filii nostri Henrici regis Anglie illustris singularis
devotionis quam erga nos et Romanam gerit ecclesiam consid-
eratione moti qui sicut pro ipsius parte nobis tunc fuit
expositum collegiatam ecclesiam Collegii beate Marie de
Etona juxta Wyndesoram Lincolnensis diocesis que inter
ceteras partium illarum collegiatas ecclesias venerabilis
ac³ devota existit et ad quam partium earundem populus
singularis devotionis gerit affectum cum sumptuosis
structuris et edificiis ac magno ministrorum ecclesias-
ticorum numero de facultatibus a deo sibi concessis ad
ipsius dei omnipotentis honorem ac prefate sue genetricis
dignissime gloriam et sub illius⁴ nomine construxit et dotavit

1. debitum potius arbitramur 2l.
2. legitimis before arduis 2l.
3. et 2l.
4. ipsius 2l.

de ejusdem omnipotentis dei misericordia ac beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus auctoritate confisi omnibus prefatis Christi fidelibus vere penitentibus et confessis qui a primis vesperis usque ad secundas vespervas inclusive Assumptionis prefate¹ genetricis¹ eandem ecclesiam devote visitarent² annuatim et ad repellendum Turcos et nominis Christiani inimicos necnon ejusdem collegii fabricam ac ministrorum³ inibi degentium sustentationem manus porrigent adjutrices plenam omnium peccatorum suorum remissionem ac⁴ singulis sacerdotibus idoneis⁵ qui ad hoc per dilectum filium prepositum pro tempore existentem dicte ecclesie seu ab eo deputandum deputati forent quod omnium fidelium sic visitantium confessiones audire ipsosque injuncta eis prius penitentia salutarē in omnibus casibus preterquam sedi apostolice specialiter reservatis absolvere libere et licite valeant⁶ auctoritate apostolica per alias nostras litteras concessimus Volentes tamen ex hiis oblationibus que per ipsos fideles remissionis hujusmodi intuitu erogarentur quatuor partes fieri et earum unam fabrice et sustentationi ministrorum prefati collegii pro augmento cultus divini in eodem applicari earundem etiam tenore litterarum concessimus reliquas vero tres partes ad opus repulsionis predictorum Turcorum et subventionis regionum Christianarum et presertim civitatis Constantinopolitane insule Rodi et aliarum terrarum vicinarum que ab eis opprimuntur eisdem auctoritate et tenore dispositioni nostre reservavimus et applicavimus prout in eisdem nostris litteris quas post ipsius regis obitum minime valere voluimus plenius continetur

1. prefate dei genetricis Marie 21
2. visitaverint 21
3. ministrorum et pauperum inibi 21
4. a 21
5. idoneis secularibus seu regularibus qui 21
6. valerent 21

Nunc autem ut prefata ecclesia perpetuis futuris temporibus congruis frequentetur honoribus providere cupientes ejusdem regis in hac parte multis supplicationibus inclinati necnon gratum et ingens quod nobis adversus etiam infideles crucis et religionis Christiane inimicos pro se et regno suo obsequium obtulit loco dictarum oblationum suscipientes ac singulari devotione et zelo ejus erga nos et Romanam ecclesiam permoti de¹ ejusdem omnipotentis dei misericordia et dictorum apostolorum auctoritate¹ confisi volumus et concedimus quod omnes et singuli Christi fideles qui in posterum devote predictam ecclesiam collegiatam² collegii beate Marie de Ethona a primis vesperis prefate dei genetricis Assumptionis usque ad secundas vespervas inclusive visitaverint percipiant consequantur et habeant plenam omnium suorum peccatorum remissionem ac sacerdotibus hujusmodi qui per prepositum ipsum pro tempore existentem aut per eum deputandum deputati fuerint quod omnium fidelium predictam ecclesiam de Ethona a primis vesperis usque ad secundas vespervas inclusive hujusmodi³ devote visitantium confessiones audire eosque in omnibus casibus preterquam sedi apostolice reservatis injuncta eis prius salutari penitentia absolvere libere et licite valeant auctoritate apostolica concedimus per presentes non obstantibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus apostolicis ac omnibus contentis in superioribus litteris dicto illustri regi prius concessis ceterisque contrariis quibuscunque Presentibus perpetuis futuris temporibus in suo robore⁴ duraturis

1. de ejusdem misericordia ac auctoritate 2l.
2. collegiatam omitted 2l.
3. hujusmodi omitted 2l.
4. in suo robore after presentibus 2l.

Datum Rome apud Sanctum (Pet)rum¹ anno incarnationis
dominice millesi (no quadri)gentesimo¹ quadragesimo quarto
quinto Idus Maii pontificatus nostri anno quartodecimo

B Reverella

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

B Palavicinus

Leadon Bulla on red and yellow silk cords.

1. The letters in brackets are illegible

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To all Christ's faithful who shall inspect the present letters greeting and apostolic benediction While with devout regard and diligent inquiry we examine the most lofty tokens of the merits by which the queen of heaven the glorious Virgin mother of God being elevated to the starry seats pre-eminently glows like the morning star and while we revolve within the secret places of our heart that she as the mother of mercy and friend of grace and compassion the consolation of the human race and the diligent and ever wakeful suppliant for the salvation of the faithful who are weighed down by the burden of their offences intercedes with the King whom she bore we deem it worthy or rather their due that we should attend churches dedicated in honour of her name with the gracious charges of remissions and adorn them with gifts of indulgences Forasmuch as lately being moved by many serious honourable and legitimate causes then expressed to us as well as by the consideration of the singular devotion of our dearest son in Christ Henry the illustrious King of England which he bears towards us and the Roman church who as was then shown to us on his behalf constructed and endowed with faculties granted to him from God to the honour of the same almighty God and the glory of his aforesaid most worthy mother and under her name the collegiate church of the College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln which is venerable and

sacred among other collegiate churches of those parts and to which the people of the same parts bear an affection of special devotion with sumptuous buildings and edifices and a great number of ecclesiastical ministers trusting in the mercy of the same almighty God and in the authority of his apostles the blessed Peter and Paul by apostolic authority we granted by other our letters to all the aforesaid Christ's faithful penitent and confessed who from the first to the second vespers inclusively of the Assumption of the aforesaid (Mary)¹ mother (of God)¹ should devoutly visit the same church yearly and stretch forth helping hands to the repelling of the Turks and the enemies of the Christian name and to the fabric of the same college and the maintenance of the ministers (and poor)¹ dwelling therein full remission of all their sins and to the several suitable priests (secular or regular)¹ who should be deputed for the purpose by our beloved son the provost of the said church for the time being or one to be deputed by him that they should be able freely and lawfully to hear the confessions of all the faithful who thus visited there and to absolve them salutary penance having been first enjoined except in all cases specially reserved to the apostolic see Wishing however that out of these oblations which should be laid out in respect of such remission by the same faithful four parts be made and one of them be applied to the fabric and to the maintenance of the ministers of the aforesaid college for the increase of divine worship in the same

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but the remaining three parts by the same authority and tenor we reserved and applied to our own disposition to the task of the repulsion of the aforesaid Turks and the assistance of Christian lands and especially of the city of Constantinople and the island of Rhodes and the other neighbouring lands as in the same our letters which we willed to have no validity after the death of the same King is more fully contained Now moreover desiring to provide that the aforesaid church may be attended with due honours for perpetual future times inclining to the many supplications of the same King in this behalf and accepting the huge and welcome service he also offered us on behalf of himself and his realm in place of the said oblations against the infidel enemies of the cross and of the Christian religion and being most moved by his singular devotion and zeal towards us and the Roman church trusting in the mercy of the same almighty God and in the authority of the said apostles we will and grant that all and singular Christ's faithful who in future shall visit the aforesaid collegiate church of the College of the Blessed Mary of Eton from the first vespers of the Assumption of the aforesaid mother of God until the second vespers inclusively shall receive obtain and have full remission of all their sins and to such priests as shall be deputed by the said provost for the time being or by one to be deputed by him by apostolic authority we grant by the present that they may freely and lawfully have the power to hear the confessions of all the faithful devoutly visiting the

aforesaid church of Eton thus from the first to the second vespers inclusively and absolve them in all cases except those reserved for the apostolic see having first enjoined on them salutary penance notwithstanding apostolic constitutions and ordinances and all former grants to the said illustrious King contained in the preceding letters and anything else whatever to the contrary The present to endure in force for perpetual future times

Given at Rome at St. Peter's in the one thousand four hundred and forty fourth year of the Lord's incarnation the fifth before the Ides of May in the fourteenth year of our pontificate (11 May 1444)

B. Roverella

Freely by order of our lord the pope

B. Palavicinus

25 January 1447 Grant of further indulgences for those
who visit the church of Eton.

Printed in full in Correspondence of Bekynston vol. II
pp. 309 - 311.

Eugenius episcopus servus servorum dei Universalis Christi fidelibus presentes litteras inspecturis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Ineffabilia meritorum insignia gloriosissime dei genetricis Marie Virginis que suo castissimo salutis auctorem utero protulit devote considerationis indagine perscrutantes et intra nostre revolventes mentis archana quod ipsa veluti misericordie mater et generis consolatrix humani sedulas apud deum quem maternis lactavit uberibus pro nostre fragilitatis expiatione preces et intercessionem effundere satagit dignum quin potius debitum recensemus ut ad honorem sui nominis dedicata loca gratiosis remissionum prosequamur impendiis et Christi fideles quolibet ut inibi laudes altissimo referant indulgentiarum muneribus excitemus Cum itaque sicut accepimus carissimus in Christo filius noster Henricus sextus rex Anglie illustris de terrenis immarcessibiles cupiens efferre thesauros Regale Collegium de Etona nuncupatum Lincolnensis diocesis prope Wyndesoram sub ipsius gloriosissime vocabulo Virginis pro preposito et plerisque sacerdotibus choralibus scolaribus egenis debilibusque pauperibus erigi necnon construi fecerit atque dotaverit congruenti qua misse et alia divina officia celebrari debeant ecclesia decoratum Nos cupientes ut ipsa ecclesia congruis frequentetur honoribus et fideles predicti libentius eo devotionis causa conferant ad eandem quo ex hoc ibidem dono celestis gratie uberius conspexerint se reflectos de omnipotentis dei misericordia beatorumque Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus auctoritate confisi omnibus vere penitentibus et confessis qui in Assumptionis et singulis aliis ejusdem gloriosissime Virginis necnon beati Nicolai ac translationis sancti Edwardi Confessoris festivitibus ecclesiam prefatam devote visitaverint annuatim

singulis videlicet ipsarum festivitatum diebus quibus eandem ecclesiam visitaverint septem annos et totidem quadragenas de injunctis eis penitentiis misericorditer relaxamus Presentibus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturis

Et ut ipsi fideles ad consequendum relaxationis hujusmodi fructum aptiores efficiantur quod prepositus predictus necnon alii seculares et regulares ad id per ipsum deputandi sacerdotes idonei in festivitatis prefatis fideles eosdem quorum tunc inibi confessiones audierint ab omnibus suis peccatis criminibus et excessibus etiam in singulis preterquam apostolice sedi reservatis casibus auctoritate apostolica absolvere necnon penitentiam salutarem eis injungere ac etiam in Assumptionis festivitate a primis vesperis ad secundas vespas inclusive hujusmodi vota singula que fideles ipsi quomodolibet emiserint et commode servare non possint nisi de visitandis locis ultramarinis et apostolorum predictorum et Sancti Jacobi in Compostella liminibus extiterint in alia pietatis opera commutare valeant auctoritate prefata concedimus pariter et indulgemus

Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis dominice millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo sexto octavo Kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno sextodecimo

Poggius

L. De Castileono

Endorsed R^{ta} de mandate domini nostri pape Poggius

Leaden Bulla on red and yellow silk cords.

Eugenius bishop servant of the servants of God To all Christ's faithful who shall inspect the present letters greeting and apostolic benediction Diligently examining with the careful attention of our devout consideration the ineffable tokens of the merits of the most glorious Virgin Mary the mother of God who brought forth from her most chaste womb the author of salvation and revolving within the inner places of our mind that she as the mother of mercy and consolation of the human race troubles to pour forth diligent prayers and intercessions for the expiation of our weakness to the God whom she suckled from her mother's paps we deem it worthy or rather her due that we should attend places dedicated to the honour of her name with the gracious charges of remissions and by the gifts of indulgences stir up all Christ's faithful to render praises to the most high therein Wherefore since as we have heard our dearest son in Christ Henry the sixth the illustrious King of England desiring to take out of terrestrial things imperishable treasures had erected and constructed a college called the Royal College of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln under the name of the same most glorious Virgin for a provost and certain priests choristers needy scholars and infirm poor and endowed it and adorned it with a suitable church where masses and other divine offices are to be celebrated We desiring that the said church may be attended with due honours and that the faithful aforesaid may the

more gladly betake themselves to the same for the sake of devotion in that they shall there see themselves the more richly renewed with the gift of heavenly grace thereby trusting in the mercy of almighty God and the authority of the blessed Peter and Paul his apostles to all the truly penitent and confessed who on the feast of the Assumption and all other feasts of the same most glorious Virgin as well as those of the blessed Nicholas and of the translation of St. Edward the Confessor shall devoutly visit the aforesaid church yearly to wit on the several days of the said feasts on which they shall visit the same church we mercifully relax seven years and as many periods of forty days from the penances enjoined on them And that the said faithful may be rendered more able to acquire the fruit of such relaxation by the aforesaid authority we likewise grant and concede that the provost aforesaid and the other suitable priests both secular and regular to be deputed by him for the purpose may be empowered to absolve on the feasts aforesaid the same faithful whose confessions they shall then have heard there from all their sins offences and excesses also except in the several cases reserved to the apostolic see and also to enjoin salutary penance on them and also on the feast of the Assumption from the first to the second vespers inclusively to commute into other works of piety vows of such a kind which the said faithful shall in any way have taken and cannot conveniently keep unless they be for visiting the Holy

Land and the places of the apostles aforesaid and
of St. James in Compostella

Given at Rome at St. Peter's in the one
thousand four hundred and forty sixth year of the
Lord's incarnation the eighth before the Kalends
of February in the sixteenth year of our pontifi-
cate (25 Jan. 1447)

Poggius

L. de Castileono

20 April 1447 Confirmation by pope Nicholas V of the
privileges granted by his predecessor
to the College.

Nicolaus episcopus servus servorum dei Dilectis filiis preposito et capellanis Collegii Regalis sub vocabulo gloriosissime Marie Virginis de Etona juxta Wyndesoram Lincolnensis diocesis per carissimum in Christo filium nostrum Henricum sextum regem Anglie illustrem instituti salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Cum a nobis petitur quod justum est et honestum tam vigor equitatis quam ordo rationis exigit ut id per sollicitudinem officii nostri ad debitum perducat effectum eapropter dilecti in domino filii vestris justis supplicationibus grato concurrentes assensu omnes libertates et immunitates ad (sic) predecessoribus nostris Romanis pontificibus sive per privilegia vel alias indulgentias vobis et regali in quo residetis sive moram trahitis collegio concessas necnon libertates et exemptiones secularium exactionum a regibus et principibus ac aliis Christi fidelibus rationabiliter vobis indultas sicut eas juste et pacifice possidetis vobis et per vos eidem collegio auctoritate apostolica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre confirmationis et communitationis infringere vel ei ansu temerario contraire Siquis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejusse noverit incursum Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis dominice millesimoquadringsesimoquadragesimoseptimo duodecimo Kalendas Maii pontificatus nostri anno primo

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Apud Arnoldum Gabriel

L. de Castilione

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Nicholas bishop servant of the servants of God To his beloved sons the provost and chaplains of the Royal College called of the most glorious Virgin Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln founded by our dearest son in Christ Henry the sixth the illustrious King of England greeting and apostolic benediction When we are asked what is just and honest both the vigour of equity and the order of reason exacts that the same be carried through to its due effect by the solicitude of our office therefore assenting with our gracious concurrence in the just prayers of you our beloved son in the Lord we confirm to you and the same college by apostolic authority and fortify by the defence of this present writ all liberties and immunities granted by our predecessors the Roman pontiffs whether by privileges or other indulgences to you and the Royal College in which you reside or dwell as well as the liberties and exemptions from secular exactions reasonably conceded to you by Kings and princes and other faithful in Christ as you possess them justly and peacefully Therefore let no man whatever infringe this page of our confirmation and fortification or by rash temerity contravene the same But if anyone shall presume to attempt such a thing let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his apostles the blessed Peter and Paul

Given at Rome at Saint Peter in the one thousand four hundred and forty seventh year of the

Lord's incarnation the twelfth before the Kalends
of May in the first year of our pontificate
(20 April 1447)

L. de Castilione

3 February 1448 Indult for the King to have relics moved
from one place to another.

Calendared in Calendar of Papal Registers vol. X 1447 -
1455 p. 8. In the Vatican Register the month date is
missing.

Nicolaus episcopus servus servorum dei
 Carissimo in Christo filio Henrico regi Anglie
 illustri salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Pura
 fides et sincera devotio quam ad nos et Romanam
 geris ecclesiam promeretur ut illa tibi favor-
 abilliter concedamus per que cum animarum salute
 augmentum devotionis fidelium salubriter procuratur
 provenire Cum itaque sicut nobis nuper significare
 curasti in diversis ecclesiis monasteriis atque
 locis sanctorum reliquie conserventur que tum prop-
 ter locorum distantiam tum propter negligentiam
 illorum qui eas conservant apud Christi fideles
 incognite sunt queque si populis manifestarentur et
 in locis aptis et honestis reponerentur eorundem
 fidelium devotio cresceret tuque exinde magnam sus-
 ciperes jocunditatem Nos igitur attendentes quod
 licet hoc canonice prohibeant sanciones tamen quia
 orthodoxa fides et fidelium devotio augmentatur motu
 proprio non ad tuam vel alterius nobis super hoc
 oblate petitionis instantiam sed de nostra mera
 liberalitate ut quotiens tibi placuerit et id noveris
 in domino salubriter expedire per ydoneam vel ydoneas
 personam seu personas quam seu quas ad hoc duxeris
 eligendam vel eligendas quascunque sanctorum reli-
 quias in quibusvis ecclesiis monasteriis sive locis
 ubilibet reconditas ad quecunque alia ecclesias monas-
 teria sive loca ubi tibi placuerit absque alicujus
 spiritualis vel temporalis pene incursu aut conscientie
 scrupulo cum debito honore debitaque reverentia
 transportare seu transmutare facere possis apostolicis

ac bone memorie Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in regno Anglie sedis apostolice legatorum necnon in provincialibus et synodalibus conciliis editis constitutionibus et ordinationibus ac ecclesiarum monasteriorum sive locorum in quibus hujusmodi reliquie conservantur seu ad que illas transportari contigerit et illorum ordinum juramento confirmatione apostolica vel quavis alia firmitate roboratis statutis et consuetudinibus privilegiis quoque et indultis generalibus vel specialibus quorumcunque tenorum existant etiam si de illis eorumque totis tenoribus de verbo ad verbum mentio habenda foret quibus omnibus quo ad hoc specialiter et expresse derogamus ceterisque contrariis nequaquam obstantibus devotioni tue auctoritate apostolica tenore presentium indulgemus Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre derogationis et concessionis infringere vel ei ansu temerario contraire Signis autem (hoc attemptare)^x presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum anno (incarnationis)^x dominice millesimoquadringsesimoquadragesimoseptimo Tertio Nonas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno primo

Pe. de Noxeto

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

L. de Castilione

Endorsed R^{ta}. apud me Pe. de Noxeto

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^x Hole in document

Nicholas bishop servant of the servants of God To his dearest son in Christ Henry the illustrious King of England greeting and apostolic benediction The pure faith and sincere devotion which you bear towards us and the Roman church deserves that we favourably grant those things to you by which an increase of the devotion of the faithful together with the salvation of souls may be healthily made to proceed Wherefore since as you have lately brought to our notice in diverse churches monasteries and places of the saints relics are preserved which whether on account of the distance of the places or the negligence of those who preserve them are unknown among Christ's faithful and which if they were shown to the people and kept in fit and suitable places the devotion of the said faithful would increase and you would take great delight therefrom We therefore having in mind that though canonical sanctions forbid it yet because orthodox faith and the devotion of the faithful is augmented thereby of our own motion and not at the instance of any petition submitted to us on this matter by you or by another but of our pure liberality grant by apostolic authority according to the tenor of these present that as often as it shall please you and you know it to be healthy and expedient in the Lord by a suitable person or suitable persons whom you shall think fit to choose for the purpose you may have transported or moved with due honour and fitting reverence whatever relics of the saints in whatever churches monasteries or places

they may be found to whatever other churches monasteries or places you please without incurring any penalty spiritual or temporal and without any scruple of conscience notwithstanding apostolic constitutions and ordinances or those of Otto and Ottobon of good memory sometime legates of the apostolic see in England or those issued in provincial and synodal councils or those of the churches monasteries or places in which such relics are kept or to which they may be moved and the oath apostolic confirmation or any other corroboration thereof as well as fortified statutes customs privileges and general or special indulgences of whatever tenor they are even if there had to be mention of them and of their whole tenor word for word all which we now specially and expressly revoke with whatever else is contrary Therefore let no man infringe this page of our revocation and concession or by rash temerity contravene the same But if anyone shall presume to attempt such a thing let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his apostoles the blessed Peter and Paul

Given at Rome at Saint Peter in the one thousand four hundred and forty seventh year of the Lord's incarnation the third before the Nones of February in the first year of our pontificate
(13 Feb. 1448)

Pe. de Noxeto

Freely by order of our lord pope

L. de Castilione

21 October 1448 Indult to the Provost and Fellows to have
a portable altar; to hear confessions;
and to appoint a clerk of the College a notary.

Calendared in Calendar of Papal Registers vol. X 1447 -
1455 p. 31.

Nicolaus episcopus servus servorum dei
 Dilecto filio preposito Collegii Regalis beate Marie
 de Etona juxta Windesoram Lincolnensis diocesis
 salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Pura fides
 et sincera devotio quam ad nos et Romanam geris
 ecclesiam promeretur ut illa tibi ac successoribus
 tuis Collegii Regalis beate Marie de Etona pro tempore
 existentibus favorabiliter concedamus per que animarum
 saluti et ipsius collegii utilitati valeat provideri
 Hinc est quod nos carissimi in Christo filii Henrici
 sexti regis Anglie illustris in hac parte supplica-
 tionibus inclinati ut tibi ac successoribus predictis
 necnon singulis sociorum presentium et futurorum ad
 negotia dicti Collegii exercenda deputatorum habere
 altare portatile cum debita reverentia et honore super
 quo in locis ad hoc congruentibus et honestis etiam
 antequam elucescat dies cum qualitas negotiorum
 ingruentium id exegerit per proprium vel alium sacer-
 dotem ydoneum in tua et sociorum predictorum ac tuorum
 familiarium domesticorum presentia absque tamen juris
 alieni prejudicio missas et alia divina officia cele-
 brari facere possis ac ipsi successores et socii
 presentes et futuri perpetuo possint auctoritate
 apostolica tenore presentium indulgemus Et insuper
 cum sicut accepimus ad ipsum collegium penitentium
 concursus habeatur tibi et successoribus predictis
 omnium et singulorum Christi fidelium utriusque sexus
 qui tibi confiteri voluerint confessiones alicujus
 licentia vel assensu super hoc minime requisitis
 libere et licite audiendi ac pro commissis dummodo

talia non fuerint propter que sedes apostolica
 esset merito consulenda absolvendi et eis salut-
 arem penitentiam injungendi necnon tu loco tui ac
 successores predicti loco ipsorum quotiens te vel
 illos abesse contingeret unum magistrum ejusdem
 collegii consocium quo ad hujusmodi audiendas
 confessiones absolutionem faciendam et penitentiam
 injungendam deputandi Preterea cum tibi sic inter-
 dum necesse pro causis dicti collegii pro tempore
 emergentibus unum habere tabellionem tibi et eisdem
 successoribus unum clericum dicti collegii etiam
 conjugatum seu in sacris ordinibus constitutum
 dummodo alias sit idoneus et illo quotienscunque
 recedente seu decedente alium clericum ipsius
 collegii etiam ut prefertur idoneum aut conjugatum
 vel in sacris ordinibus constitutum in notarium
 apostolica auctoritate creandi et tabellionatus
 officium eadem auctoritate sibi concedendi aposto-
 licis ac bone memorie Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in
 regno Anglie dicte sedis legatorum constitutionibus
 et ordinationibus ceterisque contrariis nequaquam
 obstantibus plenam et liberam perpetuo valituram
 tenore et auctoritate similibus concedimus faculta-
 tem Volumus autem quod antequam tu vel successores
 antedicti ipsi creando notario officium hujusmodi
 concedas solitum ab eo recipias atque recipiant
 juramentum juxta formam quam ut ipse creandus notarius
 per eum plenius informetur presentibus inseri feci-
 mus que est talis Ego .. clericus ab hac hora in-
 antea fidelis ero beato Petro et sancte Romane
 ecclesie ac domino meo domino Nicolao pape V et

successoribus suis canonice intrantibus Non ero in consilio auxilio consensu vel facto ut vitam perdant aut membrum seu capiantur mala captione consilium vero quod michi per se vel litteras aut nuntium manifestabunt ad eorum damnum me sciente nemini pandam Si vero ad meam noticiam aliquid devenire contingat quod in periculum Romani Pontificis aut ecclesie Romane vergeret seu grave damnum illud proposse impediam et si hoc impedire non possem procurabo bona fide id ad noticiam domini pape perferri Papatum Romanum et regalia sancti Petri ac jura ipsius ecclesie specialiter si quam eadem ecclesia in civitate vel terra de qua sum oriundus habet adjutor eis ero ad defendendum et retinendum seu recuperandum contra omnem hominem Tabellionatus officium fideliter exercebo Contractus in quibus exigitur consensus partium fideliter faciam nil addendo vel minuendo sive voluntate partium quod substantiam contractus immutet Si vero in conficiendo aliquod instrumentum unum solius partis sit requirenda voluntas hoc ipsum faciam ut scilicet nil addam vel minuum quod immutet facti substantiam contra voluntatem ipsius Instrumentum non conficiam de aliquo contractu in quo sciam intervenire vel intercedere vim vel fraudem Contractus in prothocollum redigam et postquam in prothocollum redegero malitiose non differam contra voluntatem illorum vel illius quorum est contractus super eo conficere publicum instrumentum salvo meo justo et consueto salario Sic me deus adjuvet et hec sancta dei Evangelia Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis et voluntatis infringere

vel ei ausu temerario contraire Siquis autem hoc
 attemptare presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis
 dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se
 noverit incursurum Datum Rome apud Sanctam Potent-
 ianam anno incarnationis dominice millesimoquadrin-
 gesimoquadragesimo octavo duodecimo Kalendas
 Novembris pontificatus nostri anno secundo

Gratis de mandato domini nostri pape

L. de Castilione

Pe. de Noxeto

Endorsed

Rta apud me Pe. de Noxeto

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Nicholas bishop servant of the servants of God To his beloved son the provost of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diccese of Lincoln greeting and apostolic benediction The pure faith and sincere devotion which you bear towards us and the Roman church deserves that we favourably grant those things to you and your successors for the time being of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by which provision may be made for the salvation of souls and the utility of the said college Hence it is that we inclining to the entreaties in this behalf of our dearest son in Christ Henry the sixth the illustrious King of England by apostolic authority grant by the tenor of these present to you and your successors aforesaid and all the fellows present and future deputed to exercising the business of the said college that you (may)¹ have a portable altar on which you and the said successors and fellows present and future for ever may have mass and the other divine offices celebrated with due reverence and honour in places suitable and appropriate to the same even before the day shall dawn when the nature of urgent business shall exact it by your own or another suitable priest in the presence of yourself and the aforesaid fellows and your household and domestics without however the prejudice of another's right And furthermore since as we have heard there is a concourse

1. A word of this sense lacking in the original.

of penitents to the said college (we grant)¹ you and your successors aforesaid (the faculty)¹ of freely and lawfully hearing the confessions of all and singular Christ's faithful of either sex who wish to confess to you without in any wise requiring the licence or assent of anyone for this and of absolving sins so long as they are not such as to merit that the apostolic see should be consulted and of enjoining salutary penance on them and of deputing yourself in your place and your aforesaid successors in their place as often as it shall happen that you or they are absent a master being a fellow of the same college to hear such confessions and give absolution and enjoin penance Furthermore since it is from time to time necessary for the causes of the said college arising at the time to have a notary by the same tenor and authority we grant you and the same successors the full and free faculty to be valid in perpetuity of creating into a notary by apostolic authority a clerk of the said college even married or constituted in sacred orders provided he is otherwise suitable and as often as he retires or dies another clerk of the said college also suitable as aforesaid whether married or constituted in sacred orders and of granting the office of notary to him by the same authority notwithstanding in any way apostolic constitutions and ordinances and those of Otto and Otton of good memory sometime

1. Words of this sense lacking in the original.

legates of the said see in England and others to the contrary We will moreover that before you or your successors aforesaid grant the said office by creating the said notary you receive from him the usual oath which in order that the said notary to be created may be more fully informed thereby we have caused to be inserted in these present as follows I ... clerk from this hour henceforward will be faithful to the blessed Peter and to the holy Roman church and to my lord the lord Nicholas V pope and his successors canonically succeeding I will not be party to any counsel aid consent or deed by which they should lose life or limb or be taken in evil capture nor will I knowingly disclose to anyone to their loss the counsel which they shall manifest to me either by their letters or their nuncio But if anything happens to come to my notice which would tend to the danger of the Roman Pontiff or the Roman church or to their grievous damage I will impede the same to the best of my power and if unable to impede the same I will see in good faith that it is brought to the notice of the lord pope The Roman papacy and the privileges of St. Peter and the rights of the said church if the same church has any especially in my native city or land I will be a helper of the same for defending and retaining or recovering the same against all men I will faithfully execute the office of notary I will faithfully make contracts in which the consent of the parties is required adding or subtracting nothing without the will of the parties that might alter the substance of

the contract But if in drawing up any instrument the will of one party only is to be required I will make the same so that I add nothing at all or that which will make the minimum change to the substance of the deed contrary to the will of the same I will not draw up an instrument of any contract in which I know force or fraud to intervene or influence I will reduce contracts to a protocol and after reducing the same to a protocol I will not maliciously contrary to the will of those or of him whose contract it is delay drawing up a public instrument on the same saving my rightful and accustomed salary So may God help me and these God's sacred Gospels Therefore let no man infringe this page of our concession and will or by rash temerity contravene the same But if anyone shall presume to attempt such a thing let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his apostles the blessed Peter and Paul

Given at Rome at Saint Pudenziana's in the one thousand four hundred and forty eighth year of the Lord's incarnation the twelfth before the Kalends of November in the second year of our pontificate

(21 October 1448)

Pe. de Noxeto

Freely by mandate of our lord pope

L. de Castilione

1 June 1450 Indult to the Provost to appoint priests
to hear confessions.

Calendared in Calendar of Papal Registers vol. X 1447 -
1455 pp. 60 and 61.

Nicolaus episcopus servus servorum dei

Dilecto filio preposito Collegii Regalis beate Marie de Eton juxta Wyndesoram Lincolnensis diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Votis fidelium his presertim que animarum salutem respiciunt libenter annuimus et gratie favore prosequimur specialis Dudum siquidem inter alia per nos accepto quod ad Collegium Regale beate Marie de Eton juxta Wyndesoram Lincolnensis diocesis penitentium concursus haberetur nos carissimi in Christo filii nostri Henrici vi regis Anglie illustris supplicationibus inclinati tibi ac successoribus tuis dicti collegii prepositis pro tempore existentibus omnium et singulorum Christi fidelium utriusque sexus qui tibi confiteri vellent confessiones alicujus licentia vel assensu super hoc minime requisitis libere et licite audiendi ac pro commissis dummodo talia non forent propter que sedes apostolica esset merito consulenda absolvendi et eis salutarem penitentiam injungendi necnon tu loco tui ac successores predicti loco ipsorum quotiens te vel illos abesse contingeret unum magistrum eiusdem collegii consocium quo ad hujusmodi audiendas confessiones absolutionem faciendam et penitentiam injungendam deputandi per alias nostras litteras concessimus facultatem prout in illis plenius continetur Cum autem sicut exhibita nobis nuper pro parte dicti regis petitio continebat tu ad quem tam personarum quam bonorum dicti collegii cura regimenque pertinere noscuntur ad audiendum confessiones dictorum fidelium confiteri volentium quotiens oportunum fuerit commode vacare non possis pro parte regis eiusdem nobis fuit

humiliter supplicatum ut tibi et pro tempore existenti dicti collegii preposito quotiens eis oportunum videbitur ad huiusmodi confessiones audiendas tres aut quatuor alios socios presbiteros eiusdem collegii quos ad hoc elegeritis deputare valeatis facultatem elargiri et alias super hoc oportune providere de benignitate apostolica dignaremur Nos igitur huiusmodi supplicationibus inclinati tibi ac dicto preposito pro tempore existenti ut in singulis festivitibus beate Marie virginis tres aliis vero temporibus duos presbiteros idoneos dicti collegii quos ad id elegeritis ad ipsas confessiones audiendas et pro commissis in singulis preterquam sedi apostolice reservatis casibus eis absolutionem auctoritate apostolica impendendas et penitentias salutares injungendas deputare quodque dicti sic electi presbiteri quocumque vota per ipsos fideles forsitan emissa peregrinationis transmarine ac beatorum Petri et Pauli atque Jacobi in Compostella votis duntaxat exceptis eadem auctoritate in alia pietatis opera prout secundum deum animarum dictorum fidelium saluti expedire viderunt commutare valeant auctoritate prefata tenore presentium indulgemus Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire Siquis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum eius se noverit incursum Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis dominice millesimoquadringentesimoquingentesimo Kalendis

Junii pontificatus nostri anno quarto

(in the margin on the left)

Junii Ugolinus

Pe. de Noxeto

Constantinus

Endorsed

R^{ta} apud me Pe. de Noxeto

Leaden Bulla on red and yellow silk cords.

Nicholas bishop servant of the servants of God To his beloved son the provost of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln greeting and apostolic benediction We willingly assent to the prayers of the faithful especially those which regard the salvation of souls and attend them with the favour of our special grace Forasmuch as heretofore accepting that there should be a concourse of penitents to the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln we inclined to the supplications of our dearest son in Christ Henry VI the illustrious King of England and by other our letters granted to you and your successors the provosts of the said college for the time being the faculty as is in them more fully contained of freely and lawfully hearing the confessions of all and singular Christ's faithful of either sex who wished to confess to you without in any wise requiring the licence or assent of anyone for this and of absolving sins so long as they were not such as to merit that the apostolic see should be consulted and of enjoining salutary penance on them and of deputing yourself in your place and your aforesaid successors in their place as often as it shall happen that you or they are absent a master being a fellow of the same college to hear such confessions and give absolution and enjoin penance Whereas furthermore as was contained in a petition lately exhibited to us on the part of the said King you to whom the care and governance as well of the persons as of the goods of the said college are known to appertain have not the leisure conveniently

to hear the confessions of the said faithful who wish to confess as often as is meet humble supplication was made to us on the part of the same King that we should deign of our apostolic benignity to enlarge the faculty and otherwise make suitable provision in this matter that as often as it shall seem meet to you and the provost of the said college for the time being you may have the power to depute three or four other fellows priests of the same college whom you shall choose for the purpose to hear the said confessions We therefore inclining to such supplications by the aforesaid authority grant by the tenor of these present to you and the said provost for the time being that you may depute on each feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary three and at other times two suitable priests of the said college whom you shall elect therefor to hearing the said confessions and bestowing absolution for all sins except in those cases reserved for the apostolic see and enjoining salutary penances and that the said priests thus elected may have the power by the same authority to commute whatever vows may have been made by the said faithful excepting only vows of pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to the blessed Peter and Paul and James in Compostella into other works of piety as according to God they shall see to be expedient to the salvation of the souls of the said faithful Therefore let no man infringe this page of our concession or by rash temerity contravene the same But if anyone shall presume to attempt such a thing let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his

blessed apostles Peter and Paul

Given at Rome at Saint Peter's in the
one thousand four hundred and fiftieth year of
the Lord's incarnation on the Kalends of June in
the fourth year of our pontificate (1 June 1450)

Pe. de Noxeto

Constantinus

20 November 1459 Confirmation, with exemplification,
of no. 12.

Calendared in Calendar of Papal Registers vol. XI 1455 -
1464 p. 560.

Pius episcopus servus servorum dei Ad futuram rei memoriam Pastoris eterni qui ut humanum redimeret genus in ara crucis immolari non abnuit vices licet immeriti gerentes in terris ad id nostri vota cordis desideranter exponimus ut quos ipse pretiosissimi sanguinis sui aspersione deo patri reconciliare curavit nos quibus illorum regimen gubernationemque commisit eorum salutem exquirere et procurare modis omnibus valeamus et ea que ut fideles ipsi celestis patrie possessores effici possent per predecessores nostros legitime concessa esse comperimus ut illibata persistat libenter apostolico munimine roboramus Dudum siquidem felicis recordationis Eugenii pape iiii predecessoris nostri emanarunt littere tenoris subsequentis (Here follows No. 12 in its entirety. The variations appear as footnotes to No. 12) Nos igitur cupientes ut prefata indulgentia ab omnibus Christi colis celebretur ipsique ad illam consequendam desiderii indefessis aspirent eandem remissionem et confessoribus traditam potestatem absolvendi ratas habentes et gratas illas auctoritate apostolica et ex certa scientia tenore presentium approbamus et in suo robore permanere decernimus necnon presentis scripti patrocinio communimus non obstantibus quibusvis de hujusmodi indulgentiis per sedem apostolicam usque ad certum tempus factis suspensionibus et aliis litteris apostolicis ceterisque contrariis quibuscunque Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre approbationis constitutionis communicationis et voluntatis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire Siquis

autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignationem
 omnipotentis dei ac beatorum Petri et Pauli apos-
 tolorum ejus se noverit incursum Datum Mantue
 anno incarnationis dominice millesimoquadringente-
 simoquinquagesimonono duodecimo Kalendas Decembris
 pontificatus nostri anno secundo

Ja. Lucen'

Jo. de Tartarinis

Endorsed

Rta apud me Ja. Lucen

Noted under turnover

"Entred verbatim in libr: transcript fo. 29.
 Fra. Blomefield Fersfield 1726."

Leaden bulla on red and yellow silk cords

Part of this bull is copied on the fourth membrane
of the roll on which No. 11 is copied, viz. from
the beginning to the words quinimo debitum potius...

This Bull was presented by the Earl of Orford,
 7 August 1866.

Pius bishop servant of the servants of God
 To the future memory hereof Being albeit unworthily
 the representative on earth of the eternal shepherd
 who did not refuse to be immolated on the altar of
 the cross that he might redeem human kind therefore
 we eagerly expose the prayers of our heart that those
 whom he took upon him to reconcile to God the father
 by the shedding of his most precious blood we to whom
 he has committed the rule and governance of the same
 may be able by all means to pray for and procure the
 safety thereof and those things which we find to have
 been legitimately granted by our predecessors in order
 that the faithful themselves might be able to be made
 possessors of the heavenly country we willingly corro-
 borate with apostolic confirmation in order that they
 may continue undiminished Forasmuch as heretofore
 letters of our predecessor pope Eugenius IV were issued
 of the following tenor (Here follows No. 12 in its
 entirety) We therefore desiring that the aforesaid
 indulgence be celebrated by all Christ's worshippers
 and that they aspire with unwearied desires to the
 pursuit thereof and holding the same remission and the
 power of absolution given to the confessors to be good
 and pleasing by the tenor of the present we approve
 them by apostolic authority and out of our certain
 knowledge and decree them to remain in their force also
 we fortify them with the support of the present writ
 notwithstanding any suspensions made by the apostolic
 see of such indulgences for a certain time and other
 apostolic letters and any other things to the contrary

Therefore let no man whatever infringe this page of our approbation constitution fortification and will or by rash temerity contravene the same But if any one shall presume to attempt this let him know that he will incur the indignation of almighty God and of his apostles the blessed Peter and Paul

Given at Mantua in the one thousand four hundred and fifty ninth year of the Lord's incarnation the twelfth before the Kalends of December in the second year of our pontificate (20 Nov. 1459)

Ja. Lucen

Jo. de Tartarinis

14 June 1479 Confirmation and renewal of the indulgences granted to those who visit the church of Eton and of the authority of the Provost to appoint confessors.

Sixtus episcopus servus servorum dei
Universis Christi fidelibus presentes litteras
inspecturis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem
Pastoris eterni qui ut humanum genus redimeret in
ara crucis immolari non abnuuit vices licet immeriti
gerentes in terris ad id nostri cordis vota desider-
anter exponimus ut quos ipse preciosi sanguinis ejus
aspersione reconciliare curavit nos quibus illorum
regimen gubernationemque commisit celestis beatitud-
inis possessores efficere divina cooperante clementia
valeamus et ideo hiis que propterea a predecessoribus
nostris proinde emanasse comperimus nostre approba-
tionis robur libenter adjicimus ac alias desuper ani-
marum eorundem saluti consulimus prout in domino con-
spicimus salubriter expedire Dudum siquidem felicitis
recordationis Eugenius papa iiii predecessor noster
omnibus Christi fidelibus vere penitentibus et con-
fessis qui ecclesiam beate Marie de Etona juxta
Wyndesoram Lincolnensis diocesis inter alias illarum
partium collegiatis ecclesias venerabilem et devotam
ad quam partium illarum incole singularem gerebant
devotionis affectum et quam clare memorie Henricus rex
Anglie erigi cum sumptuosis structuris et edificiis et
magno ecclesiasticorum ministrorum numero de facultati-
bus sibi adeo collatis ad ipsius dei omnipotentis
honorem et prefate sue dignissime genitricis gloriam
et sub illius nomine construi et dotari fecerat in
festo Assumptionis ejusdem Virginis Marie a primis
vesperis usque ad secundas dicto rege qui tunc in
humanis agebat vivente devote visitarent annuatim et
ad repellendum Turchos Christiani nominis inimicos et

ejusdem ecclesie fabricam ac ministrorum inibi degen-
 tium sustentationem manus porrigerent adjutrices
 plenam omnium peccatorum suorum remissionem ac singu-
 lis sacerdotibus idoneis qui ad hoc per prepositum pro
 tempore existentem dicte ecclesie seu ab eo ejus vices
 in hoc habente deputati forent quod omnium fidelium
 sic visitantium confessiones audire ipsoque injunctis
 prius eis penitentia salutari in omnibus casibus pre-
 terquam sedi apostolice specialiter reservatis absol-
 vere libere et licite valerent facultatem concessit
 Et deinde pie memorie Pius papa ii etiam predecessor
 noster eisdem fidelibus ecclesiam predictam ut prefer-
 tur visitantibus in dicto festo et manus ad fabricam et
 sustentationem hujusmodi porrigentibus adjutrices per-
 petuis tunc futuris temporibus similem plenariam indul-
 gentiam et peccatorum remissionem ac prefato preposito
 et deputatis ab eo vel ejus vices habente confessoribus
 facultatem concessit prout in litteris eorundem pre-
 decessorum desuper confectis plenius continetur Nos
 igitur cupientes ut fideles ipsi ecclesiam ipsam ad
 quam dilectus filius Johannes Doget thesaurarius ecclesie
 Cicastrensis decretorum doctor ac pro parte carissimi
 in Christo filii nostri Edwardi Anglie regis illustris
 ad nos et sedem apostolicam orator pro pace Ytalie
 destinatus unus ex ejusdem ecclesie in suis teneris
 annis ministris specialem ut accepimus gerit devotionis
 affectum eo libentius congruis studeant frequentare
 honoribus et ad fabricam et sustentationem hujusmodi
 manus porrigant adjutrices quo cognoverint sepius
 indulgentie et facultatis hujusmodi concessionem fore

dicte sedis auctoritate munitam concessionem eandem deputandi confessores et absolvendi hujusmodi que ab eodem pro predecessore predicto perpetuis futuris temporibus duratura emanavit ut prefertur auctoritate apostolica presentium tenore approbamus et robus perpetue firmitatis obtinere debere decernimus Proque potiori eorundem fidelium conscientiarum consolatione et quiete fidelibus ipsis vere penitentibus et confessis ecclesiam predictam visitantibus plenariam indulgentiam et peccatorum remissionem ac cum altissimo reconciliationem necnon preposito predicto deputandi confessores et deputatis ab eo confessoribus absolvendi visitantes eosdem similem per omnia facultatem de novo concedimus et elargimur Presentibus perpetuis futuris temporibus valituris Volumus autem quod si visitantibus dictam ecclesiam et ad premissa pia opera manus porrigentibus adjunctrices seu alias aliqua ...¹ indulgentia imperpetuum vel ad certum tempus nondum elapsum duratura per nos concessa fuerit presentes littere nullius sint roboris vel momenti Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis dominice millesimoquadringentesimoseptuagesimonono decimo octavo Kalendas Julii pontificatus nostri anno octavo

A. Trapezuntius

(In margin)
Jul.

Gratis de mandato sanctissimi
domini nostri pape

P. de Monte

A. de Mucciarellis

Endorsed

R^{ta} apud me L. (Grifum?)

Leaden Bulla on pink and yellow silk cords

1. Perhaps inibi. There is a hole in the document.

Sixtus bishop servant of the servants of God To all Christ's faithful who shall inspect the present letters greeting and apostolic benediction Being albeit unworthily the representative on earth of the eternal shepherd who did not refuse to be immolated on the altar of the cross that he might redeem human kind therefore we eagerly expose the prayers of our heart that those whom he took upon him to redeem by the shedding of his precious blood we to whom he has committed the rule and governance of the same may be able by the co-operation of divine clemency to render possessors of heavenly beatitude and so willingly apply the strength of our approbation to those things which we find to have been given out by our predecessors to that end and otherwise consult the salvation of the souls of the same according as we behold the same to be healthy and profitable in the Lord Forasmuch as heretofore pope Eugenius IV of happy memory our predecessor granted full remission of all their sins to all Christ's faithful truly penitent and confessed who yearly on the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary from the first to the second vespers should devoutly visit the church of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln amongst other collegiate churches of those parts venerable and sacred to which the dwellers in those parts bore an especial affection of devotion and which Henry King of England of famous memory had constructed and endowed with sumptuous buildings and edifices and a great number of

ecclesiastical ministers with faculties bestowed on him for that purpose to the honour of the same almighty God and the glory of his aforesaid most worthy mother and under her name and should stretch out helping hands to the repelling of the Turks enemies of the Christian name and the fabric of the same church and the maintenance of the ministers dwelling there and a faculty to all suitable priests who should be deputed for the purpose by the provost for the time being of the said church or by his representative to have the power freely and lawfully to hear the confessions of all the faithful visiting there and to absolve the same after first enjoining salutary penance in all cases except those specially reserved to the apostolic see And afterwards pope Pius II of pious memory also our predecessor granted to the said faithful visiting the said church as aforesaid on the said feast and stretching forth helping hands to the fabric and maintenance thereof for perpetual future times a like plenary indulgence and remission of sins and to the aforesaid provost and confessors deputed by him or representing him a faculty as is more fully contained in the letters of the same predecessors drawn up thereupon We therefore desiring that the said faithful should study to frequent with fitting honours the said church to which our beloved son John Doget treasurer of the church of Chichester doctor of decrees and on behalf of our dearest son in Christ Edward the illustrious King of England destined orator for the peace of

Italy alone of the Ministers of the same church in his tender years bears a special affection of devotion as we have heard to us and the apostolic see and should stretch forth helping hands to the fabric and the maintenance thereof, the more willingly that they know that the grant of such an indulgence and faculty would often be fortified by the authority of the said see with apostolic authority approve by the tenor of these present the same concession of deputing confessors and absolving in such a way as emanated as aforesaid from the same our former predecessor aforesaid to last for perpetual future times and we decree that the same is to have the strength of perpetual validity And for the more powerful consolation and repose of the consciences of the same faithful we grant and bestow anew to the said truly penitent and confessed who visit the aforesaid church plenary indulgence and remission of sins and reconciliation with the highest and to the aforesaid provost the faculty similar in all respects of deputing confessors and to the confessors deputed by him of absolving The present to be valid for perpetual future times We will moreover that if some indulgence shall have been granted therein by us to those visiting the said church and stretching out helping hands to the aforesaid pious works or otherwise to last in perpetuity or for a certain time not yet elapsed the present letters shall be of no strength or moment

Given at Rome at St. Peter in the one

thousand four hundred and seventy ninth year of the
Lord's incarnation the eighteenth before the Kalends
of July in the eighth year of our pontificate
(14 June 1479)

A. Trapezuntius

Freely by order of our most holy lord
the pope

P. de Monte

A. de Mucciarellis

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22 December 1498 Licence to Henry Boost (provost) to
have a portable altar.

Hadrian Castellen' was collector of Peter's Pence in
England. His life, which was thoroughly characteristic
of the times, is described in the Dictionary of National
Biography, under Adrian de Castello.

Hadrianus Castellen⁷ sedis apostolice Prothonotarius et in regno Anglie nuntius necnon fructuum et proventuum ac aliorum jurium camere apostolice debitorum generalis collector Dilecto nobis in Christo magistro Henrico Boost presbitero Lincolnensis diocesis salutem in domino sempiternam Sedis apostolice providentia circumspecta nonnunquam juris rigorem sua mansuetudine temperat et quod canonum sacrorum prohibent instituta de gratia sue benignitatis indulget aliisque indulgendi facultates sua auctoritate consedit prout personarum et temporum qualitate pensata id in deo salubriter expedire cognoscit Cum itaque sanctissimus in Christo pater et dominus noster dominus Alexander divina providentia papa sextus inter alias facultates nobis et per nos deputandis concesserit ut cum quibusdam utriusque sexus nobilibus personis hujus regni de quibus nobis videbitur altare portatile concedere possimus prout in litteris apostolicis nobis concessis plenius continetur et nunc tue sincere devotionis affectus quem in Romanam geris ecclesiam non indigne mereatur ut petitionibus tuis quas ex devotionis fervore prodire conspiciamus quantum cum deo possumus favorabiliter annuamus hinc est quod nos devotis tuis in hac parte supplicationibus inclinati ut liceat tibi habere altare portatile cum debitis reverentia et honore super quo in locis ad hoc congruentibus et honestis possis per proprium vel alium sacerdotem idoneum secularem vel regularem missas et alia divina officia sine juris alieni prejudicio in tua ac familiarium tuorum et domesticorum presentia facere

celebrari vel tu ipse celebrare devotioni tue auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte concessa tenore presentium indulgemus In quorum fidem et testimonium presentes litteras fieri ac sigilli officii nostri quo ad hec utimur jussimus appensione communiri Datum Londonie apud Sanctum Paulum in domo nostre residentie die vigesimosecundo Decembris anno a nativitate domini M^occcc^olxxx^oviii pontificatus vero prefati sanctissimi domini nostri pape anno septimo

Seal

Fragment of a red wax seal on doubled tag.

Hadrian Castellen' prothonotary of the apostolic see and nuncio in the Kingdom of England and general collector of the fruits and proceeds and other rights due to the apostolic chamber To our beloved in Christ Master Henry Boost priest of the diocese of Lincoln eternal greeting in the Lord The circumspect providence of the apostolic see sometimes tempers with its clemency the rigour of the law and what the institutes of the sacred canons forbid by the grace of its mildness relaxes and by its authority grants to others the faculty of indulgence when after considering the nature of the persons and the times it recognises it to be healthily expedient in God Since therefore our most holy father and lord in Christ the lord Alexander the sixth pope by divine providence has granted among other faculties to us and to those to be deputed by us that we may allow a portable altar to certain noble persons of either sex of this Kingdom whom we shall think fit as is more fully contained in apostolic letters granted to us and now as the affection of the sincere devotion which you bear towards the Roman church not unworthily merits that we should favourably assent as far as with God we may to your petitions which we perceive to issue from the fervour of devotion hence it is that we inclining to your devout supplications in this behalf concede by the tenor of these present to your devotion apostolic authority having been granted to us in this behalf that you may have a portable altar on which with due reverence and honour in places suitable and appropriate to the same you may have mass and other divine services celebrated

by your own or another suitable secular or regular priest or you yourself may celebrate them without prejudice of another's right in the presence of yourself and your household and domestics In faith and testimony whereof we have ordered the present letters to be made and fortified by the appension of the seal of our office which we use for these purposes Given at London at Saint Paul in the house of our residence on the twenty second of December in the fourteen hundred and ninety eighth year from the Lord's nativity and in the seventh year of the pontificate of our aforesaid most holy pope
(22 Dec. 1498)

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Introduction

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The manor of Bledlow, and its remarkable records, came to Eton, with other Alien Priory lands, by Henry VI's Patent of 25 March 1441. It had belonged to the Abbey of Bec Herlouin in Normandy, of which the chief English house was the Priory of Ogbourne, Wilts. There was no priory at Bledlow but a manor of which the Prior of Ogbourne was lord. The Abbey of Bec obtained possession of this manor in 1198 from Hugh de Gournay in exchange for certain rents in Gournay and elsewhere in Normandy. The beautiful document (no.2), which records this deed, and bears the magnificent seal of Hugh de Gournay is the oldest of those catalogued in this volume. But there is a copy of a deed a century older (no.1), a grant by Robert, earl of Mortain, William the Conqueror's half brother, who appears as the holder of Bledlow in Domesday Book, of the church of Bledlow and a hide of land to the monks of Grestein. This deed must presumably have been made between 1086 (Domesday) and 1091 (the probable date of earl Robert's death). The copy, attached to no.46, was obviously made in or about 1286, when its provisions concerning the tithes payable on the demesne were confirmed by a fine (nos.45, 46) between the parson of Bledlow and the Abbot of Bec¹.

Confirmation of the exchange was at once obtained by a Royal charter, of 1 May 1198, which survives in an inspeimus of 1332 (Calendar of Charter Rolls vol. IV p. 261). An important agreement (7-9) followed in 1232 between the Abbot and Richard de Turri, whose fee in Bledlow had been expressly excepted in the grant of Hugh de Gournay. Then there are various grants to, or purchases by, the Abbey of lands and rents in Bledlow. There are sixteen of such

1. The Quo Warranto proceedings of 1286 no doubt account for the existence of these last documents (1,45,46).

deeds (11, 12, 15-17, 19, 22, 24-26, 29, 30, 35, 39, 41, 44) which, all but the fine (11), are undated. They are probably none of them later than 1266, the date of the fine already mentioned (45) or earlier than 1226, the date which I have suggested for no.4. The latter date is obtained from the expression "a termino Sancti Michaelis proximo post adventum Willelmi comitis de Salesbur' de Gasconia in Angliam". But this date is by no means certain, for though the third Earl of Salisbury made a most sensational return from Gascony at Christmas 1225 (see D.N.B., Longespee), the fourth earl also returned from Gascony, in 1243(?) and the latter date is for other reasons more likely.

In addition to these grants to the Abbey, there are as many deeds of this period to which the Abbey is not a party, deeds between, presumably, tenants of the manor, relating to lands within the manor. There are, in all, nearly fifty deeds of the thirteenth century. Why, one asks, does only a quarter of that number survive for the remaining century during which the manor belonged to the Prior of Ogbourne?

It is no doubt impossible to answer such a question conclusively, but I suggest that much must have depended on the personality of the lord of the manor or his deputy or steward¹. And in the case of Bledlow, as of the other manors of Bec, it seems that we may owe much to William de Ginnevilla, Prior of Ruislip, and proctor general of the Abbot of Bec in England. It is clear that the Abbot had full confidence in this Prior, for he obtained a Patent from the Crown 16 Feb. 1242 (Calendar Patent Rolls 1232-47 p.272) admitting Ginnevilla as his attorney in England in all pleas and plaints moved in any of the King's courts affecting the

1. Selden Soc. vol.2 (1888) p.3. Maitland pictures "the steward as he makes his tour twice a year throughout England carrying his rolls with him". The first actual mention of a steward that I have found is of Thomas de Pydington in the Court Roll of 4 March 1342 (122 m.8)

house of Bec for five years, and sent to the King a charter ratifying whatever his attorney might do. Now it is likely that the greater number of these undated Bledlow deeds (as far at least as no.33) are not far off in date from the fines of 1244 & 1247 (11,13,14), the period in fact when Ginnevilla was in office. And, as everybody knows, the oldest or almost the oldest manorial documents in existence are the Court Rolls of the manors of Bec, belonging to King's College, Cambridge, which begin with Bledlow, in 1246¹. Is it not likely that we owe both the deeds and the rolls to the administrative efficiency of one man?

And another reason for the survival of more deeds of the thirteenth than of later centuries may be that there were actually more of such deeds made. The manorial system of copyhold tenure was not yet sufficiently developed for the transfer of land between customary tenants to take place solely through the manor court. In fact, as to the actual place at which many of these deeds were made., the presence of a neighbouring knight, or parson, - Sir William de Beauchamp or Sir Osbert de Santerdon - who was enlisted to head the witnesses but who did not owe suit at the court, is proof that the business was not done in that court. Take any of these deeds, say no.23, a grant by Alice, daughter of Simon Costentin², to her son of all her land at Bledlow Ridge, of the fee of the Abbot of Bec, to hold in perpetuity for the service due to the lord of the said fee. Would not such a transaction by a customary tenant, at a later date, have been carried out by surrender and re-grant in the court of the manor? Certainly almost nothing of the kind is to be

1. Selden Soc. vol.2 (1888), p.6.
 2. Selden Soc. vol.2, p.7. These deeds enable us to resolve a mystery that puzzled Maitland "...terram que fuit costenti..." obviously refers to Costentin's land.

found on the thirteenth century Court Rolls, while the fourteenth century Rolls already contain a good many of such conveyances within the manor and later Rolls consist of little else. The mean looking documents known as Copies of Court Roll took the place of handsome deeds, with pendant seals, and by the end of the fifteenth century it was probably quite rare for a customary tenant to be possessed of a seal of his own at all. In the thirteenth century, as the deeds here catalogued show, almost all the small people, men and women, had their own seals, (sometimes more than one each) and very fine ones too.

For, though it is difficult to associate the idea of servility with the three handsome seals of Alice Costentin (21-23), they were small people (were they not?), the Samfords, Bridels, Grenemiles, Carbonels, Costentins, etc., at least in status. "There seem", says Maitland, "to have been few if any freeholders on these southern manors; all the tenants seem to pay merchet and if they die intestate their chattels are at the will and disposition of the lord"¹. That is to say, Alice Costentin and Robert Coleshull would have had to pay a fine to the lord for his permission for them to marry. Even a century later, in a most harrowing document, the Court Roll of 30 July 1349 (122 m.10), which is the first roll after the great pestilence had passed over the village, only two of the thirty three tenants whose deaths are recorded had free tenures. The rest held in bondage.

This roll cannot, however, be supposed to give a true idea of the proportion of free to unfree at that later date, for there appears, from the fourteenth century Court Rolls, to have been no difficulty in mustering twelve free jurors

1. Ibid. p.4.

(duodecim liberi jurati) to check the presentations of the tithing men. For example, in the roll of 9 August 1338, they are named as follows,

- William de Shenholte
- John Bryan
- Alexander de Senemere
- Edmund de Senemere
- John Goldfot
- Thomas Sperlyng
- John atte Coumbe
- William Lambard
- John le Smyth
- Adam Howechild
- Henry de Gratelee
- Peter Osemond,

and their activities can be studied from the case of Hugh le White, which appears on the same membrane. The chief tithingmen (capitales decennarii) present that Hugh le White raised the hue unjustly against Agnes atte Lee and so is in mercy; And that he made an encroachment upon the land of his neighbours, against six acres in length, and three feet in breadth and so is in mercy. For the second of these offences, which had no doubt put up the backs of his neighbours, he was fined 4d and ordered to rectify the same on the very day. But with regard to the other matter the free jurors reversed the finding of the tithingmen. Hugh had raised the hue justly, for Agnes atte Lee had been feeding her beasts on his corn and had seen him coming and then had driven them away and was guilty of trespass. And the tithingmen were fined 6d for not attaching the said Agnes. Here we seem clearly to see justice being done, and by a machinery that has become fully and formally developed in the interval between these Court Rolls and the latest printed by Maitland (1289), the machinery of the double jury, the upper and lower chamber. The tithingmen already appear at the earlier date, but not the free jurors.

The word Frankpledge does not occur before 1343, but the word View (visus) occurs in the earliest of these Court Rolls (1336). Here eight tithingmen present, first the

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defaulters:- John Drewel, William Lambard, Isabel Lambard, tenants, six undertithingmen (subdecennarii) and one subject (subditus), and then the offenders:- Robert Kele who has led a mare with a foal through the corn making a path in the field where none ought to be (fine 6d), Isabel Lambard who has diverted a watercourse (fine 3d), the pledge of Juliana Knight, who raised the hue on Isabel Lambard, for his non-appearance (fine 6d), Hugh le Whyte for not mending a road (fine 6d). The proceeds of the visus, which include the fines for default, amount to 5s, of which a fifth part in this and many years following is paid to John de Hampdene (presumably of Great Hampden), by a right of which these records do not explain the origin.

The fines for licences to marry, or rather for having married without license, range from 3s:4d to 13s:4d. There was no flat rate but evidently some attempt at making merchet an equitable due. This famous stigma of servitude, of which so much has been made, how much was it in fact resented? Court Rolls, as Maitland said, are taciturn witnesses, and historians have argued from them according to their temperaments. Consider now the assise of beer. In 1336 nineteen people were fined, mostly not more than 2d, for brewing against the assise. They did it again and again, year after year. Clearly the fine was more in the nature of a license or a rent than of a punishment. No less than nineteen people in fact were allowed to brew and sell beer in Bledlow, for the moderate sum of 2d each half year. The traveller through Bledlow could quench his thirst several times within the boundary of the parish, and of course at any hour of the day, in 1336. And in 1936? In some respects the weight of feudal oppression was as a feather to the millstone of democratic legislation.

But on one point at least these rolls undoubtedly give evidence of ill-feeling between the lord and the tenants, namely the duty of the tenants to provide a reeve (prepositus). Dislike of this office is often apparent on mediæval Court Rolls¹. It appears on the Bledlow Rolls again and again, e.g. in 1275 William Ketelburn pays the lord 6s:8d in order to be relieved of the office, in 1342 John Squyer pays the lord 2s that he may not have to be reeve, and in 1349 a reeve cannot be found at all. What was there that was so very unpopular about this office? In my slight examination of these rolls I have not found mention of a bailiff. It is possible that there was no bailiff at Bledlow and that the reeve acted as reeve and bailiff in one and had responsibilities (clerical, fiscal) that involved serious neglect of the cultivation of his own land. There may be evidence of this in the election on 21 April 1354 of two persons, William Ketelburn and Robert Squier, to hold the office together. At all events the office was so unpopular that it led to a dramatic act of defiance on the part of the tenants in 1349. The terrible affliction that passed over the village seems to have left anything but a spirit of goodwill and cooperation. Perhaps the surviving tenants, who had all lost father, husband or son, in the pestilence, found the loss also of their best beasts in death duties (heriets²) according to

1. See Life on the English Manor 1150-1400 by H.S.Bennett (Camb.Univ. Press 1937) pp.170-1, where several examples are collected. Let it be remembered to the credit of that age that the villagers were so hard put to it to find a busybody among themselves; whose type, the Reeve of the Canterbury Tales, is the only one among the Pilgrims from whom Chaucer has withheld all endearing qualities.

2. A due which seems to have been claimed from free as well as unfree e.g. 23 June 1343 W. de Shenholt qui tenuit de domino unam virgatam terre cum pertinenciis libere obiit post ultimam curiam post cujus mortem dominus habere debuit equum suum cum sella et freno pro herietto de consuetudine.

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manorial custom, more than their tempers could bear. Why should the lord get such a haul - thirty of the best beasts in the village - from their miseries?

At the end of the Black Death roll there is an entry which shows their mood:-

At a hallmote summoned on 28 May 1349 there appeared before the steward John Squyer, John Felagh, Henry ste Crouch, Richard Lamberd, Robert Squyer, Hugh Palmer and Adam Sperlyng, who were ordered on the part of the lord to take the oath for the electing of a reeve for the custody of the manor and presenting of other similar articles. But all refused to swear. Thereupon the said John Felagh was ordered to swear upon pain of 12(d?¹), and again upon pain of 20g and the third time upon pain of 40g. And he altogether refused. Similarly each of the others was ordered for the first second and third time. And they all with one voice answered that they would not swear, or elect a reeve, not for 100 marks², so that the manor has remained without custody from the said 28 May until this court (30 July) to the lord's loss. So it is ordered that 40g is to be raised on the goods of each one of them as penalty.

A more amiable spirit, at least on the part of the lord, appears to be found in an entry on the next roll, of 10 Dec. 1349, rather less than six months later in date. The entry relates to tallage, which was a general tax on the tenants levied ad voluntatem domini:-

De toto homagio de tallagio eorum hoc anno sub gracia domini lxg et non plus quia major pars tenentium mortui sunt per pestillenciam anno precedenti emergentem, et

1. The MS is torn here.
2. 66l:13g:4d.

eorum tenementa adhuc remanent in manu domini pro defectu tenentium.

From the whole homage for their tallage this year, by the grace of the lord, 60s, and no more, since the greater part of the tenants died of the plague in the preceding year, and their tenements are still in the lord's hand through lack of tenants.

How generous. But, looking at previous rolls, we find that 60s was a normal rate of tallage e.g. 1336 53s:4d, 1338 60s, 1340 60s. Was this a bad joke on the part of the lord?

The solution of this, as of the many other fascinating problems raised by these documents, I leave to the editor of the complete series of Bledlow Court Rolls. Only by complete transcription of every part of every roll can a series of Court Rolls be made to yield up its secrets. My first job being to make a catalogue of all the records at Eton College, I do not attempt, in the case of Court Rolls, to make more than a bald list. But it is impossible to pass the Bledlow rolls without observing that they are perhaps the most interesting series to survive of any in England, and should be published in full, as those of another Bec manor, Tooting, have been published¹. The editor should be warned that the Manorial Register at the Public Record Office shows that, in addition to the Bledlow Court Rolls at King's and at Eton, there is a roll of 2 Elizabeth belonging to the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society, the Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, and there are rolls of 1712, 1714, 1716 and 1765 in the British Museum (Add. MSS. 24741-24744). Two rolls (126 and 132), formerly in the collection of Sir H.F. Burke, Garter King of Arms², were recovered for Eton in 1942.

1. Court Rolls of Tooting Beck Manor (London County Council, 1909). There is a Tooting roll of 1349 in the present volume (122).
2. The Manorial Society's Publications no. XII (1923), nos. 282, 283.

Notes on the Deeds

- 1 and 46. These two copies of deeds are attached by a parchment tag.
- 3, 5. The Papal Bulls of 19 Oct. 1220 and 27 April 1233, recited in these deeds, do not appear in the Calendar of Papal Letters.
- 11, 13, 14, 45, 47, 50. These are attached to each other by a parchment tag.
13. William de la Uertelue is said by Lipscomb to be William of Ewelme (Utelowe). Lipscomb prints a good deal about Bledlow but his references are problematic (History of the County of Buckingham by George Lipscomb, 1847, vol. II pp.110-123).
27. breda. See Oxf. Engl. Dict. s.v. brede; a brede of underwood, etc.: a slice of an acre-brede, or 4 poles broad by 1 pole long.
- Salone. See Med. Latin Word List s.v. selio, a butt or ridge of ploughland.
- hecgrewe. i.e. hedgerow.
- merlera, marlera. a marlpit.
- 31, 32. haitium. presumably hedge. Not in the Word List.

A few Deeds relate to places other than Bledlow. Some, which were among the Bledlow documents but obviously belong elsewhere, I have not included in this volume. The series relating to Penn (67-70), being all endorsed "Bledlow" in a hand not later than the sixteenth century, have been allowed to remain.

The Seals.

The seals on these documents form a most representative mediaeval collection, which includes two good specimens, one in green the other in natural colour wax, of the Great Seal (Hen.VI: nos.65,66); a splendid seal of a nobleman (1198: no.2); various ecclesiastical seals, including Abbots and Priors, a Chancellor, a Precentor and a Sacristan, (early thirteenth century: nos.3, 5-7); a College (fifteenth century matrix, the seals later); the armorial seal of a sheriff (1337: no.56); and a number of most interesting thirteenth century personal seals, from the seal of a dominus (1238: no.9. Whose seal is no.8?) to the seals of villeins.

One of the most striking things about these documents, to anyone familiar with deeds of the fifteenth and later centuries, is that almost all these thirteenth century people had their own seals. In fact there is no instance among the surviving seals on these thirteenth century Bledlow documents of a person authenticating a document with a seal that was not plainly his or her own. Whereas in the sixteenth century a countryman called Smith would be well off if he had a little round seal, 10 mm. across, with nothing but an S on it, his thirteenth century ancestor would have had a seal three times as large, with a fleur de lys or some other device within a border, and his full name written round the edge. And when he died his widow would have had a seal no less imposing made for herself, with a legend stating that she was his relict (e.g. no.38).

It is noticeable further that they were often not content with having one seal. For example, Alice, daughter of Simon Costantin and widow of Robert de Coleshull, had no less than three (21-23), all of them bearing her name in full and a handsome device. Geoffrey son of Hugh, of Bledlow,

also had three seals (28, 30-33), two of them only varying slightly in design, all handsome. Some of the impressions might have been made this morning¹.

What, one asks again, was the status of these people? At least, in the enactment of legal business, though they may have been unable to read their own names which they were imprinting into the wax, yet the owners of these stylish seals must have enjoyed a self-confidence unknown to a more modern rustic in the presence of a lawyer.

One more question, which cannot expect an answer in the present state of the knowledge of minor mediaeval seals. Are these Bledlow seals (and the seals of the tenants on the estates of other Alien Priories which have come to Eton) representative of the personal seals of manorial tenants throughout England in the thirteenth century? Or could it be shown that there was a superiority, due to the go-ahead administration of Normans, and that these seals were the manufacture, even the property, of the Norman overlords?

In this volume I have given up the attempt to distinguish between the various kinds of lettering on seals. While the later Black Letter or Gothic script can be so described with some confidence, the lettering on thirteenth century seals generally represents such a blend that it cannot be described as entirely Roman or entirely Lombardic.

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1. It is of course possible that these seals were not held simultaneously by their owners, and one replaced another that had been lost. But all Alice Costantin's date at least within her widowhood, and all these examples seem to be of the Ginnevilla period.

Deeds

(1 - 121)

Copy of Grant by Robert, earl of Morteyn, in frankalmoign, to the monks of Grasteing, of all the churches of Berkhamstead and the church of Bledlow, with a hide in Bledlow. And grant to the church of Bledlow of a cotland from his demesne and two parts of the tenth acre of all his land in Bledlow with tithes and husbote and heibote. (This document, a thirteenth century copy, is attached to no. 46)

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus comes de Morteyn dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et Beate Marie de Grasteing et monachis ejusdem loci deo et Beate Marie servientibus pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee et antecessorum meorum in puram elemosinam omnes ecclesias de Berhamstede et ecclesiam de Bledelawe cum una hida terre in Bledelawe et suis pertinentiis Preterea dedi et concessi predictae ecclesie de Bledelawe de dominico meo unam cotlande et duas partes decime acre tocius dominici mei in Bledelawe cum decimis tum in bladis cum in ceteris rebus et de dominico bosco meo in Bledelawe husbote et heibote et hoc per visum forestarii mei et pasturam pecorum suorum cum pecoribus meis tam in dominicis quam in ceteris pasturis Et ne aliquis presumat venire contra hanc liberam donacionem illam sigilli mei appositione corroboravi Hiis testibus Radulfo de Chaynes Albano de Gotest' Willelmo de Moretuin Roberto Franceis Galfrido de Bocchebroc et multis aliis.

Exchange between Hugh de Gournay and the monks of Bec of all the tithes they had in the ferry and mills and furnaces¹ of Gournay and in all rents which came to his hand from the honour of Gournay at the time of the making of this charter. And all tithes they had in the ~~rent~~ ^{ferry} ~~(Kaverle, gabules)~~ and the furnace of Gaillefontaine and in all rents which came to his hand from the honour of Gaillefontaine. And all tithes they had in the ~~rent~~ ^{ferry} of La Ferte and the mill of Les Andelys and in all rents (which) came (to his hand) from the honour of La Ferte. And all tithes they had in ^{his} ~~his~~ ^{pasture and woods} in money in oats in hens and in all other tithes whatever in Bray from which rents at that time came to his hand. And whatever they had in Bremon tier in the church and in all appurtenances in messuage in demesne in meadow in orchard and in all things they had in the same town. And the tithe they had in Beauvoir(?) and all their tithe of Merval with the portion which the chamberlain had there. And whatever they had in his town of Elbeuf in the church in tithes and rents and a moiety ^{at Landencourt} ~~(Drincourt i.e. Neufchatel)~~ with all appurtenances. For the foregoing the said Hugh has given in exchange his manor of Bledlow in England free and quit of all custom and service with all right and lordship and power which he had therein and with all appurtenances in men rents waters mills meadows pastures wood plain grove lands and all other things and rents whatever. Except the fee of Odo de Braimostier and the fee of the son of John de Turre and a certain mill which he had given to Simon Hochede for his service 1198

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Hugo de Gornaco salutem Noverit universitas vestra me escambiasse deo et Sancte Marie et monachis Becci totas decimationes

1. i.e. ovens

quas habebant in traverso et molendinis et furnis de Gornaco et in omnibus redditibus qui ad manum meam proveniebant de honore Gornaci quando hec carta facta fuit Et totas decimationes quas habebant in ~~Traverlo~~¹ et furno de Goislefontana et in omnibus redditibus qui ad manum meam tunc temporis proveniebant de honore de Goislenfontana Et omnes decimationes quas habebant in ~~Traverlo~~ de la Ferte et in molendino de Andela et in omnibus redditibus¹ meam proveniebant de honore de la Ferte Et omnes decimationes quas habebant in for.....²bus meis in denariis in avena in gallinis et in omnibus decimationibus aliis quecumque essent in Braio unde tunc temporis redditus ad manum meam proveniebant Et quicquid habebant in Braimostier in ecclesia et in omnibus pertinentiis in masagio in dominico in prato in pomario et in omnibus rebus quas habebant in eadem villa Et decimationem quam habebant in Bellavilla et totam decimationem suam de Myrreval cum portione quam Camerarius ibi habebat Et quicquid habebant in villa mea de Wellebue in ecclesia in decimationibus et redditibus et unam medietari(am)³ ~~(Dra?)~~cort cum omnibus pertinentiis Hec omnia ill.....⁴ in H. de Gornaco pro supradictis decimationibus et redditibus mihi resignatis dedidono et se⁵ ci in escambium quoddam meum manerium in Anglia quod vocatur Bleddelleaus liberum et quietum de omni consuetudine et servicio cum omni jure et dominio et potestate quam in eo habebam et cum omnibus ejusdem manerii pertinentiis in hominibus in redditibus in aquis in molendinis in pratis in pasturis in bosco et plano in gravia in terris et in omnibus quibuslibet aliis rebus et redditibus Excepto feodo Odonis de Braimostier et feodo filii Johannis de Turre et quodam molendino quod dedi Symoni Hochede pro suo servicio Dictum autem manerium predictis monachis

1. qui tunc temporis ad manum 2. forestis et nemoribus 3. apud Landencort 4. illis
 -escambiis sicut in carta quam de illis habeo plenius continetur. Ego autem 5. deo et
 sancte Marie et predictis monachis Becci

contra omnes garantizabo Et ut hoc rat-.....-um
 sepedictis monachis hac presenti carta mea confirmo et
 sigilli mei appositione^{2.} CxC viij^o sub vener-
 abili viro Hugone ejusdem loci Abbate Willelmo Priore
 Guarino Suppriore Cor-.....^{1.}-tibus Rogero Priore Girardo
 de Sotevilla monachis de Belbec Stephano de Longo Campo
 Hugone de Avesnis Thebaldo de Hosdenc Adam de Ferrariis
 ex parte monachorum Petro Rege Hugone Parvo Hugone de Parco
 Anschitillo Basso Rogero Boleheue Waltero de Busseio Liuar
 Rout Roberto Leuilain de Mellento Symone de Pistrino Rodulfo
 de Bosco Girardi.

This document measures approximately 1ft 8½ ins by
 10½ ins. It has some holes (caused perhaps by a rat) but
 is otherwise in good condition.

Fine Equestrian Seal, round, 67mm, green wax, on
 doubled tag of thick parchment, in almost perfect condition.
 Knight in chain armour on horse galloping from left to
 right holding lance with pennant over right shoulder.

+ SIGILLUM HUGONIS DE GURNEIO

- 1. ratum sit et firmum prescriptum manerium
- 2. corrobore. Actum anno gracie M^cXCVIII
- 3. coram hiis testibus.

The gaps have been filled from the Assise Roll, J.I. 1/67 m. 17^a dose.

Ratification by the Abbot of Ouston and the Prior and Sub-Prior of Launde, of an agreement between Thomas de Neville, Chancellor of Lichfield, and the Abbot and Convent of Bec, concerning tithes in Donindon which the said Thomas claimed to belong to his church of Quainton. Papal Bull of 19 October 1220 by which they received their authority is recited. 26 July 1221

Universis Christi fidelibus presens scriptum inspecturis vel audituris P. Abbas de Osolueston W. Prior et W. Supprior de Land' salutem in domino Noverit universitas vestra quod cum Abbas et Conventus de Becco traxissent in causam magistrum Thomam de Neville Cancellarium Lichefellensem auctoritate litterarum domini Land' tunc temporis Legatum super spoliatione quarundam minutarum decimarum de domo Iruoci Malet coram Priore et Suppriori Dunestapl' dictus Thomas litteras quasdam apostolicas ad nos impetravit sub hac forma Honorius episcopus servus servorum dei Dilectis filiis Abbati de Osolueston Priori et Suppriori de Landa Lincolnensis diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Conquestus est nobis Thomas de Nevill Cancellarius Lichefellensis quod Abbas et Monachi de Becco et quidam alii Lincolnensis dyocesis super quibusdam decimis et rebus aliis injuriantur eidem Ideoque discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus partibus convocatis audiatis causam et appellatione remota sine debito terminetis facientes quod decreveritis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari Testes autem qui fuerint nominati si se gratia odio vel timore subtraxerint censura simili cessante appellatione cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis potueritis interesse duo vestrum nichilominus exequantur Datum Viterbii xliij Kalendas Novembris pontificatus nostri anno

quinto Harum igitur auctoritate litterarum partibus in presentia nostris constitutis idem Thomas petiit a dictis Abbate et Conventu duas partes omnium decimarum provenientium tam de dominica terra quam de domo Iruoy Malet in villa de Donindon quas dicit ad ecclesiam suam de Quenton jure parrochiali pertinere et ab eisdem Abbate et Conventu injuste occupatas esse intendens tam petitorium quam possessorium Ex parte vero Abbatis et Conventus fuit responsum quod decime ille ad ecclesiam de Becco tam jure possessionis quam proprietatis pertinebant et etiam per longissimi temporis prescriptionem et reconveniendo petierunt a dicto Thoma sibi restitui duas partes omnium minutarum decimarum predictarum quibus se ab eodem Thoma spoliatas fuisse dicebant mere possessorium intendentes Cumque aliquamdiu esset inter eos litigatum tandem ad instantiam nostram amicabilem inter eos ita conquevit videlicet quod dictus Thomas pro se et pro ecclesia sua de Quenton jus predictorum Abbatis et Conventus in decimis supradictis tam majoribus quam minoribus in jure recognoscens liti ab eo note prorsus et sponte renuntiavit confessus coram nobis se ideo contra dictos Abbatem et Conventum litem movisse ut ipsorum actionem contra eum auctoritate predicti Legati intentatam super eisdem decimis facilius elideret Dicti vero Abbas et Conventus tam liberalem et spontaneam recognitionem in jure factam et confessionem audientes et modo debito pensantes ipsum Thomam petentem et ad hoc instantem in firmitatem Beccensis ecclesie ultro duxerunt assumendum concedentes ei plenariam participationem bonorum omnium que fiunt et fient in eadem ecclesia et in omnibus membris sibi adjacentibus Nos igitur pacem et concordiam hanc inter ipsos ita factam ratam habentes et gratam auctoritate qua fungimur apostolica presenti pagina duximus eandem confirmare

Cui sigilla nostra unanimiter appendimus et prefatus Thomas sigillum suum similiter apposuit Acta in crastino Sancti Jacobi apostoli apud Lodinton in ecclesia Sancte Helene parochiali anno ab incarnatione domini m^o cc^o vicesimo primo.

Four Seals, natural colour wax, on doubled tags.

- (1) Pointed oval, 40mm, originally a little longer.
Two heads in profile back to back.

+SECRET THOME DE NE....E CANCELL' LICHE.

- (2) Pointed oval, 22mm. A fleur de lys.
- (3) Oval, 21mm. ? SIGILL...EL.....S
- (4) Pointed oval, 37mm. Paschal Lamb.

SIGILLUM PETRI ABBATIS

OSOL.

Indenture of grant by John de Calvel to Ralph Palmer of Radenache of a new assart the said Ralph has made, and marled, on the grove del West. (1226)

Hec est conventio inter Johannem de Calvel et Radulfum Palmer de Radenache scilicet quod predictus Johannes de Calvel concessit prefato Radulfo Palmer novam assartam desuper gravam del West quam jamdictus Radulfus Palmer asartavit quoque marliavit de custu suo Et pro custu quod sepredictus Radulfus super asartam posuit medietatem illius asarte habebit donec receperit inde xij croppas sequentes a termino Sancti Michaelis proximo post adventum Willelmi comitis de Salesbur' de Gasconia in Angliam Et prefatus Johannes de Calvel wainabit partem suam illius assarte et Radulfus suam partem Predictus Johannes de Calvel vel heredes sui warantizabunt sepredicto Radulfo et heredibus suis vel suo assignato hanc convencionem contra omnes homines et omnes femines usque ad prefatum terminum Cum vero pretaxatus Radulfus acceperit asarte illius xij croppas asarta illa redeat quieta in manu Johannis de Calvel et heredum suorum de Radulfo et heredibus suis vel suo assignato Et ut hec conventio rata et inconcussa permaneat sigilli nostri apositione hec scriptum corroboravimus Hiis testibus Ricardo Capellano de Haveringed tunc tempore G. diacono Henrico filio Clementis Johanne de Fasttend' Willelmo filio Gervasii Radulfo filio Hugonis de Radenache Roberto de Tune Rogero de la Leie et multis aliis.

Traces of green wax Seal on doubled tag.

vestrum et² nichilominus exequantur Datum Lateranov^o
 Kalendas Mai pontificatus nostri anno vij^o Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati cum coram nobis contencio mota esset inter
 Abbatem et Conventum de Becco ex parte una et Abbatissam
 et Moniales de Godestowe ex altera super possessione omnium
 decimarum provenientum ex³ dominicis G. Basset et R. de
 Vespont in parochia ecclesie de Wicumbe Tandem nobis mediantibus
 lis inter eos in hunc modum amicabilem conquievit
 videlicet quod procurator monialium ad componendum datus
 amicabilem concessit quod Abbas et Conventus de Becco
 decetero percipiant de antiquis dominicis predictis omnes
 decimas salva matri ecclesie integre tricesima acra secundum
 quod antiquitus percipere consueverunt De assartis autem
 omnibus et decetero assartandis percipiant Abbas et Conventus
 de Becco duas partes tercia parte matri ecclesie integre
 salva Et similiter de omnibus aliis decimis de dictis dominicis
 provenientibus percipiant dicti Abbas et Conventus
 duas partes et ecclesia parochialis terciam salva in omnibus
 questione proprietatis et eam in omnibus contingentibus
 Procurator autem monachorum expensas in lite factas et adjudicatas
 parti monialium remisit In cujus rei testimonium presens scriptum
 signis nostris duximus muniendum

Acta Dunstapl' die martis proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis coram precentore ejusdem loci et subdelegatis conjudicum
 suorum in causa mota inter Abbatem et Conventum de Becco ex parte
 una et moniales de Godestowe ex altera partibus in judicio legitime
 constitutis comparentibus Procurator monialium concedere noluit
 quod compositionem ultima die litis super possessione inter partes
 inita in proprietate etiam optineret licet ea die super proprietate
 componendi potestatem haberet Verumptamen nichilominus consensus
 fuit legitime quod pax super possessione reformata effectum optineret
 provisum

Award of the Prior and Precentor of Dunstable and the Sacristan of the same, subdelegate of the Prior of Caldwell, appointed by Papal Bull of 27 April 1233 (recited) to mediate in a dispute between the Abbot of Bec and the Abbess of Godstow concerning the possession of the tithes issuing from the demesnes of G. Basset and R. de Vespont in the parish church of Wycombe. It was agreed that the Abbot should receive the tithes of the ancient demesnes saving to the mother church the thirtieth acre as he has always received, but from assarts the Abbot two parts and the mother church the third part and from all other tithes the Abbot two parts and the parish church the third part. Dunstable 26 Sept. 1234

Universis Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Prior et Precentor Dunstapl' et Sacrista ejusdem loci subdelegatus Prioris de Caldewelle salutem in domino Mandatum domini Pape in hec verba suscepimus¹ Gregorius episcopus servus servorum dei Dilectis filiis de Dunstapl' et de Caldewelle Prioribus et Precentori de Dunstapl' Lincolniensis diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Dilecti filii Abbas et Conventus de Becco nobis conquerendo monstrarunt quod de Abbindon et de Tekesbyr Abbates ac eorum Conventus et quidam alii Saresbiriensis Wigorniensis et Lincolniensis diocesis super decimis possessionibus et rebus aliis injuriantur eisdem Ideoque discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus partibus convocatis audiatis Causam et appellatione remota fine debito terminetis facientes quod decreveritis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari Testes autem qui fuerint nominati si se gratia odio vel timore subtraxerint censura simili cessante appellatione cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere Quod si non omnes hiis exsequendis potueritis interesse duo

et concessum Reservata iudicibus iurisdictione coercendi
partes ad ejusdem compositionis observacionem Acta anno
gratie m^o cc^o xxxiiij

Three Seals pointed oval, brownish red wax, on doubled tags.

- (1) 40 mm. Most of the bottom half of the impression has been lost. Virgin with Child in arms, severed at the waist by ogee arch.
- (2) 32mm. Paschal Lamb. SIGILL EDITU CODICUM
- (3) 32 mm. Poor impression.

1. Receptimus.
2. ea.
3. de.

The foregoing, as far as "muniendum". Variant readings appear as footnotes.

Seals, as before, but green wax and in different order.

(1) Rather more of the bottom part survives.

.... RISTE

(3) The right side broken away. SACRIST.

(2) The top right broken away. ...EE EDITUI CODICUM

Indenture of agreement between the Abbot and Convent of
 Bec and dominus Richard de Turri of Bledlow concerning the
 wood of Schenholt and Comb, and certain pannage, pastures,
 asserts, purprestures, etc. 1238.

Noverint omnes Christi fideles ad quorum noticiam pre-
 sens scriptum pervenerit quod hec est conventio realis et
 perpetua facta inter Dominum Henricum dei gratia Abbatem et
 Conventum de Becco ex una parte et Dominum Ricardum de Turri
 de Bled¹ ex altera anno gratie m^o cc^o tricesimo octavo
 videlicet quod predictus Ricardus de Turri suscepit pro se
 et pro heredibus suis quintam partem nemoris de Schenholt et
 de Comb² versus Chennore sicut mete sunt posite inter partem
 illam et alias quatuor partes et de illa quinta parte fuit
 sufficienter pacatus Relique vero quatuor partes tam de
 predictis nemore de Schenholt quam de Comb que sunt versus
 orientem sicut predictae mete sunt posite remanebunt pre-
 dictis Abbati et Conventui in perpetuum libere quiete et
 integre Idem vero Ricardus dedit et concessit pro se et pro
 heredibus suis dictis Abbati et Conventui inperpetuum quie-
 quid habebat in illo nemore quod est inter terram Ade Wyking
 et terram que fuit Walteri Forestarii Juvenis Et pro hac
 concessione dederunt ipsi Abbas et Conventus de communi bono
 eorum eidem Ricardo tres marcas argenti Item predictus
 Ricardus pro se et heredibus suis concessit dictis Abbati et
 Conventui quod libere et pacifice possunt colere terras suas
 singulis annis ad voluntatem suam sine aliquo impedimento
 sui vel heredum suorum Et hoc idem concesserunt predicti
 Abbas et Conventus predicto Ricardo et heredibus suis de
 terris suis colendis eodem modo Item dicti Abbas et Conventus
 concesserunt dicto Ricardo et heredibus suis quintam partem
 pannagii provenientis in denariis ex nemoribus manerii de

Bled' in singulis partibus unde pannagium emergere debet scilicet in boscis de Schenholt et in bosco qui appellatur Lith inter terram Ade Wyking et Walteri Forestarii et in bosco de Comb Et de herbagio similiter quintam partem excepto pannagio de propriis monachorum porcis nutritis in curia sua de Bled' unde a solutione pannagii omnino quieti erunt inperpetuum Et exceptis quinque porcis quos habent et habere debent de consuetudine singulis annis quando pannagium fuerit scilicet unum porcum de domo persone de Bled' alterum de tenemento Hugonis Juvenis tertium de tenemento Petri Ruffi quartum de terra palmerii quintum de terra que fuit marescalli de quo pannagio et de quibus porcis predictus Ricardus vel heredes sui nichil habebunt Simili modo predictus Ricardus et heredes sui erunt quieti tantum de pannagio priorum porcorum suorum nutritorum in curia sua de Bled' Et sciendum quod tota pastura de Northorn remanet indivisa sicut solebat De pastura vero de Haydon habebunt et retinebunt predicti Abbas et Conventus quatuor partes que per divisionem legalium hominum assignantur eisdem in orientali parte juxta culturam eorum in longitudine et latitudine ita tamen quod in capite pasture dicti Ricardi et heredum suorum in boreali parte extendit se quedam pars versus tenementum hominum suorum Quinta vero pars assignatur dicto Ricardo et heredibus suis in occidentali parte in longitudine veteris prati ipsorum sicut mete posite sunt inter illas duas partes Et mutuo assensu ipsarum partium conceditur quod quelibet earum de parte sibi assignata quicquid voluerit in futurum facere poterit Item idem Ricardus remisit et quietos clamavit eisdem Abbati et Conventui finabiliter illos octo denarios quos solebat singulis annis percipere ab hominibus ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus pro veteribus purpresturis terrarum factis in terra de Bled' scilicet de Roberto de

Coleshull duos denarios et obolum de Willelmo Mathi unum denarium de Johanne Franco tres obolos de persona de Bled' unum denarium de Adam Wyking obolum de Hugone de Schenholt obolum Et similiter pro se et suis quietam clamavit sine aliqua retencione totam partem suam quam habere solebat in illis septem denariis quos Willelmus Druel reddidit annuatim dictis Abbati et Conventui perpetuo et quiete eisdem optinendis Concessit etiam idem Ricardus pro se et heredibus suis dicto Abbati et Conventui quicquid habebat in illa parte grave que est desuper viam que vocetur Akeman juxta culturam predictorum Abbatis et Conventus Dicti vero Abbas et Conventus dederunt et concesserunt predicto Ricardo et heredibus suis medietatem illius assarti quod dicitur le Frith et quicquid habebant in illa grava quod est subtus viam predictam que vocatur Akeman Habenda et tenenda eidem Ricardo et heredibus suis libere et quiete integre et inperpetuum reddendo inde annuatim dictis Abbati et Conventui vel eorum procuratoribus qui pro tempore fuerint apud manerium suum de Bled' dimidiam libram piperis ad Natale domini pro omnibus serviciis que ad eos pertinent Unde prefatus Ricardus fecit homagium Abbati Ric' (sic) et tam ipse Ricardus³ quam heredes sui idem facient singulis abbatibus Beccensibus usque in finem Et si forte contingat quod aliquod incrementum provenierit de purpresturis factis vel faciendis in Bled' unde participes esse solent et debent preterquam de illis que superius in hoc scripto specialiter excipiuntur predicti Abbas et Conventus habebunt quatuor partes et dictus Ricardus et heredes sui quintam partem scilicet tam in denariis et aliis serviciis quam in terrarum participacione de communi assensu in usus proprios convertencium Et quotiens predicti Abbas et Conventus per ballivos et senescallos suos apud Bled' visum francplegii tenuerint et occasione illius francplegii qualicumque modo denarii emergerint sive per finem

communem vel per inmerciamentum ipse Abbas et Conventus
 quatuor partes percipient et dictus Ricardus et heredes sui
 quintam partes De pastura etiam que dicitur la Done et aliis
 partibus in hoc scripto non specificatis remanebit de cetero
 sicut solebat Et ut ista conventio realis et perpetua per
 quam mutue contenciones inter pretaxatas partes sedantur et
 pax et concordie erigitur firmitatis et stabilitatis perpetue
 robur optineat in dicte pacis reformatione partes mutue fidei
 prestacione ad fidelem et irrefragabilem premissorum obser-
 vacionem ipsam conventionem firmaverunt Et ad plenioram
 securitatem presens scriptum in modum cyrographi confectum
 partium mutue sigillorum appositione confirmatur et corrob-
 oratur Ita scilicet quod parti penes sepedictos Abbatem et
 Conventum remanenti sigillum sepedicti Ricardi pro se et
 heredibus suis est appositum Parti quidem que apud ipsum
 Ricardum et heredes suos residet apponuntur sigilla ipsorum
 Abbatis et Conventus Testes sunt Dominus Willelmus de
 Beaucham Osbertus de Santerdon Almaricus de Soleham milites
 Simon Druel Rogerus de Scackario Simon de Wilehale Simon de
 Chennore Hugo de Coluredon Willelmus de la Grenemile Henricus
 de Schenholt Lambertus de Bledelawe Johannes Clericus et alii.

Two seals, green wax, on doubled tags. The tags separate
 in the middle of each seal and emerge one on each side of
 the lower part of the seal.

- (1) Seal Pointed oval, 60 mm originally about 65 mm,
 the top slightly chipped. The Abbot, full
 length, robed, staff in right hand, book in left.
 SIGILLUM HENRICI ABBATIS SCE MARIE BECC.

Counterseal Pointed oval, 55 mm. A similar
 figure, between two stars.

+SCS HERLUINUS ABBAS BECCI

(2) Seal round, originally about 70 mm, about half missing. The Virgin and Child enthroned. The Child and most of the Virgin survives.

.....V.....

Counter Seal round, 20 mm, originally about 30 mm, the upper half lost. Head of Abbot and top of staff over his left shoulder.

.....N.... RIMUS

1. Bledel'
2. Combis
3. Ricardus omitted

Counterpart of the foregoing. Variant readings as footnotes.

Fragment of Seal pointed oval, green wax. This seal cannot have been the same as in no.9. It measured about 25 mm. The tags are separated as in the foregoing.

Indenture, as the foregoing, but lacking counterpart.
It also reads "Combis".

Seal, almost round, 30 mm, green wax, on doubled tag.
Fleur de lys.

*S RICARDI D' LA TUR

Grant by Robert Wolfrich of Wylehale to Alice who was the wife of Walter Paternoster of Wylehal of two acres of meadow and four acres of arable. Rent 3d.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus Wolfrich de Wylehale dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Alicie que fuit uxor Walteri Paternoster de Wylehal pro homagio et servicio suo duas acras prati in prato de Kingesheya quod vocatur Huldresham et quatuor acras terre arabilis in campo de Wylehal quarum due acre jacent super Hanewrthe videlicet una acra jacet juxta terram Ricardi filii Emme ex parte aquilonari et se extendit super foreram Radulfi Scoldehare et alia acra jacet juxta viam que vocatur Akemanstrete ex parte aquilonari et se extendit in Rompefen et alie due acre jacent super Wyteleye unde una acra se extendit ad pontem de Cudemulle versus austrum et alia acra se extendit ad moram versus aquilonem sibi et heredibus dicti Walteri quondam mariti sui et suis assignatis Habendas et tenendas de me et heredibus meis et assignatis meis libere quiete integre et in bona pace imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus sive assignatis meis tres denarios ad festum Sancte Oside Virginis pro omnibus serviciis secularibus et demandis et sectis curie omnibus salvo forinseco servicio pratum quantum pertinet ad tantum/et tantam terram ejusdem feodi in eadem villa Et ego Robertus predictus et heredes mei sive assignati mei predictae Alicie et predictis heredibus seu assignatis suis dictum pratum et dictam terram contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus equietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum per predictum servicium et si ita contingat quod predictum pratum warrantizare non poterimus dabimus illis in excambium pratum in prato de Wylehal ad valorem predicti prati secundum estimationem legalium virorum Pro hac autem donacione

concessione warantizacione aquietacione et presentis carte
confirmacione et sigilli mei impressione dedit mihi dicta
Alicia decem marcas argenti in gersumaa Hiis testibus
Willelao Jordan Roberto Foliot Hugone Juvene Roberto de
Ocle Hugone Aurifabro Johanne le Loereng Rogero Sorbert
Johanne de Menle Nicolao Clement et aliis.

Small Seal, on doubled tag in linen wrapping.



Indenture of fine Hil. 1244 Henry Abbot of Bec quer.
by William de Ginnevill his attorney, and Ralph Carbunel and
Matilda his wife imped. A virgate in Bledlow.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis
apud Westmonasterium a die Sancti Hillarii in quindecim dies
anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis vicesimo octavo
coram Roberto de Lexinton Willelmo de Ebor' Preposito Beverl'
Rogerio de Thurkelby Jollano de Nevill et Gilberto de Preston
justiciariis et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi pre-
sentibus inter Henricum Abbatem de Becco querentem per fratrem
Willelmum de Ginnevilla positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel
perdendum et Radulfum Carbunel et Matillida uxorem ejus
impedientes de una virgata terre cum pertinenciis in Bled-
lawe unde placitum warrantie carte summonitum fuit inter eos
in eadem curia scilicet quod predicti Radulfus et Matillis
recognoverunt predictam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis
esse jus ipsius Abbatis et ecclesie sue de Becco ut illam
quam idem Abbas et ecclesia predicta habent de dono predict-
orum Radulfi et Matillidis Habendam et tenendam eidem
Abbati et successoribus suis et ecclesie predicte in puram
et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari
servicio et exaccione in perpetuum Et predicti Radulfus et
Matillis et heredes ipsius Matillidis warrantizabunt equiet-
abunt et defendent eidem Abbati et successoribus suis et
ecclesie predicte predictam terram cum pertinenciis ut liberam
puram et perpetuam elemosinam suam contra omnes homines im-
perpetuum Et idem Abbas recepit predictos Radulfum et
Matillida et heredes ipsius Matillidis in singulis benefactis
et oracionibus que decetero fient in ecclesia predicta
inperpetuum

Grant in frankalmoign by Ralph Carbonel and Matilda his wife to the Abbot and Convent of Bec of a virgate in Bledlow which they held of the same.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Radulfus Carbonel et Matillis uxor mea dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Becco et Abbati et conventui ejusdem loci in puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam virgatam terre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis tam in dominicis quam in serviciis et aliis rebus in Bleddeleawe illam scilicet quam de predictis Abbate et conventu tenuimus in eadem villis Habendam et tenendam prefate ecclesie et predictis Abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus de nobis et heredibus predictae Matillidis libere et quiete plene et integre inperpetuum sine ullo retinemento Et nos predicti Radulfus et Matillis uxor mea et heredes ipsius Matillidis predictam virgatam terre cum pertinentiis prenominate ecclesie et predictis Abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus contra omnes homines warantizabimus inperpetuum Pro hac autem donacione concessione et carte nostre confirmacione predicti Abbas et conventus receperunt nos et heredes ipsius Matillidis in omnibus beneficiis que fient in ecclesia Beccensi inperpetuum Et ad plenam hujus rei securitatem ego predictus Radulfus et Matillis uxor mea presenti scripto sigilla nostra apposuimus Hiis testibus Simone Druel Osberto de Santerdon Willelmo Wauder Thome Wauder Henrico de Senholte Andrea Crok Willelmo de Viridi Leuca Lamberto de Bleddel' Johanne le Peet et aliis.

Two Seals, round, natural colour wax, on doubled tags.

- (1) 28 mm.  +S' RAD CARBONEL
 (2) 31 mm.  +S' MATIL' FIL' ALICIE DE SOLERUM

Indenture of fine Mich. 1247 John le Pet pet. William de la Uertelue and Christian, his wife, ten. Two parts of a virgate and two shillingsworthrent in Bledlow. Fine $3\frac{1}{2}$ marks silver.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Wycumb a die Sancti Martini in quindecim dies anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis tricesimo secundo coram Rogero de Thurkelby Gilberto de Preston magistro Simone de Wauton et Johanne de Cobbeham justiciariis itinerantibus et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter Johannem le Pet petentem et Willelmum de la Vertelue et Cristinam uxorem ejus tenentes de duabus partibus unius virgate terre et de duabus solidatis redditus cum pertinenciis in Bledelawe unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia Scilicet quod predictus Johannes remisit et quietum clamavit de se et heredibus suis predictis Willelmo et Cristine et heredibus ipsius Cristine totum jus et clamium quod habuit in predicta terra et redditu cum pertinenciis imperpetuum Et pro hac remissione quietam clamacionem fine et concordiam predicti Johannes et Cristina dederunt predicto Johanni tres marcas argenti et dimidiam.

Indenture of fine Mich. 1247 Agnes daughter of John
(Bridel) quer. John Bridel and Sarah his wife imped.
Two virgates in Bledlow. Rent 12^d. Fine one sore hawk.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis
apud Wycumb a die Sancti Martini in quindecim dies anno regni
regis Henrici filii regis Johannis tricesimo secundo coram
Roger de Thurkelby Gilberto de Preston magistro Simone de
Wauton et Johanne de Cobbeham justiciariis itinerantibus et
aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter
Agnetem filiam Johannis querentem et Johannem Bridel et
Sarram uxorem ejus impediendem de duabus virgatis terre cum
pertinenciis in Bledelawe unde placitum warrantie carte
summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia scilicet quod pre-
dicti Johannes et Sarra recognoscunt predictam terram cum
pertinenciis esse jus ipsius Agnetis ut illam quam eadem
Agnes habet de dono predictorum Johannis et Sarre Habendum
et tenendum eidem Agneti et heredibus suis de predictis
Johanne et Sarra et heredibus ipsius Sarre imperpetuum
Reddendo inde per annum duodecim denarios ad festum Sancti
Andree apostoli et faciundo inde capitalibus dominis feodi
pro predictis Johanne et Sarra et heredibus ipsius Sarre
omnia alia servicia que ad predictam terram pertinent Et
predictus Johannes et Sarra et heredes ipsius Sarre warantiz-
abunt predictae Agneti et heredibus suis predictam terram
cum pertinenciis per predicta servicia contra omnes imper-
petuum Et pro hac recognicione warantizacione fine et con-
cordia eadem Agnes dedit predictis Johanni et Sarre unum
spervarium sorum.

Confirmation by John Briddel, son of John Briddel, of his father's gift to the monks of Bec^t of a meadow in Bledlow which was at one time held by Agnes sister of the said John Briddel (junior) and confirmed to the monks by her.

Noverint universi Christi fideles quod ego Johannes Briddel filius Johannis Briddel concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi ecclesie sancte Marie de Becco et monachis ejusdem loci donacionem quam pater meus scilicet Johannes Bridel eis fecit de quodam prato quod fuit aliquo tempore Agnetis sororis mee in Bleddelawe et quod ipsa mihi dedit et per cartam suam confirmavit Ita quod ego vel heredes mei in predicto prato cum pertinentiis decetero nullum jus clamare poterimus In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Dominis Willelmo de Bello Campo et Oseberto de Santerdon Henrico de Senholt Willelmo de la Grenemile Johanne Orpede Johanne le Peet Johanne de Senholt et multis aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, 32 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag, with string wrapping. A star above a crescent.

S. JOH..... DEL

Grant in frankalmoign by John Briddel to the monks of
Bec of various meadows in Bledlow.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Briddel
dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et
ecclesie Beate Marie de Becco et monachis ejusdem loci totum
illud pratum cum pertinenciis suis quod fuit Agnestis filie
mee in Bleddelawe Item totum illud pratum cum pertinenciis
suis quod fuit Willelmi de Fastendich in eadem villa Item
totum illud pratum cum pertinenciis suis quod habui de
Roberto le Franceys pro escambio cujusdam terre super quam
edificavit mansionem suam in eadem villa Habenda et tenenda
predictis monachis et eorum successoribus et ecclesie sue
predicte de me et heredibus meis libere quiete bene et in
pace in puram et perpetuam elemosinam inperpetuum Et ego
predictus Johannes et heredes mei werantizabimus aquieta-
bimus et defendemus predictis monachis et eorum successoribus et
ecclesie sue predicte predictas particulas prati cum per-
tinenciis de omnibus redditibus sectis et demandis secular-
ibus sicut puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam contra
omnes gentes inperpetuum Pro hac autem donacione concessione
et carte mee confirmacione predicti monachi receperunt me
in singulis beneficiis que fient in ecclesia sua predicta
inperpetuum Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem presenti
scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Dominis Willelmo
de Bello Campo et Osberto de Santerdon Henrico de Senholt
Willelmo de la Grenemile Johanne Orpede Johanne le Peet
Johanne de Senholt et multis aliis.

Fragment of Seal, round, 38 mm, natural colour wax, on
doubled tag.

Grant in frankalmoign by Agnes, daughter of John Briddel to the Abbot and Convent of Bec of 20 shillingsworth of rent which Richard son of Lecia used to pay and 2 pennyworth which Richard de Newemere used to pay, on lands in Bledlow.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Agnes filia Johannis Briddel dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Becco et Abbati et Conventui ejusdem loci viginti solidatas redditus annui cum pertinentiis in Bleddel' quem redditum Ricardus filius Lecie solebat mihi reddere pro terra quam de me tenuit in eadem villa Preterea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi predictis monachis et ecclesie sue predicte duas denariatas annui redditus cum pertinentiis quem Ricardus de Newemere solebat mihi reddere pro quadam grava quam de me tenuit in eadem villa Preterea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi predictis monachis et ecclesie sue predicte sex acras terre cum pertinentiis in eadem villa jacentes in duobus campis qui vocantur Wittefeld et Denefeld illas scilicet quas Andreas Crok aliquando tenuit Habendas et tenendas predictis monachis et ecclesie sue predicte in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus escaetis que mihi vel heredibus meis possent escadere racione predictorum reddituum vel predictorum tenementorum et cum omnibus ad ea pertinentibus Et ego predicta Agnes et heredes mei omnia prenominata cum suis pertinentiis predictis monachis et eorum successoribus sicut puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus inperpetuum In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Dominis Willelmo de Bello Campo Osberto de Santerdone Henrico de Senholte Willelmo de la Grenemile Johanne

Orpede Andrea Crok Johanne de Senholt Radulfo le Pol Ricardo
de Newemere et multis aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, heart shaped, 30 mm, natural colour wax,
on doubled tag. A fleur de lys.

+SIGILLUM ANGNETIS

Grant by Agnes, daughter of John Bridel, to John her brother, of all her meadow in the field of Bledlow which she had of the gift of John, her father, and Sarah, her mother.
Rent 1d.

Scient presentes et futuri quod ego Agnes filia Johannis Bridel in nupta et in libera potestate mea existens dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni fratri meo pro homagio et servicio suo totum pratum meum quod habui in prato de Bledelauue de dono Johannis patris et Sarre matris mee warantizato coram justiciariis itinerantibus apud Wicum Habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus suis vel ejusdem assignatis de me predicta Angnete et heredibus meis vel meis assignatis libere et quiete et in bona pace hereditarie Reddendo inde annuatim unum denarium scilicet ad duos anni terminos scilicet ad festum Sancti Andree apostoli obolum et ad Pentecosten obolum pro omnibus serviciis consuetudinibus sectis curiis et pro omnibus demandis secularibus Et ego Agnes et heredes mei warantizabimus defendemus predictum pratum cum omnibus pertinenciis predicto Johanni fratri meo et heredibus suis contra omnes gentes inperpetuum In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo robboravi
Hiis testibus Domino Willelmo de Pulcro Campo Domino Hoseberto de Santerdon Alexandro de Opton Petro de Ylmer Henrico de Orsendon et multis aliis.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Grant in frankalmoign by William son of Roaldus of Kingeston to the monks of Bec of a piece of land in Kingeston.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus filius Roaldi de Kingeston pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et heredum meorum dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Becco et monachis ejusdem loci in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam unam particulam terre cum pertinenciis in Kingeston jacentem juxta masuagium meum ex parte aquilonis cujus longitudo ex eadem parte continet septem perticatas et duodecim pedes et ex parte australi octo perticatas et decem pedes Latitudo autem ejusdem terre ex parte orientis continet duas perticatas et novem pedes ex parte occidentis duas perticatas et quinque pedes Habendam et tenendam predictis monachis et eorum successoribus bene et in pace libere et integre inperpetuum Et ego predictus Willelmus et heredes mei predictam terram cum pertinenciis predictis monachis et successoribus suis sicut puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Ricardo de la Mare Thoma de Kingeston Nicholao de Eston Rogero de Faffinton Rogero de la Mare Gregorio Grimbaud Radulfo le Pol Ada de Coppincotte Simone de Chennore Hugone Juvene Roberto Juvene et multis aliis.

Seal, round, 28 mm, green wax, on doubled tag. A star within a crescent.

+SIGILL : WILLI : FILI : ROALDI

Grant by Richard son of John, with the assent of Matilda daughter of Simon Costentin, his wife, to William de Fastendich of all the part they had of that meadow in Bledlow which had been the said Simon's.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus filius Johannis assensu et voluntate Matillidis filie Simonis Costentin uxoris mee dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo de Fastendich pro servicio suo totam partem prati quam habuimus de prato illo quod fuit dicti Simonis in villa de Bledelawe cum pertinentiis suis Habendam et tenendam dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis et suis assignatis hereditarie libere quiete et integre inperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris unum par albarum cyrothecarum vel unum denarium ad Pascha pro omnibus servitiis et demandis Et ego Ricardus et Matillis uxor mea et heredes nostri warrantizabimus predictam partem prati cum pertinentiis suis prefato Willelmo et heredibus suis et suis assignatis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas tam Judeos quam Christianos inperpetuum Pro hac autem donatione concessione et warrantizatione dedit nobis predictus Willelmus duas marcas argenti in gersumam In hujus^{autem} rei testimonium ego Ricardus presentem certam sigillo meo roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Roberto Brand Domino Simone Druel Domino Rogero de Scaccario Domino Osberto de Santerd' Willelmo Wauder Andrea Croc Willelmo Tebbe Johanne de Wika Thoma de Chalvelegh Radulfo de Sideham Ricardo clerico et aliis multis.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Quitclaim by Alice, daughter of Simon Costantyn, widow, to Ralph Carbonel and Matilda, his wife, of all her right in the land the said Matilda has of her gift in Bledlow and a rent in Wycumbe.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Alicia filia Simonis Costantyn quietumclamevi et presenti scripto confirmavi de me et heredibus meis Radulfo Carbonel et Matillide uxori sue et heredibus suis in libere viduitate et potestate mea totum jus et clamium quod habui vel quod habere potui in tota terra illa cum pertinenciis suis quam predicta Matillida habet de dono meo in Bledelowe et similiter totum illum redditum cum pertinenciis suis in Wycumbe quem habet de dono meo sicut carta mea quam eadem Matillida inde habet plenius potestatur In hujus autem rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Henrico de Scaccario Symone Druel Roberto Brand Osberto de Santerdun Roberto de Kenebelle Petro de Brunford Johanne de la Penne Johanne de Harlechun Rogero de la Penne Rogero de Bluntesdun Willelmo Poynant et multis aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, 31 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag.



+S' ALISCIE COSTANTIN

Grant in frankalmoign by Alice de Coleshull, widow, to the Abbot and Convent of Bec of 2 shillingsworth rent which Ralph le Pol used to pay on Westlond, of the fee of Richard de Turri, in Bledlow.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Alicia de Coleshull in libera viduitate et potestate mea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et Beate Marie et Abbati et Conventui de Becco duas solidatas annui redditus cum pertinenciis in Bledelawe quas Radulfus le Pol solebat mihi reddere pro terra que notatur la Westlond que est de feodo quondam Ricardi de Turri quam de me et heredibus meis tenere debebat Percipient autem predictum redditum ad duos anni terminos scilicet ad Annunciacionem Beate Marie duodecim denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis duodecim denarios Habendum et tenendum predictis Abbati et Conventui et eorum successoribus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam in perpetuum Et ego predicta Alicia et heredes mei predictum redditum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis contra omnes gentes sicut liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam warantizabimus In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Dominis Willelmo de Besuchamp Osberto de Santerdon Henrico de Shenholt Willelmo de Viridi Leuca Johanne le Pit Henrico Croc Willelmo Goldfot Stephano de Coluredon Henrico le Chamberleng et multis aliis.

Seal, round, 30 mm, dark green wax, on doubled tag, the ends of the tag divided to emerge at the sides of the seal. A rosette. + SIGILL ALIZIE COSTANTIN.

Quitclaim by Alice, daughter of Simon Costentin, widow, to William, son of Robert de Coleshull, her son, of all the land of Bledelaweruge which she held of the fee of the Abbot of Bec.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Alicia filia Simonis Costentin dedi concessi remisi quietum clamavi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi in pura viduetate et libera potestate mea Willelmo filio Roberti de Coleshull filio meo et heredibus suis totam terram Bledelaweruge cum pertinenciis quam tenui de feodo abbatis de Becco scilicet in mesuagiis dominicis pratis pasturis homagiis redditibus consuetudinibus relevis in viis semitis sepibus fossatis in boscis planis in escaetis et in omnibus rebus predictae predictae (sic) terre pertinentibus absque nullo retenemento Habendam et tenendam predicto Willelmo et heredibus ejus inperpetuum faciendo inde servicium dominis predicti feodi debitum annuatim Pro hac autem donacione concessione remissione quietumclamacione et carte mee confirmacione dedit michi predictus Willelmus novem marcas et dimidiam argenti premanibus In hujus rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Henrico de Scaccario Roberto Brand Ricardo de Turri de Bledelawe Simone Druel Rogero de Scaccario Roberto de Aillesburi Radulfo le Pol Simone de Chenhore Willelmo de Fastendic Ricardo de Fastendic et aliis.

Seal pointed oval, originally about 55 mm actually 46 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag, the upper end missing. A fleur de lys.

..ALIC FILIE SIMO... COSTIN..

Confirmation by Wyburd, widow of Ralph de la Pole, of the grant of her daughter Matilda to the Abbot of Bec (no. 25).

Universis hominibus presentem cartam visuris vel audituris Ego Wyburd quondam uxor Radulfi de la Pole salutem Noveritis me in mea viduetate et in legis potestate mea concessisse et hac presenti carta mea donacionem concessionem confirmationem et warentiam firmiter confirmasse pro me et heredibus meis quam Matildis filia mea fecit abbati de Beck et conventui ejusdem loci et eorum successoribus de homagiis serviciis redditibus wardis et exscaetis et de rebus cunctis secundum quod in carta quam predicta Matildis filia mea fecit predicto abbati et conventui ejusdem loci et successoribus de feffamento racionabiliter contestatur In cujus rei testimonio presentem cartam sigilli mei inpressione roboravi Hiis testibus Dominis Willelmo de Bello Campo Roberto Brono Ossebarto de Santerdon militibus Petro de Ylaere Stephano de Culverdore Henrico Camerario Lamberto de Bledelawe Johanne de Schenlotte Petro de Haume Everardo de Waninge Petro de Riseburche Willelmo Clerico et aliis.

Seal pointed oval, 40 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag. A fleur de lys. S. WIB(G?)E FIL.. MON.COSTE

Grant by Matilda, daughter of Ralph de la Pole, to the Abbot and Convent of Bec of 6s:8d rent in Bledlow which Symon de la Cumbe paid her.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Matilda filia Radulfi de la Pole in mea ligia et puellari potestate dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Abbati de Beck et Conventui ejusdem loci et eorum successoribus pro servicio suo sex solidos et octo denarios de annuati redditu in villa de Bledelawe quos Symon de la Cumbe michi reddere consuevit videlicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis quadraginta denarios et ad festum Beate Marie in Martio quadraginta denarios et totum jus et clamium quod michi debuit vel facere consuevit vel nomine clamii vel alicujus juris vel hereditatis accidere potuit videlicet in homagiis serviciis redditibus wardis et in excaetis et in rebus cunctis sine aliquo retenemento et duos denarios annualis redditus quos Willelmus filius Ricardi Franc' michi reddere consuevit Habendos et tenendos predicto Abbati et ejusdem loci Conventui et eorum successoribus libere quiete bene et in pace jure et hereditarie inperpetuum pro quodam clavo gariofilato die Pasce solvendo pro omnibus serviciis exaccionibus sectis curiis et omnibus secularibus demandis Et ego predicta Matilda et heredes mei predicto Abbati del Beck et Conventui ejusdem loci et eorum successoribus totum predictum redditum et servicium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis per predictum servicium contra omnes gentes warentibimus defendemus et aquietabimus inperpetuum Pro hac autem donacione concessione warentizacione et presentis carte mee confirmacione perpetue firmitatis robur optineant presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Dominis Willelmo de Bello Campo Roberto Brond Ossebarto de

Santerdon militibus Petro de Ylmere Stephano de Culverdon
Henrico Camerario Lamberto de Bladelawe Johanne de Schenholte
Petro de Hamme Willelmo Clerico et aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, 29 mm, originally about 35 mm,
natural colour wax, on doubled tag, with remains of string
wrapping. ...TIL.. FIL.. RAD.. FI

Quitclaim by Richard de la Hegge, son of Richard Ravening, to the Abbot of Bec of all his right in the land his father had at Bledelawerugge of the gift of John and Sarah Bridel.


Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus de la Hegge filius Ricardi Ravening de Bledelawerugge remisi et quietum-clamavi pro me et pro heredibus meis Abbati de Becco et conventui ejusdem loci totum jus et clamium quod habui vel habere potui in tota terra cum pertinenciis quam Ricardus Ravening pater meus habuit apud Bledelawerugge de dono et feffamento Johannis Bridel et Sarre uxoris sue Ita scilicet quod nec ego Ricardus nec heredes mei nec aliquis per nos nec pro nobis aliquid juris vel clamii in dicta terra smodo exigere poterimus Pro hac autem remissione et quietaclamacione dictus Abbas et conventus relaxaverunt omnes demandas que versus me vel heredes meos aliquo jure exigere potuerunt In hujus rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Alexandro de Hamdene Johanne de Santurdone Johanne de Senolte Johanne le Pee Simone le Neumere Petro de Longa Wyka.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Grant by Hugh son of Ravening to John Spurling of lands (specified), rent 40d.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Hugo filius Ravening dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmavi Johanni Spurling pro homagio et servitio suo unam acram que jacet juxta nemus cum tota viva haia et angulum quem Willelmus Golfot mihi reddidit qui jacet juxta curiam meam et duas bresas que extendunt versus gravam meam et croftam que jacet juxta domum V. Golfot cum rationabili hecgrewe et dimidiam acram quam V. Golfot mihi reddidit et quietam clamavit et bresam propinquiorem huic dimidie acre ex parte australi et totam terram meam a dimidia predicta acra usque ad Denehecg Exceptis duobus salonibus quorum unus jacet propinquior sepedicte dimidie acre ex parte boreali et alius propinquior la Denehecg excepto uno salone Et totam terram meam quam habeo in campo versus Sepeleie exceptis duabus bresis scilicet una in qua habetur una merlera et alia proxima huic brede ex parte orientali et omnes vivas haias terre Johannis predicti pertinentes et omnes acre et dimidie acre et brede sint tam late et longe sicut ab antique fuerant et dimidiam acram prati versus magnam salicem et unam acram versus Nor-kort Habendum et tenendum sibi et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis jure hereditario bene et in pace libere et quiete integre et honorifice reddendo inde ipse et heredes sui mihi et heredibus meis annuatim xl denarios ad quatuor terminos scilicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis x denarios ad Purificationem Sancte Marie x denarios ad Pentecosten x denarios ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis x denarios Hanc totam terram cum vivis sepibus ego et heredes mei sibi et heredibus suis warrantizare debemus Pro hac vero donatione et confirmatione dedit mihi sepedictus J. in gersum quatuor marcas

argenti Et sciendum est quod ego nequeo taliare predictum
 J. nisi quando H. de Senholt et ejus particeps me taliabunt
 et tunc ad rationabilem mensuram terre predicti J. pertinen-
 tem Et sciendum est quod sepedictus J. quietus erit ab omni
 servitio mihi et heredibus meis pertinente et heredes sui
 pro una dicta unius hominis in autumno ad cibum meum salvo
 servitio forinseco Hiis testibus J. persona de Blethel'
 Gervasio Capellano Hugone de Senholt W. Druel J. de Fastend'
 H. de Esserug R. filio suo Hugone de Chelvel Simone de Chen-
 nover Simone de Wilhal H. de Senholt et aliis.

Seal, round, 37 mm, green wax, on doubled tag of thick
 parchment.  A fleur de lys.

SIGILL HUGONIS FILII
 RAVENIG

Grant by Geoffrey son of Hugh of Bledlow to Henry de Senholt of 12^d rent which John Spurling used to pay for the arable land and the grove he holds of him in Bledlow.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus filius Hugonis de Bledelawia dedi concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Henrico de Senholt pro homagio suo et pro servicio suo et pro octo solidis quos mihi dedit in gersumam duodecim denarios de redditu annuo quos Johannes Spurling mihi reddere consuevit et debuit annuatim ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste scilicet de terra arabili quam de me tenuit in villa de Bledel' decem denarios et de grava quam de me tenuit in eadem villa duos denarios Habendos et tenendos de me et de heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis et suis assignatis hereditarie libere et quiete Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unum clavum gyrofre ad Natale domini pro omnibus serviciis et demandis Et ego Galfridus et heredes mei warrantizabimus predictum redditum prefato Henrico et heredibus suis et suis assignatis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas Sciendum etiam quod ego Galfridus stornavi predictum Johannem Spurling pro ipso et pro heredibus suis ad solvendum predictum redditum duodecim denariorum prefato Henrico et heredibus suis et suis assignatis ad predictum terminum et concessi eidem Henrico et heredibus suis et assignatis suis eandem potestatem quam ego ipse habui ad predictum feodum si necesse fuerit distringendum pro redditu predicto In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Osberto de Santredun Willelmo de Viridi Leuca Johanne Orpede Johanne le Pieth Willelmo Goldfot Johanne clerico de Bledel' Willelmo Dirith et aliis.

Seal, round, 38 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag. A rosette. (Same as 33) (The tags of the Seals of 28 and 29 are tied together with string.)

Grant in frankalmoign by Henry de Senholt to the monks of Bec of 12d rent which John Spurling used to pay for the arable land and the grove which the said John once bought of Geoffrey son of Hugh of Bledlow.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de Senholt dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui deo et ecclesie Beate Marie de Becco et monachis ejusdem monasterii in puram et perpetuam elemosinam duodecim denarios de annuo redditu quos Johannes Spurling mihi reddere solebat ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste de terra arabili et de quadam grava quas idem Johannes aliquando emit de Galfrido filio Hugonis de Bleddelawe in eadem villa Habendos et tenendos predictis monachis et eorum successoribus bene et in pace sicut puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam inperpetuum Et ut supradicta perpetuis temporibus firmiter observentur presens scriptum sigilli mei impressione roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Oseberto de Santerdon Willelmo de Viridi Leuca Johanne Orpede Johanne de Peet Willelmo Goldfot Radulfo le Pol Gregorio de Sidenham Johanne Bridel et multis aliis.

Seal, oval, 25 mm, green wax, on doubled tag.

? SIGILLUM HENRICI

(The tags of the Seals of 28 and 29 are tied together with string.)

Quitclaim by Geoffrey son of Hugh of Bledlow to brother William de Ginevill Prior of Ruislip, attorney of the Abbey and Convent of Bec, of 20^{qd} rents in Bledlow, and all his right in the tenement of William Goldfot and all other tenements he has in Bledlow; reserving to himself a place on which to build a house and half an acre in le Wodefeld.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus filius Hugonis de Bledelawia dedi concessi et quieteclamavi fratri Willelmo de Ginevill Priori de Rislep atornato Abbatis et Conventus de Beccho viginti denarios et obolum de redditu annuo in villa de Bledel' scilicet de Waltero Juvene duodecim denarios annuatim solvendos ad duos terminos anni scilicet ad Pentecosten sex denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis sex denarios Et Alano de Standene sex denarios annuatim ad Pentecosten Et de Johanne Esperling unum denarium et unum obolum annuatim ad Pentecosten Et de Henrico de Frith unum denarium annuatim ad Purificationem Beate Marie Et totum jus quod habui vel habere potui in tenemento Willelmi Goldfot et in omnibus aliis tenementis que habui in eadem villa cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in serviciis relevis homagiis et omnimodis escheetis et omnibus aliis rebus Habendum et tenendum predicto Abbati et Conventui et successoribus suis hereditarie libere et quiete inperpetuum Salvo tamen mihi et heredibus meis uno loco super quam fieri possit una domus Salva etiam nobis una dimidia acra que jacet in le Wodefeld et dicitur Brembelhalfeker cum pertinentiis Et ego Galfridus et heredes mei warantizabimus predictum redditum cum omnibus articulis prenominatis prefato Abbati et Conventui et eorum successoribus inperpetuum contra omnes homines et omnes feminas exceptis tamen illis que prius excepta sunt Pro hac autem donatione concessione et quiete clamentia dedit mihi

predictus Prior decem et octo solidos argenti in gersumam
Hiis testibus Simone Druel Willelmo filio Walderi Thoma Weuder
Waltero de Puderung Roberto de Eselburg Henrico de Senholt
Ricardo de Neumere Johanne Franceis Willelmo Dirliith et aliis.

Seal, round, 33 mm, green wax, on doubled tag, the left
side and bottom broken away. A rosette.

S' GALFRID' FIL.....S

(Same as 32)

Grant by Geoffrey son of Hugh of Bledlow to John Sperling of a grove in Bledlow and a croft adjacent with all the live hedge around. Rendt 2d.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus filius Hugonis de Bledelawia dedi et concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni Sperling unam gravam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in villa de Bledelawia que jacet ex parte occidentali juxta gravam Willelmi Goldfot et unam croftam que adjacet eidem grave quam idem Johannes de me habet ex parte scilicet orientali simul cum toto vivo haitio quod gravam illam et croftam circumdat et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis Habendas et tenendas de me et de heredibus meis dicto Johanni et heredibus suis et cuicumque illas dare vendere vel assignare voluerit hereditarie libere quiete et integre Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis duos denarios ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste pro omnibus servitiis consuetudinibus et demandis Et ego Galfridus et heredes mei warrantizabimus predictam gravam et prefatam croftam cum haitio predicto et cum omnibus pertinentiis earum prefato Johanni et heredibus suis et cuicumque illas dare vendere vel assignare voluerit contra omnes homines et omnes feminas Pro hac autem donacione et concessione et warrantizatione dedit mihi dictus Johannes duas marcas et dimidiam argenti in gersumam In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo roboravi Hiis testibus Simone Druel Willelmo de la Grenemile Henrico de Senholt Ricardo de Festendich Willelmo de Festendich Ricardo de Newemere Johanne Franceis et aliis multis.

Seal, pointed oval, 37 mm, green wax, on doubled tag.

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+ S : GALFRIDI : FIL' : HUGON

Grant by Geoffrey son of Hugh of Bledlow to John Esperling of all his part of a strip of ploughland, and a butt, and a half acre, in Bledlow.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus filius Hugonis de Bledelawia dedi concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni Esperling pro homagio suo et pro servitio suo totam partem meam de illo seillone unde Willelmus Goldfot habet dimidietatem scilicet de illo seillone qui jacet juxta haitium quod Henricus de Frith tenuit de me in villa de Bledelawia Et unum buttum qui jacet juxta gravam predicti Johannis ex parte australi et se extendit ad croftam ejusdem Johannis Et unam dimidiam acram in campo qui vocatur le Wddefeld que dimidia acra Willelmus Pistor de Wicumb tenuit ad terminum de predicto Galfrido et se extendit in longum a domo Goldfot usque ad gardinum predicti Galfridi Habend' et tenend' de me et de heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis et suis assignatis libere quiete hereditarie et integre inperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unum par albarum cyrotecarum de uno obolo ad Pentecosten pro omnibus servitiis consuetudinibus et demendis Pro hac autem donacione et concessione dedit mihi predictus Johannes duos solidos in gersumam Et ego Galfridus et heredes mei warrantizabimus predictam partem seillonis predicti et predictum buttum et predictam dimidiam acram cum pertinenciis suis prefato Johanni et heredibus suis et suis assignatis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas inperpetuum In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Henrico de Senholt Willelmo de Viridi Leuce Radulfo de Esrug Willelmo Goldfot Ricardo de Festendich Johanne Franceis Willelmo filio Dirith et aliis.

Seal, round, 33 mm, green wax, on doubled tag. A rosette.

S' GALFRID' FILI HUGONIS

(Same as 30)

Grant by Geoffrey son of Hugh of Bledlow to John Esperling of 6d off the rent of 3s:6d he pays on tenements in Bledlow.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus filius Hugonis de Bledelawia dedi concessi et relaxavi pro me et heredibus meis Johanni Esperling et heredibus suis sex denarios de redditu annuo scilicet de illis tribus solidis et sex denariis quos idem Johannes mihi reddere consuevit et debuit annuatim de tenementis suis que de me tenuit in villa de Bledel' Habendos et tenendos sibi dicto Johanni et heredibus suis quiete inperpetuum Ita quod nec ego Galfridus nec heredes mei aliquid exigere poterimus nec habere de eodem Johanne nec de heredibus suis pro predictis tenementis suis nisi tres solidos annuatim scilicet ad Purificationem Beate Marie decem denarios et ad Pentecosten quatuor denarios et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste duodecim denarios et ad festum Sancti Michaelis decem denarios et unum hominem in autuapno ad rationabilem summonitionem meam vel heredum meorum per unum diem ad cibum nostrum pro omnibus serviciis consuetudinibus et demandis Pro hac autem donatione concessione et relaxatione dedit mihi predictus Johannes quatuor solidos argenti Et ego Galfridus et heredes mei warrantizabimus predictos sex denarios de redditu relaxatos predicto Johanni et heredibus suis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo roboravi Hiis testibus Henrico de Senholt Willelmo de Viridi Leuca Radulfo de Estrugge Ricardo de Festendich Johanne Franceis Thoma de Chalvel Willelmo Dirith et aliis.

Seal, round, 33 mm, green wax, on doubled tag. A rosette.

S' GALFRID' FILI HUGONIS

(Same as 28. This Seal is applied to the tag so that it faces backwards.)

Grant by Robert Molendinarius to Godfrey de Sarnford
of an acre (in Bledlow). Rent a rose.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus Molendinarius dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Godefrido de Sarnford pro servicio suo unam (acram omitted) terre jacentem inter croftum dicti Godefridi et plateam orientalem et se extendit a crofto Willelmi Fullonis ex parte orientali usque ad mesuagium meum versus occidentem sicut mete et divide proportant et extendunt sibi et heredibus suis et suis assignatis Habendam et tenendam de me et de heredibus meis libere quiete integre et in bona pace imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unam rosam die Sancti Johannis Baptiste pro omni servicio seculari et demanda Et ego predictus Robertus et heredes mei predicto Godefrido et heredibus suis et suis assignatis predictam arcam (sic) contra omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus imperpetuum Pro hac autem donacione concessione warrantizacione et presentis carte confirmacione et sigilli mei impressione dedit mihi predictus Godefridus sex solidos in gersumam Hiis testibus Hugone Lambert Johanne de Senolte Ricardo Orpede Johanne le Pee Simone de Neumere et aliis.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Quitclaim in frenkalmoign by Thomas son of Walter de Sanford to the Abbot and monks of Bec of all the land of the fee of the Abbot in his manor of Bledlow which came to him by the death of Godfrey the brother of his father.

Noverint universi presens acriptum visuri vel audituri quod ego Thomas filius Walteri de Sanford remisi de me et heredibus meis et omnino quietum clamavi pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum Abbati de Becco et monachis ibidem deo servientibus totam terram cum omnibus suis pertinenciis que est de feudo dicti Abbatis in manerio suo de Bledelewe que me contingebat vel ad me vel heredes meos aliquo jure descendere poterat per mortem Godefridi fratris patris mei jam defuncti in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam Ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei nec aliquis pro nobis in dicta terra cum suis pertinenciis aliquod jus vel clamium in posterum poterimus exigere seu vendicare Ego vero dictus Thomas et heredes mei totam dictam terram cum omnibus suis pertinenciis dictis Abbati et monachis et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes warantizabimus defendemus et adquietabimus inperpetuum Et ut hac mea remissio quietaclamacio et warantizacio stabilis et in concussa permaneat huic scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Dominis Alexandro de Hameden Willelmo de Santerdon Gileberto de Bolebec militibus Henrico Baudwine Johanne de la Forde Petro le Serchant Willelmo le Chamberlain Hugone Lamberd Roberto de Grstel' et aliis.

Seal, round, 20 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag.
Two profiles facing each other.

As no. 35.

Seal as no. 35.

Appointment by Thomas de Sanford of master Robert Fresel as his attorney to deliver the foregoing charter.

Pateat universis quod cum ego Thomas de Sanford totam terram cum suis pertinenciis que est de feudo Abbatis et Conventus de Becco in manerio suo de Bleddeu quam quidem terram Godefridus de Sanford frater patris mei aliquo tempore tenuit et ad me jure hereditario descendere debebat per cartam meam dictis Abbati et Conventui de Becco totum jus et clamium quod in eadem habui vel habere potui de me et heredibus meis remisera et omnino quietam clamaverim et quare volo quod dictus Abbas et Conventus in sua possessione nullum impedimentum per me vel heredes meos sentiant seu molestiam iccirco dilectum meum magistrum Robertum Fresel attornatum meum constituo et rogo quatinus dicto Abbati et Conventui in plena curia dicti Abbatis de Bleddeu cartam remissionis et quiete clamancie quam eisdem feci seu eorum procuratori nomine meo liberare non desistat Et ut hoc sibi liceat et possit has litteras meas sibi et aliis quibuscumque eas visuris in mee voluntatis expresse et et facti testimonium fieri feci patentes.

Seal, as no. 35, but dark green wax.

..... DE SANFORD

(This Seal is in a better state of preservation than 35 or 36.)

Grant by Alice, relict of John Wyaund, to Godfrey de Samford of four acres of arable in the fields of Bledlow. Rent 4d.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Alicia relicta Johannis Wyaund in ligia potestate mea et in pura viduitate mea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Godefrido de Samford pro servicio suo quatuor acres terre arabilis in campis de Bledelawe quarum una dimidia acra jacet in campo squilonari in Middelste forlong juxta terram Willielmi Atefrithe ex parte occidentali et alia dimidia acra jacet in campo australi juxta terram Johannis Cubbet ex parte occidentali in Lambesitheforlong et alia dimidia acra jacet super Odeburthe juxta terram Johannis Forestarii ex parte australi et alia dimidia acra jacet in Langeneggesforlong juxta terram Willelmi Cutelbern ex parte australi et una acra jacet in Dunescumbehursta inter terram Henrici de Cruce et terram Henrici Cutelbern et alia acra jacet versus Meslehe juxta terram Hugonis de Meslehe ex parte squilonari et pro- tendit se usque Stonweye versus orientem Sibi et heredibus suis habendas et tenendas de me et de heredibus meis libere quiete integre et in bona pace imperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis quatuor denarios ad festum Beati Johannis Baptiste duos denarios et ad festum Beati Martini duos denarios pro omni servicio seculari et demanda et secta curie salvo forinseco quantum pertinet ad tantam terram ejusdem feodi in eadem villa Et ego Alicia prefata et heredes mei seu assignati mei prefato Godefrido et heredibus suis et suis assignatis predictam terram contra omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum per predictum liberum servicium Pro hac autem donacione concessione warrantizacione acquietacione et

defensione et presentis carte confirmacione et sigilli mei
 impressione dedit mihi dictus Godefridus centum solidos in
 gersumam Hiis testibus Hugone Lamberd Petro de Riseburga
 Johanne de Senolte Ricardo Orpede Johanne le Pee Simone de
 Neumere Simone de la Cumbe et aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, 32 mm, green wax, on doubled tag.



+ S' ALICIE RELICT.....IS

Grant in frankalmoin by Robert de Gratele to the Abbot and monks of Bec of two acres which he had of the fee of the Abbot in Bledlow by demise of Hugh son of Christian de Aula heir of Alice his sister, and 4d yearly rent which Godfrey de Saunfort paid and 2d yearly rent which John Felawe paid.

Noverint universi presens scriptum visuri vel audituri quod ego Robertus de Gratele dedi concessi remisi de me et heredibus meis omnino quietum clavi pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum Abbati de Becco et monachis ibidem deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam illas duas acras terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis quas quidem habui de feodo dictorum Abbatis et monachorum in villa de Bledlawe ex dimissione Hugonis filii Cristiane de Aula heredis Alicie sororis sue et quatuor denarios de annuali redditu similiter de feodo dictorum Abbatis et monachorum in predicta villa quos Godefridus de Saunfort mihi annuatim solebat reddere ad duos anni terminos scilicet ad festum Sancti Martini duos denarios et ad festum Beati Johannis Baptiste duos denarios et duos denarios annualis redditus quas Johannes Felawe similiter ad predictos terminos mihi solebat reddere cum omnibus suis pertinenciis et omne jus et clamium quod inde habui vel habere potui Ita quod ego nec heredes mei nec aliquis pro nobis in dictis duabus acris et sex denariis redditus vel eorum pertinenciis aliquod jus vel clamium in posterum poterimus exigere seu vendicare Ego vero dictus Robertus et heredes mei predictas duas acras et dictos sex denarios redditus cum omnibus suis pertinenciis dictis Abbati et monachis et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes warentizabimus deffendemus et equietabimus inperpetuum

Et ut hec mea donacio concessio remissio et quietaclamacio
 et warentizacio stabilis et inconcussa permaneat huic scripto
 sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Dominis Alexandro de
 Hameden Willelmo de Saunterdon Gilberto de Bulebec militibus
 Henrico de Schenholt Henrico Baudewyn Johanne de la Forde
 Petro le Serchant Willelmo le Chaumberlein Hugone Lambert
 Hugone Pee et multis aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, 25 mm, green wax, on doubled tag.
 The impression deeply imbedded. Virgin and Child seated.

.....UEM.....

Grent by Hugh de Aula, brother and heir of Alice de Aula, to Robert de Gratele of a messuage and two acres of arable in Bledlow.

Notum sit omnibus quod ego Hugo de Aula frater et heres Alicie de Aula dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto de Gratele pro servicio suo unum mesuagium et duas acras terre arabilis cum pertinenciis in Bledelawe illud scilicet mesuagium et acre prenominate quod Alicia de Aula soror mea aliquando tenuit de priore Beccensi in eadem villa Et sciendum quod una acra terre prenominate jacet in campo orientali de Bledelawe inter terram Johannis Druel et terram Walteri de la Pirie et alie acre jacet in Widelforlong juxta terram Hugonis Durewyne ex parte occidentali sibi et heredibus suis et suis assignatis Habendum et tenendum dictum tenementum cum pertinenciis suis de capitali domino libere quiete integre hereditarie bene et in pace inperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unum gariophilum ad Pascha pro omni servicio seculari et demanda ad me seu ad heredes meos pertinentibus et capitali domino decem denarios ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad festum Beati Johannis Baptiste quinque denarios et ad festum Beati Martini quinque denarios pro omnibus secularibus demandis salvo servicio domini regis quantum pertinet ad tantum tenementum in eadem villa de eodem feodo Et ego predictus Hugo et heredes mei et assignati mei predicto Roberto et heredibus suis et suis assignatis et cuicumque et quodocumque dictum mesuagium et dictas acras cum pertinenciis suis dare vendere assignare vel legare voluerit contra omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus equietabimus et defendemus inperpetuum per predictum liberum servicium Pro hac autem donacione concessione warrantizacione equietacione et defensione et presentis carte

confirmacione et sigilli mei inpressione dedit mihi predictus
Robertus duas marcas argenti in gersumam Hiis testibus
Hugone Lambered magistro Roberto Fresell Johanne de Senolte
Simone de Neumere Simone de la Cumbe Hugone le Pee Ricardo
Orpede Roberto de Henton clerico et multis aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, 25 mm, originally about 35 mm, green
wax, on doubled tag, fragmentary.



+S.....LA

Grant in frankalmoign by Christien de Aula of Bledlow, widow of William de la Grene, to the monks of Bec of all land she holds of them by hereditary right in Bledlow, for 60 marks.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentes litteras visuris vel audituris Cristina de Aula de Bledelewe quondam uxor Willelmi de la Grene salutem in domino Noveritis me in pura et libera viduitate mea vendidisse dedisse et concessisse in puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Beate Marie Bekci et monachis ibidem deo servientibus et servituris totam terram tam liberam quam servilem quam habui in villa de Bledelewe et quam terram de eisdem monachis jure hereditario tenui cum mesuagio et cum omnibus pertinenciis suis tam in pratis quam pascuis et pasturis nemoribus aquis viis semitis redditibus serviciis consuetudinibus auxiliis libertatibus homagiis fidelitatibus et omnibus aliis pertinenciis penitus sine aliquo retenimento mei vel heredum meorum imperpetuum Ego vero Christiana et heredes mei predictam totam terram cum mesuagio et omnibus suis pertinenciis sicut predictum est contra omnes homines et feminas predictis monachis imperpetuum warrantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus Pro hac autem venditione donatione et concessione dederunt mihi premanibus monachi suprascripti sexaginta marchas sterlingorum bohorum et legalium Et ut ista mea venditio donatio et concessio rata et stabilis imperpetuum permaneat eam sigilli mei appositione roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Alexandro de Hamden milite Alexandro filio ejusdem militis Stephano de Culverdon Willelmo de Chalfgrave Willelmo Goldfot Symone de la Cumb Johanne le Poet et multis aliis.

Seal, heart shaped, 52 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag. A fleur de lys.

SIGILL CRISTINE FIL...RI

Grant by Christian, widow of William de Viridi Leuca, to John, son of Wymund, of Svinecumb, of a croft in Bledlow and eight acres of arable.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Cridtiana que fui uxor Willelmi de Viridi Leuca in viduitate mea et in libera potestate mea dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Johanni filio Wymundi de Svinecumb pro servicio suo et pro septem marcis argenti quas mihi dedit in gersumam unam croftam in villa de Bledwlawe que jacet ex parte aquilonali a gardino meo inter gardinum meum et terram Willelmi Fullonis et se extendit ad aquam que currit inter eandem croftam et croftam Petronille de la Strete sicut mete et divide proportant Preterea dedi et concessi eidem Johanni octo acras terre arabilis in eadem villa quarum una acra jacet in Hangindeforlong inter terram Walteri de la Pirie et terram dicte Petronille et se extendit in Akemannestret Et due acre jacent in Ottiueforlong inter terram dicti Walteri de la Pirie et terram dicte Petronille et se extendunt versus austrum et versus aquilonem Et dimidia acra jacet super Oddeburth inter viam que dicitur la Greneweie et terram dicti Walteri et se extendit in Merewey. Et alia dimidia acra jacet in eadem cultura inter terram Walteri Prepositi et terram dicti Walteri de la Pirie et se extendit in Middelforlong Et una acra jacet in Coscowe forlong inter terram Johannis Druel et terram Johannis de Senholt et se extendit super terram Radulfi Andr' Et una acra jacet in Stoniden inter terram Osberti filii Petri et terram Henrici de Cruce et se extendit super terram Alexandri filii domini Alexandri de Hamden versus austrum Et due acre jacent super Estgrove inter terram Johannis de Senholt et terram Johannis de la Grave et se extendunt super terram Johannis Stonhard versus austrum sicut mete et divide circumquaque docent et proportant Habendas et tenendas de me et heredibus meis et de meis assignatis dicto Johanni et heredibus suis et cuicumque terras predictas cum pertinentiis

suis dare vendere vel assignare voluerit hereditarie libere quiete et integre inperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi vel heredibus meis seu assignatis meis duodecim denarios ad duos terminos anni scilicet ad festum Sancti Martini sex denarios et ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste sex denarios pro omnibus serviciis consuetudinibus auxiliis sectis curiarum et omnibus demandis secularibus salvo forinseco servitio domini regis quantum pertinet ad tantam terram de eodem feodo in eadem villa Et ego Cristiana et heredes mei et mei assignati warantizabimus aquieta bimus et defendemus predictam croftam et octo acras terre predictas cum earum pertinentiis prefato Johanni et heredibus suis et cuicumque illas dare vendere vel assignare voluerit contra omnes homines et omnes feminas inperpetuum per predictum liberum servitium In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigillo meo roboravi Hiis testibus Domino Alexandro de Hamden Domino Osberto de Santredun Alexandro filio Domini Alexandri de Hamden Johanne Druel Willelmo de Chalgrave Stephano de Culverdun Petro de Ilmere Johanne de Senholt Petro de Hamme Johanne le Pieth Hugone filio Lamberti Ricardo Clerico et aliis multis.

Seal, as no. 41.

SIGILL CRI..... FIL PE..I

Grant by John, son of Wymund, of Svinecumbe, to Godfrey de Sanford of all the land in Bledlow he had of the gift of Christian, widow of William de Viridi Leuca.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes filius Wymundi de Svinecumbe dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Godefrido de Sanford pro servicio suo totam illam terram quam habui in villa de Bledelauue cum pertinenciis de dono et feffamento Cristiane que fuit uxor Willelmi de Viridi Leuca in viduitate sua et in libera potestate sua sicut continetur in carta quam habeo de dicta Cristiana videlicet unam croftam in Bledelauue que jacet ex parte aquilonari a gardino dicte Cristiane et se extendit ad aquam que currit inter eandem croftam et croftam Petronille de la Strete sicut mete et divide proportant Et octo acras terre arabilis in campo de Bledelauue quarum una acra jacet in Hangindeforlong inter terram Walteri de la Pirie et terram dicte Petronille et se extendit in Hakemanstret et due acre jacent in Otiueforlong inter terram dicti Walteri et terram dicte Petronille et se extendunt versus austrum et versus aquilonem et una dimidia acra super Odeburth inter la Greneweie et terram dicti Walteri et una dimidia acra in eadem cultura inter terram Walteri prepositi et terram Walteri de la Pirie et se extendit in Medforlong et una acra in Coscoweforlong inter terram Johannis Druel et terram Johannis de Senolte et se extendit super terram Radulfi Andr' et una acra in la Stonidene inter terram Oseberti de Prato et terram Henrici de Cruce et se extendit super terram Alexandri de Hamden versus austrum et due acre super Estgrove inter terram Johannis de Senolte et terram Johannis de la Grave et se extendunt super terram Johannis Stonhard versus austrum Sibi et heredibus suis habendas et tenendas de me et de heredibus meis

vel de assignatis meis libere quiete integre et in bona pace
inperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis
vel assignatis meis unum gariophilum ad Pascha pro omni ser-
vicio et demanda ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinentibus et
capitali domino duodecim denarios ad duos anni terminos
videlicet ad Nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste sex denar-
ios et ad festum Sancti Martini sex denarios pro omnibus
serviciis et secularibus demandis Et ego dictus Johannes et
heredes mei et assignati mei dictam terram et dictam croftam
predicto Godefrido et heredibus suis vel cuicumque dare legare
vendere seu assignare voluerit contra omnes gentes warantiz-
abimus per predictum servitium imperpetuum Pro hac autem
donacione concessione warantizacione et presentis carte con-
firmacione et sigilli mei impressione dedit mihi dictus Gode-
fridus centum solidos in gersummam Hiis testibus Alexandro
de Hamdene Willelmo de Chalfgrava Petro de Ylmere Petro de
Longa Wyka Johanne de Senturdon Hugone Lemberd Johanne de
Senolte Johanne le Peet Roberto le Justicer et multis aliis.

Seal, pointed oval, 33 mm, green wax, on doubled tag.

A fleur de lys.

+SIGILL : JOHIS D' SVINECUB

Grant by Robert de Eselberg to the monks of Bec of a message at Cravenethorn in Wycumb.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Eselberg dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Beccho et monachis ibidem illis servientibus et inperpetuum servituris pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum unum mesuagium cum pertinentiis suis in villa de Wycumb scilicet apud Cravenethorn quod jacet juxta regale cheminum inter tenementum quod Ricardus de Dusteburg tenuit et aliud tenementum quod ego ipse tenui sicut mete et divide includunt circumdent et proportant Habendum et tenendum predictis monachis et eorum successoribus libere quiete pacifice integre et finabiliter Et ego Robertus et heredes mei predictum mesuagium cum pertinentiis predictis monachis eorumque successoribus inperpetuum contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus et erga capitales dominos et omnes alios de omnibus secularibus servitiis et exactionibus defendemus Quod ut firmitatis perpetue robur optineat presens scriptum sigilli mei appositione roboravi Hiis testibus Huberto vicario de Wicumb Gilberto Capellano Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Willelmo filio Walderi Waltero de Puderung Rogero Menge Gervasio Clerico Willelmo Menge Gilberto Marescallo Audrea de Croindunn et Ricardo de Wicumb Clericis et aliis.

Seal, round, 25 mm, green wax, on doubled tag. A fleur de lys.

† S.....ESELB

Indenture of fine Easter 1286 master John de Audenard, parson of Bledlow, pet. by William de Fulemere his attorney, and Imerus de Sancto Imero, Abbot of Bec, ten. by brother William de Sancto Paterno his attorney. Two parts of the crop of the tenth acre of all the demesne land of the Abbot in Bledlow, as enjoyed by Gilbert de Norton former parson. Fine 100s.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Wycumb a die Pasche in unum mensem anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici quartodecimo coram Johanne de Vallibus Willelmo de Saham Rogero Loveday Johanne de Metingham et Nicholao le Gras justiciariis itinerantibus et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus Inter magistrum Johannem de Audenard personam ecclesie de Bledelawe petentem per Willelmum de Fulemere positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum et Imerum de Sancto Imero Abbatem de Becco Herlewyni tenentem per fratrem Willelmum de Sancto Paterno monachum suum positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum de duabus partibus vesture decime acre terre totius dominici ipsius Abbatis in Bledelawe de quibus magister Gilbertus de Norton quondam personae predictae ecclesie predecessor ipsius Johannis fuit seysitus tanquam pertinenciis ad predictam ecclesiam suam die quo obiit Et unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia Scilicet quod predictus Abbas recognovit predictas duas partes vesture decime acre terre totius antiqui dominici ipsius Abbatis in predicta villa esse jus ipsius persone et ecclesie sue Sancti Spiritus de Bledelawe et concessit pro se et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua Sancte Marie de Becco Herlewyni quod predictus magister Johannes et successores sui persone predictae ecclesie de Bledelawe decetero habeant et integre percipiant predictas duas partes vesture

decime acre terre totius predicti antiqui dominici ipsius
Abbatis et successorum suorum in predicta villa de Bledelawe
una cum rectis decimis ejusdem dominici predictae ecclesie
de Bledelawe de jure communi debitae et consuetis sine in-
pedimento ipsius Abbatis et successorum vel ballivorum suorum
inperpetuum sicut predictus magister Gilbertus easdem duas
partes vestire decime acre terre una cum rectis decimis
totius predicti antiqui dominici nomine ecclesie sue predictae
unquam melius et plenius habere et percipere consuevit Et
pro hac recognicione concessione fine et concordia idem
magister Johannes dedit predicto Abbati centum solidos
sterlingorum.

A copy of no. 45, not indented. No. 1 is attached
to it.

Indenture of fine Easter 1267. Hugh de la Sale pet. Imerus Abbot of Bec ten. by Adam de Shortecumbe, his attorney. Quitclaim by Hugh of a messuage and three virgates in Bledlow to the Abbot and grant of same by the Abbot to Alexander, Hugh's brother, rent 1d. The Abbot will pay Alexander an annuity of 40g.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Westmonasterium a die Pasche in tres septimanas anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici quinto decimo coram Thoma de Weylaund Johanne de Lovetot Willelmo de Duritton Rogero de Leycestre et Elia de Bekingham justiciariis et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus inter Hugonem de la Sale petentem et Imerum Abbatem ecclesie Beate Marie de Becko Herlewyni tenentem per Adam de Shortecumbe positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum de uno mesuagio et tribus virgatis terre cum pertinenciis in Bledelawe unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia Scilicet quod predictus Hugo recognovit predictas tres virgatas terre cum pertinenciis esse jus ipsius Abbatis et ecclesie sue Beate Marie de Becko et illas remisit et quietumclamavit de se et heredibus suis predicto Abbati et successoribus suis et ecclesie sue predictae imperpetuum Et pro hac recognitione remissione quietaclamacione fine et concordia idem Abbas concessit pro se et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua predicta ad instanciam predicti Hugonis Alexandro fratri ejusdem Hugonis predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis Habendum et tenendum eidem Alexandro et heredibus suis de predicto Abbate et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua predicta imperpetuum Reddendo inde per annum unum denarium ad festum Sancti Michaelis et faciendo inde sectam ad curiam ipsius Abbatis de Bledelawe semel in anno scilicet a la Hockedaye

pro omni servicio consuetudine et exaccione Et predictus Abbas et successores sui warantizabunt acquietabunt et defendent eidem Alexandro et heredibus suis predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis per predicta servicia contra omnes homines imperpetuum Et predictus Abbas concessit pro se et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua predicta quod ipsi decetero reddent singulis annis eidem Alexandro tota vite ipsius Alexandri quadraginta solidos percipiendos in manerio ipsius Abbatis de Bledelawe ad festum Sancti Michaelis Et post decessum ipsius Alexandri idem Abbas et successores sui et ecclesia sua predicta erunt quieti de solucione predictorum quadraginta solidorum imperpetuum Et hec concordia facta fuit per preceptum domini regis.

Acknowledgment by John Romayn and Osbert Romayn of their obligation to find for the prior' of Okeburn all corn (blada) for sowing on his lands at Bledelawe this year and corn for the allowances of all servants on the manor of Bledelawe to Michaelmas nest, also sufficient corn for making bread and beer in the autumn, and six quarters of grain (frumentum) which the prior has reserved to his own use. Risslep
6 October 1310.

Tongue for Seals which are missing.

Indenture of sale by brother William de Ponte Episcopi, prior of Okeburn, to John Romayn and Osbert Romayn of three thousand beech trees in his wood at Bledelawe which are marked with a certain mark, at 15^l sterling a hundred to be devoted to the fabric of the church of Bec or to the buying of some yearly rent, and to be paid at Rysselep to the said William or his successors within a month after the said John and Osbert have cut down and sold each hundred. Rysselep 30 November 1310.

Fragment of green wax Seal on doubled tag. Hole for another tag which is missing.

Writ to the Sheriff of Bucks 10 June 1315 to order the Abbot of Bec and others to restore messuages and lands to John son of Hugh atte Halle in Bledlow which should have reverted to him on the termination of a lease by Henry de la Sale, his uncle, to Christian who was the wife of William atte Grenemile.

Vicecomiti Buk' salutem Precipe Abbati de Becco Herlewini quod juste etc reddat Johanni filio Hugonis atte Halle unum mesuagium et duas virgatas terre cum pertinenciis in Bledelawe Precipe Osberto Romayn de Bledelawe quod juste etc reddat eidem Johanni unum mesuagium et duas acras terre cum pertinenciis in eadem villa Precipe Roberto Romayn et Alicie uxori ejus quod juste etc reddant eidem Johanni unum mesuagium et tres acras terre cum pertinenciis in eadem villa Precipe (Willelmo le Fullere de Bledelawe erased) quod juste etc reddat eidem Johanni unum mesuagium et tres acras terre cum pertinenciis in eadem villa Precipe Matillidi que fuit uxor Johannis Felagh quod juste etc reddat eidem Johanni unum mesuagium et duas acras terre cum pertinenciis in eadem villa Precipe Hugoni Broun quod juste etc reddat eidem Johanni unam acrem prati cum pertinenciis in eadem villa que clamat esse jus et hereditatem suam et in que iidem Abbas Osbertus Robertus Alicia Willelmus Matillis et Hugo non habent ingressum nisi post dimissionem quam Henricus de la Sale avunculus predicti Johannis cujus heres ipse est inde fecit Cristiane que fuit uxor Willelmi atte Grenemile ad terminum qui preteriit et que post terminum illum ad prefatum Johannem reverti debent ut dicit Et unde queritur quod predicti Abbas Osbertus Robertus Alicia Willelmus Matillis et Hugo ei defor-
 ciant Et nisi etc et predictus Johannes etc a die Sancti Michaelis in ix dies Teste me ipso apud Thunderle x die Junii anno regni nostri octavo.

Quitclaim by William son of William Bercarius of Chynnore to Simon son of William Jurdan of Hentone of all his right in a messuage in Hentone situated between tenements of the said Simon and of Andrew the Cook (Cocus) together with a house built on the same and nine apple trees, which he had on a lease for life from the said Simon. Witn: William Grimbaud John le Romayn John the Goldsmith (Aurifaber) John atte Halle Robert Loryng Geoffrey le Cam John Jurdan and others. Hentone 3 January 1317

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Indenture of lease for their lives by Simon, son of William Jurdan, of Henton, to John Baudre, of London, and Matilda, his wife, of a messuage with appurtenances in Hentone situated between the grantor's tenement and the tenement of Andrew the Cook (Cocus), 208 feet long and 70 feet broad on the southern end and 31 feet at the eastern end. The grantee to build a house on the same of four pairs of props (furcae) at his own expense and take care of nine apple trees. Rent 2s silver. Witn: William Grimbaud, John le Romayn, John the Goldsmith (Aurifaber), Robert Loring, John atte Halle, Henry Salvage, Geoffrey le Cam and others. Henton 9 January 1317.

Seal, round, 16 mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag. Indecipherable.

Indenture of lease by brother Richard de Besevall, Prior of Okebourne, and proctor general in England of the Abbey of Bec Herlowyn, to James Frisel, of Bledelawe, of the manor of Bledelowe with all its appurtenances, excepting woods and a moiety of the profits of the court, but including housebote and heybote, and portions of the tithes of the demesne lands of Robert Mallet in Dillingdon, of Eleanor de Curteney in Wodeston and Estthrop, and of the Prior of Burncestre in Westcote; and 4l rent from the Abbot of Musseden. To hold for seven years from the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist 1326. Yearly rent 60l. The said brother Richard has delivered to the said James four horses (equos) worth 2 marks, four farm horses (affros) worth 20s and fourteen oxen each worth 1 mark, to be restored, with the manor, at the end of the lease. Russhlop 25 April 1326.

The Seal and doubled tag are missing.

Release by James Fresel of Bledelawe to brother Richard
Beusevalle, prior of Okebourn, of all actions against him.
Risshelope 6 May 1327.

Seal, nearly round, 20 mm, red wax on tongue. Armorial,
on a chevron three quatrefoils, SIGILLU...OBI.....L

Indenture of lesse by brother Richard de Beausevall,
attorney general in England of the Abbot and Convent of Bec
Herlewyn, to James Freysel of the manor of Bledelawe with all
its appurtenances, and housboute and heyboute but excepting
the woods which he has kept against the said Abbot; and port-
ions of the tithes of the demesne lands of Robert Mallet in
Dyllingdon, of Eleasnor de Courteney in Wodesdon and Estthorp,
and of the prior of Burncestre in Westcote, together with 4
librates yearly rent of the Abbot of Mussenden in Brghton,
cos Bucks; and all tithes belonging to the said Abbot and
Convent in the towns of Whitcherche, Gathamton, Retherfeld,
Mapelderham, Garynges and Stokes and portions in Kyngeston,
except the portion of Henton which dominus William de Ley-
cestre holds in the county of Oxford. To hold for six years
from this date. Yearly rent 60^l, payable at Ruysshelep.
The said brother Richard has delivered to the said James
four horses (equos) worth 3 marks, four oxen worth 20^s,
fourteen cows worth one mark apiece; to be restored, with the
manor, at the end of the lesse. Ruysshelep 25 June 1336.

Seal, as no. 54.

*SIGILLUM JACOBI FRESEL

Indenture of receipt by the Prior of Okebourn from Ralph de Wedon, sheriff of Bucks, through Gilbert de Chishull, clerk, of all lands goods and chattels belonging to him, which were taken into the King's hand viz:- four cart horses (equos carect') price 5s a head, four oxen (affros) price 1 mark or 3s:4d a head, fourteen cows price 4l:4s or 6s a head, eighty acres of land sown with wheat price 12l or 3s an acre, fourteen acres sown with barley, price 42s or 3s an acre, twelve acres sown with dredge price 24s or 2s an acre, ten acres sown with pease price 20s or 2s an acre, twelve acres sown with oats price 18s or 1s:6d an acre, one acre sown with vetch price 1s:6d, and thirty one acres of meadow price 62s or 2s an acre. Bledelawe 1 Aug. 1337.

Seal, oval, 20 mm, dark red wax, on doubled tag.

Armorial. A shield surmounted by (a coronet?) within intersecting rectangle and parallelogram. Two bars, in chief three martlets.

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Grant by Walter Daye Walter Dryvere of Wycombe and Juliana and Agnes their wives to John Bysouthe of Wycombe of two parts of a tenement at Bledelawerugge formerly of John atte Coumbe. Witn: Henry Bryan William Syward John Fastendych Philip de Tonne John Freneche and others. Bledelawerugge 1 March 1366.

Doubled tags for two Seals. Only a fragment of one, natural colour wax, survives.

Grant by Hugh Averesdelle of Marlawe Magna and Metilda
 his wife to Thomas Newerc of Saunderdon and Metilda his wife
 of a third part of a messuage and land at Bledelawrugge in
 the parish of Bledelawe, once held by John atte Coumbe.
 Witn: Henry Brysn Thomas Lambard Richard Kele William
 Harding John Senmerd William Syward. Bledelawerugge
 5 February 1367.

Doubled tags for two Seals, but only one survives and
 that fragmentary, oval, 25 mm, natural colour wax. Two
 figures under Gothic canopies.

Appointment of Roger de Meres and John de Fencotes as justices to take an assise of novel disseisin, the Abbot of Bec Herlewin v. Roger Otery, parson of Bledelawe, re. tenement in Bledelawe. Westminster 15 June 1367.

Fragment of the Great Seal, natural colour wax, on tongue.

Grant in fee simple by Thomas Newerk and Matilda his wife to John Cryps and Denise, his wife, of Bledelawe, of all their lands at Bledelawerugge in Bledelawe, late of John atte Coumbe, which they had from John Bysouthe of Wycombe and Hugh Averesdelle and Matilda, his wife, of Great Merlawe. Witn: William Syward John Sennere Roger Schenolt John Cayrel Thomas Lamberd and others. Bledelawerugge. 25 March 1375.

Two Seals, wrapped in linen, on doubled tags.

Grant by John Cryps, of Bledlawe, to John Coltman, of the same, of all his lands at Bledlawrygge within the parish of Bledlawe. Witn: John Brysn, William Ichekoke, John Bayli, Richard Wyte, John Cotrelle, Henry atte Mede and John Norton and others. Bledlawe 24 June 1415. *

Seal, oval, 13 mm, red wax, on doubled tag. I, between ears of corn, surmounted by a coronet.

Quitclaim by Richard Smyth, of Bledelowe, to John
Colteman, of the same, and Isabel, his wife, of all his right
in all lands late of John Cryps at Bledlowe Rugge. Witn:
William Clerke of Colverdon William Hychkoke William Smyth
John Parmyter William Tryppe and many others. Bledelowe
14 May 1435.

Traces of red wax Seal on doubled tag.

Grant by Richard Smyth, of Bledlawe, to John Wyke of all lands he late had of the gift of John Crips alias Couper of Bledlawe Rugge within the parish of Bledlawe. Witn: Reginald Barantyne, Thomas Nasshe, rector of Chynnore, John Goldsmyth, (William) Hychecok, Walter de Tame, William Clerk, John Seward, John Cooke, John atte Mede and many others. Bledlawe 20 August 1436.

Seal, round, 11 mm, red wax, on doubled tag. RI(?)

Release by John Budde to Roger Schermen and Joan, his wife, of all his right in an acre of arable lying in the common field of Fyfyde in the ploughland called Selyfur between the land once of William Polmere on the east and the land of William Totere on the west, one head on the south abutting on Wytewelesweye and the other on the north on the King's way which leads from le Rythe towards Ocle.

Bray .. April .. Henry VI.

Doubled tag with traces of red wax Seal.