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Introduction

The alien priory of Sporle which had belonged to the abbey of St. Florent, Saumur, appears in the 1441 endowment of Eton College. The grant was confirmed by Edward IV in 1462.^{1.} The church of Sporle (Sparlaicum) had been bestowed on the abbey of St. Florent by Alan son of Flaald at some date before 1122, the year given for the first of six twelfth century Papal Bulls, quoted by Round, confirming the abbey in its English possessions.^{2.} But no documents survive in the Eton collection of earlier date than the thirteenth century.

A document of a not very common type is no. 2, being a grant of a villein with all his following (cum omni sequela sua). From a palaeographical point of view it is interesting, after one has been working upon MSS of local origin, to come upon documents written in the archiepiscopal chancery. Such are nos. 12 and 13. One noticeable thing about these instruments, and a feature for which the reader is particularly grateful as he struggles through a set of contiguous ablative absolutes, is the lavish and intelligent punctuation. The scribe had but one way, in addition to the full stop, for marking a pause, namely a vertical line between words. But wherever he could he gave us this aid to understanding, thus (from no.12):-

unde exhibita compositione hujusmodi per partem
 prioris | copiarque ejusdem parti rectoris decreta |
 productisque hincinde quibusdam testibus | quibus
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this

1. Cal. Patent Rolls 1461-7 p.73.
 2. Round Cal. of Documents in France.

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These records enable us to make a few additions to the list of priors of Sporle that is given in the Victoria County History.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, when the College was asserting its claim to certain pensions belonging to the church of Sporle which had lapsed since the Dissolution of the Monasteries, a good deal of research seems to have been done among the College archives and in the records of the First Fruits and the Court of Augmentations in order to find the authority for this claim (nos. 149 - 182). It was perhaps at this time that those oak boxes were made in which the smaller and older deeds have remained until today. Measuring on an average 4 x 6 x 8 inches, with sliding tops that fit into a groove, they serve their purpose very well. In some cases the estate to which the deeds belong has been written on the box. It is this writing that dates the boxes not later than the early part of the seventeenth century. On the Sporle box is written "Sporle cum pensionibus eidem spectantibus."

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Noel Blackiston

Ancient Deeds

(1 - 30)

Award by the priors of Dereham, Shouldham and Pentney, appointed by pope Honorius (order of 19 June 1226 recited) to adjudicate between the abbey of Saumur and Sebastian, rector of the church of East Winch, in a dispute in which the abbey by its proctor G., the prior of Sporle, claims two parts of all the small tithes issuing from the demesnes of Sir G. Doli and the lady E. de Burnham in East Winch and two parts of the greater tithes of all lands which of old were in the said demesnes and were called Bordland, which the said Sebastian has unjustly detained, to the value of 2 marks. The lands are named in detail. It is awarded that the said Sebastian, so long as he is rector of the church of East Winch, shall pay yearly 1 mark to the church of Sporle for the tithes belonging thereto in the parish of East Winch.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris de Derham et de Sculdham et de Penteneie priores salutem in domino Mandatum domini pape recepimus in hec verba Honorius episcopus servus servorum dei dilectis filiis de Derham de Sculdham et de Penteneie prioribus Norwicensis diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem Dilecti filii abbas et conventus de Saumur nobis conquirendo monstrarunt quod S. rector ecclesie de Weniz ac quidam alii Norwicensis diocesis super decimis terris redditibus et rebus aliis injuriantur eisdem ideoque discrecioni 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 gracia odio vel timore subtraxerint per districtionem eandem appellatione cessante cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere quod si non omnes hiis exequendis potueritis interesse duo vestrum ea nichilominus exequantur

Data Laterani xiiij Kalendas Julii pontificatus nostri anno decimo

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati ad instanciam G. prioris de Sporle procuratoris dictorum abbatis et conventus habentis liberam et generalem administracionem omnium rerum pertinencium ad ecclesiam de Sporle vocati fecimus dictum S. rectorem ecclesie de Estweniz qui post plures vocaciones coram nobis in judicio comparuit et cum exhibita esset in judicio intencio abbatis et conventus sub hac forma Intencio abbatis et conventus de Saumur contra Sebastianum rectorem ecclesie de Estweniz et dicunt quod cum ipsi quandoque per se quandoque per firmarios suos essent in possessione duarum partium omnium minutarum decimarum provenientium de dominicis domini G. Doli et domine E. de Burnham in villa de Weniz item duarum partium majorum decimarum provenientium de omnibus terris que ab antiquo erant in predictis dominicis que dicebantur Bordland dictus Sebastianus jamdictas decimas in eorum prejudicium ocupavit injuste et ocupatas detinet petunt restitui et ab eo sibi satisfieri de fructibus occupatis quos estimant ad valenciam duarum marcarum intentantes contra ipsum mere possorium (i.e. possessorium) nomina autem terrarum quas supra commemorantur hec sunt Heghwong, Langeland, Howong, Scorteland aput Rubum, Crakedelewong, 2 acras et dimidiam in Crakedele, 2 acras aput Drone super Brakiwong, circiter 3 acras ad Dumum, Gallegrimwong, cultura aput Rubum, 3 acras aput Depedale, 2 acras aput Depedale versus orientem, Fisteldale, Oggescroft, 1 acram ad finem Oggescroft, Langewong, Gosewong, Brocfurlong, 7 acras ad semitam, 1 acra et dimidia in Brocfurlong, 2 acras et dimidiam aput Norhilgate, Wetewong, 3 acras in Estfotine, Clatewong, Claieacra, Ethelwineswong, 2 acras ad Leffemes Stapel, cultura ad fossata Stangrun, cultura in Middelfurlang, Bumlund, Stapelwong, Hevedlandacra in Grinteswong, Leffeshil. Hec dicunt salvo sibi jure addendi mutandi vel minuendi. Facta tali dicione cum postea aliquatenus esset in causa processum lis inter dictum procuratorem abbatis et conventus et dictum Sebastianum hac fine conquievit videlicet quod dictus Sabastianus rector ecclesie de Estweniz decimas spectantes

ad ecclesiam de Sparle in parochia de Estwiniz quamdiu rector erit ejusdem ecclesie solvendo annuatim pro predictis decimis ecclesie de Sparle unam marcam synodos Norwicensis videlicet ad synodum paschalem dimidiam marcam et ad synodum sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcam et si forte contigerit quod dictus Sebastianus dictam pecuniam aliquo dictorum terminorum non solverit subjecit se de consensu partium jurisdictioni nostre ut liceat nobis vel successoribus nostris quotiens ad nos vel ad eos questio super cessacione dicte solucionis fuerit devoluta eundem Sebastianum appellacione remota per censuram ecclesiasticam ad plenam solucionem compellere

Hanc autem compositionem firmiter tenendam juramenti et fidei interposicione utraque pars se obligavit super hoc eciam duo confecta sunt instrumenta sub eadem forma alterum residens penes dictum priorem de Sparle alterum vero penes dictum Sebastianum et utraque ad invicem alter alterius instrumento una cum signis nostris signum suum apposuit

Hiis testibus Magistro Lande Magistro
 Alexandro de Walpol Magistro Roberto de Torp Domino
 Jacobo Romano Domino Warnero de Tomestinis
 domino Lyntone de Norhant Domino R, capellano de Sparle
 Domino P. capellano de Sicacra Drocone de Acra
 et aliis.

Three doubled tags for Seals which are missing.

J. m
 DAMAGED (HONG)

Grant in frankalmoign by Henry de Ver, son of Henry de Ver, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Sporle and the monks there of Paganus, son of William le Colur, with 13½ acres of land.

Notum sit omnibus istam cartam inspecturis quod ego Henricus de Ver filius Henrici de Ver dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Sparle et monachis ibidem deo servientibus pro salute anime mee et animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum Paganum filium Willelmi le Colur cum tredecim acris terre et dimidia cum omnibus pertinenciis que pertinent ad illam terram et cum omni sequela sua liberum ab omni servicio quod ego et heredes mei in eo habuimus vel habere potuimus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam tam liberius ac melius quam aliqua elemosina dari possit alicui domui religionis Et ut ista donacio concessio et confirmacio rata et stabilis in perpetuum permaneat istam cartam sigilli mei munimine corroboravi Hiis testibus

- Willelmo de Pgrave Alexandro fratre ejus Radulfo Jordan
- Willelmo filio ejus Johanne de Pgrave Henrico filio ejus
- Henrico de Kotes Johanne de Gressigham Rogero de Gressigham
- Philippo filio Mabilie Alano filio Philippi de Pgrave
- Roberto Jordan et multis aliis.

Seal, round, 38 mm, green wax, on doubled tag. A lion passant from left to right.

SIGILLUM HENRICI D. VER

l. m.

Indenture of agreement in a dispute between Magdalene prioress of Carhowe and the Nuns of the same place, rectors of the church of East Winch, and the abbot and convent of St. Florent of Saumur in the diocese of Anjou, rectors of the church of Sparle, and brother John de Montiniaco, prior of Sparle, their proctor general, concerning two parts of the tithes issuing from the demesnes sometime of William the constable and of dominus William de Grauncurt in East Winch, heard before master John de Coleby, official of the bishop of Norwich. The nuns are to hold the said two parts to farm, paying a yearly pension of 16s. The letters are recited by which Roger, abbot of St. Florent Saumur, appoints John de Windocino his proctor; given in the chapter general 16 October 1262.

[A note at the end of the document states that the proctor bore the two names Montiniaco and Windocino].

Norwich, Wednesday after the Easter synod, 1269.

Noverint universi Christi fideles quod cum inter Magdalenam priorissam de Carhowe et moniales ejusdem loci rectores ecclesie Est Wenit' ex parte una et abbatem et conventum Sancti Florencii de Salmuro Andegavensis diocesis rectores ecclesie de Sparle Norwicensis diocesis et fratrem Johannem de Montiniaco monachum dicte domus priorem de Sparle procuratorem generalem eorundem abbatis et conventus cujus procuratorii tenor subscriptus est ex altera super duabus partibus decimarum provenientium de dominicis quondam Willelmi constabularii et domini Willelmi de Grauncurt in villa de Est Wenit' coram magistro Johanne de Coleby officiali venerabilis patris domini Rogeri de Skerninge dei gracia Norwicensis episcopi mota esset causa dictis monialibus super dictis decimis nomine ecclesie de Est Wenit' tam possessorium quam petitorium iudicium intentantibus tandem lis predicta inter partes memoratas amicabiliter conquievit in hunc modum Videlicet

quod dicte moniales liti predicte et accioni institute expresse renunciauerunt Et conuenit inter partes predictas quod dicte moniales et earum successores habebunt et tenebunt in perpetuum de dictis abbate et conventu et priore de Sparle et eorum successoribus dictas duas partes decimarum ad firmam

Reddentes pro eisdem dicto priori et eius successoribus seu procuratori eorum nomine firme seu pensionis annuatim sexdecim solidos argenti in duabus [sic] sinodis Norwicensibus pro equalibus porcionibus Et si contingat quod dicte moniales vel earum successores cessauerint aliquando in solucione dicte pensionis seu firme per biennium licebit dicto priori et eius successoribus dictas decimas auctoritate propria sibi resumere et eas percipere et retinere et possidere in perpetuum et cui voluerint eas ad firmam dimittere absque contradiccione et molestia dictarum monialium seu successorum earundem Ita quod eadem moniales vel successores earum extunc nichil juris in dictis decimis seu earum detencione vel percepcione in perpetuum valeant vendicare Si vero prefati abbas et conventus vel alius quicumque nomine ipsorum predictas moniales super predicta firma inquietauerint eandem firmam alii seu aliis concedendo vel sibi retinendo contra conuencionem predictam liceat loci diocesano qui pro tempore fuerit dictos abbatem et conventum et eorum procuratorem quemcumque monicione premissa absque strepitu judiciali per sentencias suspensionis excommunicacionis et interdicti ab huiusmodi inquietacione compescere

Ad hanc autem conuencionem fideliter observandam utraque pars corporale prestitit sacramentum et subjecerunt se et successores suos partes predictas in hoc facto iurisdictioni domini Norwicensis episcopi et eius officialis qui pro tempore fuerit ut libere liceat eis et alterutri eorum partes predictas ad observacionem omnium predictorum et singulorum quotiens una vel altera earundem partium in aliquo contravenerit per interdicti et excommunicacionis sentencias absque strepitu judiciali de die in diem compellere et cohercere

Et renunciavit utraque pars in hoc facto pro se et successoribus suis omni excepcioni cavillationi regie prohibicioni beneficio restitutionis in integrum omnibus litteris apostolicis et aliis contra hoc factum inpetratis et inpetrandis et omni juris remedio sibi contra hoc factum competenti vel competuro Tenor procuratorii talis est

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis vel audituris Rogerus miseracione divina humilis abbas monasterii Beati Florencii Salmurensis ejusque loci conventus salutem in domino sempiternam Noveritis quod nos dilectum fratrem nostrum Johannem de Windocino priorem de Sparle nomine nostro et monasterii nostri ac prioratus predicti de Sparle procuratorem nostrum constituimus generalem in omnibus causis et negociis nostris motis et movendis contra quascumque personas seu a quibuscumque personis a nobis seu contra nos coram quibuscumque iudicibus ecclesiasticis vel secularibus seu arbitris ad omnes dies assignatos et assignandos Dantes eidem potestatem et speciale mandatum agendi deffendendi petendi recipiendi jurandi componendi compromittendi transsigendi et omnia alia faciendi que faceremus vel possemus facere si presentes essemus ratum et gratum habentes et habituri quicquid idem procurator pro nobis seu contra nos fecerit in predictis promittentes pro ipso sub ypotheca rerum nostrarum seu nobis commissarum si necesse fuerit iudicatum solvi Quod universis et singulis quorum interest significamus per presentes litteras sigillis nostris sigillatas Valet Datum anno domini m^o. cc^o. sexagesimo secundo die lune ante festum beati Luce Ewangeliste in nostro capitulo generali In cujus rei testimonium partes predictae huic scripto in modum cyrographi confecto sigilla sua apposuerunt cujus una pars sigillo capituli dictarum monialium signata residet penes predictum priorem et alia pars sigillo dicti prioris procuratoris signata residit penes dictas moniales

Dictus vero officialis huic convencioni et composicioni in presencia sua facte seu inite auctoritatem prestans et eandem confirmans presenti scripto sigillum suum duxit apponendum

Datum apud Norwicum die mercurii proxima post sinodum
Pasche Norwicensem anno domini millesimo ducentesimo sexagesimo
nono Et sciendum quod dictus frater Johannes procurator dictorum
abbatis et conventus habet duo cognomina videlicet de
Montiniaco et de Windocino.

Seals

- (1) Only the doubled tag survives.
- (2) Pointed oval, originally about 42 mm, chipped slightly at bottom, dark reddish brown wax, on doubled tag. Beneath a mitre three arrows pointing upwards, the two outside ones supporting crowns.

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v. m.

4.

A contemporary copy of the foregoing, unsealed.

v. m.

5.

Acknowledgment by Henry, lord de Ferrers, Knight, that he
has no right or claim in lands and tenements in Ocham,
Lechelade and Langebergh. April 1270.

Omnibus hec visuris Henricus dominus de Ferrariis miles
eternam in domino salutem Quoniam veritas lucem appetere
consuevit et tenebras detestari eapropter ad pleniorum
modernorum noticiam eternamque posteritatis memoriam omnibus
in lucem veritatis venire cupio quod ego nullum jus vel
clanium unquam habui vel habere potui nec habeo vel habere
possum nec eciam heredes mei habere poterunt in futurum in
terris et tenementis de Ocham Lechelade et Langebergh nec in
pertinenciis eorundem Et ne ego vel heredes mei de cetero
calumpniosis alicuorum suggestionibus in premissis possimus de
facto jus aliquod reclamare vel clamium vindicare presentes

5.

litteras sigilli mei munimine consignavi Actum anno domini
m. cc. septuagesimo mense Aprili.

Seal, round, 55mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag,
slightly chipped at sides. A good impression.

Equestrian, Armorial. Knight in armour, sword lifted,
galloping from left to right. Arms on shield and trapper,
ermine a fesse fretty.

HENRICI DE --RRER. IS MILITI.

Counterseal, round, 23mm. A horseshoe.

SECRETU H'RICI DE FERRERIIS.

l. m.

6.

Agreement in a dispute between the prior of Sporle and
Stephen, his monk, on the one part, and Nicholas Durdent,
rector of the church of Litcham, on the other, concerning
two parts of the tithes issuing from the demesnes sometime of
John Extraneus in Litcham, heard before master Henry Sampson,
official of the bishop of Norwich, by which the prior lets the
said two parts to farm to the rector for a yearly pension of 2s.
Norwich 13 and 14 March 1274.

Noverint universi fideles quod cum inter priorem de Sporlee
et Stephanum monachum suum ex parte una et Nicholaum Durdent
rectorem ecclesie de Lucham ex altera super duabus partibus
decimarum provenientium de dominicis quondam Johannis extranei
in villa de Lucham scilicet de terris inferius nominatis coram
magistro Henrico Sampson domini R. dei gracia Norwicensis
episcopi officialis orta esset contencio tandem interveniente vere
pacis auctore concuievit predicta contencio in hunc modum

videlicet quod dictus prior concensiente monacho suo predicto
predictas duas partes decimarum memorato rectori dimisit ad
firmam quam quidem firmam idem dominus Nicholaus quiete tenebit
quamdiu fuerit rector ibidem solvendo inde annuatim ecclesie de

Sporlee nomine pensionis duos solidos ad Pascha et ad festum Sancti Michaelis apud Sporlee ad cuius quidem pecunie seu pensionis solucionem dictus rector fideliter se obligavit

Ita quod liciat priori de Sporlee qui pro tempore fuerit ingredi decimas supradictas et eas colligere si dictus rector in solutione predictae pensionis cessaverit. Et dictus rector fideliter promisit quod super proprietate dictarum partium decimarum contra dictum priorem vel successorem suum vel etiam contra abbatem et capitulum de Saumuro questionem non movebit nec eos super hac inquietabit descedente vero vel recedente rectore predicto revertentur libere dicte due partes decimarum ad ecclesiam de Sporlee salvo jure cujuslibet eorundem. Et sciendum est quod dicta contencio mota fuit super decimis predictis provenientius de terris istis scilicet de prato domini Johannis extranei juxta curiam ipsius de tota terra Allani de Derle quam tenet in villa de Lucham de quadraginta acris Johannis de Hoxwik de tota terra quam dominus Godefridus de Or' et domina Emma de Burnham que fuit uxor Philippi de Burnham tenuerunt in villa de Lucham de tota terra que fuit Radulfi extranei quam tenuit in villa de Lucham de domino Johanne extraneo de tota terra que fuit Rogeri de Hulmo quam Stephanus de Stoke tenuit de Roberto de Hulmo successore dicti Rogeri in villa de Lucham. Facta est autem ista compositio salva etiam dicto rectori questione intentata contra dictos priorem et monachum autoritate apostolica super aliis quibusdam decimis quas dictus prior percipit in parochia de Lucham quatenus ille decime dictas decimas superius nominatas non contingunt. In cuius rei testimonium partes predictae huic scripto et ejus exemplo sigilla sua et alternatim apposuerunt et sigillum dicti officialis eidem apponi procuraverunt.

Hiis testibus magistro Johanne de Burys et magistro Philippo de Wangford [domino?] Johanne de Norwico domino Willelmo de Titlissale Willelmo Hamon capellano de Lucham Willelmo de Pagrave Radulfo de Sporlee clericis

Ricardo de Sporlee clerico et aliis Actum apud Norwicum
 in crastino Sancti Gregorii pape cum die mercurii sequente
 anno domini m.º cc.º lxxº tercio

Two doubled tags for Seals, but only a fragment of one
 oval red wax Seal survives.

l. m.

Copy (contemporary or nearly so) of an indenture of
 agreement between Guy, prior of Sporle, with the consent of
 Stephen, his monk, and Thomas de Verdun, rector of the church
 of Milham, by which the prior lets to farm for 6 marks yearly
 two parts of the tithes issuing from the demesne of the hall
 of Milham viz. from the new and the old assart and the land
 called the new garden and all other lands which of old have
 been of the demesne of the said hall. The tithes to revert
 to the church of Sporle at the death or retirement of the said
 rector. Sporle 19 August 1274.

Noverint universi Christi fideles convencionem hujusmodi
 esse initam inter fratrem Guydonem priorem de Sporle rectorem
 ecclesie de Sporle de consensu Stephani monachi sui ex parte
 una et dominum Thomam de Verdun rectorem ecclesie de Milham
 ex altera videlicet quod dictus prior duas partes decimarum
 provenientium de dominico aule de Milham videlicet de novo
 assarto et de veteri assarto et de terra que vocatur novum
 gardinum et de omnibus aliis terris que antiquitus fuerunt de
 dominico dicte aule et de hiis que adhuc sunt dicto rectori
 dimisit ad firmam suo perpetuo nomine firme retinendas pro sex
 marcis annuis quas dictus rector solvet prefato priori vel ejus
 procuratori vel ejusdem prioris successoribus singulis annis
 apud Sporle terminis infrascriptis videlicet die dominica
 palmarum tres marcas et die sancti Jacobi apostoli tres marcas
 ad cujus pecunie solucionem dictus rector fide media se

obligavit et subjecit se in hoc facto jurisdictioni et potestati officialis domini episcopi Norwycensis qui pro tempore fuerit ut liceat ei dictum Thomam ad solutionem dicte prestacionis annue quotiens in eadem fuerit cessatum per interdicti et excommunicacionis sentencias in personam ipsius proferendas absque strepitu judiciali et cause cognicione de die in diem compellere cohercere Dicto vero rectore decedente vel recedente dicte decime ad ecclesiam de Sporle et priorem ejusdem qui pro tempore fuerit libere revertentur salvo jure utriusque ecclesie supradicte et renunciavit dictus rector in hoc facto omni cavillacioni excepcioni regie proibicioni et omni jure [sic] remedio sibi contra hoc factum competenti vel competituro

Pars autem utraque rinunciavit omnibus aliis convencionibus super dictis decimis antea factis In cujus rei testimonium partes predictae huic littere dupplicate sigilla sua apposuerunt et sigillum magistri Henrici Sampson domini Norwycensis episcopi officialis apponi procuraverunt cujus una pars sigillo dicti prioris signata residet penes dictum rectorem et alia pars sigillo dicti rectoris signata residet penes priorem predictum

His testibus magistris Willelmo de Wythio Michaelae de Ormesby Johanne de Buris domino vicario ecclesie de Sporle Henrico de Pagrave Johanne de Gorp Adam de Wisete Martino capellano Henrico filio Agnetis

Rogero de Esthall et aliis

Datum apud Sporle die dominica proxima post festum assumptionis beate Marie Virginis anno domini m^o. cc^{mo}. lxx^{mo}. quarto.

Endorsed that this is a copy.

No sign of tag for Seal.

l. m.

Acknowledgement by John, parson of Litcham, that he has received to farm from G., prior of Sporle and proctor of the abbey of Saumur, two parts of the tithes of certain lands (specified) in Litcham, for a yearly pension of 4s.

[Documents 8, 9 and 10 are attached to each other by sewing at the left hand side]

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Johannes persona de Lucham salutem in vero salutari Noverit universitas vestra me a domino G. priore de Sporle procuratore abbatis et conventus de Saum' habente liberam et generalem amministracionem super duabus partibus omnium decimarum de dominico de Lucham spectantium ad ecclesiam de Sporle ad firmam accepisse duas partes decimarum terrarum subscriptarum videlicet de prato domini Johannis extranei juxta curiam ipsius Johannis de tota terra Alani de Derle quam tenet in villa de Lucham de xl acris Johannis de Hoxewic de tota terra quam Fulco Doli et domina Emma que fuit uxor Philippi de Burnham tenent in villa de Lucham de tota terra Radulfi extranei quam tenet in villa de Lucham de domino Johanne extraneo de tota terra que fuit Rogeri de Hulmo quam Stephanus de Stoke tenet de Roberto de Hulmo successore dicti Rogeri in villa de Lucham sub annua pensione quator solidorum singulis annis ad duas sinodos Norwicensis ecclesie de Sporle solvendorum Et ego quidem J. persona de Lucham ecclesie de Sporle fidelitatem et pensionem suam fideliter soluturum in ecclesia sancti Edmundi de Brancestorn coram judicibus delegatis inscriptis sacrosanctis juravi et si forte aliquo termino cessavero in solucione dicte pensionis vel in aliquo contra dictam firmam venero concessi priori de Sporle quod libere et sine contradiccione presit ingredi corporalem possessionem dictarum decimarum et eas pacifice colligere et tenere renuncians omni appellacioni et privilegio

fori et omni juri si que habuero in dictis decimis ad firmam
de ecclesia de Sporle retinendis

Et in hujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum
meum apposui Hiis testibus G. decano de Brisele

S. capellano de Titeleshale G. capellano de Wesenham
R. capellano de Wicingesete J. capellano de Wesenham
H. persona de Belneie

Two doubled tags for Seals which are missing.

l. m.

9.

Appeal by John de Elingham, clerk, proctor of Guy, prior
of Sporle, and Stephen, his monk, to master Alan de Freston,
archdeacon of Norfolk, and Robert de Lacy, commissary of
J., archbishop of Canterbury, against an award lately given
by the archbishop's commissaries, masters Anselm de Estria
and John de Bekingham, in favour of Nicholas Durdent, rector
of Litcham, who claimed the tithes from the ancient demesnes
of the hall of Litcham. The prior had been abroad at the
time of this case, the bishop of Norwich had sequestrated his
goods and he had been inadequately defended.

Coram vobis discretis viris magistro Alano de Freston
archidiacono Norf' et Roberto de Lacy venerabilis patris
domini J. dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi totius Anglie
primatis commissario dicit et in jure proponit Johannes de
Elingham clericus procurator fratris Gwydonis prioris de Sporle
et Stephani monachi sui nomine eorundem rectorum ecclesie de
Sporle contra Nicholaum Durdent rectorem ecclesie de Lucham et
ipsius quemlibet procuratorem legitimum seu defensorem quod cum
dictus pater dyocesim. Norwycensem nuper visitando dictos
priorem et monachum super decimis tam majoribus quam minoribus
provenientibus de antiquis dominicis aule de Lucham quas contra
jus rationabile perceperant ut dicebatur coram se evocari

fecisset tandem instante dicto Nicholas officium prefati domini in hoc parte premonente et dictas decimas sibi et ecclesie sue adjudicari petente in dicto negocio coram magistris Anselmo de Estria et Johanne de Bekingham commissariis dicti domini sic fuit processum quod iidem commissarii prefatos priorem et monachum contumaces reputantes et in penam contumacie eorum ad diffinitivam sentenciam procedentes dictas decimas ad dictam ecclesiam de Lucham pertinere per diffinitivam sentenciam declararunt ipsas eisdem priori et monacho et ecclesie de Sporle abjudicando et suam sentenciam postmodo a prefato domino confirmari faciendo

Verum cum dictus prior ex causa probabili et necessaria medio tempore existeret in partibus transmarinis et super prioratu suo graviter inpetitus liberam administracionem ipsius prioratus non haberet eo quod dominus Norwycensis episcopus occasione cujusdam litis super eodem prioratu contra eundem priorem mote bona ipsius prioratus arte sequestrarat ac idem prior in processu negocii super dictis decimis coram domino archiepiscopo et suis commissariis agitati legitime seu plene non defensus excepcionibus et defensionibus sibi competentibus necnon instrumentis et monumentis per que docere poterat ipsos et ecclesiam de Sporle quoad percepcionem dictarum decimarum jure speciali sufficienter esse munitos quo magis dictas decimas sibi et ecclesie sue de Sporle poterat defendisse minime utebatur unde dicit procurator predictus dominos suos antedictos et ecclesiam de Sporle in premissis captos et graviter lesos contra sentenciam predictam in integrum de juris equitate restitui debere et petit idem procurator officium dicti domini et vestrum implorando ut recissa seu revocata et retractata sentencia supradicta et confirmacione ejusdem memoratos priorem et monachum et ecclesiam de Sporle predictam tamquam cap.....^{1.} sos ad

^{1.}Blot on document.

defensiones et excepciones suas necnon ut instrumentis et munimentis suis predictis uti valeant per viam juris in integrum.....^{1.}vatis et super jure et possessione quam in dictis decimis habuerunt a tempore cujus memoria non existit audiatis et ipsis et ecclesie sue^{1.} super omnibus premissis justiciam exhibeatis quatenus de hiis conjunctim vel divisim docere poterit.

l. m.

Further statement on behalf of the prior and his monk, that their proctor master John de Pgrave had been summoned to appear before masters Anselm de Estria and John de Bekingham on the first law day in June 1291 wherever in his province the archbishop might be, but they were not there so he appeared in judgment before the archdeacon of Norfolk and Adam de Hale his fellow commissary, but then the proctor of the rector by falsely asserting that the prior had shown contempt obtained that the said commissaries precluded the prior from further producing or exhibiting his documents, and so the sentence was given. For the commissaries had decreed that the prior and his monk should be cited by the dean of Brisele to appear before them on the fourth law day after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr (july 7) but he had not lawfully done so for he had cited them at Litcham where they do not live or have a servant there, and they had known nothing about it.

Item dicit dictus prior adiciendo ad libellum predictum contra rectorem memoratum quod dicta sententia aliis racionibus est retractanda seu revocanda pro eo quod cum dicti magistri Anselmus et Johannes de Bekingham magistro Johanni de Pgrave procuratori dictorum prioris et monachi certum diem videlicet primum diem juridicum mensis Junii anno domini m^o cc^o lxxx^o.

^{1.}Blot on document.

primo prefixissent ad exhibenda et ostendenda ubicumque dictus dominus esset in sua provincia instrumenta et monumenta per que dicti prior et monachus docere possent quod de jure speciali prefatas decimas retinere potuerunt ac pars dicti prioris die predicto prefatum dominum adhiret et quesitis diligenter dictis magistris A. de Estria et J. de Bekingham et parte dicti rectoris tunc absentibus et minime inventis coram vobis domine archidiacone et magistro Adam de Hale concommisario vestro procurator dictorum prioris et monachi eo die in iudicio comparuit paratus in omnibus decreto predicto parere si dictos commissarios et partem adversam invenisset procurator dicti rectoris memoratum priorem dicto die fuisse contumacem falsis assercionibus confingens per hujusmodi falsam allegacionem optinuit quod dicti commissarii pr fato priori viam ulterius sua instrumenta producendi seu exhibendi precluserunt per quod decretum ad diffinitivam sentenciam predictam per hujusmodi falsam allegacionem extiterat processum scilicet cum dicti commissarii prefatos priorem et monachum per decanum de Brisele decrevissent fore citandos quod comparerent coram eis ubicumque dictus dominus esset in sua provincia quarto die juridico post festum translacionis beati Thome martiris sentenciam diffinitivam super dictis decimis audituros dictus decanus licet eos legitime non citasset cum citacio siquam fecit apud Lucham ubi dicti prior et monachus domicilium non habent nec larem favent nec ibidem habent alicum servientem in noticiam dictorum prioris et monachi seu procuratoris eorundem non pervenit nec inde aliquid sciverunt ipsos tamen legitime citatos instante parte dicti rectoris falso certificavit et sic idem rector per falsitatem hujusmodi sentenciam diffinitivam predictam fieri fecit et procuravit Hec se offert procurator predictorum prioris et monachi nomine eorundem probaturum divisim quatenus sibi eorum probacio incumbit petens prolati premissis seu hiis cui sibi sufficiunt dictam sentenciam retractari seu revocari et infirmari et dominos suos super defensionibus suis et

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instrumentis audiri eisque in omnibus justiciam exhiberi quatenus de premisis docere poterit protestans se velle uti istis rationibus una cum beneficio restitutionis in integrum de qua supra sit mencio conjunctim vel divisim prout sibi viderit expedire.

l. m.

11.

Memorandum on the part of Robert, archbishop of Canterbury, that in his visitation of the diocese of Norwich it was found that the prior of Sporle receives 6 marks yearly pension from the church of Milham for certain tithes from the demesnes of Milham by what right is not known. Whereupon the said prior appearing before master John de Ros, one of the auditors and correctors of the said visitation, claimed for the payment an agreement made between Guy, prior of Sporle, his predecessor, and Thomas de Verdun, rector of Milham, but ... (hole in document) ... the said John de Ros suspended the payment. Later, upon an appeal from the prior, which was heard by masters William de Chadeleshunte and Richard de Morcestria, auditors general of the archbishop's court, the pension was restored.

Chertsey 6 February 1305.

(This document does not look as if it ever had a seal).

l. m.

12.

Decree of masters William de Chadeleshunte and Richard de Morcestria, auditors general of the Archbishop's court, relaxing a decree of master John de Ros, one of the auditors and correctors of the visitation of the diocese of Norwich, which had suspended the payment of a pension of 6 marks yearly from certain tithes of the demesnes of Milham. The payment is based on an agreement made between Guy, prior of Sporle, and Thomas de Verdun, rector of Milham. The rector had obtained the suspension by claiming that this agreement was made through intimidation. The agreement is now to hold again. Chertsey 8 February 1305. Endorsed that the document was exhibited 26 April 1307.

Memorandum quod cum in visitacione dyocesis Norwycensis quam nos Robertus permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas jure metropolitico fecimus fuisset compertum quod prior de Sporle percipit sex marcas annue pensionis ab ecclesia de Milham pro quibusdam decimis de dominicis de Milham nescitur quo jure idem prior super hoc impetitus coram magistro Johanne de Ros uno de auditoribus et correctoribus visitacionis predictae sufficienter comparens percepcionem hujusmodi fatebatur allegando pro percepcione hujusmodi quandam compositionem initam inter Gwydonem priorem de Sporle predecessorem suum et Thomam de Verdoun rectorem ecclesie de Milham predictae super quibusdam decimis quarundam terrarum de predictis dominicis de quibus in compositione supradicta specialis sit mencio et similiter percepcionem decimarum quarum nomine solvitur pensio supradicta a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit parte rectoris prefati interrupcionem percepcionis hujusmodi et vim ac metum quo ad compositionem hujusmodi ex adverso allegante

Unde exhibita compositione hujusmodi per partem prioris copiaque ejusdem parti rectoris decreta productisque hincinde quibusdam testibus quibus admissis juratis et examinatis et eorum attestacionibus publicatis die dato partibus ad audiendum pronunciacionem super premissis dictus magister Johannes compositione predicta non obstante hujusmodi pensionem quo ad officium suspendit et eandem pensionem in manibus dicti rectoris sequestravit quousque idem prior de percepcione canonica docuerit in hac parte

Cumque postmodum fuisset nobis querelatum per priorem prefatum de suspensione et sequestracione pensionis prefate vocato dicto rectore ad proponendum et ostendendum quare non deberent suspensio et sequestrum ut premittitur interposite per nos relaxari et juxta retroacta super pensione sepepredicta procedi termino adveniente hujusmodi decreto magister Johannis predicti per partem rectoris prefati sub sigillo nostro dumtaxat exhibito magistri Willelmus de Chadeleshunte

et Ricardus de Morcestria curie nostre causarum auditores
 generales examinato processu predicto suspensionem et
 sequestrum hujusmodi relaxarunt et dictum priorem ad statum
 percipiendi pensionem prefatam virtute compositionis prefate
 reduxerunt per decretum Decernentes insuper compositionem
 predictam temporibus profuturis inviolabiliter fore observandam

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est
 appensum

Datum apud Cherteseyam vi^{to} Id. Februarii anno domini
 millesimo trecentesimo quarto consecracionis nostre undecimo

Endorsed Exhibit' vi Kal. Mai anno domini millesimo cccvii
 Spaldewyk

Seal of the archbishop, pointed oval, originally about 80mm,
 green wax. Broken across the middle, a good deal of the right
 side and of the lower left chipped away. The archbishop, full
 length, robed, right hand raised in blessing, [in the left a
 crozier]. Beneath a canopy, and standing on a carved platform.
 Field diapered lozengy, each space charged with a rose.

.....IE PRIMAS.

l. m.

Sentence of Richard de Morcestria and Reginald de Heyton,
 commissaries of the archbishop, in favour of the prior of
 Sporle whose proctor at the late archiepiscopal visitation of
 the city and diocese of Norwich complained against certain
 parishioners of Sporle (named) that they refused to frequent
 the parish church and to pay the tithes and oblations due
 thereto and that others (named) continually kept their animals
 pasturing in the pasture of Cotes in the said parish and had
 lands in the parish which they yearly sowed, but refused to
 pay tithes on the same, and the rector of Northpikenham unjustly
 usurped such tithes. The rector of Northpikenham in defence
 claimed that such tithes had belonged to his church time out
 of mind. The claim of the prior is confirmed and the rector

sentenced to pay a mark, less a penny, damages.

Christchurch Twynham 3 December 1305.

In dei nomine amen. Nobis Roberto permissione divina Cantuariensi archiepiscopo totius Anglie primate civitatem et diocesem Norwicensis jure metropolitico nuper visitantibus ex parte prioris de Sporle ecclesiam parochialem de Sporle sibi asserentis appropriatam contra quosdam parochianos suos ut dicebat inferius nominatos necnon contra rectorem ecclesie de Northpikenham coram nostris commissariis in dicta visitatione generalibus propositum et editum extitit judicialiter sub hac forma

Coram vobis reverendo patre domino Roberto dei gracia Cantuariensi archiepiscopo totius Anglie primate vestris ve commissariis seu causerum curie vestre auditoribus quibuscumque dicit et in jure proponit procurator prioris de Sporle nomine ecclesie domini sui de Sporle contra Johannem Scad Ricardum Vikun Agnetem et Christianam Noseweth et Beatricem relictam Henrici Alfeud parochianos suos et contra quemlibet pro eis in judicio legitime intervenientem quod idem Johannes et ceteri prenominati mesuagia sua que inhabitant infra fines seu limites parochie de Sporle predicte optinent situata et dictam ecclesiam suam ut parochiani frequentare et decimas et oblaciones suas eidem ecclesie de jure debitas illicite solvere contradicunt quodque Margeria Robert Thomas atte More Saira Leche Cristina Love Ricardus Bateman Margeria Eynegate Johannes Mayn Radulphus Curteys Thomas Cissor Galfridus filius Isabelle Johannes filius Alani Willelmus Leche Thomas Herebert Margeria Walter Johannes Cosyn habent animalia sua continue depascentia in pastura de Cotes que infra limites dicte parochie de Sporle situatur ac eciam quod omnes prenotati Margeria et ceteri subsequentes quasdam terras habent quas annuatim seminant infra fines dicte parochie de quibus decimas ecclesie de Sporle vontra justiciam solvere recusant congrue requisiti rectorque ecclesie de Northpikenham hujusmodi

decimas de parochianis et terris infra limites parochialis ecclesie de Sporle provenientes sibi contra jus commune usurpat dictam ecclesiam de Sporle nequiter spoliando Quare petit docto de premissis justiciam in hiis et ea contingentibus sibi in omnibus justiciam exhiberi Quibus ex parte rectoris ecclesie de Northpikenham tocius cause defensionem pro se et parochianis antedictis in se suscipientis extitit contestando responsum quod tam parochiam supradicti quam mesuagia pasture et predia antedicta situantur et sunt infra fines et limites decimacionis ecclesie parochialis sue de Northpikenham ipseque et predecessores sui omnes predictas decimas et oblaciones de dictis mesuagiis prediis et pasturis a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non extat nomine ecclesie sue percepit et perceperunt pacifice et quiete Quare petit probatis premissis vel alia via juris detectis sibi fieri et statui quod est justum

Juratisque partibus de calumpnia et de veritate dicenda et productis hincinde quibusdam testibus quibus admissis juratis et examinatis eorumque attestacionibus postmodum publicatis ac copia a partibus petita et optenta propositisque per partem dicti prioris de Sporle quibusdam excepcionibus contra testes et dicta memorati rectoris de Northpikenham et duabus excepcionibus silicet de falsitate testium et servitute judicialiter propositis et admissis productisque super hiis quibusdam testibus quibus in forma juris admissis juratis et examinatis et ceteris usque ad cause conclusionem rite peractis

Et demum in dicta causa concluso et die partibus assignata ad sentenciam diffinitivam audiendam Nos Ricardus de Morcestria et Reginaldus de Heyton commissarii predicti patris rimato processu supradicto et diligenter examinato ponderatis hincinde ponderandis invocata spiritus sancti gracia de jurisperitorum consilio nobis assidentium ad diffinicionem dicti negocii procedimus in hunc modum

In dei nomine amen Quia invenimus prefatum priorem de Sporle intencionem suam sufficienter fundasse in hac parte

nichilque efficax ex parte rectoris ecclesie de Northpikenham propositum vel ostensum fuisse et esse quod ipsius prioris intencionem valeat aut debeat aliquo modo impedire predicta mesuagia omnia et singula et eadem inhabitantes necnon pasturam de Cotes cum quibusdam terris quas dicti parochiani prout supra in articulo nominatim continetur excolunt infra fines seu limites decimacionis parochie de Sporle existere decimas et oblationes tam de mesuagiis quam pasturis et terris supradictis provenientes ad ecclesiam de Sporle et ejus rectores qui pro tempore fuerint pertinere debere sentencialiter et diffinitive declaramus et declarandum pronunciamus eidem rectori de Northpikenham et suis successoribus silentium super premissis perpetuum imponentes ipsumque rectorem et successores suos ad hujusmodi sentencie et decreti nostri observacionem per quascumque sentencias ecclesiasticas fore decernimus compellendum eundemque rectorem de Northpikenham pro sua injusta vexacione in una marca argenti uno denario minus nomine expensarum legitime taxatum et jure parti dicti prioris injuste fatigate persolvenda nichilominus condempnamus juris beneficio in omnibus semper salvo

In cujus rei testimonium nos Robertus archiepiscopus predictus sigillum nostrum presentibus duximas apponendum

Datum in ecclesia Christi de Twynham iij nonas Decembris anno domini trecentesimo quinto consecracionis nostri duodecimo

Seal of the archbishop, pointed oval, originally about 80mm, green wax. Chipped at top and bottom and sides. The archbishop full length, robed, right hand raised in blessing, in the left a crozier. Field diapered lozengy each space charged with a rose. The head and platform are missing.

[B.M. no.1215]

.....AC.....

l. m.

14.

Pronouncement by the administrators of the archbishopric deputed by the apostolic see in a dispute between the prior of Sporlee and Thomas de Verdon, rector of Milham, concerning certain nullities proposed in a former sentence of the archbishop concerning the pension of 6 marks, in favour of the prior. The case put forward by the proctor of the rector is rehearsed. (A good deal of the document has perished). London, in the presence of the prior and of Thomas de Podry, the proctor of the rector. 1307.

Seal, pointed oval, 45mm, red wax, on tongue. Chipped away on right side. Crossed Keys with the heads of SS. Peter and Paul; above, in a niche, the holy family, below, a figure (damaged).

.....CANTUARIENSIS.....

l. m.

15.

Remission by Thomas de Verdoun, rector of the church of Milham, to John de Sernoun, prior of Sporle, of a pension of 40s, with arrears of the same, which Guy, former prior, used to pay. 27 February 1311.

Pateat universis tenore presentium quod ego Thomas de Verdoun rector ecclesie de Milham Norwycensis dyocesis quadraginta solidos annui pensionis una cum arreragiis ejusdem pensionis in quibus mihi dominus Gwydo quondam prior prioratus de Sporle ex concessione sua tenebatur qualitercumque et totum jus quod mihi competit competiit vel competere possit ad eandem fratri Johanni de Sernoun tempore confeccionis presentium priori de Sporle remitto per presentes et dictum Johannem priorem de Sporle a dictis pensione et arreragiis ejusdem quietum clamo in futurum In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui Datum apud Sanctum Ivonem

Lyncolniensis dyccesis die sabati proxima post festum beati
Mathie apostoli anno domini millesimo ecc^{mo} undecimo

Seal, oval, 25mm, dark green wax, on tongue. A winged
horse.

EST E..S.ADOUSLEAUS (?)

l. m.

Decree of the official of the bishop of Norwich in a suit
between the prior of Sporle, plaintiff, and Thomas Martyn of
Pykenham or of Cotys and the rector of Northpykenham,
defendants, concerning tithes claimed by the prior upon the
animals of the said Thomas pasturing upon the pasture of Cotys
called Cotyngmor within the parish of Sporle, to the value of
6d, that the said tithes are due to the prior. The case was
heard on an appeal from the court of the official of the
archdeacon of Norfolk. Norwich 26 October 1314.

In dei nomine amen. Cum in causa decimarum mota prius
coram officiali domini archidiaconi Norf' inter priorem de
Sporle actorem ex parte una et Thomam Martyn de Pykenham reum
ex altera fuisset libellus oblatu sub hac forma Coram
vobis domine iudex dicit et in iure proponit procurator
prioris de Sporle rectoris ecclesie ejusdem nomine procuracionis
pro dicto priore et sua ecclesia predicta contra Thomam Martyn
de Cotys et quamcumque personam pro eo legitime intervenientem
quod cum prefatus Thomas universa sua animalia tam vaccas quam
equas et sues ac oves matrices et bidentes per triennium et
amplius ultimo effluxum in campis et pasturis infra limites et
parochiam ecclesie predictae habuisset et adhuc habeat in
presenti depascentes de quibus omnibus et singulis decime
provenientes et que a tempore supradicto proveniebant ad
memoratum priorem rectorem et suam ecclesiam de jure communi
spectant et spectare debent Idem Thomas decimas pullorum

porcellorum vitulorum et lactitini necnon lane et agnorum de omnimodis animalibus suis ut premittitur in predictis campis et pasturis depascentibus a tempore supradicto predicto priori et ecclesie sue debitas detinuit subtraxit et solvere recusavit et adhuc detinet et solvere recusat licet sepius requisitus super quibus pupplicata vox et fama laborant

Quare petit predictus procurator probatis in hac parte probandis nominibus quibus supra prefatum Thomam ad solucionem dictarum decimarum sic ut premittitur subtractarum et in futurum faciendum per vos domine iudex sentencialiter et diffinitive compelli necnon dictas decimas ad ipsum priorem et suam ecclesiam antedictam spectare debere declarari et sibi ac dicto priori et sue ecclesie in omnibus justitiam exhiberi quatenus de premissis conjunctim vel divisim docere poterit juris beneficio sibi et dicto priori in omnibus semper salvo

Demum dicta causa per appellacionem prefati Thome ad audienciam nostram legitime devoluta proposita quadam petitione ex parte domini Radulfi le Nevyle rectoris ecclesie de Northpykenham in qua petiit se admitti ad defensionem dicte cause quo admissio in forma juris ad defensionem ejusdem cause facta contestacione ad dictum libellum verba negantis jurato hincinde in causa tam de calumpnia quam de veritate decenda per procuratores partium testibus ex parte dicti prioris in causa principali productis admissis juratis et examinatis eorumque attestacionibus pupplicatis partibus decreta copia earundem et optenta die dato ad dicendum in testes et eorum dicta propositisque ex parte dictorum Thome et rectoris quibusdam excepcionibus falsi contra testes dicti prioris et rejectis die dato ad proponendum omnia in facto consistencia proposita quadam excepcione ex parte dicti rectoris de Pykenham et admissa testibus super eadem productis admissis juratis et examinatis eorumque attestacionibus pupplicatis partibus decreta copia earundem et optenta die dato ad dicendum in testes et eorum dicta propositis quibusdam excepcionibus

ex parte dicti prioris contra testes prefati rectoris quarum prima et ultima admissis et media rejecta testibus super eisdem excepcionibus admissis productis admissis juratis et examinatis propositaque ex parte rea quadam excepcione excommunicacionis qua rejecta proposita eciam quadam petitione ex parte domini Hugonis nunc rectoris ecclesie de Pykenham in qua petiit se admitti ad defensionem cause supradicte quo admissio in forma juris ad defensionem ejusdem cause et proposito ex parte ejusdem rectoris quodam facto contrario et proposita postmodum ex parte ipsius rectoris quadam excepcione excommunicacionis contra dictum priorem qua admissa et probata ipsoque priore postmodum absolute et admissio dicto contrario facto propositis ex parte dicti prioris duabus duplicacionibus quarum prima admissa et alia rejecta testibus tam super dicto contrario facto quam super dicta duplicacione productis admissis juratis et examinatis proposita eciam quadam repplicacione interrupcionis ex parte prefati prioris contra excepcionem prescripcionis ex parte dictorum Thome et Hugonis prius propositis pupplicatis attestacionibus omnium testium hincinde productorum de consensu partium partibus decreta copia earundem hincinde et optenta admissa dicta repplicacione quatenus de jure die dato ad dicendum in testes et eorum dicta hincinde et ad probandam dictam repplicacionem propositis quibusdam excepcionibus ex parte dictorum Thome et rectoris nulla proposita ex parte prioris rejectis dictis excepcionibus et traditis posicionibus ex parte prefati prioris super sua repplicacione habitis responsionibus ad easdem exhibito eciam quodam instrumento ex parte ejusdem prioris quo pupplicato decreta partibus copia tam responsionum ad dictas posiciones quam eciam dicti instrumenti et optenta die dato ad dicendum contra dictum instrumentum nullo dicto seu proposito set concluso in causa se consensu partium die eciam dato ad sentenciandum et omnibus rite peractis habitis responsionibus quibusdam interrogatoriis dictis priore et Thome Martyn ac

procuratore rectoris de Pykenham supradictis ex officio nostro
 factis partibus predictis in iudicio coram nobis comparentibus
 videlicet parte dicti prioris per Johannem Albon substitutum
 Willelmi Albon principalem procuratorem et parte dictorum Thome
 et rectoris per Thomam de Tasburg procuratorem suum pure sponte
 et absolute coram nobis confitentibus prefatum Thomam Martyn
 habuisse animalia sua de quibus libellatur in hac depascencia in
 pastura de Cotys que dicitur Cotyngmor infra limites et parochiam
 ecclesie de Sporle existenti et decimas inde provenientes
 videlicet pullorum porcellorum vitulorum et lacticinii necnon
 lane et agnorum ad valorem sex denariorum pro rata temporis
 depascionis eorundem et in dicto libello contenti dicto priori
 rectori ecclesie de Sporle et ecclesie sue predicte debitas
 detinuisse subtraxisse et solvere recusasse et adhuc detinere
 renunciato hincinde omni propositioni et probationi huic
 confessioni contrarie seu deroganti in hac parte prius facte
 et in futurum faciende et consensu quod pro dicto priore
 ecclesia sua et jure eorundem super hujusmodi decimis sententia
 diffinitiva feratur Quia nos officialis antedictus visis
 auditis et intellectis meritis cause antedictae invenimus
 dictum priorem rectorem ecclesie de Sporle quo ad decimas
 petitas pro rata temporis depascionis animalium predictorum
 contra dictos Thomam et rectorem de Northpykenham suam
 intencionem in hac parte sufficienter fundasse invocata
 spiritus sancti gracia de consilio jurisperitorum nobis
 assidentium hujusmodi decimas de animalibus dicti Thome
 quibuscumque in libello predicto contentis et in dicta
 pastura de Cotys que dicitur Cotyngmor infra parochiam de Sporle
 existenti deposcentibus pro rata temporis depascionis ipsorum
 in eadem ad ipsum priorem rectorem de Sporle et ecclesiam suam
 predictam spectare debere de consensu partium sentencialiter
 et diffinitive declaramus et declarando pronunciamus ipsumque
 Thomam ad solutionem hujusmodi decimarum sicut premittitur
 subtractarum si extent aut sex denariorum pro eisdem si non

extent et in futurum dicto priori et ecclesie sue faciendum fore decernimus compellendum in hiis scriptis

Lata et pronunciata in ecclesie cathedrali Norwycensi vi^o Kalendas Novembris anno domini millesimo ccc^{mo} quartodecimo

Seal, pointed oval, 37mm, reddish brown wax, on tongue. A good impression. On a church roof, and beneath a Gothic canopy, our Lord, half-length, lifting up the right hand in benediction, in the left hand a cross. In base, a figure half-length, in prayer, kneeling to the right, under a trefoiled arch.

S' OFFICIALITAT' ECCL'IE XPI NORWICI

[B.M. Cat.no.2074?]

l. m.

The official of the court of Canterbury to the dean of Brisele in the diocese of Norwich. He has been informed by brother John, prior of Sporle, that he and his priory have been accustomed to receive two parts of all the tithes from the demesne lands of the hall or manor of Milham and of the places called the new assart and the old assart of the said manor, and of the land called the new garden, but fearing that their possession and right may be challenged they have appealed to the apostolic see and the archbishop's court. For one John le Mareschal, pretending himself to be rector of the church of Milham, and Richard Litht in ye mor and Henry de Schotesham have despoiled him of these tithes. Wherefore the dean is to prohibit the said John, Richard and Henry from attempting anything to the prejudice of the said prior during the hearing of this appeal, and is to summon them to appear in the church of the Blessed Mary of Aldermaricherch in London on the next law day after the feast of St. John the Baptist.

London 10 May 1324.

Seal, pointed oval, originally about 40mm, green wax, on tongue. Fragmentary.

l. m.

Indenture of memorandum, 3 January 1326, of delivery by Geoffrey Wyth, Knight, and Henry de Hale, keepers of the alien religious houses in the county of Norfolk, by virtue of a writ of the Exchequer, to the prior of Sporle of his house with the goods and chattels underwritten to answer thence to the King, viz.

1 bellows (polium) and 1 ewer (lavatorium)	worth 2s : 6d
3 tables (mensas) with trestles (trestellis)	3s.
2 dossals (dorsoria) 2 bankquers with 6 quissyns	6s.
4 beds (lectos)	2 marks.
1 clothsak 1 barehide cover (bahudum) and 1 pack saddle (sellam sommarii)	3s.
6 cloths (mappas) 6 towels (manutergia)	6s : 8d
12 spoons (clocliar) of silver	8s.
1 cup (ciphum) silver plated	8s.
3 cups of maple wood (ciphos de mazer)	15s.
A wooden vessel (vessellam ligneam) for the buttery and bakery	1 mark.
4 pots (ollas) 2 posnets (pocinecta) 3 brass dishes (patellas eneas)	15s.
1 new cart (carecta)	20s.
3 old carts	20s. (and no more because one is worn out)
1 tumbrel (tumberellum)	3s : 4d
2 ploughs (carucas) almost new with their fittings (apparatu) and with 2 new ploughshares (vomeribus)	2s : 6d

Livestock

1 palfrey (palefridum)	60s.
5 stots (stottos) at a mark apiece	5 marks.
1 bull (taurum) 1 steer or heifer (bovett') at $\frac{1}{2}$ mark apiece	1 mark.
5 cows (vaccas) at 9s apiece	45s.
4 steers (boviculos) 2 heifers (juvencas) at 2s apiece	12s.

Livestock continued

23 wethers (multones) at <u>1s</u> : <u>6d</u> apiece	<u>34s</u> : <u>6d</u>
10 hogs (hogg') of either sex at <u>14d</u> apiece	<u>11s</u> : <u>8d</u>
38 ewes (oves matrices) at <u>1s</u> : <u>6d</u> apiece	<u>57s.</u>
48 lambs (agnos) of either sex at <u>8d</u> apiece	<u>32s.</u>
2 bears (apros) 1 sow at <u>2s</u> apiece	<u>6s.</u>
21 pigs (porcos) at <u>2s</u> : <u>2d</u> apiece	<u>45s</u> : <u>6d</u>
20 young pigs (porculos) at <u>12d</u> apiece	<u>20s.</u>

Corn in the barn

Estimated on the oath of John Leke, William Leke, Alexander Lex, Thomas Cancun, John Spark, Ralph Spark, Philip Vesq' and John Justen viz.

30 quarters of corn (frumento), of which 14 qrs 2 bushels are from the demesne and 15 qrs 6 bushels from tithes at <u>6s</u> a qr.	<u>9l.</u>
13 quarters of rye (siligine) from tithe at <u>4s</u> a qr	<u>52s.</u>
47 quarters of barley (ordeo), of which 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ qrs are from the demesne and 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ qrs from tithes at <u>4s</u> : <u>6d</u> a qr.	<u>10l</u> : <u>11s</u> : <u>6d</u>
2 quarters of pease (pisis) from tithe at <u>4s</u> a qr.	<u>8s.</u>
10 quarters of oats (avena) from tithe at <u>3s</u> a qr.	<u>30s.</u>
timber	<u>40s.</u>
	<u>total 53l : 19s : 2d</u>

Seal, pointed oval, originally about 30mm, reddish wax, on doubled tag, fragmentary, only part of the left side remaining.

l. m.

19.

Statement by John, prior of Sporle and rector of the church of Sporle, that the three acres lying next Fouldonewong are in the parish of Sporle, and he intends to prove that he and his predecessors in the name of the church have been in possession of the tithes therefrom time out of mind; and that the rector of Suthacre despoiled him and his church of the same last autumn in the year 1332; and that he suffered a similar spoliation from an acre of land called Spetellond lying next Rachesnese.

Statement by John, rector of Suthacre, that he intends to prove that he and his predecessors have been in possession of the foregoing tithes time out of mind.

Seal, round, 17mm, dark brown wax, on tongue. Top and sides lost. Figure of a cleric seated, beneath him in arch monk at prayer

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20.

Agreement between John, prior of Sporle, rector of the church of Sporle, and John, rector of the church of Suthacre, in a dispute concerning the right of receiving tithes issuing from three acres lying next Foultonewong and one acre lying next Rachesnese, in which they submit themselves to the arbitration of masters Hugh de Langhale, official of Lynn, and Thomas de Veteryngge, canon of Penteneye. If the arbitrators cannot agree they choose master Simon de Cleye, official of the lord archdeacon of Norfolk, as a third, promising upon pain of 40s to abide by whatever two of them shall decree.

Little Pagrave 10 December 1332.

Two tongues, on one of which is the fragment of a green wax Seal.

l. m.

Copies of the following documents:-

(1) To John, archbishop, or whomever he has deputed as Keeper of the spirituality of the see of Norwich during its vacancy. Presentation by brother Alan, prior of the church of Spcrle, of Thomas, son of Robert Elyot, of Swafham, priest (presbiter) to the vicarage of Sporle which is vacant. Given at Sporle 29 June 1336.

(2) To John, archbishop, or master John de Witchirch by him deputed official of the city and diocese of Norwich in the vacancy of the see, or any other his commissary, the official of the archdeacon of Norfolk (gives) obedience. He has received from the said John de Witchirch a writ, dated 4 July 1336, instructing him to make inquisition concerning the foregoing presentation. He has made inquisition, to wit of the following, John, rector of the church of Suthacre, Robert, perpetual vicar of the church of Neketon, Henry, perpetual vicar of the church of Neuton, Ralph, William and Ralph, chaplains of the parish churches of Swafham, Suthacre and Neketon, clerks, and William de Esthal of Pgrave, John Page of Sporle, John Lek, of the same, John de Estgate of Swafham, Geoffrey Wombe and Walter de Lexham of the same, laymen, who say that the vicarage of Sporle is not vacant as Walter de Swafham is the incumbent. Brother Alan is the true patron. Brother John de Sernen, late prior, now deceased, presented the said Walter. The value is 7 marks. The clerk presented is aged 26 years and more and is eligible and suitable. Sporle 10 July 1336.

(3) To John, archbishop, or whomever he has deputed as Keeper of the spirituality of the see of Norwich during its vacancy. Resignation by Walter de Swafham of the vicarage of Sporle. Given at Sporle 28 June 1336.

The foregoing copies (on one membrane of parchment) are authenticated by the Seal of John de Witchurch. Given at

Lenn 20 July 1336.

Seal, pointed oval, originally about 52mm, dark brown wax, on tongue. A good deal perished. Within a gothic arch the upper half of the bishop, his right hand raised in blessing, in his left hand a cross. Above him, in a niche, the Saviour his right hand raised in blessing, in his left hand an orb and cross. Below, within an arch a monk in prayer.

.....NOR...EN VACANTE

l. m.

22.

Indenture of lease, 30 September 1342, by brother Alan Mahee, prior of Sporle, to dominus Edmund de Gonevill, clerk, of the priory and church of Sporle, with the demesne lands and all rents, tithes etc. in Sporle and Great Pgrave and with portions of the tithes of Hunstanton, Milham, Great Dunham, Estwynch and Southacre. To hold until the feast of St. Margaret next and thereafter to the feast of St. Margaret three years hence, for 60^l, 20^l to be paid each year. Sporle.

Doubled tag, with traces of a red wax Seal.

l. m.

Documents
relating to
Great and Little Dunham
(23 - 30)

Grant by Margery, relict of William, son of Ralph de Hanhous, rector of the church of St. Margaret of Little Dunham, to Hamo, son of John Hamund, of Little Dunham, for a certain sum of money, of a piece of land lying in the fields of Little Dunham between the land of William son of Walter Cook (Coci) on the south and the land of Roger Mayn on the north, the eastern head abutting on the meadow of William le Medlers and the western on the land of Alan the chaplain.

Witnesses: Alan Kyde, clerk, Alan Doget, William le Medlers, Walter Huberd, John Cook (coco), Hamo Muche, William le Warde.

Little Dunham 1 June 1303.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

l. m.

Grant by John Payn, of Little Dunham, to Robert Kide and Elena, his wife, of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in Little Dunham lying between the land of Henry Stabug on the east and the land of the said Robert on the west, the northern head abutting on the land of Sir John de Harsyk, Knight, and the southern head on the land of Richard Hamund, chaplain of Little Dunham.

Witnesses: John Isak of Little Dunham, William Warde of the same, Philip le Vaus, Thomas Cutting, Walter son of Nicholas, and Paul le Cok, of the same. Little Dunham 7 April 1339.

Seal, natural colour wax, on doubled tag, fragmentary.

[The Seal tags of this document and of no. 30 are tied together by string.]

l. m.

25.

Grant by Hamo Botild, of Great Dunham, to Cecily, daughter of John Attelund, of the same, and Alice, her sister, for a certain sum of money, of a part of a messuage with a house standing thereon, in length 51 feet and in breadth at the east end 44 feet and the west end 41 feet, lying between the messuage of the said Hamo on the north and the messuage sometime of Robert Gobede on the south, with free entry and exit thereto.

Witnesses: Robert Attelund, Richard Put, John Tyni, William Cutting, Ralph Ediman. Great Dunham 2 October 1343.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

l. m.

26.

Grant by Hamo Botyld, of Great Dunham, to John Salter, junior, of the same, of a certain portion of a messuage with a house built thereon in the vill of Great Dunham between the land of John Clog on the west and the land of Edmund Gobot on the east, the southern head abutting on the common pasture; also a croft containing an acre next the King's way on the west and the land of Edmund Gobot on the east, the northern head abutting on the land of Robert atte Lund.

Witnesses: Robert atte Lund, Richard Put, Alan Walsseman, John Tym, Reginald Walsseman, Ralph Edyman, Walter Godwyn. Great Dunham 13 July 1348.

Seal, green wax, on doubled tag, fragmentary.

l. m.

Grant by Hamo Boteyld, junior, of Great Dunham, to John, son of Thomas Saltere, of the same, of a portion of one messuage with a house standing thereon lying between the land of John Clogg, of Kemston, and the King's way on the west and the land of Cecily and Alice, daughters of John atte Lound and the land of the said Hamo on the east, the northern head abutting on the land of the said Hamo, containing 5 rods $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length and 3 rods $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in breadth at the northern head and 2 rods at the southern head; together with a piece of land lying in his croft of Dunham which is estimated at $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres lying between the land of John Clogg of Kemston on the west and the King's way on the east, the southern end abutting on the land of Hamo Harsik.

Witnesses: Robert atte Lound, Richard Put, John Tym, William Cuttyng, Reginald Walseman of Dunham, master Ralph Norman, of the same. Great Dunham 24 December 1348.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Grant by Alan Walseman, John Dirernol and Reginald Camplynn, of Great Dunham, to John Norman, of the same, of a messuage with two crofts lying in Dunham at Nordyord between the messuage and croft of Edmund Gobet on the south and the land of John Clog on the north, the eastern head abutting on the land of John Attelund and the land of Humphrey Dirernol, chaplain.

Witnesses: John Attelund, William Tiny, Reginald Walseman, John Godwyn, Ralph Norman. Great Dunham 20 June 1350.

Doubled tags for three Seals, of which only the middle one survives, round, 20mm, natural colour wax. A figure. S.....

Grant by John Attelund, of Great Dunham, to John Norman, of the same, of a part of a messuage with a house standing thereon, lying between the messuage of the said John on the north and the messuage sometime of Robert Gobede on the south, both heads abutting on the messuage of the said John.

Witnesses: Reginald Walschewan, Alan Walschewan, Thomas Haysyth, William Tyni, Alexander Litel. Great Dunham 11 July 1350.

Seal, round, 20mm, green wax, on doubled tag. Cracked in half. A device with a legend, indecipherable.

I. m.

Grant by Adam Hokewolde, of Little Dunham, to Robert Sakis, of the same, of three roods lying next the land of the said Robert on the east, the southern head abutting on the land of William Cutthing, in exchange for a rood lying in the croft which was once Gilbert Trunting's next the land of Roger Queltere on the west, the eastern head abutting on the land of Margaret Seftul.

Witnesses: John Payn, Edmund Nalke, John Talner, Paul Koc, John Den. Little Dunham 22 September 1353.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

[The seal tags of this document and of no.24 are tied together by string.]

I. m

Leases
(31 - 84)

Indenture of lease, 11 April 1609, by the Provost and College to William Thurlbye, of Little Dunham, gent., upon surrender of a lease to Robert Horsman, of London, esq., of the rectory or parsonage of Sporle, including yearly pensions or portions from the following parsonages, Est Wynche 16s, Southacre 10s formerly 13s : 4d, Greate Dunham 3s : 4d and Tytchwell 13s : 4d, and from the late priories of Thetford Monachorum 13s : 4d, Horsham St. Faith's 26s : 8d and Haghmond for the parsonage of Hunstanton 20s; reserving the advowson of the vicarage of Sporle and all great trees growing upon the premises. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent 10l : 14s : 8d and 10 quarters of wheat and 8 quarters 1 bushel 1 peck of malt or their money equivalent, and the tenant to pay the vicar his pension of 3s : 4d weekly and to pay all yearly proxies and sinodals, bread, wine and lights and all other charges for the parsonage.

Witnesses: Francis Temple, Richard Bretton, Thomas Hoddesdon, Benjamin Owtred, public notary.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 25mm, red wax, on doubled tag. Armorial: a chevron between three squares.

l. m

Indenture of lease, 13 May 1612, by the same to the same of the same. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Benjamin Owtred, public notary, Thomas Hochinson.

Signature of lessee.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

l. m.

33.

Indenture of lease, 20 June 1627, by the same to Bartholomew Johnson, of Anmer, gent., of the same. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Roger Johnson, Henry Saier.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 12mm, red wax, on doubled tag. A pelican.

l. m.

34.

Indenture of lease, 30 July 1635, by the same to the same of the same. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Thomas Dickinson, Henry Saire.

Signature of lessee.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

l. m.

35.

Indenture of lease, 10 November 1647, by the same to Anne Johnson, widow, of the same. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: William Flack, George Pretty.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 13mm, red wax, on doubled tag. With foliage IR.

l. m.

36.

Indenture of lease, 30 December 1743, by the same to Thomas Nelson, of Spurl with Palgrave, co. Norfolk, gentleman, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

With a bond in 50^l by the lessee for the observance of the lease.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A female head.

l. m.

37.

Indenture of lease, 23 December 1751, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

1. m.

38.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A classical head.

1. m.

39.

Indenture of lease, 21 January 1756, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for College Seal which is missing.

1. M.
DAMAGED
40.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A head.

1. m.

41.

Indenture of lease, 11 March 1761, by the same to Bartholomew Nelson, of Cougham, co. Norfolk, gentleman, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for College Seal, which is missing.

1. m.

42.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. An old man's head.

l. m.

43.

Indenture of lease, 1 February 1764, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

44.

Indenture of lease, 22 February 1768, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

45.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

46.

Indenture of lease, 27 January 1772, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

Indenture of lease, 26 May 1780, by the same to Joseph Peckover, of Lynn Regis, co. Norfolk, merchant, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

Indenture of lease, 17 November 1787, by the same to Gibson Lucas, of Yarmouth, co. Norfolk, esquire, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

Indenture of lease, 17 December 1791, by the same to Charlotte Lucas, widow of Gibson Lucas, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

Indenture of lease, 18 December 1795, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before (720 gallons of wheat, 587 gallons 1 quart of malt).

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

51.

Indenture of lease, 13 January 1800, by the same to the same, now Mrs. Charlotte Sherston, wife of Peter Sherston, esquire, of Stoberry Hill, co. Somerset, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

52.

Indenture of lease, 5 April 1804, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before, together with 9l : 8s : 6d in consideration of the redemption of Land Tax.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

53.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal, armorial.

l. m.

54.

Indenture of lease, 9 February 1808, by the same to William Lucas, of Filby, co. Norfolk, esquire, only son of Charlotte Sherston, deceased, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

55.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

56.

Indenture of lease, 22 November 1811, by the same to the same, now the Rev. William Lucas, clerk, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

57.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. W L.

l. m.

58.

Indenture of lease, 27 February 1816, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

59.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

60.

Indenture of lease, 29 November 1819, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

61.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

1. m.

62.

Indenture of lease, 5 December 1823, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal, which is missing.

1. m.

63.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Fragment of brown wax Seal.

1. m.

64.

Indenture of lease, 7 December 1827, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

2. ms

65.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

1. m.

66.

Indenture of lease, 8 November 1831, by the same to the same of the same. From Michalemas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

2. ms

67.

Counterpart of the foregoing.
Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

68.

Indenture of lease, 2 December 1835, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal, which is missing.

l. m.

69.

Counterpart of the foregoing.
Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

70.

Indenture of lease, 17 October 1839, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

l. m.

71.

Counterpart of the foregoing.
Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

72.

Indenture of lease, 10 November 1843, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal, which is missing.

2. m S

73.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

1. m.

74.

Indenture of lease, 23 October 1847, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

2. m S.

75.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

1. m.

76.

Indenture of lease, 30 October 1851, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

2. m S

77.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

l. m.

78.

Indenture of lease, 2 November 1856, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

79.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

l. m.

80.

Indenture of lease, 23 November 1859, by the same to John Coate Fisher, of Yarmouth, gentleman, the Rev. William Nelson Lucas, of Burgh House, clerk, and the Rev. Charles John Lucas, of Burgh, co. Norfolk, clerk, executors of the will of the Rev. William Lucas, late of Burgh, clerk, deceased, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

l. m.

81.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of lessees.

Red wax Seals.

l. m.

82.

Indenture of lease, 1 December 1863, by the same to the Rev. Charles John Lucas, of Burgh St. Margaret, co. Norfolk, clerk, and Charlotte Jane Lucas and Mary Anne Lucas, of the same, spinsters, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

2. ms.

83.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of lessees.

Red wax Seals.

2. ms.

84.

Indenture of lease, 12 October 1867, by the same to the same of the same. From Michaelmas last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Red wax Seals.

2. ms.

Receipts, Bonds

(85 - 92)

85.

Indenture of receipt, 16 March 1511, by Robert Forest, of Drye Dokkyng, yeoman, and Edmund Aleyn, of the same, husbandman, farmers unto the house of Eton, from Thomas Gylder, servant of the abbot of Haamond, co. Salop, of 20s for a pension from Hunstanton.

Red wax Seal, papered, applied.

1 f.

86.

Indenture of receipt, 22 October 1512, by Sir Thomas Legate, vicar of Sporll, from Edmund Alyn, farmer of the parsonage of Dockyng, of 6l : 13s : 8d in money and a bill for 26s : 4d in full satisfaction of 16l for the year ended at Michaelmas last, to the behoof of the College of Eton.

1 f.

87.

Indenture (paper) of receipt, 8 July 1514, by Roger Lupton, Provost, of 3l from the abbot of Haymond, by the hands of Thomas Gylder, in part payment of 5l due at next Michaelmas for a yearly pension of 20s going out of the church of Hunston.
per me Rogerum Lupton.

Small red wax Seal, papered, applied.

88.

Indenture of receipt, 21 May 1515, by Sir Thomas Legate, vicar of Sporll, from Thomas Gylden, servant of the abbot of Hamond, of 20s for a pension from Hunstanton due to the College of Eton.

1 f.

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Bill, 4 July 1530, on the part of Thomas, abbot of Haghmond, promising to pay to the Provosts of Eton a yearly pension of 20s from the rectory of Hunstanton.

Signed by the abbot.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of Richard Johnson, the writer, and John Austen, at Westminster.

Papered Seal. T C.

1 f.

90.

Bond by John Northfolke, master of arts, rector of Tychewell, to Robert, bishop of Carlisle and Provost of Eton, in 10l, for the payment of a pension of 13s : 4d from his parsonage.

20 June 1546. Signature of Northfolke.

Seal, round, 17mm, pink wax, on tongue. Within foliage IN

1. M.
91.

Memorandum, signed by William Daise, Provost, and Baldwin Collins, John Reve, John Chambern and Adam Robins (fellows), that they have granted to Henry Burie, clerk, of Weeting, co. Norfolk, near Brandon, the advowson of the first of the following benefices that shall fall void viz. Tychewell and Dye Docking, co. Norfolk, and Creetinge St. Maries, Chetsham and Blakenham-super-aquam, co. Suffolk. 3 February 1593.

1 f.

Acknowledgment by Henry Bury, of Halle, co. Norfolk, clerk, sometime vicar of Sporle, that he has had of the Provost and College all that is due to him, and he acquits them of all dues claims and demands.

Signed, sealed and delivered by Henry Bury in the presence of Benjamin Cwtred, public notary. 26 December 1610.

Papered Seal, red wax.

2 fs.

The preceding document (no. 91) is attached to this by a pin and was presumably surrendered at the latter date.

Rentals, Surveys, Valuations, Terriers.

(93 - 108)

93.

Extent of the lands of the rectory of Sporle, by the information of John Calibut and Robert Wentlond, made 1503. In the handwriting of Philip Audeley, esquire, certified by Robert Painter. The area amounts to 91 acres 3 roods.

2 fs.

94.

Rental of the rectory of Sporle 7 September 1512.

1 f.

95.

Sporle Proceedings at a Court of Survey. Henry VIII.

1 f.

96.

Sporle A Court of Survey Henry VIII.

1 f. (torn).

97.

Terrar of the rectory of Sporle delivered into the Registry 1 November 1684.

1 m.

98.

A perticular of the profitts and gleabe lands belonginge to the impropriation of Sporle in the county of Norfolk attested by the auntientest inhabitants of the said parrish 22 March 1701.

Signatures and marks of

Thomas Pretyman

Nicholas Whiskard

John Bayle

Philip Barwick

Henry Ethridge

Edward Robinson

William Greenwood

1 m.

99.

A true terrier of all the gleabe lands lyeing in Sporle cum Palgrave, per Will^m Nelson. 1707.

1 m.

100.

do. do. , with slight differences, signed by William Nelson [undated].

1 m.

101.

An estimate of the impropriation of Sporle with Palgrave made by Mr. Bridges. Net value 208l : 16s : 8d. 1766 - 7.

1 f.

102.

A copy of the foregoing.

1 f.

103.

A note of "matters relating to Sporle living." 18th. cent.

2 fs.

104.

A note of the value of Sporle. 18th. century.

1 f.

105.

A valuation of the Rectorial Glebe Lands made by George Crocker, Burnham, 14 July 1859.

2 fs.

106.

Copy, 1870, of Mr. Crocker's valuation of Sporl rectory of 14 July 1859.

3 fs.

Abstract of Title, 1870, of the Provost and College to
a freehold estate at Spori.

16 fs.

Schedule of Deeds, 1870, relating to the foregoing.

3 fs.

Accounts
(109 - 117)

109.

Account of Nicholas Myn, farmer of the rectory and
pensions of Sporle Mich. 1524 - Mich. 1526.
2 fs.

110.

Part of the account of the farmer Mich. 1529.
1 f. (torn).

111.

Account of the farmer Mich. 1530.
1 f.

112.

do. do. [Undated]
1 f.

113.

Account of Edward Myn, farmer Mich. 1531.
2 fs.

114.

do. do. Mich. 1533.
3 fs.

115.

do. do. [signed by Robert Aldrydge, Provost]
Mich. 1534.
1 f.

116.

do. do. Mich. 1533 - Mich. 1535.
1 f.

117.

do. do. [signed by Robert Aldrydge,
Provost] Mich. 1535.
1 f.

Court Rolls
(118, 119^A)

Court Roll of the Prior of Sporle for a court held at
Sporle

6 February 1288

The following names appear:-

Thomas le Messer

Alice Gerand

John Lax

Geoffrey Gerand

Thomas Page

Richard Fringald of Cotes

John Leks

Henry Ramston or Rampston

Roger Petigard

(lm., damaged)

119.

Sporle

Court Baron of William Daie, Prevost, before
John Reve, bursar, and Richard Tredwey, gent.,
steward

1 September 1583.

1 m.119^A.

A draft of the foregoing.

1 f.

Letters
(120 - 143)

Richard, abbot of Haghmond, to master Roger Lupton, Provost of Eton. He thanks him for the "good maistership" shewn to his steward, Sir Richard Pontisbury, when he was with the Provost. He has sent 20s by the bearer of this letter for the pension of his parsonage of Hunstanton for this year, and the bearer will shew three acquittances for 20s each for the three years which the Provost claims are unpaid viz. (1) paid to Sir Thomas Legat, (2) paid to Robert Forest and Edmund Aleyn, and (3) paid by Edward Palmer to masters Harry Aryn and Thomas Gathorne, together with an acquittance for 3l received of them in the Provost's own hand and another for 40s received of the abbot's steward. "Besechynge you to be gode maister and lovyng frynde to me in such wise that my seid servaunt may have your helpe and socour in my causes accordynge to right for I have great open wronge and have had great coste and charge for the reformation therof and as yet no remedy...." Haghmond 7 October 1517.

Red wax Seal, applied. R.

1 f.

121.

The abbot of Haghmond to Robert Grom' of Hunston, telling him to pay yearly to master doctor Lupton, Provost of Eton, during the life of the said doctor 20s, for an annual pension from the parsonage of Hunston. Haghmond 24 January 1532. per me Thomam abbatem de Haghmond.

1 f.

122.

Thomas abbot of Haghmond, 28 May [----], to Mr. Commissarye at Lichefeld, concerning the pension due to Mr. Lupton, Provost of Ston, from Hunston. He has sent 40s to the Provost by Mr. Wyld, vicar of St. Alkmond's, Salop.

1 f.

123.

Thomas Allen, Ston College, 28 October 1610, to Mr. Duffild at his house in Silverstreete in London concerning the pensions.

Red wax Seal, oval, 17mm, applied. A rose.

2 fs.

124.

A complaint, probably written by the vicar of Sporie, against the farmer there, who purloins the Easter offerings and all tithes due to the vicar, does not repair the chancel and so molested a previous vicar "with counterfeit letters from the counsell and suborned pursivants and by some other wicked meanes that he brought him to extreme povertye and the losse of his lyfe, yf the mans confession upon his deathe bed and the testimonye of some neighboures may be credited. An other vicar being wearied wth his wranglinge was constrayned to resigne." "His deputye whom he usethe as an instrument to troble me withall carethe for neyther spirituall nor temporall lawe, he ys thryse excommunicated for contumacye" but "shrowdethe himselfe under my lorde of Lymeden's (?) winges."

2 fs.

125.

M. Bridges, Fulmodestone, 19 May 1766, to the [Bursar] enclosing a valuation of the living of Titchwell.

4 fs.

126.

The same, Fulmedestone near Fakenham, 16 July 1766, to the [bursar] concerning the value of the College estate at Sporle.

2 fs.

Q. 8 127.

Bar: Nelson, Lynn Regis 17 December 1767, to the Rev^d Mr. W^m Cooke, enclosing an account of Sporle rectory. He is coming to London in a few days and a letter to Wills coffee house, Cornhill, will find him. In two places on the account the recipient has noted that it is false.

Seal, round, black wax. Armorial.

3 fs.

128.

M. Bridges, 21 December 1767, to the same concerning the value of the College estate at Sporle.

2 fs.

129.

The same, 27 June 1768, to the same, announcing the death of Mr. Deresley, rector of the College living of Southmerefield next Docking, and asking whether the College will consider annexing this living to his living of Titchwell.

2 fs.

130.

The same, 1 February 1769, to the same concerning Southmere, Sporle and Docking.

2 fs.

131.

Nash Grose, Garden Court, Middle Temple, 6 February 1772, to the Rev^d Mr. Roberts, bursar. He has ordered certain documents "to be sent by the Windsor machine of tomorrow."

2 fs.

132.

Charlotte Sherston, Stoberry Hill near Wells, Somerset, 27 September [1799] to William Roberts, esquire, bursar, protesting against the size of the fine demanded.

2 fs.

133.

The same, 28 October 1799, to the same concerning the same.

2 fs.

A. B. C. D. 134.

The same, 8 April 1800, to Benjamin Heath, esquire, bursar, concerning the same. The pensions mentioned in the lease have not been received within the memory of man. Can they be recovered? [In this letter the bursar has put three notes, one of the yearly value of the pensions (on the back of which is a note of boys absent from supper on 26 January 1800), two of 21 debentures at 21 : 2s : 8d a year for 21 years from 1778 to 1799, in respect of these pensions).

~~5~~ 4 fs.

135.

The same, 11 Alfred Street, Bath, 20 April 1803, to the Rev^d William Roberts, Worplesdon, concerning the same. She received a bill for 39l : 14s : 2d from Mr. Heath, as being due to her from the Crown in respect of the pensions, but that was only for a period up to 1800. Can they be claimed regularly?

2 fs.

136.

The same, Bath, 1 May 1803, to the same. The magnitude of the demand for fine for renewal makes her "shake to the centre." Her treatment compares most unfavourably with that, for example, of Mr. G. Lucas, a tenant of Windsor. "What can make so cruel a difference in Colleges so contiguous?"

2 fs.

137.

The same, Stoberry Hill, 9 May 1803, to the same. Evidently Mr. Roberts' reply had been friendly. She apologises for her lapse of confidence in naming Mr. Lucas' superior advantages and thanks Mr. Roberts for his promise of secrecy. "Do not be angry if I add, if such is the conduct of your neighbours to many of their tenants, I should rather belong to Windsor dignitaries than the Ston ones."

Red wax Seal, armorial.

2 fs.

138.

Henry Browne, Diss, 6 March 1804, to the same. As the solicitor to the Sporre Enclosure Bill, he asks for the College approval of the same.

2 fs.

139.

William Yarrington, Swaffham, 11 March 1804, to the same concerning the same.

2 fs.

140.

Henry Browne, Diss, 14 March 1804, to the same concerning the same.

2 fs.

141.

The same, 28 March 1804, to the same concerning the same.

2 fs.

142.

^{III} Lucas, Yarmouth, 14 April 1814, to Mr. Brown, Registrar, Eton College, concerning his lease.

2 fs.

143.

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Documents relating to Enclosure

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Printed copy of the enclosure Act of 26 George III (1786) for enclosing lands in the parish of Tichwell.

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Printed copy of the Enclosure Act of 44 George III (1803 - 4), for enclosing lands in the parish of Sporle and the hamlet of Palgrave.

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A pencil drawing of the rectorial Glebe land at Sporle, copied from the Award of George Crocker 11 July 1859.

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Notes of presentations to the vicarage of Sporle and
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Pensions payable to the farmer there.

	l.	s.	d.
A. From the rectory of Eastwinch, co. Norf.	16	0	0
B. From the parsonage of Hunstanton, co. Norf., sometime parcel of the late monastery of Haghmond, co. Salop.	1	0	0
A.C. Horsham St. Faith's, co. Norf.	1	6	8
(Thetford monastery	13	4	
{ the rectory of Dunham	3	4	
E. { the rectory of South Acre	10	0	
{ the rectory of Tichwell	13	4	
{ Clanfield, parcel of the possessions of			
{ the late monastery of Elmsted, co. Bedford	1	3	0
F. { Turnworth, parcel of the possessions of			
{ the late monastery of Ford, co. Devon	1	0	0
D. There is a Terrer containing the abutments of the lands belonging to Sporle amounting to 91 acres 3 roods, dated 18 Henry VII out of which the tenants pay for quit rents			5 2
G. The rectory of Sporle is valued in the First Fruits Office at 20 <u>l</u> per annum	20	0	0
	27	10	10
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			2 fs.

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A partial copy of the foregoing.

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Certified Extracts [1610] from the records of the Court of First Fruits and Tenths relating to the late monasteries of

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153.

Document marked "b", being a certified extract [1610] from the records of the Court of First Fruits and Tenths relating to the pension of 20s due "professori de Eaton" from the church of Hunstanton, late of the monastery of Haughmond.

[30 January 1555.]

2 fs.

154.

Document marked "a.c.", being a certified extract, made November 1610, from the account of Richard Southwell, Knight, late Receiver of the Court of Augmentations, relating to the pension of 26s : 8d due to the Master and Fellows of the College of Ston from the late priory of Horshame St. Faith's, co. Norfolk.

[1541].

1 f.

155.

Document marked "a. b. c. e.", being contemporary copies of warrants, certificates, affidavits and letters of attorney for the pensions due to the College of Ston delivered to the King's Receiver and by him filed with the King's Auditor. 1610-11.

8 fs.

156.

Document marked "a", being a draught of an order of court for the payment by the Receiver General for the Revenues of the county of Norfolk of the pensions due to the College from the dissolved priory of Horsham St. Faith's and the rectory of Estwinch, late parcel of the possessions of the dissolved monastery of Carrowe, with arrears. [1610].

2 fs.

157.

A note for Mr. Duffyld concerning the pensions appertaining to the parsonage of Sporle. [1610].

2 fs.

158.

Document marked "c", being a certified extract copy [1610] of the Patent of 1 Edward IV [23 February 1462] granting the College inter alia the alien priory of Sporle and the pensions from the priories of Thetford and Horsham St. Faith's.

3 fs.

159.

Document marked "c", being a certified extract copy [1610] of Letters Patent of 25 March 1441 granting the College a pension of 18 marks from the alien vicarage of Morton, and the alien manor of Toftes, co. Norfolk, the alien priory of Sporle, the priory of Brynmesfeld, a yearly farm of 13s : 4d which the prior and convent of Thetford used to pay as an apport of the lord of Cluny, a farm and rent of 8l : 13s : 8d which William lord de Lovell, Knight, paid for the custody of the alien priory of Minstre Lovell, and the reversions of the following farms, pensions and rents, on the death of Humphrey, duke of Gloucester, viz. 2 marks which the priory of Horsham St. Faith's, co. Norfolk used to pay to the abbey of Conches, 40s of the apport of the priory of Tykeford by Newport Paynell etc. [1441].

5 fs.

Document marked "c".

"Articles for the title of apport or appension of 26s : 8d by the yere deu to the provest and Colledge of Ston by the prior and convent of Sent Faythes in the comytie of Norf'," containing references to Patent Rolls 14 Richard II [17 December 1390], the Act of Parliament granting the alien priories to Henry V, and the grant of Henry VI to the Colledge confirmed by Parliament 20 Henry VI. Extracts from the records of the Colledge are given of the receipt of the pension by the bursars for various years between 1450 and 1507.

[11 Henry VIII].

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161.

Document marked "e", [1610] containing notes relating to most of the pensions aforesaid, with references to a lease by the Crown of the parsonage of Estwinch to Sir John Shelton in 30 Henry VIII and to a lease by the Colledge of the parsonage of Sperele and the pensions from Estwinch and St. Faiths to William Myn, gent., in 5 Elizabeth, surrendered in 33 Elizabeth, and to a constat from the First Fruits. The Crown has always paid these pensions to the Colledge.

2 fs.

162.

Document marked "f", containing a certified extract [1610] from a book of Decrees and Orders of the Court of Augmentations concerning the pensions of Haughmond, Clanfield and Turneworth.

[1544].

5 fs.

163.

Notes from the First Fruits concerning the deaneries in which the parsonage of Sporle and the pensions be in which are belonging to the said Sporle. [Similar to no. 175]

2 fs.

164.

Document marked "a.c.", containing an extract [1610] from a book of Decrees and Orders of the Court of Augmentations concerning the pension of Horsham St. Faith's.

[1536].

3 fs.

165.

A note [1610] of the pensions due to Sporle rectory taken from Mr. Horsman's and Mr. Thirby's lease, as they appear in the New Register of Leases at pp. 3 and 94 respectively; with extracts also from the Charter Book.

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166.

Constat [1610] of a lease of 12 December 1562 by the Provost and College to William Hynne, gentleman, of the parsonage of Sporle, for 41 years. Surrendered 2 March 1591.

Copy made in connection with the claims for the pensions.

Signed by John Chambers and Adam Robyns, bursars, and Benjamin Owtred, clerk, bursar (the scribe).

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167.

Extract [1610] from the Taxatio Ecclesiastica of 1291 concerning the alien priory of Sporle.

[Taxatio Ecclesiastica p.87^B]

2 fs.

168.

Extracts from the Pipe Roll relating to the alien priory of Horsham St. Faith's

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- (2) 14 Richard II

a roll of 5 sheets.

169.

Certified extract [1610] from a record of the First Fruits and Tenths of the possessions of the College of Ston in the county of Norfolk viz. the farms of the rectories of Dokyn and Sperle and pensions from the rectories of Estwynch, Hunteton, Dunham, Southacre and Tychewell, and the priories of Thetford and St. Faith's. Total 43l : 2s : 8d.

1 f.

170.

Certified copy [1610] of Letters Patent 27 June 1600 granting to Martin, bishop of Ely, the rectory of Hunstanton, co. Norfolk, late of the dissolved monastery of Haughmond, co. Salop.

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171.

Certified extract, made November 1610, of the Ministers' Account of the possessions of the nuns of Carowe in the county of Norfolk 1537-8, for the pension to be paid out of the parsonage of Estwynch by the then farmer to the College of Ston, viz. 4l : 13s : 4d.

1 f.

Certified copy [1610] of Letters Patent of 2 November 1538, granting, for 6681 : 2s : 11d to John Shelton, Knight, of the house and site of the late monastery of Carowe, with the recories of Estwinch and Stowbardolf.

6 fs.

Warrant, 2 January 1610 signed by Julius Caesar, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Mr. Sexey, Auditor of the county of Norfolk to make out a "debenter" to the Receiver of the said county for the payment of the arrears of pensions due to Eton College.

2 fs.

Certified extract [1610] from a record of the First Fruits and Tenths dated 30 January 1535 concerning the deductions of the late priory of Horsham St. Faith's.

2 fs.

Notes [1614] out of the First Fruits concerning the denaries in w^{ch} the parsonage of Sporle and the pencions be in w^{ch} are belonging to the said Sporle and other places [1534]. [Similar to no. 163].

2 fs.

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177.

Memorandum that William Thirleby, of Dunham Parva, gent., came before the barons of the Exchequer on 16 February 1614 and deposed on oath that he and before him Mr. Horseman had been farmers to the College of Eton of the parsonage of Sporle for 25 years and though they had collected other pensions, the pension of 20s from the rectory of Hunstanton had been unpaid.

Certificate by Edward Bromley that the deponent made oath on the date aforesaid.

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178.

Warrant 31 October 1614 from Lawrence Tanfelde, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, to Mr. Auditor King to send a certificate whether the pension of 20s issuing from the monastery of Haughmond, co. Salop, for the parsonage of Hunstanton, claimed by Eton College, together with the arrears thereof unpaid since the suppression, has ever been paid to the College.

2 fs.

179.

The answer of Alexander King, Auditor, 7 November 1614, which contains an extract from Ministers' Accounts 32 Henry VIII relating to the farm of the rectory of Hunstanton, which does not however answer the question of the pension, concerning which his lordship is referred to Mr Auditor Saxhey.

[nos. 178 and 179 are sewn together].

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180.

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Introduction

There was a small alien priory at Docking, a cell of the Benedictine abbey of Ivry. Unfortunately no records survive at Eton for the period before it was granted to the College, and even those which do survive, found in drawer A.16 alongside the documents of the neighbouring village of Sporle, were not mentioned in the Historical MSS. Commission Report on the Records of Eton College. In the 1441 endowment the alien priory of Dokkyng was granted to the College in reversion. It had previously been granted to the queen dowager Joan. The Victoria County History has nothing to say of the history of this priory before its dissolution.

The oldest document (no.1), being a College lease of 1479, contains a provision that has indeed a fifteenth century sound about it, the grant of a livery to the lessee. Unfortunately the livery is not described in the lease. One wonders what the College colours were in those days.

The vicarage of Docking was in the presentation of the College, at the nomination of the bishop of Norwich. Certain of these nominations survive (nos.62, 64-7) and no.65 enables^{us} to add two names to the list of vicars given by Blomefield (History of Norfolk X p.368).

At the hamlet of Summerfield (Southmere, Southmerefield) in Docking there must at one time have been a church or chapel. The College Fellows were in the habit of presenting one of their number to the parsonage or rectory of Southmere (no.68), not always, it seems, a tranquil process (no.63). Already in 1554, at the time of the deprivation of Oliver Stoninge, Blomefield states that there were said to be neither churchwardens nor inhabitants there.

A few documents concerning Docking are to be found in the catalogue of records relating to Sporle (vol.XXI).

Noel Bluffington

College Leases, and other Deeds

(1 - 61)

Indenture of lease, 20 September 1479, by master Henry Bost, Provost, to John and Thomas Aleyn of the priory or rectory of Dokkyng with all its appurtenances, excepting the advowsons of churches vicarages and chantries pertaining to the same and a pension or portion of 5 marks issuing from the church of Suthmer. From Michaelmas next for 7 years. Rent 22l. The lessees to have each year a garment, being the livery of a groom.

Doubled tag with traces of red wax Seal.

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Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 12mm, red wax, on doubled tag. A figure.

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Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 16mm, red wax, on doubled tag. I.D. above a hound; round the edge ASPICE FINEM.

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Witnesses: Joshua Cully, Richard Lussher, Daniel Rushmer.

Signature of lessee.

Doubled tag with traces of red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 13 May 1614, by the same to the same (of Dockinge) of the same. From Lady day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Hunfry Jermonthe, Thomas Toll, Roger Warner, Humfrey Sompson, Richard Slater.

Signature of lessee.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Indenture of lease, 2 June 1626, by the same to Mary Drurie, of Docking, widow of Robert Drurie, of the same. From Lady day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Hunfry Jermonthe, Fermor Pepys, Ignatius Holdernes, Richard Slater, Ambrose Wiggin.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal, fragmentary.

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Witnesses: William Harrys, senior, clerk, Thomas Cooper, Mordechey Steale.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 17mm, red wax, on doubled tag. A hound.

Indenture of lease, 1 April 1637, by the same to the same of the same. From Lady day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: George Lashe, William Beaumont, Nicholas Woodarde.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, as on foregoing.

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Witnesses: R. Needler, registrar, Henry [Muildiman?]

Signature of lessee.

Fragment of red wax Seal on doubled tag.

Indenture of lease, 15 August 1665, by the same to the same of the same. From Lady day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, red wax, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Doubled tag with traces of red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 19 November 1744, by the same to Ann Philips, of the city of Worcester, widow, upon surrender of her former lease, of the same. From Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: William Smith, Rebeca Grove, Mary Wingfield, Robert Hodges.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A wheel.

Indenture of lease, 14 November 1748, by the same to the same of the same. From Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: John Williams, Mary Wheeler.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A lion passant.

Indenture of lease, 31 August 1752, by the same to Mary Philips, of Worcester, spinster, devisee and executrix of Ann Philips, deceased, of the same. From Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: William Smith, Mary Laughner.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A wheel (as no.12).

Bond by the lessee, 31 August 1752, in 200l for the observance of the foregoing. Witnesses, signature and Seal as on foregoing.

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Witnesses: Joseph Wright, Mary Wright, Mary Millward.
Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. Head of an old man.

Indenture of lease, 17 December 1764, by the same to Catharine Henley, of Docking, widow, upon surrender of her former lease, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Humphrey Christian, John Curtis.
Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal, armorial.

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Doubled tag and Seal missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witnesses: Dorothy Young, Abraham Rice.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal (as on no.17).

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Witnesses: Dorothy Young, Humphrey Christian.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal (as on foregoing).

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Witnesses: Jos. Moorhouse, W. Willis.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

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Witnesses: Robert Jackson, Mary Thomas.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 3 May 1796, by the same to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before (432 gallons of wheat and 1152 gallons of malt).

Witnesses: Mary Thomas, housekeeper to Mr. Hare, Matthew Drake, superintendent of Mr. Hare's landed property.

Signature of lessee.

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Indenture of lease, 14 April 1800, by the same to the Rev^d Edward Hare, of Docking, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Robert Dunbar, Matthew Drake.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

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The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witnesses: Lettice (Lane?), Robert Cughton.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal, armorial.

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Doubled tag for College Seal, which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witnesses: John Black, Peter Boddy, Mordaunt Martin, [J.?] Weatherhead, G.C. Watson, Thomas J. Woodrow.

Signatures of lessees.

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Witnesses: Elizabeth Freedy, spinster, Richard Burgis, junior, Docking, [J.?] Weatherhead, of Burnham Westgate, attorney, D. Brown, clerk to Mr. Weatherhead, G.C. Watson, T.B. Chune.

Signatures of lessees.

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Indenture of lease, 31 July 1816, by the same, for 1400l, to the same (Miss Hare, late of Blandford Street, now of Docking) of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witnesses: E. Rolfe, junior, Benjamin Leak, C. Kerrison, G.C. Watson, George Platten.

Signatures of lessees.

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Counterpart of lease, 7 June 1820, by the same, for 1400l, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: H.J. Hare, Elizabeth Waller, Daniel Everard, William Everard, junior, G.C. Watson, George Platten.

Signatures of lessees.

Red wax Seals.

Indenture of lease, 5 June 1824, by the same, for 1300l, to the said Frances Bassett Hare and John Glasse and to Frederick Hare, of Stanhoe, co. Norfolk, esquire, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witnesses: Henry Jefferies, junior, builder, Lyme, Dorset, Robert Barnes, junior, Burnham, Norfolk, Anne Robina Hare, spinster, Stanhoe, Norfolk.

Signatures of lessees.

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Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witnesses: G. Watson, Judd Gathercote.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 9 April 1828, by the same, for 1350^l, to the same of the same. From old Lady last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witness: Edmund John Senkler.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 12 April 1832, by the same, for 1300l, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.
Witness: Edmund Kent.

Indenture of lease, 25 April 1836, by the same, for 1050l, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.
Witness: R. Woolmer Cory.
Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal armorial.

Indenture of lease, 9 May 1840, by the same, for 1303l : 8s, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witnesses: William Bartram, H. Anderson.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 7 May 1844, by the same, for 1545l : 9s, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for the College Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witness: Edmund Kent.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 20 April 1848, by the same, for 1539l : 8s : 8d, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witness: Edmund Kent, solicitor, Fakenham.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 14 April 1852, by the same, for
 15201 : 19s : 4d, to the same of the same. From old Lady
 day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witness: Edmund Kent, solicitor, Fakenham.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 18 June 1856, by the same, for
 15341 : 0s : 2d, to Barbara Hare, widow of the Rev^d H.J. Hare,
 deceased, of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years.
 Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witness: Edmund Kent, solicitor, Fakenham.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 7 May 1860, by the same, for
 17421 : 14s : 10d, to the same, of the Upper Close in the
 Precincts of Norwich cathedral, of the same. From old
 Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witness: Edmund Kent, solicitor, Fakenham.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 19 April 1864, by the same, for 18021 : 7s : 7d, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Witness: George Watson, solicitor, Fakenham, Norfolk.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Counterpart of lease, 5 May 1868, by the same, for 18331 : 14s : 2d, to the same of the same. From old Lady day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Witness: George Watson, solicitor, Fakenham.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Grant, 10 October 1502, by William Alen, son of Thomas Alen, of Dokkyng, Robert Ferrer, Humphrey Borell and Robert Owton, son of Robert Owton, of Dokkyng, to William Couper, of Eton, clerk, Thomas Legate, of Sporle, clerk, Edward Poley, of Badley, co. Suffolk, gentleman, and Thomas Carter, of Dokkyng, husbandman, of a messuage with its buildings and appurtenances in Dokkyng next the rectory on the west and the King's way leading from Northgate to Wylwenesse on the east, the northern head abutting on Crospytt; which messuage they had had of the grant of Thomas Alen, aforesaid and Robert Owton and John Owton, his brother, late of Dokkyng, deceased.

Witnesses: Edward Alen, Richard Presteney, John Houghton, Thomas Wyseman, John Whityng and others. Dokkyng.

Four Seals, red wax, on two split doubled tags.

- (1) Only a trace of the Seal remains.
- (2) Round, 17mm. A cup. A legend.
- (3) Bad impression.
- (4) Bad impression. O(?) under a crown.

Quitclaim, 14 October 1502, by the same to the same of all their interest in the same.

Four Seals, red wax, (1) and (4) on single doubled tags, (2) and (3) on a split doubled tag.

- (1) Only a trace of the Seal remains.
- (2) As (2) above.
- (3) I.
- (4) As (4) above, bad impression.

Indenture of lease, 1 September 1560, by Oliver Stonyng, clerk, parson of Sowthmere next Dockyng, to Andrew Garrat, bailiff of Wantage, co. Berks, of the parsonage or free chapel of Sowthemere, from Michaelmas next, from year to year, for the life of the said Oliver. Rent 4l, to be paid at Michaelmas in the parish church of Wantage.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 11mm, red wax, on doubled tag. O.S.

Nominations and documents connected therewith

(62 - 68)

Nomination, 12 February 1501, by Roger Churcho, doctor of decrees of the prior and chapter of Christchurch, Canterbury, in the vacancy of the archiepiscopal see, and in the city and diocese of Norwich, in the vacancy of the episcopal see there, vicar general and keeper of the spiritualities and commissary, to the master and fellows of the college of the Blessed Mary by Windsor of dominus Nicholas Chore, priest (presbiter), to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of the Blessed Mary of Dokkyng, vacant by the resignation of dominus William Sneyth, chaplain.

Seal, pointed oval, 47mm, red wax, on tongue, chipped at right side and bottom.

A winged animal. A legend.

Letters testimonial by Edmund, bishop of London, Francis Cave, Thomas Hewycke and Robert Weston, doctors of laws and commissaries general, publishing a sentence pronounced on 15 May 1560 in the cathedral of St. Paul's in a suit between Oliver Stonnyng and William Dodson for the restitution of the benefice of Sowthmere, in the diocese of Norwich, in favour of the said Stonnyng.

Witnesses: John Frynge and William Swynborn.

Mark of William Bedell, notary public.

Seal, pointed oval, originally about 95mm, red wax, on doubled tag, broken in the middle. Royal arms, France and England, quarterly, on a round shield, encircled by the Garter, with supporters, a lion rampant guardant and crowned and the red dragon.

Revocation, 16 November 1644, by Joseph, bishop of Norwich, of his nomination to the Provost and fellows of Eton of John Stuer M.A. to the vicarage of Docking, vacant by the death of Ignatius Holdernes, clerk, and nomination instead of Edmund Godwyn, clerk, M.A.

Signature of the bishop.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Nomination, 2 May 1681, by Anthony, bishop of Norwich, to the Provost and fellows of Eton of Edward Clarke B.A. to the vicarage of Docking, vacant by the death of Francis Bishopp.

Signature of the bishop.

Papered Seal, on doubled tag, bad impression.

Nomination, 9 September 1714, by Charles, bishop of Norwich, to Henry Godolphin S.T.D., Provost, and the fellows of Eton of James Magill, clerk, to the vicarage of Docking, vacant by the cession of Charles Trinnell, clerk.

Signature of the bishop.

Papered Seal, pointed oval, 9Cmm, on doubled tag.

Armorial: per pale, 3 mitres two and one, on a cross engrailed a bend.

SIGILLUM CAROLI TRINNELL EPISCOPI NORVICENSIS A.D.1708

Nomination, 30 August 1765, by Philip, bishop of Norwich, to the Provost and fellows of Eton of Humphrey Christian, clerk, M.A., to the vicarage of Docking, vacant by the death of William Smith, clerk.

Signature of the bishop.

Papered Seal, pointed oval, 95mm, on doubled tag.

Armorial: per pale, 3 mitres two and one, 3 roses two and one.

THE SEAL OF PHILIP YONGE D.D. BISHOP OF NORWICH 1761.

A list of persons presented to Southmere
(17th or 18th century)

- 4 August 1554 William Dobson, upon the deprivation of Oliver Stoninge, Mr. Belfelde being then Vice Provost and seniour fellow.
- 13 April 1561 George Atkinson, upon the death of Oliver Stoninge, he being the juniour but one of al the fellows, Mr. Fitzwater his seniour the Vice Provost.
- 2 July 1582 Baldwin Collins upon the death of George Atkinson, Mr. Wells being then seniour fellow.
- 20 January 1616 (-17) Thomas Allen upon the death of Baldwin Collins, Mr. Chark being then seniour fellow.
- 15 October 1636 Mr. Weaver upon the death of Mr. Allen. He was then seniour fellow, but enjoy'd no other benefice, and he held it till 1651.

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Survey

(69)

Survey of all lands and tenements in the town and fields of Docking belonging to the church there, taken 25 February 1778.

Signed by John Cooper and Robert Jackson, churchwardens.

6 fs. within a paper cover.

Letter

(70)

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Introduction

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In the endowment of 1441 the College received a farm and rent of 8l : 13s : 8d which William, lord Lovell, Knight, paid for the custody of the alien priory of Minster Lovell, held by him on a twenty one year lease from the death of Joan, late queen of England, i.e. from 1437; with the reversion of the same on the expiry of the said lease. According to Tanner there are documents at Eton relating to this priory, but apart from some seventeenth century office copies of Public Records then in the Tower and at the Treasury of the Exchequer (77-79), no mediaeval documents have come to light. Martin's catalogue does not suggest the existence of any records in his day concerning the priory. "Its history," says the Victoria County History,¹ "is a blank." Maxwell Lyte, in his Historical MSS Commission report, omitted to refer even to those records of Minster Lovell which do survive at Eton, just as he omitted to mention the post dissolution records of that other cell of the Benedictine abbey of Ivry, the priory of Docking in Norfolk.

The College leases date from the early sixteenth century. Among the lessees were the Marquis of Hertford and Lord Castlereagh, trustees of a marriage settlement (19-24), The Sir John Harrington or Harington, of Combe, co. Warwick, who appears in no.6, is not to be confused with his cousin, the Etonian Sir John Harington, queen Elizabeth's godson, who among many other claims to fame, translated Ariosto. John Harrington, of Combe, and of Exton, co. Rutland, was knighted on 9 January 1584. He was member of Parliament for Warwick in 1586-88 and several times M.P. and High Sheriff of Rutland. He entertained James I on his progress south from Scotland in 1603 and was created baron Haryngton of Exton.

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1. V.C.H. Oxford vol.2 p.163.

In October 1603 he was entrusted with the education of the princess Elizabeth whom he established with his own family at Combe abbey, where "he seems to have had a sort of select seminary for young ladies of the nobility." His wife was Anne, daughter of Robert Kelway, of Minster Lovell, Surveyor of the Court of Wards and Liveries. He accompanied the princess on her marriage to Heidelberg, and died of fever at Worms in 1613. He was the brother of the cultivated Lucy, countess of Bedford.¹

The letter of 5 June 1674 (46), from someone whose name has been erased, is as full of interest as it is of feeling. No doubt there was carelessness in the keeping of the records in the Exchequer. The De Banco Roll, from which the office copy that the writer encloses (78) had been made, does indeed show some damage from water along one side. But it cannot be said that the entry copied is thereby rendered difficult to read. Nor can the copy be said to be imperfect. It is an excellent copy. Conceivably he is referring to some other copy which does not survive. But the endorsement on 78 looks as if it was in the hand of the unknown letter writer. This endorsement states that "this Record is kept in y^e Chamberlynes office in y^e Excheq^r where y^e ancient Record called Domesday Booke is kept."

The Mr. Rylve mentioned in the letter was William Ryley, who on his father's death in 1667 succeeded him as deputy keeper of the Records in the Tower. William Ryley, junior, died in 1675, in his own words, "a beggar."² It is pleasant to find that in spite of his financial embarrassment he was still able, a year before his death, to enjoy "sack
and

1. Complete Peerage, Harington.
2. Dictionary of National Biography.

and good things." It looks from this letter very much as though the provision of sack for William Ryley was a condition of obtaining office copies. The payment of the official fees for these copies can be traced in Ryley's fee-book which survives in the Public Record Office.¹ The entry is as follows:

April 26 1674.

Mr Crowch his coppys for D ^r Bold			
of Eaton Colledge			
Decanatus de Wytney			
Taxacon Roll 20 Ed. I	00	06	00
Pat. 34 Ed. 3 ps 2 m.5 Mynstre Lovell	00	08	00
Ex bundello Priorat' Alienig' 11 Ed. 3	01	12	00

But let nothing be said against Ryley's honesty. Later in his fee-book, under the date 13 November 1674, after a search had been made for some records in a certain lawsuit, he entered:

"This search hath broken my heart, by reason W^m Thompson a late clerke forged two Records att the request of one Peter Atkinson.
God forgive them both."

On 11 December Ryley was suspended from his office owing to the forgery. His innocence was established by an affidavit of W^m Thompson, entirely exculpating his master. Ryley has copied the affidavit into his fee-book together with certificates of two King's Bench judges and of the Master of the Rolls by which he was quite cleared.

"Therefore," he writes, "lett this affidavit and certificates make it manifest to the whole world, as a sufficient testimony and evidence to future ages, that I was true and faithfull to that great trust
reposed

1. Obsolete Index 672.

reposed in mee by the wor¹¹ S^r Algernon May,
Knight, the present Keeper of the said Records
in the Tower of London.

Laus Deo."

It will be seen that, in addition to the two copies from the Tower records relating to the deanery of Witney and to Minster Lovell priory (77, 79), the College had at the same time a much larger copy made from a bundle of Alien Priory records, which presumably had no particular relevance to Minster Lovell. The Dr. Bold who was conducting the business for the College was Henry Bold, a protégé of Lord Arlington, whose election to a fellowship at Eton had been attended by a certain scandal.¹

But who was the writer of the letter, and why was it necessary so effectively to erase his name?

Noel Ballinton

1. Maxwell Lyte History of Eton College (4th ed.) p.264.

Deeds

(1527 - 1867)

1 - 45

Indenture of lease, 20 March 1527, by the Provost and College of Eton, to Thomas Robertson, of Mynstre Lovell, clerk, and William Parott and Thomas May of the parish of Shipton under Whichwood, yeomen, of the rectory of Mynstre Lovell with the tythes of corn and hay. From Lady Day next for 20 years. Rent 5 marks.

Signature "per me Thomam Robartson."

Seal, round, 12mm, red wax, on doubled tag. I C

Bond (attached to the foregoing) by the lessees to the lessors in 40l for the observance of the foregoing.

Three tongues, only one of them bearing a Seal, red wax, fragmentary, with signature of Robartson.

Writ, 28 October 1556, to Thomas Abrydges and Thomas Gybbyns, esquires, and Thomas Altofte and Richard Brace to put Robert Lucas, of Astelly [Asthall Leigh], co. Oxford, taylor, in full possession of a moiety of all the tithes, both greater and less, of the parish of Mynster Lovell and of a moiety of a barn and le shiphouse and all other necessary houses there and of a close adjacent to the barn together with a cemetery of four virgates of land, lately awarded to the said Robert by decree of the Chancery in his suit against William Hurley, clerk, vicar of Mynster Lovell. Order to the sheriff of Oxford and the constables of the parish of Mynster Lovell, Wytney and Astall to help in the execution of the foregoing.

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

[The proceedings in this suit are to be found in Public Record Office, Early Chancery Proceedings (C.1) file 1448 nos.64-66]

Indenture of lease, 27 January 1565, by the Provost and College to James Sendall, citizen and blacksmith of London, of the parsonage of Minster Lovell with all tythes, lands, meadows, pastures feedings and other emoluments with appurtenances, and a barn with other houses belonging to the same; excepting the advowson of the vicarage of Minster Lovell. To hold from the expiry of a lease to Robert Gardiner dated 6 August 1536 for 21 years. Rent 50s and 6 quarters 2 bushels of wheat.

Red wax Seal, on doubled tag.

Indenture of lease, 1 November 1576, by the same to Bartholomew Chawney of Ascott, co. Oxford, yeoman, and Philip Taynton, of Minster Lovell, yeoman, upon surrender of a lease to Edward Chambers, of the same. From Michaelmas last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Sir Aquila Cooke, William Hall, the scribe.

Two small red wax Seals on doubled tags.

- (1) a bird
- (2) P. reversed.

Tripartite indenture of award, 15 [] 31 Elizabeth [1588-9], by Richard Tredway and John Crooke of the Inner Temple, esquires, in a dispute between Sir John Harrington, of Combe, co. Warwick, Knight, and dame Anne, his wife, of the first part, William Day, bachelor of divinity, Provost of the College of Eton, and the said College, being patrons of the vicarage of Minster Lovell and owners of the parsonage there, and Peter Rankell, of Witney, farmer of the said parsonage, of the second part, and Robert Debanke, clerk, vicar of the church of Minster Lovell, of the third part, concerning the tithes of the demesnes of the manor of Minster Lovell and of eight yard lands on the south side of the river there in the tenure of John Truman.

Sir John Harrington and his wife are to have and enjoy all their lands and tenements being the demesnes of the manor of Minster Lovell and no copyhold and also the said eight yard lands, excepting a farm and six yard lands late in the tenure of William Jenkins, free of all manner of tithes. In lieu of the said tithes, however, they are to pay to the Provost and College a yearly rent of 6l, and to Robert Debanke and his successors, the vicars of Minster Lovell, a yearly rent of 6l.

Signatures of arbitrators.

Red wax Seals, on doubled tags.

Indenture of lease, 19 November 1599, by the Provost and College to Ralph Longworth, of Astall, co. Oxford, yeoman, of the parsonage of Minster Lovell, as before. From Michaelmas last for 17 years. Rent 3l : 6s : 8d and 2 quarters of wheat and 4 quarters of malt or their money equivalent. The lessee to collect for the College a rent of 23s from certain lands in Clanfild, co. Oxon.

Witnesses: Benjamin Cwtred, clerk, bursar, Thomas Hoddison.

Seal, round, 15mm, red wax, on doubled tag. A bird.

Bond (attached to the foregoing) by Ralph Longworth in 40l to the lessors for the observance of the foregoing.

Witnesses as on foregoing. Signature of Longworth.

Seal as on foregoing.

Indenture of lease, 6 July 1612, by the same to the same of the same. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent 3l : 6s : 8d and 2 quarters of wheat and 4 quarters of malt.

Witnesses: Thomas Dickinson, Thomas Hochinson, Benjamin Cwtred, public notary.

Signature "Raff Longworthe."

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Indenture of lease, 12 January 1613-14, by the same to Martyn Cleveley, citizen and merchant tailor of London, of the same. From Lady Day last for 20 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Benjamin Owtred, George Wooddeson, Ralph Longeworthe.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, round, 15mm, red wax, on doubled tag. A stag or billy goat.

Bond (attached to the foregoing) by Martin Cleveley in 40l to the lessors for the observance of the foregoing.

Witnesses as on foregoing. Signature of lessee.

Seal as on foregoing.

Indenture of lease, 20 October 1626, by the same to the same (of Minster Lovell, yeoman) of the same. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: James Varie, Henry Saier.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 15mm, red wax, on doubled tag. A lily.

Bond (attached to the foregoing) by Martin Cleveley in 40l to the lessors for the observance of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Indenture of lease, 2 April 1628, by the same to Edward Heylyn, of Minster Lovell, gent., of the same. From Lady Day last for 19 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Thomas Hochinson, Henry Sayer.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, oval, 15mm, red wax. A device.

Bond (attached to the foregoing) by Edward Heylyn in 401 to the lessors for the observance of the foregoing.

Witnesses as on foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 20 May 1640, by the same to John Gearinge, of Letchlad, co. Gloucester, gent., of the same. From Lady Day last for 21 years. Rent as before.

Witnesses: Henry Heylyn, Henry Saier.

Signature of lessee.

Seal, as on no.11. Half broken away.

Indenture of lease, 2 August 1751, by the same to John, Earl of Grandison in the Kingdom of Ireland, of the same. From Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Seal and doubled tag missing.

Indenture of lease, 15 March 1768, by the same to Elizabeth, countess of Grandison, devisee named in the will of John, Earl of Grandison, deceased, of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Indenture of lease, 5 August 1771, by the same to the same (Viscountess of Grandison, executrix of the last will of John, Earl of Grandison) of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Seal and doubled tag missing.

Tripartite indenture, 31 July 1804, between the Provost and College of the first part, Lord Henry Stuart and Lady Gertrude Amelia Stuart his wife (formerly Lady Gertrude Amelia Villars, daughter and heiress and administratrix of George Mason Villars late Earl and Viscount Grandison of Dromand, co. Waterford) of the second part and Francis, Marquis of Hertford and Robert Stuart, Lord Viscount Castlereagh (trustees appointed upon the marriage of the said Lord Henry Stuart with the said Lady Gertrude Amelia Stuart) of the third part; by which the Provost and College, upon surrender of a lease to George, late Earl of Grandison, lease the same to the said Marquis of Hertford and Viscount Castlereagh. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent $3\text{1} : 6\text{s} : 8\text{d}$ and 144 gallons of wheat and 288 gallons of malt and 41 in consideration of the redemption of Land Tax.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Tripartite indenture, 9 February 1808, between the same parties of lease by the same to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Indenture of lease, 10 June 1811, by the same to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of Lessees. "Ingram Hertford" "Castlereagh".

Red wax Seals (duplicates). Armorial.

COROLLA DRACONIS
METUENDA

Indenture of lease, 2 August 1815, by the same to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Indenture of lease, 9 July 1819, by the same to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signatures of lessees.

Red wax Seals

(1) (Hertford) a geometrical device.

(2) (Castlereagh) a chain. LEGERE ...

Indenture of lease, 11 July 1823, by the same, for 1031, to Alexander Stuart, of Ardsin, co. Donegal, esquire, heir at law of the late Marquis of Londonderry, of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Seal and doubled tag missing.

Indenture of lease, 16 September 1831, by the same, for 4001, to John Davis, of Banbury, co. Oxford, gentleman, of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A man's head.

Indenture of lease, 8 April 1835, by the same, for 1471,
to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years.
Rent as before.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. J.D.

Indenture of lease, 19 April 1839, by the same, for 1901,
to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years.
Rent as before.

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A man's head (as no.27).

Indenture of lease, 15 April 1843, by the same, for 2101,
to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years.
Rent as before.

Doubled tag for Seal, which is missing.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessees.

Red wax Seal. A man's head (as no.27).

Indenture of lease, 14 May 1847, by the same, for 2371 : 16s : 8d, to Elizabeth Davis, of Banbury, widow, and Henry Davis, of Bloxham, co. Oxford, gentleman, of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signatures of lessees.

Red wax Seals.

Indenture of lease, 9 May 1851, by the same, for 2151 : 4d, to Henry Davis, of Bloxham, gentleman, of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 18 May 1855, by the same, for
2331 : 15s : 10d, to the same of the same. From old Lady
Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal. A head.

Indenture of lease, 2 May 1856, by the same to John
Gillett, of Minster Lovell, farmer, of the same. From old
Lady Day last for 9 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 15 April 1859, by the same, for
2321 : 10d, to the same of the same. From old Lady Day
last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, papered, on doubled tag.

Counterpart of the foregoing.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Indenture of lease, 2 May 1863, by the same, for 2191 : 6s, to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

The College Seal, the red wax impressed between round pads of white linen, on doubled tag.

Indenture of lease, 12 April 1867, by the same, for 2471 : 7s : 8d, to the same of the same. From old Lady Day last for 10 years. Rent as before.

Signature of lessee.

Red wax Seal.

Correspondence

(1674 - 1822)

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London 5th June 1674

Honored deare Sir

I have inclosed sent you the imperfect copy of
y^e Record in y^e Exchequer,¹ you too well sawe howe sadly they
Keepe the Records there, and by their carelesness they have made
this worse to read then when wee first sawe it, by puttinge
some of y^e Rolles water on it lettinge it be needlessly rubb
in when twas wett, if there were any occasion to use it wee
might procure one from y^e Tower to trye what they can doe to
find out y^e title; I have alsoe sent Mr Rylyes bill, & a note
of my owne disbursements; I am ashamed soe much should be
disbursed, & soe little donn, but in theis cases it cannott be
helpte, you have had sound experience of Mr Rylyes loveing sack
& good things, I thinke I spent on him att severall tymes
10 or 12s att least; I wishe you good success in this
& all your affaires & am

Honored S^r

Yc^r Most affectionate

humble servant

[The name has been erased]

S^r bee pleased to tell of what shall bee awarded

M^r Crouch for his pains

1 f.

1. Presumably 78.

Lod: Walton, vicar of Minstre Lovell, [24 March 1675],
to the Revd. D^r Allestry, Provost of Eaton Colledge.

"This day being the 24 of March, Mr Bowell of Oxen, a person not unknowne to you, was wth mee at Minstre. I understand Mr Tho: Heylyn hath parted with his Colledge lease to the sayd Mr Bowell in reference to the tith and glebe here. And I am requested, S^r, by him to give in the true valuation of the living according to the yearly revenue of it and present in-come. Unto whose request, S^r, I have condescended, and have done it faithfully and impartially." The particulars follow, totalling 371 : 5s.

Red wax Seal, broken.

2 fs.

Henry Heylin, 25 March 1675, to the Revd D^r Allstree, Provost of Eaton Colledge. Apologises for his letter which "was this day exacted from me by the importunity of one Mr Bowell, who has bought the parsonage of Minster Lovell of my disingeneous (maugre his best parts) cosen Heylyn, and is goeing (as he tells me) to take a new lease of your selfe and y^e fellows of the said parsonage, in order whereuntoo his request to me was to attest to you what the yeerely profitts of the thing at present were, an account whereoff the inclosed note "[no.73]" doth truly represent..."

Fragment of red wax Seal.

2 fs.

J. Brooks, 23 January 1732-3, to Mr. Alex Staples at his house in Windsor enclosing an account for his expenses in copying and delivering Declarations in Ejectment to the occupants of Minster Level Rectory viz. of a cottage worth about 30s per annum in the possession of John Hewer alias Radbourne, one yard arable land of gleab in the possession of Messrs. Brooks worth about 50l per annum and two pieces of meadow worth together about 7l per annum with a modus of 6l per annum issuing out of Lord Lovell's estate in the possession of Henry Heyling Peacock. Mr. Peacock was said to be in the Fleet Prison, but it was found that he had been discharged from there and he was not traced.

Red wax Seal.

2 fs.

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F. Godolphin, [undated], to the Rev^d Mr. Southernwood, rector of Walkern near Buntingford, Herts., with seven questions to be answered about the Minster Level estate.

1 f.

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The same, [undated], to the same at D^r Redman's at Berkhamstead, Herts., quoting E. Duffield's survey of 1608 and J. Brook's account of 1732.

1 f.

52

[J.] Dobbins, Castle Yard, 17 June 1751, to Mr. Brookland at Eton College, giving particulars of the outgoings from Minster Lovell parsonage for the years 1740 to 1750.

2 fs.

E Betham, Greenford, 13 May 1776, to Mr. Edward Palmer, attorney-at-law at Coleshill, Warwickshire, concerning his proposed visit to Minster Lovel and Cottesford.

2 fs.

Hen: Powell, Witney, 2 November 1787, to the Rev^d D^r William Roberts, Provost of Eton, asking the College for assistance to repair the vicarage house at Minster Lovel which is in a ruinous condition. Mr. Coke, the lord of the manor, has been kind enough to give him some timber and stone. The estimate of the repairs is 46l : 16s : 2d.

2 fs.

Th: Brown, Luton, 25 July 1803, to Rev^d W^m Roberts concerning possible encouragement that might be given to Lord Henry Stuart to renew his lease of Minster Lovell Rectory.

1 f.

The same, 20 August 1803, to the same concerning the same. He is "honored with the Receivership of Lord Henry Stuart's English Estates" and is about to visit Minster Lovell.

1 f.

The same, 19 October 1803, to the same concerning the same and Mr. Eagle's valuation.

2 fs.

58

The same, 5 November 1803, to the same concerning the same.

Red wax Seal.

2 fs.

59

The same, 16 Clement's Inn, 22 November 1803, to the same concerning the same.

2 fs.

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The same, Luton, 13 December 1803, to the same. He is ready to pay the 103l for the fine. "I shall impress your candour in this business on L^d Henry Stuart's mind.

1 f.

61

The same, 23 July 1805, to the same, concerning inter alia the Clanfield rents which are due to the College by the terms of the lease.

2 fs.

62

Draft of an answer by Edward Brown, the College Registrar, 31 July 1805, to the foregoing.

63

Th: Brown, Luton, 25 November 1807, to Edward Browne, esq., Registrar, concerning the Clanfield rent, the Land Tax, and the new lease.

Red wax Seal.

2 fs.

64

Farrers & Co., Lincoln's Inn Fields, 4 August 1815, to the same informing him that they are sending by the coach a copy of the Minster Lovell lease for his assistance in preparing the surrender and new lease. Mr. Stuart's affairs being under the direction of the Court of Chancery, it is not practicable to forward the lease itself.

2 fs.

65

Edward Brown, Eton College, 20 March 1816, to Messrs. Hoare informing them that Messrs. Farrers & Co. will call for the counterpart of Minster Lovell lease and pay the fine and fees of 114l : 14s.

1 f.

66

Farrers & Co., Lincoln's Inn Fields, 22 December 1821, to Rev^d Geo. Bethell, Eton College, asking that the College solicitor shall supply the particulars from all the leases of Minster Lovell from the last granted to the Earl of Grandison, somewhere between 1790 and 1800, to the present time. The Marquis of Hertford and Lord Londonderry are bringing an action against the tenant who rents the tythes of Minster Lovell from them and resists the payment thereof.

Red wax Seal.

2 fs.

67

The same, [undated], to Edward Brown, esquire, thanking for information and with a further inquiry about the lease of July 1819.

Red wax Seal.

2 fs.

The same, 2 January 1822, to the same concerning the same.

Red wax Seal.

2 fs.

The same, 5 January 1822, to the same asking him to attend the case on Tuesday next, or send someone capable of proving the authenticity of the leases.

Red wax Seal.

2fs.

Draft by Edward Brown, 6 January 1822, to Farrers & Co. stating his inability to attend the hearing of the case. His clerk, Thomas Batchelder, who engrossed some of the leases, could attend, but has not the same in his possession or custody, they being always kept under lock and key.

Farrers & Co., 7 January 1822, to Edward Brown, esquire, informing him that the case is not coming on tomorrow and his attendance will therefore be unnecessary.

Red wax Seal.

2 fs.

Surveys, Valuations

(1608, 1675)

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A survey taken of the parsonage of Minstre Lovell by Edmond Duffild, gent., auditor of the College of Eaton 1608
 Imprimis a vicaradge and a parsonage house with a garden orcharde and backside

Item one ham of meadow lieing south upon Mr Mores mill in the tenure of Rafe Longworth containing by estimation $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 10 perches

One meadow called Priory Meadow lieing behind the vicaradge house adjoyning nere to the towne meadowe on the south side, 4 acres.

A little ham of meadow lieing in the towne meadowe, 1 acre.

In Minster meadowe, called Thornebery an acre.

A little ham in Lye meadowe infra parochiam de Astall, 1 acre.

Arrable land lieing in the comon fields of Minster from Minster bridge upwards lieing betwene the demeanes of the lord of Bedford on the est and the widdow Heuse on the west and the upper end thereof abutteth upon the landes of Richard James on the south, 60 acres.

Memorandum, all the tythes are equally to be devidid betwixt the parson and the vicar.

2 fs.

A particular of the profitts of the parsonage of Minster Level as they have for many yeeres binne rented at. The total is 37l : 5s.

"Sent to Dr Allestree by Mr Heylin March 25th 1675.

Vide his letter"

1 f.

An Account of the impropriation of Minster Lovell
 att y^e highest vallue it hath binn sett for of late yeares,
 or yet can be lett for. Total 38l : 10s [1675]

1 f.

A terrier of the lands profitts and appurtenances
 belonging unto the impropriate personage of Minstre Lovell

Imprimis 1 yard land of glebe with a howse or tenement
 consisting of 2 bayes of building, 6l. per annum.

Item 1 piece of meadow ground knowne by the name of
 Monche hamme, and another parcell of meadow neare
 adjoyning to it at the rate of 8l per annum.

Item a parcell of meadow ground in a common meadow
 called Thornbury at the rate of 2l : 6s : 8d per annum.

Item the tithes now rented at 12l per annum.

Item Composition Rent paid from the mannor 6l per annum.

(total) 34l : 6s : 8d

Item Mr Heylyns farme consisting of 12 yard land
 layd downe.

[17th cent.]

2 fs.

Memoranda, Copies of records

(1547, 1674)

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Memorandum that the will of Thomas Robynson, vicar of Minster Lovell was made 16 November 1547, and proved before doctor Wright, archdeacon of Oxford, 18 December 1547

"For the apprebacion of the deth of the said Robynson these men whose names herafter mencioned can declare

Rychard Harper

John Lyffely

Nycholas Smyth

William Androes

Henry Wycken "

1 f.

Office copy, certified by Gulielmus Ryley March 1674, of the Roll of Taxations of Ecclesiastical Benefices made by Pope Nicholas IV 1291, the first of the parts relating to the deanery of Wytteneye (Witney) co. Oxford [Taxatio Ecclesiastica (1802) p.32].

"Examined y^e 27th of Aprill 1674 in y^e office of y^e Records att y^e Tower by me Gilbert Crouche."

4 fs.

Office copy, certified by Edward Fauconberge and John Lowe, deputy chamberlains in the Treasury of the Receipt of the Exchequer, 26 May 1674, of an extract from De Banco Roll Hilary 18 Edward II [1325] (C.P.40/255 m.113) of a plea between Master Hugo de Morton, parson of the church of Gersingdon (Garsington) versus Philip, abbot of Ivry, concerning the fruits and profits of the church of Esthalle and the advowsons of the vicarages of that church and of the church of Minstre Lovel

"Examined y^e 26th of May 1674 in Mr. Falconberges office in y^e Exchequer by me Gilbert Crouche"

6 fs.

Office copy, certified by Gulielmus Ryley March 1674,
of Letters Patent of 22 October 4 Edward III [1330].
committing to brother Matthew de Villa Nova, a monk of the
abbey of the Blessed Mary of Ivry and proctor general of
the same in England, the custody of the priory of Mynsterlovel,
a cell of the said abbey, and the administration of the fruits
and profits of the churches of Dokyng and Esthall,
appropriated to the same. The said custody and administration
are at present held by Isabella, the King's daughter, to
whom Knights' fees and advowsons of churches belonging to
the said priory are now reserved. Rent to be paid to the
said Isabella 64 marks.

"Examined y^o 28th of Aprill 1674 in y^o office of y^o
Records att y^o Tower by me Gilbert Crouch."

Provost Westbury's Protests

(15 July 1465)

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With the accession of Edward IV in 1461 Eton College entered on the most anxious years of its history. It is true that the defeated King's foundation, showing, as Maxwell Lyte observes, more discretion than valour, was quick to submit itself to Edward and obtained from him, even before he had assumed the crown, a written promise of protection. But the new King's favour was soon found to be an illusion. Parliament annulled the grants of the Lancastrian Kings making, among many exceptions, no exception of Eton; and though Edward re-granted the College some of its estates,¹ he shortly afterwards turned against his enemy's foundation and petitioned the pope for the suppression of Eton College and its annexation to the College of St. George in his castle of Windsor. He claimed that King Henry's college buildings had never been finished and the church of the Blessed Mary there was hardly begun (vix inchoata) and both were of little use (parum utilitatis); and even if they were finished, the propinquity of the famous college in the castle would render them only a little cause of increase of divine worship and benefit to the neighbours (modicum divini cultus augmentum ac personarum circumvicinarum relevamen). He asked therefore that the pope should transfer the persons of the said newly erected college to the college of St. George and unite and appropriate the said newly erected college (the college itself therein or the name of a college being suppressed) to the said college and church within the castle. The King appears to have had no difficulty whatever in persuading the pope to undo the institution on which his predecessors had bestowed several favourable bulls. Reserving only certain rights to the existing members of the translated body, and stipulating only that the site of King Henry's college should not be converted to profane uses, Aeneas Silvius Piccolomini, the great humanist, on

1. 23 February 1462. Calendar of Patent Rolls 1461-1467 p.73.

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13 November 1463, suppressed Eton College. "The pope therefore," says Pius II's bull,¹ "transferring hereby all the persons of the said college of St. Mary to the said college of St. George, and suppressing and extinguishing therein the name and office of a college, unites and appropriates in perpetuity the said church and college of St. Mary, with all its annexed and appropriated monasteries, priories etc., and benefices etc., to the said college and church of St. George, so that henceforth from the said colleges there shall be a single college in the said castle and one capitular mensa only, and that it shall be lawful for the persons of the said college of St. George and for those thus translated to take possession of the said newly founded church and its annexes etc., and convert them to their own uses, without requiring licence of the diocesan or any other, the pope further ordaining that the persons thus translated from the new to the old college shall be admitted in the latter according to their state and dignity or order, and that they and others of the said college of St. George may and shall jointly use and enjoy all privileges etc. of both the said colleges granted to them by the apostolic see or otherwise, in exactly like manner and without any difference as if they had been granted to the said college of St. George and to the said translated and other persons; notwithstanding etc., and provided that the said newly founded church and the place of the said college be not reduced to profane uses, on account of the said translation, union and appropriation, but that its burdens be fittingly supported".

The answer of Provoost Westbury to this papal bull is in the two documents here transcribed and translated. These are public instruments, written in the chapel of St. Martin-le-Grand in the city of London on 15 July 1465, and certified by John Lord, a notary public. One of them is an appeal for papal and archiepiscopal protection against a presumed threat. Westbury

1. Calendar of Papal Registers, vol. XI 1455-1464 p.656.

declared that he had been legitimately elected Provost and was in peaceful possession of his office; that he was of a good reputation, guilty of no notorious crime, under no interdict or excommunication, and always ready to submit himself to the church. He feared, however, certain molestations and placed himself and the College upon the protection of the Holy See and the court of Canterbury. The reasons he gave for his fears were only of a general nature, "probable causes and likely conjectures." He made no reference, in addressing the new pope, Paul II, to the destructive order of his predecessor.

In the other document the Provost protested against the annexation of the College of Eton to that of St. George. It had never been his intention to consent thereto and if he had seemed to consent, he had only done so through fear which can fall even upon a constant man.

The instruments bear the certifying clause and mark of the notary, John Lord, though the body of the instrument has, in each case, been written by another. Mention may be found of this John Lord in the Close Rolls.¹

The significance of these documents can be exaggerated. To call Westbury on their authority, as he has been called, "the Camillus of Eton",² is to read more into them than they can bear. Even to attempt to catch the voice of the Provost dictating his protests is a mistake. When he speaks of the dread which may fall even upon a constant man, when he petitions instantanter, instantius et instantissime, we are not hearing the idiosyncrasies of Westbury's speech. The vivid language in which these documents are composed is all common form.³ John Lord would have drawn up similar documents before.

The purpose of both of them is precautionary. The first is a tuitional appeal. If the Provost is to be suspended or

1. Calendar of Close Rolls 1454-1461 p.340.

2. Maxwell Lyte: History of Eton College 4th edition p.72.

3. T. Cughton: Ordo Judiciorum titulus CCLXXXIX.

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excommunicated by any authority, he appeals to a higher court, to the Court of Canterbury, and beyond that, if need be, to the Holy See. He asks for apostoli, that is, a statement, to which an appellant was entitled, from the judge of an inferior court to that of the court in which the appeal was lodged, of the particulars of the case.¹ The second document expresses his dissent from the annexation. Neither document in itself initiates any proceedings in any court. Each was drawn up to be produced if necessary. Westbury was not forcing the issue. He was indeed, according to the words of his appeal, still in peaceful and quiet possession of his college. The decree of Pius II had not evidently been at once carried out to the letter. There was no need. The extinction of Henry's college had been ensured by Edward's confiscation of its revenues. Westbury, in fact, does not seem during the dark years to have been ousted from his dwindling estate or to have suffered actual translation to Windsor. It is interesting that no copy of Pius' bull exists among the archives of St. George's, or for that matter among the Papal Bulls preserved in the Public Record Office. The only document at Windsor relating to the suppression of Eton appears to be a draught of an ordinance by Edward IV for the suppression and union with the College of St. George.²

These public protests were therefore only public in a very restricted sense. The notary would have kept his copies of them, but it is possible that not only the pope but the King and the archbishop were unaware of their existence; and the Provost does not seem, and wisely, to have made himself so obnoxious as to incur disciplinary proceedings in an ecclesiastical court, and so to have provoked an occasion to show his protests.

It is probable, however, that the college of Windsor knew

1. I.J. Churchill; Canterbury Administration vol.1 p.319n.
2. Hist. MSS Commⁿ Report on MSS in Various Collections (1914) vol.VII; Muniments of the Dean and Canons of St. George's Chapel, Windsor, p.32.

of his visit to St. Martin-le-Grand and was prompted to action. It is at least the case that in the next month the Dean and one of the canons went to London on the matter of the union of the colleges and obtained, amongst other things, royal authority for the transfer of jewels, bells and other property, of which an inventory still exists, from Eton to Windsor.^{1.}

It is not known what influences determined the King to take Eton back into his favour. Bishop Waynflete, and no doubt other friends in high places, may be presumed to have pleaded Westbury's cause. At length Edward petitioned pope Paul II to reverse the letters of his predecessor, stating that he had not had full knowledge at the time of his former petition and his statement had been in great part removed from the truth. Paul II accordingly annulled the former letters and re-established the College of Eton by a bull dated 13 April 1470.^{2.} Towards the achievement of this end Westbury's role seems to have been one of discretion and patience rather than defiance; though his appeal and his protest show that he did not mean to capitulate.

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1. Maxwell Lyte: History of Eton College 4th edition pp.64-5.
2. Calendar of Papal Registers vol.XII 1458-1471 p.342.

Protest 1

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In dei nomine amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter quod anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto indicione terciadecima pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Pauli divina providencia pape secundi anno primo mensis Julii die quintodecimo in libera capella regia sancti Martini magni civitatis Londoniensis meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia constitutus personaliter venerabilis et circumspectus vir magister Willelmus Westbury prepositus Collegii Regalis Beate Marie de Etona juxta Wyndesoram Lincolnensis diocesis quandam provocacionem apostolorumque petitionem ac protestacionem et submissionem simul in scriptis redactas fecit et legit provocavitque et apostolos pluries petiit ac protestabatur et se submitit sub hac forma verborum:-

In dei nomine amen. Coram vobis autentica persona et testibus fidedignis hic presentibus ego Willelmus Westbury prepositus Collegii Regalis Beate Marie de Etona juxta Wyndesoram dico allego et in hiis scriptis propono quod fui et sum in prepositum ejusdem collegii Beate Marie juxta et secundum statuta consuetudinesque et observancias ipsius Collegii Beate Marie canonice electus prefectusque et assumptus atque legitime confirmatus necnon in realem et corporalem possessionem dicti Collegii cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis debite et legitime inductus et installatus atque a tempore induccionis et installacionis mearum hujusmodi ipsum Collegium in spiritualibus et temporalibus bene et honeste juxta vires rexi et gubernavi quorum premissorum preteritu et auctoritate fui et sum dictum Collegium canonice assecutus ipsumque sic assecutum cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis per non modica tempora possedi pacifice et quiete sicque possideo in presenti ac pro preposito ejusdem Collegii fui et sum communiter dictus tentus habitus nominatus et reputatus palam publice et notorie; Quodque fui et sum integri status bone fame opinionis illese ac conversacionis

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honeste et in possessione pacifica premissorum non suspensus non excommunicatus nec interdictus ab homine vel a jure quod sciatur nec aliquo crimine notorio recitatus aut involutus semperque juri ac mandatis ecclesie licitis et canonicis parere et obedire paratus sicque eisdem parui pareo et parebo in futurum. Metuens tamen ego Willelmus Westbury prepositus predictus ex quibusdam causis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis mihi et dicto collegio circa premissa grave posse prejudicium generari in futurum, ne quis vel qui quavis auctoritate vice nomine vel mandato aut quovis quesito colore in mei ac dicti Collegii prejudicium circa premissa vel eorum aliquod quicumque attemptet seu attemptent faciat seu faciant aliquo modo attemptari citando monendo suspendendo excommunicando interdicens inhibendo statuendo diffiniendo pronunciando declarando decernendo sentenciando molestando inquietando perturbando aut quovis alio modo in judicio vel extra judicium gravando ad sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam et dominum nostrum papam directe et pro tuitione curie Cantuariensis in hiis scriptis provooco et appello et apostolos quatenus in hoc casu sunt petendi peto primo secundo et tercio instanter instantius et instantissime mihi dari tradi fierique et liberari cum effectu, subiciens me prefatumque Collegium ac omnes mihi adherentes et adherere volentes protectioni tuitioni et defensionem sedis et curie predictarum. Et protestor ut est moris.

Acta sunt hec prout superscribuntur et recitantur sub anno domini indicione pontificatu mense die et loco predictis presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris magistro Thoma Caps in legibus bacallario ac David Selly et Roberto Fraunceys litteratis Norwicensium Londoniensium et Sarisburiensium diocesium testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Lord clericus Norwicensis diocesis publicus auctoritatibus apostolica et imperiali notarius premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic ut premittitur sub

anno indicione pontificatu mense die et loco predictas agebantur
 et fiebant una cum testibus prenominatis presens personaliter
 interfui eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi
 aliundeque occupatus premissa per alium scribi feci publicavi
 et in hanc publicam formam redegi ac manu mea propria me hic
 subscripsi signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi
 rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium et
 singulorum premissorum.

Notarial mark of John Lord.

Translation of Protest 1

In the name of God amen. By the present public instrument let it be known openly to all that in the year of the Lord one thousand four hundred and sixty five, in the thirteenth indiction and in the first year of the pontificate of our most holy father and our lord in Christ the lord Paul, by divine providence Pope, the second of that name, on the fifteenth day of the month of July in the free royal Chapel of St. Martin-le-Grand of the city of London and in the presence of me, notary public, and of the underwritten witnesses, personally appeared the venerable and discreet man master William Westbury, Provost of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln, and had drawn up together in writing an appeal and petition for apostoli¹ and protestation and submission and read it and appealed and many times petitioned for apostoli and protested and submitted himself under this form of words:-

In the name of God amen. In the presence of you, being an authentic person, and with the reliable witnesses here present I William Westbury, Provost of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor, say assert and in these writings propound that I have been and am canonically elected to the Provostship of the same College of the Blessed Mary in accordance and agreement with the statutes and customs and observances of the said College of the Blessed Mary and appointed and assumed and legitimately confirmed therein and into the real and corporal possession of the said College with all its rights and appurtenances duly and legitimately inducted and installed, and from the time of my said induction and installation I have ruled and governed the said College in spiritual and temporal matters well and honestly according to my powers; by pretext and authority of which premises I canonically obtained and obtain the said College, and it thus obtained with all its

1. i.e. A statement of a case to be supplied, on appeal, for the superior court in which ^{the} appeal is heard.

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rights and appurtenances for no short time I have possessed peacefully and quietly, and thus possess at present, and have been and am commonly called held had named and reputed openly publicly and manifestly for Provost of the same College; and that I have been and am of sound estate good fame unblemished reputation and honest conversation and in peaceful possession of the premises, not suspended nor excommunicated nor interdicted by man or by law, as far as is known, nor cited or involved in any notorious crime, and always ready to obey and submit myself to the law and the legitimate and canonical mandates of the church and so I have obeyed obey and will obey the same in future. Fearing however from certain probable causes and likely conjectures that grave prejudice may be generated in future towards me and the said College concerning the premises, lest any person or persons by any authority charge name or command or the colour of any pretext whatever shall attempt or in any way cause to be attempted anything to the prejudice of me or of the said College concerning the premises or any of them by citing monishing suspending excommunicating interdicting inhibiting ordaining defining pronouncing declaring decreeing sentencing molesting disturbing perturbing or in any other way judicially or extra-judicially oppressing us, I William Westbury, Provost aforesaid, by these writings call and appeal to the sacrosanct apostolic see and our lord the Pope directly, and for the protection of the court of Canterbury, and petition for apostoli in so far as in this case they are to be petitioned for, firstly secondly and thirdly, instantly more instantly and most instantly to be given handed over made and delivered to me with effect, submitting myself and the aforesaid College and all those adhering and wishing to adhere to me to the protection care and defence of the see and court aforesaid. And I protest in the customary way.

These things were enacted as they are written above and

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recited in the year of the Lord, the indiction, the pontificate, the month, the day and the place aforesaid, in the presence then and there of the discreet men master Thomas Caps, bachelor of laws, and David Selly and Robert Fraunceys, literates^{1.} of the diocese of Norwich London and Salisbury, specially called and summoned as witnesses to the premises.

And I John Lord, clerk, of the diocese of Norwich public notary by apostolic and imperial authorities, together with the forenamed witnesses assisted and was personally present at all and singular the foregoing while, as is set out above, in the year, indiction, pontificate, month, day and place aforesaid they were being done and performed, and I saw and heard them all and singular thus being done, and, having had the foregoing written by another as I was otherwise occupied, I published it and drew it up into this public form and with my own hand here subscribed myself and with my usual and accustomed mark and name signed the same, being called and questioned to the faith and witness of all and singular the premises.

Notarial mark of John Lord.

1. i.e. Literate laymen.

Protest 2

In dei nomine amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter quod anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto indicione terciadecima pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Pauli divina providencia pape secundi anno primo mensis Julii die quintodecimo in libera capella regia sancti Martini magni civitatis Londoniensis meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia constitutus personaliter venerabilis et circumspectus vir magister Willelmus Westbury prepositus Collegii Regalis beate Marie de Etona juxta Wyndesoram Lincolnensis diocesis quandam protestacionem in scriptis redactam fecit et legit protestabaturque et cetera fecit sub hac forma verborum:-

In dei nomine amen. Coram vobis autentica persona et testibus fidedignis hic presentibus ego Willelmus Westbury prepositus Collegii Regalis Beate Marie de Etona juxta Wyndesoram predictam protestor palam publice et expresse in hiis scriptis quod nunquam fuit neque est nec erit in futurum quatenus potero intencionis mee alicui translacioni personarum aut alienjus persone prefati Collegii Beate Marie de Etona ad collegium sive ecclesiam collegiatam Sancti Georgii Martiris infra castrum regale de Wyndesora Sarisburiensis diocesis fundatam aut unioni annexioni incorporacionive seu appropriacioni hujusmodi Collegii Beate Marie de Etona prefato collegio Sancti Georgii Martiris infra castrum regale de Wyndesora predicta auctoritate apostolica seu quacumque alia auctoritate factis seu faciendis quovismodo consentire aut consensum vel assensum meum prebere sed omnino eisdem translacioni unioni annexioni incorporacioni et appropriacioni palam publice et expresse dissentio Et si hujusmodi translacioni unioni annexioni incorporacionive seu appropriacioni unquam consencii aut consensum seu assensum meum prebui quod non fateor sed omnino expresse diffiteor hoc non feci libera et spontanea voluntate sed dumtaxat propter timorem et justum metum qui cadere poterant

in constantem virum prout in me cadebant et non aliter nec alio modo.

Acta sunt hec prout superscribuntur et recitantur sub anno domini indiccione pontificatu mense die et loco predictis presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris magistro Thoma Caps in legibus bacallario ac David Selly et Roberto Fraunceys litteratis Norwicensium Londoniensium et Sarisburiensium diocesium testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Johannes Lord clericus Norwicensis diocesis publicus auctoritatibus apostolica et imperiali notarius premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic ut premittitur sub anno indiccione pontificatu mense die et loco predictis agebantur et fiebant una cum testibus prenominatis presens personaliter interfui eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi aliundeque occupatus premissa per alium scribi facta publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi ac manu mea propria me hic subscripsi signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium et singulorum premissorum

Notarial mark of John Lord.

Translation of Protest 2

In the name of God amen. By the present public instrument let it be known openly to all that in the year of the Lord one thousand four hundred and sixty five, in the thirteenth indiction and in the first year of the pontificate of our most holy father and our lord in Christ the lord Paul, by divine providence Pope, the second of that name, on the fifteenth day of the month of July in the free royal chapel of St. Martin-le-Grand of the city of London and in the presence of me, notary public, and of the underwritten witnesses, personally appeared the venerable and discreet man master William Westbury, Provost of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor in the diocese of Lincoln, and had a protestation drawn up in writing and read it and protested and enacted the rest under this form of words:-

In the name of God amen. In the presence of you, being an authentic person, and with the reliable witnesses here present I William Westbury, Provost of the Royal College of the Blessed Mary of Eton by Windsor aforesaid protest openly publicly and expressly in these writings that there never was nor is nor will be in future, so far as is in my power, any intention on my part to consent in any way to any translation of persons or of any person of the aforesaid College of the Blessed Mary of Eton to the College or Collegiate Church of St. George the Martyr founded within the King's castle of Windsor, in the diocese of Salisbury, or to the union annexation incorporation or appropriation of the said College of the Blessed Mary of Eton to the said College of St. George the Martyr within the King's castle of Windsor aforesaid by apostolic authority or any other authority whatever made or to be made, or to give my consent or assent thereto, but utterly to the same translation union or annexation incorporation and appropriation I openly publicly and expressly dissent. And if I ever consented to the said translation union annexation incorporation or appropriation or gave my consent or assent thereto, which I do not own but utterly and expressly disown, this I did not do of my free and spontaneous will but only through fear and a just dread which

could fall on a constant man as they fell upon me, and not otherwise or in any other way.

These things were enacted as they are written above and recited in the year of the Lord, the indiction, the pontificate, the month, the day and the place aforesaid, in the presence then and there of the discreet men master Thomas Caps, bachelor of laws, and David Selly and Robert Fraunceys, literates¹ of the dioceses of Norwich London and Selisbury, specially called and summoned as witnesses to the premises.

And I John Lord, clerk, of the diocese of Norwich public notary by apostolic and imperial authorities, together with the forenamed witnesses assisted and was personally present at all and singular the foregoing while, as is set out above, in the year, indiction, pontificate, month, day and place aforesaid they were being done and performed, and I saw and heard them all and singular thus being done, and, having had the foregoing written by another as I was otherwise occupied, I published it and drew it up into this public form and with my own hand here subscribed myself and with my usual and accustomed mark and name signed the same, being called and questioned to the faith and witness of all and singular the premises.

Notarial mark of John Lord.

1. i.e. Literate laymen.

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Introduction

The manor of Cottisford, co. Oxford, formerly parcel of the alien priory of Ogbourne, a dependency of the abbey of Bec Hellouin in Normandy, was given to Eton College in the original charter of endowment of 1441. The records at Eton contain, for the period of the alien priory, forty-five deeds and eight account rolls. Though the abbey of Bec received its lands in Cottisford much earlier¹, the oldest of the deeds, which is probably that numbered 1, may be assigned to the last decade of the twelfth century. Neustria Pia gives 1194-1197 as the dates that Walter was abbot of Bec. There are thirty nine deeds of the twelfth or thirteenth century. Accounts of the bailiffs of the prior of Ogbourne (144-151) are found in the period 1292 to 1360.

Among the Deeds there are three Indentures of Fines (21 - 23) of 1226 and 1227. The respective Feet have been identified in the Record Office. There is, it must be recorded, an extraordinary satisfaction in finding after seven hundred and twenty years, that they fit. The Deeds have contributed the following words, some of them of doubtful meaning, to the Medieval Latin Dictionary:- dublarium (1) and aucel or ancel, colyngs, falda, marol' (44).

The abbot of Biddlesdon is a party to some of the Deeds. Tanner observes that while most Cistercian abbeys had only the Blessed Virgin for their patroness, this house was dedicated to St. Mary and St. Nicholas. The abbot's seal, therefore, which is appended to no.36, is particularly to be noticed as the legend only mentions St. Nicholas. This seal, which was made for abbot Philip (ca. 1245. B.M. Cat. no.2661), seems to have been used by succeeding abbots. The document cannot possibly be dated as early as Maxwell Lyte puts it.²

The

1. The English Lands of the Abbey of Bec by Marjorie Morgan (Oxf. Univ. Press) 1946 p.144.

2. Hist. MSS. Commⁿ. 9th Report App. p.357.

The authority for the tithe of 7s paid by the parson of Barford¹ is to be found in no.37.

Of the later documents there is an unusual amount of legal records, most of them of the reign of James I and the provostship of Savile. Both these and the correspondence suggest that Savile took a particular interest in this estate, perhaps from its comparative proximity to Oxford. A letter from an Oxford don of this period (no.186) contains a surprising word. The New English Dictionary is more helpful over a word that occurs in a later letter, the "cow pox" (no.215). 1798 is given as the date at which Dr. Edward Jenner established that the communication of cow pox to human beings by vaccination gives a certain immunity from small pox. Already in 1801 the practice of vaccination seems to have been well known in the provinces.

These records take us at least three times to the Dictionary of National Biography, with Sir Anthony Cope (nos.176 etc.) John Lenthall (no.85) and James Eyre (nos.90-92). Sir Anthony Cope [?1548 - 1614] was sheriff of Oxfordshire and member for Banbury. He twice entertained James I at his house Hanwell, here mentioned. Lenthall was the son of Speaker Lenthall. He was member for Gloucester in 1645, Knighted by Cromwell in 1658 and by Charles II in 1677. In 1660 he was made colonel of a regiment of foot and governor of Windsor. He was returned to the Convention parliament for Abingdon but expelled from the House 12 May 1660. In 1672 he was, as he here appears, sheriff of Oxfordshire. He died in 1681. He is described by Wood as "The grand braggadocio and liar of the age he lived in". James Eyre (1734 - 1799), at the time (1760) he took a lease of Cottisford Manor, was a barrister of Grays Inn. Between that date and the renewal of his lease in 1766 he had become Recorder of the city of London. He distinguished himself considerably on one occasion as Wilkes' counsel. He was Knighted in 1772 and at length became Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

Noel Blackiston

1. . Morgan p.146.

Deeds

(1 - 119)

Grant by Walter, abbot of Bec, and the convent there to William de Cotes, their clerk, of half a hide of land in Cotes, to him and his heirs, which Henry the clerk of Pertenore held in Cotes and Ralph [next] him. Rent of one mark, half at Michaelmas and half at Lady day. William has paid 3 marks silver and a cloth of 20 ells. [1194-7].

Sciunt omnes ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit quod ego Walterus abbas de Becci (sic) et conventus ecclesie nostre cognovimus et concessimus Willelmo de Cotes clerico nostro dimidiam hidam terre in Cotes et heredibus suis sicut jus suum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis illam silicet quam Henricus clericus de Pertenore tenuit in Cotes et Radulphus juxta eum

Habendam et tenendam plenarie libere et quiete per unam marcam ecclesie Becci annuatim solvendam scilicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcam ad festum Sancte Marie in marcio dimidiam marcam pro omnibus serviciis et consuetudinibus que ad nos pertinent salvo forinseco servicio domini regis

Nos autem predictum tenementum predicto Willelmo et heredibus suis secundum prescriptam libertatem inperpetuum tenendum cognovimus et concessimus et hanc cognitionem et concessionem presenti carta nostra corroboravimus Pro hac autem cognitione et concessione et confirmatione predictus Willelmus dedit nobis tres marcas argenti et unum dublarium de viginti ulnis

Hiis testibus

Ricardo monacho	de Russelep	Roberto de Altari
Johanne de Hamton	Petro Reg'	Willelmo de
Longoil	Radulfo Curto	Alden' Coco
Waltero de Cotes	Rogero de Cotes de CHeleton	
Johanne de CHeleton	Radulfo capellano domini	

abbatis qui hanc cartam scripsit et multis aliis

Doubled tag with traces of green wax Seal.

Grant by Robert Albus de Cotdesford to the church of St. Mary of Bec and the monks there of two virgates from the hide which he holds in Cotdesford, with a meadow adjacent in the common meadow, of villeinage, without the messuage, and in place of the messuage he grants an acre of land next the croft of Ralph which extends on la More, and another acre which Ralph Albus held; for the souls of his father and mother, his wife and his heirs. The abbot and monks of Bec have given him 70s from the charity of the church. His wife and heirs, who are parties to the grant, have received as follows: Maud, his wife, 4d, Gilbert, his first born, 4d, and his other heirs of either sex 2d.

Sciunt tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Robertus Albus de Cotdesford dedi ecclesie Sancte Marie de Becco et monachis ibidem deo servientibus duas virgatas terre de hida mea quam teneo in Cotdesford cum prato quod adjacet in communi prato de vilenagio sine mesuagio et in loco mesuagii dedi eis unam acram terre proximiozem crofte Radulfi que se extendit en la more

Et preterea dedi eis unam aliam acram terre quam Radulfus Albus tenuit pro anima patris et matris mee et pro anima mea et uxoris mee et heredum meorum et hac carta mea confirmavi

Et abbas Becci et monachi ejusdem ecclesie dederunt predicto R. lx et x solidos de caritate ecclesie

Hoc concedentibus uxore sua Matilde et Gileberto suo primogenito et omnibus ceteris heredibus

Et pro hac elemosina concedenda Matildis uxor ejus recepit ^{OR} iiii denarios et Gilebertus ejus heres iiii denarios et ceteri heredes utriusque sexus ij denarios

His testibus

Thoma decano de Bunsintuna

Thoma de Occoburna

Radulfo

Purcellc

Widone capellano de Cotdesford

Radulfo Albo

Bertholomeo de Mixeburia

Rogero Jacob et omni halimot

de Cotdesfort et de Sunecumba

Seal, round, 45 mm, green wax, on doubled tag. An eagle displayed.

† SI...L RODBERTI LE BLUNT DE
QODES.ORT.

[as on nos. 3 and 4]

Grant by Robert Albus of Codesfordia to Bartholomew, his nephew, of Mixeburia, for his homage and service of a virgate of land in Codesfordia with which Agnes, his (Robert's) sister, mother of the said Bartholomew, by his grant was endowed. To be held from him and his heirs by Bartholomew and his heirs descending from his wife Agnes for a yearly rent of 6d. The messuage pertaining to the said virgate is before his (Robert's) door on the water. Bartholomew has redeemed the said land by relief, as heir of the same. The rent of 6d is assigned to the monks of Bec for all service pertaining to the land.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus Albus de Codesfordia dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmavi Bartholomeo nepoti meo de Mixeburia pro homagio et servicio suo unam virgatam terre in Codesfordia cum qua Agnes soror mea mater predicti Bartholomei concessu meo maritata fuit in liberum maritagium

Tenendam de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis ab Agnete sua uxore descendentibus cum omnibus pertinenciis libere et quiete et honorifice pro omni servicio reddendo inde annuatim sex denarios ad festum sancti Michaelis

Et mesuagium ad predictam virgatam pertinens est ante portam meam super aquam

Et ista[m] predicta[m] terra[m] contra me relevavit prenominatus Bartholomeus sicut heres ejusdem terre Et sciendum quod ego et heredes mei sepredicto Bartholomeo et heredibus contra omnes homines et contra omnes feminas sepredictam terram warrantizabimus et contra regem ut dominicum nostrum adquietabimus

Et item sciendum quod redditum sex denariorum predictorum atornavi in perpetuam elemosinam monachis sancte Marie de Bec pro omni servicio ad terram pertinentem

Hiis testibus Radulfo Porcello Thoma de Ocheburn
 Willelmo filio Gregorii Willelmo Albo Willelmo filio Roberti
 Albi et Guidone fratre suo Radulfo Albo de Codesford
 Aldwino filio Rogeri Rogero fratre Bartholomei Roberto
 filio Willelmi de Hethe et multis aliis

Seal, as on nos. 2 and 4.

† SIGILL ROBERTI LE BLUNT
 DE QODESFORT.

Grant by Robert Albus de Cottesford to the church of St. Mary of Bec of a virgate of land which his sister and nephew claim; and if he cannot secure the same by reason of their claim, he grants another virgate in its place from the land which he holds in his own hand. But if the abbot shall bear him an injury by granting [?] to those who claim that land he will restore to the brothers the 20s which he received of the charity of the said church or grant to them another virgate like that which they formerly received from him. But if he grants them this other virgate he shall receive 20s above those which he received before from the said brothers. His heirs agree to this compact.

Sciant tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Robertus Albus de Cottesford concedo et protego ecclesie Sancte Marie de Becco et fratribus ibidem deo servientibus unam virgatam terre quam soror mea et nepos meus in eadem villa calumpniant et si protegere non potero pro eorum calumpnia aliam virgatam terre de illa quam in manu mea teneo in loco illius predictis fratribus concedo

Si autem forte contigerit quod abbas vim et injuriam mihi intulerit eis qui illam terram calumpniant concedendo viginti solidos quos de caritate predictae ecclesie recepi predictis fratribus reddam vel aliam virgatam parem illius quam prius de me receperunt eis tradam Si autem illis aliam tradidero xx solidos super his quos prius recepi apud dictis fratribus recipiam Heredibus [autem erased] meis hoc pactum concedentibus Gileberto Willelmo Wuidone Rogero quod ut ratum permaneat sigilli mei inpressione confirmo et testium subscriptorum munimine corrobore

Guido capellanus Willelmus de Gingestune Radulfus
frater ejus Ricardus de Wanetinge Alexander de Swinecumbe
Johannes de Cumbe Ricardus Suist Ricardus Ducet
Willelmus scriptor ejusdem karte

Seal, as on nos. 2 and 3.

† SIGILL.....UNT DE QODESFORT.

Quitclaim by Walter son of Bartholomew de Mixebyri to the abbot and monks of Bec of that virgate in Cotesford which his father, with his consent, sold to them for $5\frac{1}{2}$ marks, which he and his father received by the hand of William de Waneting then proctor of the abbot. Robert Blondus had given the said virgate to Agnes his sister in free dowry when William, son of Aldred, father of Bartholomew, father of the said Walter, married the said Agnes. Enacted in the full county at Oxford 1218.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Walterus filius Bartholomei de Mixebyri concessi et presenti scripto confirmavi et in perpetuum quietam clamavi abbati et monachis de Becco illam virgatam terre in Cotesford quam predictus B. pater meus assensu meo illis vendidit pro quinque marcis et dimidia quas ego et predictus B. pater meus suscepimus per manum Willelmi de Waneting tunc eorum procuratoris quam etiam virgatam terre Robertus Blondus dedit Agnete sorori sue in libero mariagio quando Willelmus filius Aldredi pater predicti B. patris mei eandem A. desponsavit Hanc autem terram habebunt predicti abbas et monachi et tenebunt in perpetuum libere quiete et integre ita quod nichil penitus retinui mihi nec heredibus meis in predicta terra nec in ejus pertinenciis Et ego et heredes mei warrantizabimus hanc predictam terram dictis abbati et monachis contra omnes

Et hoc fideliter tenendum juravi pro me et heredibus meis

Quod ut firmum et stabile permaneat in perpetuum presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Actum anno dominice

incarnacionis m^o cc^o octavo decimo in pleno comitatu apud Oxoniam

Testibus hiis	Viviano de Braio tunc vicecomite
Oxoniensi	Ricardo Foliot Roberto Almarico
Genteschiu	Ricardo le Tos Ricardo de
Parco	Henrico de Andeliaco Roberto de Badinton
Waltero de Cotes	Guidone de Cotesford
Rogero fratre ejus	Ricardo de Cogleg Willelmo de
	Hontescomb

Seal, round, 37mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag.
A fleur de lys.

S WALTERI FILII BERTOLOMEI

Quitclaim by Guy de Cotesford, son of Robert Blondus de Cotesford, to the monks of Bec of all his right in 7 virgates on one part and 60 acres in one field and 60 acres in the other field on the other part in Cotesford which he was claiming against them. And grant to them in frankalmoign of that land which is called Les Bottes, consisting of six portions which were of that land called Nuperhinland and lie next the meadow and extend towards the land called Opplingland. The monks by the hand of William de Waneting, then proctor of Okeburn, have given him of the charity of the church of Bec 20s sterling and a sum of corn and to Maud, his wife, a cow with a calf, and to his sons a sum of barley and another cow with a calf. 1218.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Wido de Cotesford filius Roberti Blondi de Cotesford penitus remisi quietum clamavi monachis Becci et inperpetuum abjuravi totum clamium et jus siquid habui vel habere potui in septem virgatis terre ex una parte et sexaginta acris terre in uno campo et sexaginta in alio ex alia parte in Cotesford quas clamabam contra eos

Preterea dedi eis in perpetuum et liberam elemosinam a me et heredibus meis in perpetuum warrantizandam terram illam que dicitur Les Bottes que sex portiones sunt et fuerunt de terra illa que vocatur Nuperhinland que jacent juxta pratum et se extendunt versus terram illam que vocatur Opplingland

Pro hac autem remissione quieta clamatione abjuracione et donatione dederunt mihi predicti monachi per manum Willelmi Waneting tunc procuratoris de Okeburn de caritate Beccensis ecclesie viginti solidos sterlingorum et unam summam frumenti et Matilli uxori mee unam vaccam cum vitulo et pueris nostris unam summam ordeii et aliam vaccam cum vitulo Quod ut firmum et stabile in perpetuum permaneat presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui His testibus

domino Henrico de Andel milite Johanne de Hamton
 Henrico de Waneting Henrico de Hungreford et Henrico de Herdwic

Herdwic capellanis Roberto et Willelmo clericis Adam
 de Hungreford Eutropio et toto hallimoto de Cotesford
 Actum anno gracie m^o cc^o octavodecimo

Seal, round, 30mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag.
 Perished at bottom. A fleur de lys. SIGILLUM.....
 [as on no.7]

Grant in frankalmoign by Guy Albus, son of Robert Albus de Cotesford, with the consent of his heirs, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Bec and the monks there of that half acre of land which lies next the six butts which he (Guy) had formerly given in alms to the said church. And quitclaim to the monks of those gloves or their value viz. ld which they used to render him yearly or the said value of ld from the land which was of Bartholmew de Mixebir.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Gwido Albus filius Roberti Albi de Cotesford assensu et voluntate heredum meorum dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Becco et monachis ibidem deo deservientibus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam illam dimidiam acram terre que scilicet jacet juxta sex buttas quas ego Gwido prius in elemosinam dederam dicte ecclesie de Becco

Concessi eciam prenominatis monachis et quietum clamavi in perpetuum illas cirothecas vel earum precium scilicet unum denarium quas predicti monachi mihi annuatim reddere solebant vel dictum precium unius denarii de terra que fuit Bartholomei de Mixebir Volo eciam et concedo quod predicti monachi habeant et possideant omnia hec predicta bene et in pace libere et integre in perpetuum

Et ego G. et heredes mei warantizabimus omnia hec predicta predictis monachis contra omnes gentes Quod ut firmum

et stabile permaneat in perpetuum presens scriptum sigilli mei
 appositione corroboravi Hiis testibus Henrico de
 Andeliac Godefrido Puncard Roberto de sancto
 Leodegare Willelmo le Bar Joceo de Cotes Waltero de Cotes
 Andrea de Croinden clerico Rogero Blundo Gileberto
 filio Hugonis Franci et multis aliis

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

† SIGILLUM WI FL.. ROBERTI DE CO.

[as no.6]

Grant by Roger son of Guy de Codesford to Robert son of
 John de Preston of a house in the vill of Codesford called
 Lewiescroft and 8 acres in one field of Codesford and 8 acres
 in the other field and as much meadow as pertains to half a
 virgate of land in Dolmede viz. in the east field 2 acres on
 the down, and an acre at Wowelonde on the end of that cultura
 and an acre in the valley abutting on Walchamstede and an acre
 abutting on Fuwelesdene on one side and on the other side on
 Ten Acres on the north and an acre in Gorefurlung next
 Walchamstede and an acre between Fulridi and Lutleslade
 between two headlands and an acre between two headlands and
 Lutleslade; and in the west field a headland on Westfurlung
 and an acre on the end of the smith's headland and an acre headland
 at Lewiesfurlung and an acre next the headland of William de Bar
 in Netherewowelond and an acre abutting on the land of William
 de Bar at Fulridi and an acre in Hakesdefurlung and an acre
 abutting on the croft of Geoffrey Flich and an acre in
 Lewiesfurlung next that of William de Bar. Rent 1d at Easter.
 Robert son of John has paid 4 marks silver.

Sciant

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus filius Widonis de Codesford dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto filio Johannis de Preston unum mansum in villa de Codesford qui dicitur Lewiescroft et octo acras terre in uno campo de Codesford et octo acras terre in alio campo cum pertinenciis et tantum pratum quantum pertinet ad unam dimidiam vigatam terre in Dolmede pro homagio et servicio suo Scilicet in campo orientali duas acras super dunam et unam acram ad Wowelonde in fine illius culture et unam acram in valle que abutiat super Walchamstede et unam acram que abutiat in Fuwelesdene ex una parte et in alia parte super decem acras ex parte boreali et unam acram in Gorefurlung proximam de Walchamstede et unam acram inter Fulridi et Lutleslade inter duas foreras et unam acram inter duas foreras et Lutleslade Item in campo occidentali unam foreram in Westfurlung et unam acram in fine forere fabri et unam acram foreram apud Lewiesfurlung et unam acram juxta foreram Willelmi de Bar in Netherewowelond et unam acram que abutiat super terram Willelmi de Bar ad Fulridi et unam acram in Hakesdefurlung et unam acram que abutiat juxta croftam Galfridi Flich et unam acram in Lewiesfurlung proximam Willelmi de Bar

Habendas et tenendas de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis vel quibuscumque illas dare vel vendere vel legare voluerit sive viris religiosis sive aliis quibuscumque masculis vel feminis sive illas dederit in sanitate sive in infirmitate libere et quiete in pace et honorifice in pratis pascuis viis et semitis et omnibus locis et libertatibus et in omnibus liberis consuetudinibus

Reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis annuatim ipse et heredes sui sive ejus assignati unum denarium ad Pascha pro omnibus serviciis et demandis querelis et exaccionibus secularibus mihi vel heredibus meis vel aliquibus aliis spectantibus Et ego et heredes mei acquietabimus predictas acras cum manso et prato et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis de omnibus exercitiis et equitacionibus et de omnibus hujusmodi serviciis et de omnibus

sectis

sectis comitatum hundredorum halimorum et de omnibus
summonicionibus et omnibus tallagiis scutagiis auxiliis hydagiis
et omnibus aliis geldis

Pro hac vero donacione et concessione dedit mihi
predictus Robertus filius Johannis quatuor marcas argenti

Et ego Rogerus filius Widonis et heredes mei predictas
acras cum manso et omnibus pertinenciis suis Roberto filio
Johannis et ejus assignatis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas
in perpetuum warantizabimus Ut autem hec mea donacio
rata et inconcussa permaneat eam tam presenti carta cum sigilli
mei appositione quam fidei mee interposicione confirmavi

Hiis testibus

domino Roberto filio Maugeri de Chetwde		Roberto
Purcell de Neuton	Waltero de Cotes	Radulfo de
Twiford	Willelmo de Bar de Codesford	Ricardo filio
Nigelli de Neuton	Waltero de Bechamton	Mansero

et Ricardo capellanis et pluribus aliis

Seal, round, 25mm, green wax, on a pink green and yellow
silk lace. Left side broken away A flower of eight petals.

† SIGILL ROGERI FILII..... .OD

[As on nos. 9, 17]

[This document is tied to no.9]

Grant by Roger son of Guy de Codesford to Robert son of John de Prestun for 2 marks of 4 acres in the vill of Codesford viz. in the west field 2 acres, one in Owerewowelond next the headland of William de Bar and the other in Fulridi next the vill and in the east field 2 acres, one on Cherdelawe next Goldewlle and half an acre lying in Fulridi abutting on Walkamestede and half an acre on the three acres in Sortebrodelond next the headland of Thomas Bastard. Rent therefrom, and from the eight acres he holds from him in each of the fields, with Lewiescroft, ld at Easter.

Sciunt presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus filius Widonis de Codesford dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto filio Johannis de Prestun pro homagio et servicio suo et pro duabus marcis quas in gersumam mihi dedit quatuor acras terre in villa de Codesford cum omnimodis pertinenciis suis Scilicet in campo occidentali duas acras unam scilicet in Owerewowelond proximam forere Willelmi de Bar et aliam in Fulridi proximam ville et in campo orientali duas acras unam scilicet super Cherdelawe proximam Goldewlle et dimidiam que jacet in Fulridi que abbuttat super Walkamestede et dimidiam super iij acras in Sortebrodelond juxta foreram Thome Bastard Tenendas et habendas de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis vel quibuscumque eas dare vel vendere vel legare voluerit sive viris religiosis sive aliis quibuscumque masculis vel feminis sive hoc fecerit in prosperitate sive in infirmitate libere et quiete in pace honorifice in pratis pascuis viis et semitis et omnibus locis et libertatibus et in omnibus liberis consuetudinibus

Reddendo inde et pro octo acris in uno campo et octo in alio campo quas tenet de me et heredibus meis cum Lewiescroft mihi et heredibus meis annuatim ipse et heredes sui sive ejus assignati unum denarium ad pasca pro omnibus serviciis et demandis querelis et exaccionibus mihi et heredibus meis vel

aliquibus

aliquibus aliis spectantibus

Et ego et heredes mei aquietabimus predictas acras de omnibus serviciis et omnibus tallagiis et omnimodis scectis et omnibus auxiliis et geldis et exercitibus et equitacionibus et sumonicionibus

Ego vero et heredes mei predictas acras cum omnibus pertinenciis suis predicto Roberto et ejus assignatis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas in perpetuum warantizabimus

Ut autem hec mea donacio rata et inconcussa permaneant eam tam presenti carta cum sigilli mei appositione quam fidei mee appositione confirmavi

Hiis testibus

Roberto Purcel

Waltero de Cotes

Willelmo de Bar

Radulfo de Twiford

Johanne de Cowele

Eustacio Purcel

Ricardo filio Nigelli de Neuenton

Waltero de Bechant'

Mansero cappellano et aliis

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

A flower of eight petals.

† SIGILL ROGERI FILII WIDONIS D' GOD'

[as on nos. 8, 17]

[This document is tied to no.8]

Grant by Thomas, son of Walter de Coddessford, to Robert son of John de Preston, for his homage and service and for 10 marks, of a virgate and a half in the vill of Coddessford with his capital court and croft pertaining thereto and with other houses pertaining to the same (except two acres in the east field, to wit half an acre on the small heath and half an acre at Wlfesford and half an acre against the dovecote of William de Bar and half an acre which extends on Cockescroft, and an acre in the west field viz. half an acre on Lilliesforlung and half an acre on the head of la More which lies next the land of Robert son of Aldewi) viz. half of that virgate which Walter de Belewe held in the vill of Coddessford towards the sun and half of that virgate which Mazelin held in dower similarly towards the sun and half of that virgate which Walter de Cotes held of the same fee towards the sun, with all appurtenances. 12d a year to be paid to the chief lords of the fee, to wit the abbot of Bec. Rent 1d to the grantor.

Sciant omnes presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas filius Walteri de Coddessford dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Roberto filio Johannis de Preston pro homagio et servicio suo et pro decem marcis quas mihi dedit in gersumam unam virgatam terre et dimidiam in villa de Coddessford cum capitali curia mea et cum crofto ad eam pertinente et cum aliis mansis ad predictam terram pertinentibus exceptis duabus acris in campo orientali scilicet dimidiam acram super curtam brueriam et dimidiam acram a Wlfesford et dimidiam acram contra columbarium Willelmi de Bar et dimidiam acram que se extendit super Cockescroft et unam acram in campo occidentali scilicet dimidiam acram super Lilliesforlung et dimidiam acram in capite de la more que jacet juxta terram Roberti filii Aldewi scilicet illam dimidiam virgatam terre de illa virgata quam Walterus de Belewe tenuit in villa de Coddessford versus solem et illam dimidiam virgatam de illa virgata quam Mazelin tenuit in dotem similiter versus solem

et

et illam dimidiam virgatam de illa virgata quam Walterus de Cotes tenuit de eodem feodo versus solem cum omnimodis pertinenciis et libertatibus et redditibus et serviciis ad me in villa de Coddessford pertinentibus in villa et extra villam Tenendas et habendas de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis vel quibuscumque illas dare vel vendere vel legare voluerit sive viris religiosis sive aliis quibuscumque voluerit masculis vel feminis sive hoc fecerit in sanitate sive in infirmitate libere et quiete in pace honorifice in pratis in pascuis viis et semitis et omnibus locis et libertatibus et omnibus liberis consuetudinibus faciendo servicium de predicto tenemento capitalibus dominis feodi scilicet abbati et monachiis de Becco per annum duodecim denarios scilicet ad festum sancti Michahelis pro omni servicio et consuetudine et exaccione Reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis unum denarium per annum scilicet ad Pasca pro omni servicio consuetudine et exaccione ad me et heredes meos et alios quoscumque pertinente

Et ego Thomas et heredes mei predictam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis Roberto filio Johannis et ejus assignatis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas inperpetuum warantizabimus

Ut autem hec mea donacio rata et inconcussa inperpetuum permaneat eam tam presenti carta cum sigilli mei appositione quam fidei mei interposicione confirmavi Hiis testibus

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|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Domino Roberto filio Malgeri de Cetwod | Johanne de Cowele | |
| Radulfo de Twiford | Rogero filio Widonis de Coddessford | |
| Ricardo filio Nigelli de Neuenton | Ewstacio Purcel | |
| Willelmo de Bar | Waltero de Bechanton | Willelmo de Cetwod et aliis. |

Seal, round, 28mm, green wax, on a pink, brown and white silk lace. A fleur de lys.

† SIGILLUM TOMAE FILII WALTERI D' CHETVODE
[as on nos. 14(1), 16]

As the foregoing, but with omissions.

Holes for Seal tag, but the document was probably never sealed.

Grant by William de Bar to Robert son of John de Prestun of a house in the vill of Codesford called Nethere Cockescrof. Rent 1d at Easter. Robert has paid 22s.

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus de Bar dedi et concessi et presenti carta mei confirmavi Roberto filio Johannis de Prestun unum mansum in villa de Codesford qui dicitur Nethere Cockescrof

Tenendum et habendum de me et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis vel quibuscumque illum dare vel vendere vel legare voluerit sive viris religiosis sive aliis quibuscumque masculis vel feminis sive illum dederit in sanitate sive in infirmitate libere et quiete in pace et honorifice in omnibus locis cum omnimodis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis annuatim unum denarium scilicet ad Pascha pro omnibus serviciis et demandis querelis et exactionibus secularibus mihi vel heredibus meis vel aliquibus aliis spectantibus

Et ego et heredes mei aquietabimus predictum mansum de omnibus exercitiis et equitacionibus et de omnibus hujusmodi serviciis et de omnibus sectis comitatum hundredorum alemotorum et de omnibus summonicionibus et omnibus taillagiis scutagiis auxiliis hidagiis et omnibus aliis geldis

Hanc autem donacionem feci predicto Roberto de Prestun pro homagio et servicio suo et pro xx.^{ti} ij solidos quos mihi dedit

Et ego et heredes mei predictum mansum predicto Roberto de Prestun et ejus assignatis contra omnes homines et omnes feminas inperpetuum warantizabimus

Ut autem hec mea donacio rata et inconcussa permaneat eam tam presenti carta

cum sigilli mei appositione quam fidei mee interposicione confirmavi

Hiis testibus Domino Roberto filio Malgeri de
 Chetwde Roberto Purcel de Newnton Waltero de
 Cotes Radulfo de Twiford Rogero filio Widonis
 de Codesford Ricardo filio Nigelli de Neuenton
 Waltero de Bechamton Mansero capellano de Bechamton
 Ricardo capellano de Chetwd et pluribus aliis

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

A fleur de lys. † SIGILLI WILMI DE BARE

[as on nos. 13, 14(2), 18, 24, 26]

The seal tag of this document is tied to that of no.13.

Grant by William de Bar to Robert son of John de Prestune
 of a house in the vill of Codesford called Nethercokescroft
 with 2 acres in the west field on Westforlong in the next place,
 but one acre, towards the west. Rent 1d at Easter. Robert
 has paid 42s.

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willelmus
 de Bar dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi
 Roberto filio Johannis de Prestune unum mansum in villa de
 Codesford qui dicitur Nethercokescroft cum duabus acris in campo
 occidentali super Westforlong in proximiori loco versus
 occidentem excepta una acra Tenendum et habendum de me
 et heredibus meis sibi et heredibus suis vel quibuscumque illum
 dare vel vendere vel legare voluerit sive viris religiosis sive
 aliis quibuscumque masculis vel feminis sive hoc fecerit in
 sanitate sive in infirmitate libere et quiete in pace et honorifice
 in omnibus locis cum omnimodis libertatibus et liberis
 consuetudinibus Reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis
 annuatim unum denarium scilicet ad Pascha pro omnibus serviciis
 et demandis querelis et exaccionibus secularibus mihi vel
 heredibus

heredibus meis vel aliquibus aliis spectantibus Et ego
 et heredes mei aquietabimus predictum mansum cum duabus acris
 de omnibus exercitiis et equitacionibus et de omnibus hujusmodi
 serviciis et de omnibus sectis comitatum hundredorum alemotorum
 et de omnibus summonicionibus et omnibus tallagiis scutagiis
 ausiliis hidagiis et omnibus aliis geldis Hanc autem
 donacionem feci predicto Roberto de Prestun pro homagio et
 servicio suo et pro quadraginta et ij solidis quos mihi dedit

Et ego et heredes mei predictum mansum cum duabus
 acris predicto Roberto de Prestun et ejus assignatis contra
 omnes homines et omnes feminas warantizabimus inperpetuum

Ut autem hec mea donacio rata et inconcussa permaneat
 eam tam presenti carta cum sigilli mei appositione quam fidei
 mee interposicione confirmavi Hiis testibus Waltero
 de Cotes Rogero Frankelano de Codesford

Waltero de Bechamtun Hugone de Codesford

Rogero capellano de Codesford Herberto preposito de
 Codesford Mansero capellano de Bechamtun

Johanni (sic) clerico de Salteswell et aliis

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

A fleur de lys. † SIGILL WILMI DE BARE

[as on nos. 12, 14(2), 18, 24, 26]

The seal tag of this document is tied to that of no. 12.

Bond by Thomas son of Walter, Roger son of Guy and William de Bar to the proctor general of Bec in England for the making and drawing up in due form of their charters, according to the will of the proctor, concerning all the lands and tenements which master Robert de Preston held from them in the vill of Codeford and outside, for the conferring of the same in frankalmoin on the church of Bec. The charters which master Robert had from them are deposited, upon payment of 24 marks by the said proctor, in his custody.

Noverint universi presens scriptum visuri vel audituri quod ego Thomas filius Walteri et Rogerus filius Widonis et Willelmus de Bar obligavimus nos fide media procuratori Beccensi generali in Anglia ad cartas nostras conficiendas et sub debita forma concipiendas juxta voluntatem dicti procuratoris super omnibus terris et tenementis que magister Robertus de Preston de nobis per cartas nostras tenuit in villa de Codeford et extra predictae ecclesie in puram et perpetuam elemosinam conferendis

Et sciendum quod carte quas idem magister R. de nobis inde habuit per solucionem xxiiij^{OR} marcarum a predicto procuratore factam in custodia ipsius deponuntur

Et ne cuiquam veniat in dubium ut sicut provisum est fideliter observetur ad majorem securitatem presenti scripto sigilla nostra apposuvimus privilegio fori civilis renunciando et foro ecclesiastico penitus nos subjiendo si quod absit contra hanc obligationem venerimus

Seals, green wax, on tongues

(1) Round, 28mm. A fleur de lys.

† SIGILL^U TOME FILI WALTVODE

[as on nos. 10, 16]

(2) Pointed oval, 37mm, A fleur de lys.

† SIGILL^U WIEMI DE BARE

[as on nos. 12, 13, 18, 24, 26]

(3) Tongue and seal missing.

Quitclaim by Robert son of John, parson of Preston, to Thomas son of Walter de Coddessford and Roger son of Guy and William de Bar of all the lands and tenements which he bought from them in the vill of Coddessford and outside it, and restitution to them of all instruments and writings relating thereto made to him by them. The grantees have paid 24 marks sterling.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Robertus filius Johannis persona de Preston salutem in domino

Noverit universitas vestra me remisisse et quietum clamasse in perpetuum pro me et heredibus meis Thome filio Walteri de Coddessford et Rogero filio Guidonis et Willelmo de Bar et heredibus eorum omnes terras et omnia tenementa que ab eisdem emi in villa de Coddessf' et extra cum omnibus pertinenciis suis secundum quod eorum carte super eisdem terris et tenementis confecte testantur renunciando omni juri quod habui vel habere potui in predictis terris et tenementis racione dicte empcionis et cartarum predictarum

Insuper eciam omnia instrumenta et scripta super dictis terris et tenementis mihi ab ipsis facta eis plene et integre restitui

Pro hac autem remissione et quieta clamancia dederunt mihi Thomas filius Walteri et Rogerus filius Guidonis et Willelmus de Bar viginti quatuor marcas sterlingorum

Et ut ista mea remissio et quieta clamancia perpetue firmitatis robur optineat presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui

Hiis testibus

Andrea de Croindon clerico Radulfo de Twyford

Waltero de Bechamton Viviano de Clive Gileberto

Francigena Johanne de Rislep Willelmo de Andeli

Ricardo filio Nigelli Eustachio Porcell Ricardo

Poher Johanne de Wotton Willelmo de Bosco

David de Finemere

Seal, pointed oval, 28mm, green wax, on doubled tag; cracked in two. A device. † SIGILLU ROBERTI DE P.....

Grant in frankalmoign by Thomas, son of Walter de Coddessford, to the church of the Blessed Mary of Bec and the monks there of all the land which he had sold to master Robert son of John de Preston in the vill of Coddessford and without and which he had redeemed for cash.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas filius Walteri de Coddessford dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmavi deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Becco et monachis ibidem illis servientibus et inperpetuum servituris pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quam magistro Roberto filio Johannis de Preston vendideram in villa de Coddessford et extra et quam ab eodem R. cum omnibus cartis et instrumentis que inde de me habuit et literis suis resignacionis et perpetue quiete clamancie penes predictos monachos residentibus mihi plene resignatam et renunciatam per pecuniam numeratam redimeram

Habendam et tenendam prefatis monachis et successoribus suis solitam et quietam de me et heredibus meis et contra omnes gentes warantizandam in perpetuum Et ut ista donacio concessio confirmacio et warantizacio futuris et, perpetuis temporibus firmitatis et stabilitatis robur optineant hoc presens scriptum meum sigilli mei appositione corroboravi

Hiis testibus	Roberto de Insula	
Roberto Porcell	Willelmo de Andeli	
Roberto de Bavinton	Roberto de Bochull	Eustachio Porcell
Ricardo filio Nigelli	Radulfo de Twyford	
Rogero Blundo	Willelmo le Bar	Gileberto
Franco	Viviano de Clive	Andrea de Croindon clerico
et aliis		

Seal, round, 28mm, natural colour wax, on doubled tag.

A fleur de lys. † SIG... TOME FILI WALT...DE

[as on nos. 10, 14(1)]

Grant in frankalmoign by Roger son of Guy Blundus to the church of St. Mary of Bec and the monks there of all the land which he had sold to master Robert son of John de Preston in the vill of Coddessford and outside it and which he had redeemed, together with all charters and instruments relating thereto, for cash.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Rogerus filius Guidonis Blundi de Coddessford dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Becco et monachis ibidem ipsis servientibus et inperpetuum servituris pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram cum omnibus pertinenciis suis quam magistro Roberto filio Johannis de Preston vendideram in villa de Coddessford et extra et quam ab eo cum omnibus cartis et instrumentis que inde habuit et litteris suis resignacionis et perpetue quieclamencie penes predictos monachos remanentibus mihi pleno jure resignatam et renuntiatam per pecuniam numeratam redimeram Habendam et tenendam prefatis monachis et successoribus suis solitam et quietam de me et heredibus meis et contra omnes alias gentes inperpetuum warantizandam Et ut ista donacio concessio confirmacio et warantizacio futuris et perpetuis temporibus firmitatis robur optineat presens scriptum sigilli mei munimine pro me et heredibus meis roboravi

Hiis testibus	Domino Roberto de Insula	
Domino Roberto Porcell	Willelmo de Andeli	
Roberto de Bavinton	Roberto de Bochull	Eustachio
Porcell	Ricardo filio Nigelli	Radulfo de Twyford
Willelmo le Bar	Gileberto Franco	Viviano de Clive

et Andrea clerico qui hanc scripsit cartam et aliis.

Seal, round, 25mm, brown wax, on doubled tag.

A flower of eight petals.

† SIGILL. ROGERI FILII WIDONI D' COD'

[as on nos. 8, 9]

Grant in frankalmoign by William de Bar to the church of St. Mary of Bec and the monks there of a farm called Nethercokescroft with two acres in the west field on Westforlong to wit all that tenement which Robert son of John de Preston once held by charter from him and which he resigned for cash, together with all instruments he had relating thereto and his letters of perpetual quitclaim. The proctor of Bec has paid 4 marks silver from the common goods of the brothers.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum noticiam istud scriptum pervenerit Willelmus de Bar salutem in domino

Noverit universitas vestra quod ego intuitu domini et pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum meorum dedi et concessi et hac mea presenti carta confirmavi deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Becco et monachis ibidem deo servientibus et servituris in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam unum mansum in villa de Coddessford quod dicitur Nethercokescroft cum duabus acris terre in campo occidentali super Westforlong scilicet totum tenementum illud quod Robertus filius Johannis de Preston aliquando per cartam tenuit de me et quod pecunia sibi numerata cum omnibus instrumentis que inde habuit et litteris suis perpetue quiete clamantie pleno jure resignavit et renunciavit mihi pro se et suis Et ego W. et heredes mei warantizabimus hec omnia predicta inperpetuum contra omnes gentes in puram liberam et perpetuam elemosinam ut predictum est et de omni forinseco et seculari servicio ea acquietabimus

Pro hac autem donacione concessione carte confirmacione et warantizacione dedit mihi procurator Beccensis de communibus bonis fratrum suorum quatuor marcas argenti

Et ut ista donacio et concessio rata et inconcussa perpetuis temporibus permaneant ego sepedictus W. pro me et heredibus meis presens scriptum sigilli mei munimine corroboravi Hiis

testibus Willelmo de Andeli Roberto de Insula

Roberto de Bathinton Eustachio Porcell

Ricardo filio Nigelli	Radulfo de Twyford	
Waltero de Bechampton	Mansero capellano	
Rogero de Coddessford	Gileberto Franco	Viviano de Cliv'
Johanne de Rislep	Andrea clerico et aliis	

Seal, pointed oval, originally 37mm, green wax, on doubled tag the tags parted to emerge separately from the lower sides of the seal; chipped on right side.

A fleur de lys.

† ..GILL W..MI DE BARE

[as on nos. 12, 13, 14(2), 24, 26]

Grant by John de Leye to William de Bar for his homage and service and for one mark silver of 10 acres in the fields of Codesford, to wit in the east field one acre which lies on the small heath nearest to Morthorne, one acre at Wlheysford, one acre which abuts on the capital court of the said William, one acre which abuts on Cokescroft, half an acre nearest la Merewey, from his land on the small heath, and half an acre at Ten Acres nearest the land of the said William; and in the west field one acre in Lilingforlong and one acre at the head of la More next the land of Robert son of Aldwi, half an acre in Werefurlong which abuts on Littlelade, one acre in le Wainserd, half an acre which abuts on the croft of Hugh son of Aldwi and one acre which abuts on the capital court of Thomas son of Walter. Rent 1d at Easter.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes de Leye dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo de Bar pro homagio et servicio suo et pro una marca argenti decem acras terre mee in campis de Codesford

Scilicet in campo orientali unam acram que jacet super curtam brueriam que proximior Morthorne et unam acram ad

Wlheysford

Wlheysford et unam acram que se abutat versus capitalem curiam
 ejusdem Willelmi de Bar et unam acram que se abutat super
 Cokescroft et dimidiam acram proximioem de la Merewey de terra
 mea super curtam brueriam et dimidiam acram ad decem acras
 proximioem terre ejusdem Willelmi In campo occidentali
 unam acram in Lilingforlong et unam acram ad capud de la more
 juxta terram Roberti filii Aldwi et dimidiam acram in Werefurlong
 que se abutat contra Litleslade et unam acram in le Wainserd et
 dimidiam acram que se abutat contra croftum Hugonis filii Aldwi
 et unam acram que se abutat contra capitalem curiam Thome filii
 Walteri Tenendas et habendas de me et heredibus suis (sic)

sibi et heredibus suis vel cuicumque assignare vel dare vel
 legare voluerit libere et quiete in pratis in pascuis et in
 omnibus aliis pertinenciis Reddendo inde annuatim michi
 et heredibus meis unum denarium ad Pascham pro omnibus serviciis
 et consuetudinibus et demandis salvo servicio domini regis

Et ego Johannes et heredes mei predicto Willelmo et
 heredibus suis vel cuicumque assignare vel dare vel legare
 voluerit omnes prenomintas acras cum pertinenciis contra omnes
 gentes warantizabimus Ut autem hec donacio mea et
 concessio firma et stabilis permaneat huic scripto sigillum meum
 apposui Hiis testibus

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Gileberto de Finemere | | Eustachio Purcel |
| Galfrido de Torresmere | Willelmo de Torresmere | Willelmo |
| filio Gileberti | Radulfo de Cotes | Rogero Albo |
| Waltero de Cotes et multis aliis | | |

Doubled tag for Seal which is missing.

Grant by William de Bar to the church of St. Mary of Bec and the monks there of 10 acres in the vill of Coddessford to wit all that land which he had from John de Leye, which he has delivered to the said monks, viz. an acre and a half in the east field which lie on the small heath in the parts of Morthorne, and one acre at Wolfheysford and one acre which extends towards the tenement of the white monks and one acre which extends towards Cokescroft and half an acre in the parts of Merweie and half an acre in the place called Ten Acres; and in the west field one acre in the place called Lilleforlong and one acre at the head of la More next the land of Robert son of Aldwi and half an acre in Wereforlong extending towards Litleslade and one acre in Waynscerd and half an acre which extends on the croft of Hugh son of Aldwi and one acre which extends towards the house which was of Thomas son of Walter. Rent 1d at Easter. Brother Michael de Tornebu, proctor of Rislep, has paid 4 marks silver.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus de Bar dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi deo et ecclesie sancte Marie de Becco et monachis ibidem servientibus decem acras terre cum pertinenciis in villa de Coddessford scilicet totam terram illam quam habui de Johanne de Leye per cartam suam quam dictis monachis liberavi unde una acra et dimidia jacent in campo orientali super curtam brueriam in partibus de Morthorne et una acra apud Wolfheysford et una acra que extendit se versus tenementum alborum monachorum et una acra que extendit se versus Cokescroft et dimidia acra in partibus de Merweie et dimidia acra in loco qui dicitur Decem Acre et in campo occidentali una acra [in omitted] loco qui vocatur Lilleforlong et una acra ad capud de la More juxta terram Roberti filii Aldwi et dimidia acra in Wereforlong et extendit se versus Litleslade et una acra in Waynscerd et dimidia acra que extendit se super croftam Hugonis filii Aldwi et una acra que extendit se versus mansum qui fuit Thome filii Walteri

Habendas et tenendas de me

et

et heredibus meis dictis monachis et successoribus suis libere
 quiete integre et in perpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim
 mihi et heredibus meis unum denarium ad Pascha pro omnibus
 serviciis et exactionibus secularibus

Et ego Willelmus et heredes mei predictis monachis et
 successoribus suis predictas decem acras terre cum pertinenciis
 contra omnes gentes warantizabimus

Et pro hac donacione concessione confirmacione et
 warantizacione dedit mihi frater Michael de Tornebu tunc temporis
 procurator de Rislep' quatuor marcas argenti in gersumam

Et ut ista donacio concessio confirmacio et
 warantizacio firmitatis perpetue robur optineant ego dictus
 Willelmus pro me et dictis heredibus meis hoc scriptum sigilli
 mei appositione corroboravi Hiis testibus Roberto
 de Insula Roberto Porcell' Willelmo de Andeli

Rogero Blundo Guidone de Torresmere Eustachio Porcell'
 Waltero de Cotes Ricardo filio Nigelli et aliis

Seal, pointed oval, 37mm, natural colour wax, on doubled
 tag, the tags parted to emerge separately from the lower sides
 of the seal.

A fleur de lys. SIGILL WILLMI DE BARE

Final Concord Hilary 1226 in the King's Court at Westminster, Roger son of Guy, pet., Henry abbot of Bec, ten. by his attorney brother Ralph, prior of Russlep. 5 virgates and 100 acres in Coddessford. The abbot pays 20s sterling.

[Public Record Office, Feet of Fines, C.P.25/1/187/4 no.2]

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 decimo coram Martino de Paterhill Thoma de Muleton Thoma de Heiden Roberto de Lexinton Galfrido le Sannag' Warino filio Johel' justiciariis et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus inter Rogerum filium Widonis petentem et Henricum abbatem de Becco tenentem per fratrem Radulfum priorem de Russlep positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum de quinque virgatis et centum acris terre cum pertinenciis in Coddeford unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia scilicet quod predictus Rogerus remisit et quietum clamavit de se et heredibus suis ipsi abbati et successoribus suis et ecclesie [sue.de] Becco totum jus et clamium quod habuit vel habere potuit in tota predicta terra cum pertinenciis inperpetuum

Et pro hac remissione quieta clamancia fine et concordia predictus abbas dedit predicto Rogero viginti solidos sterlingorum

Final Concord in the King's court at Oxford Sunday before the feast of St. Gregory II Henry III, 7 March 1227, Thomas son of Walter, pet., Walter de Cotes, ten. A virgate in Coddessford. Thomas has granted Walter a moiety of the said virgate in the said vill, to wit the moiety in the shade wherever it lies; for which Walter is to pay a rent of $1\frac{1}{2}d$ at Michaelmas.

[Public Record Office, Feet of Fines C.P.25/1/187/4 no.25]

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Oxoniam die dominica proxima ante festum sancti Gregorii anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis undecimo coram Stephano de Segrave Willelmo filio Warini Waltero de Bello Campo Radulfo Musard Waltero le Poor justiciariis itinerantibus et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus inter Thomam filium Walteri petentem et Walterum de Cotes tenentem de una virgata terre cum pertinenciis in Coddessford unde recognicio magne assise summonita fuit inter eos in prefata curia scilicet quod predictus Walterus recognovit totam predictam terram cum pertinenciis esse jus ipsius Thome

Et pro hac recognicione fine et concordia predictus Thomas concessit predicto Waltero et heredibus suis totam medietatem predictae virgate terre cum pertinenciis in eadem villa illam scilicet medietatem versus umbram ubicumque jaceat in eadem villa

Tenendam ipsi Waltero et heredibus suis de predicto Thoma et heredibus suis inperpetuum Reddendo inde per annum tres obulos ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio salvo forinseco servicio.

Final Concord in the King's court at Oxford Sunday before the feast of St. Gregory II Henry III, 7 March 1227, Thomas son of Walter, pet., Roger son of Guy, ten. A virgate of land in Coddessford. Thomas has granted Roger a moiety of the said virgate in the said vill, to wit the moiety in the shade wherever it lies; for which Roger is to pay a rent of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d at Michaelmas.

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Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Oxoniam die dominica proxima ante festum sancti Gregorii anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis undecimo coram Stephano de Segrave Willelmo filio Warini Waltero de Bello Campo Radulfo Musard Waltero le Poor justiciariis itinerantibus et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi presentibus inter Thomam filium Walteri petentem et Rogerum filium Widonis tenentem de una virgata terre cum pertinenciis in Coddessford unde recognicio magne assise summonita fuit inter eos in prefata curia scilicet quod predictus Rogerus recognovit totam predictam terram cum pertinenciis esse jus ipsius Thome

Et pro hac recognicione fine et concordia predictus Thomas concessit predictis Rogero et heredibus suis totam medietatem predictae virgate terre cum pertinenciis in eadem villa illam scilicet medietatem versus umbram ubicumque jaceat in eadem villa

Tenendam ipsi Rogero et heredibus suis de predicto Thoma et heredibus suis inperpetuum

Reddendo inde per annum tres obulos ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio salvo forinseco servicio.

Grant in frankalmoign by William le Bar de Codesford to the Blessed Mary and the monks of Betelesden of half a virgate of land in the vill of Codesford viz. $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres in one field and 7 acres in the other field to wit: 3 acres beyond Widemor the nearest ones which he had towards the sun, and one acre which abuts on Widemor, to wit his nearer acre towards the sun and one acre in Hakedesfurlong his nearest acre towards the sun and 2 acres in Woweland the nearest he had towards the sun and a moiety of that headacre which is at la Fubridies huverende the nearest towards the sun; and in the other field half an acre in la Frenseland to wit the nearest one which he had in the same strip towards the sun and an acre and a half on la Done similarly the nearest which he had towards the sun and on la Wowelande one acre the nearest towards the sun and one acre towards the vill which abuts on Walkamestud the nearest towards the sun and half an acre abutting on le headland (havedlond) the nearest which he had towards the sun and half an acre in upper Luthleslade similarly the nearest towards the sun and two acres in Gorfurlonge the nearest towards the sun which he had in the same strip.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus le Bar de Codesford dedi et concessi et presenti carta confirmavi deo et beate Marie et monachis de Betelesden in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam unam dimidiam virgatum terre mee cum pertinenciis suis in villa de Codesford videlicet septem acras et dimidiam in uno campo et septem acras in altero campo

Videlicet tres acras ultra Widemor propinquiores quas habui versus solem et unam acram que abutat in Widemor scilicet propinquiorem acram meam versus solem et unam acram in Hakedesfurlong propinquiorem acram meam versus solem et duas acras in Woweland propinquiores de meis versus solem et medietatem illius havedacre que est a la Fubridies huverende propinquiorem versus solem

Item in altero campo unam dimidiam acram in la Frenseland
scilicet

scilicet propinquiorem quam habui in eadem cultura versus solem
 et unam acram et dimidiam sur la Done similiter propinquieres
 quas habui versus solem et super la Wowelande unam acram
 propinquiorem versus solem et unam acram versus villam que
 abutat in Walkamestud propinquiorem versus solem et dimidiam
 acram abutantem sur le havedlond propinquiorem quam habui versus
 solem et unam dimidiam acram in superiorem Luthleslade similiter
 propinquiorem versus solem et duas acras in Gorfurlonge
 propinquieres versus solem quas habui in eadem cultura liberas
 et quietas ab omni terreno servicio Et ego et heredes
 mei dictam dimidiam virgata[m] terre cum pertinenciis suis eisdem
 monachis in perpetuum contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et
 defendemus

Hiis testibus Domino Gileberto capellano de Codesford
 Domino Willelmo de Dandely Waltero de Chotes
 Rogero le Elund Vydone de Torresmere Roberto de Badintone
 Thomas de Armenters Johanne filio Walteri Rogero
 filio Joce Reginaldo Fabro et pluribus aliis

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

A fleur de lys.

† SIGILL W.... .E BA..

[as on nos. 12, 13, 14(2), 18, 26]

Grant by William le Bar de Coddessford to the Blessed Mary and the monks of Bittelesden in frankalmoign of the houses he had in Coddessford beyond the way which leads towards Brakel with the surrounding court and with the lesser croft adjacent and 29 acres viz. 15 acres in one field and 14 in the other lying as follows: in Westfurlung 4 acres, 3 nearest the vill and one next the headland (havedlond) of Roger Albus in Blakelond, 2 acres on le Uverewowelond, one headacre and from that headacre the third acre of the grantor's land and one acre next la headacre and on le Netherewowelond the fifth acre from the headacre which he had towards the north on Lefwinefurlung, one acre which he had next the vill in Aketesfurlung, 2 acres next the land of Hedhe, in Kukewalfurlung one acre and at la Nordmoreshende one acre next the acre they had from Roger Albus; in the east field on la Dune one acre extending on to Woweland and la Slad acre towards the west next Walkemestede, in Sueineshinlond 2 acres and towards Tenacres one acre extending on Fuldenefurlung towards the north, in Merewei one acre to wit his middle acre in Longefurlung, one acre next Littlelade and along Stocwei one acre the fourth acre of Stocwei and one acre extending on Leulincroft and as far as Fortwei and one acre extending on Merewei the next he had towards Brakel and one acre on Tenacres next the vill, in Fowelesden 2 acres, one which he had next towards Brakel and the other the furthest towards the south, in la Nordsortsheth one acre extending towards Mixebir on the north. Also pasture for twelve score sheep on his pastures and on all the commons of Coddeford, for which he will find straw and thatch, exacting only the compost of two acres.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus le Bar de Coddessford dedi et concessi et hac mea carta confirmavi deo et beate Marie et monachis de Bittelesden in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam domos meas quas habui in Coddessford ultra viam que tendit versus Brakel cum circumjacente curia et cum
 minori

minori crofta adjacente et viginti novem acras terre mee in eadem villa videlicet quindecim acras in uno campo et quatuordecim in altero sic jacentes

In Westfurlung iij^{or} acras scilicet tres propinquiores ville et j acram juxta havedlond Rogeri Albi in Blakelond ij acras sur le Uverewowelond j hevedacram et ab illa hevedacra terciam acram terre mee et j acram proximam a la hevedacre et sur le Netherewowelond quintam acram ab hevedacra quam habui versus aquilonem sur Lefwinefurlung j acram quam habui proximam ville in Aketesfurlung ij acras proximas terre de Hedhe in Kukewalfurlung j acram et a la Nordmoreshende j acram juxta acram quam habuerunt de Rogero Albo

In orientali campo sur la Dune j acram que se extendit super Woweland et la Slad acram versus occidentem juxta Walkemestede in Sueneshinlond ij acras et versus Tenacres j acram que se extendit in Fuldenefurlung versus aquilonem in Merewei j acram videlicet mediam acram meam in Longefurlung j acram propinquorem Littlelade et in longum de Stocwei j acram quartam acram de Stocwei et j acram que se extendit in Leulincroft et usque in Portwei et j acram que se extendit in Merewei quam habui proximam versus Brakel item j acram meam sur Tenacres proximam ville in Fowelesden ij^{as} acras unam quam habui proximam versus Brakel et alteram acram meam ulteriorem versus austrum in la Nordsorteheth j acram meam extendentem versus Mixebir a parte aquilonari

Preterea dedi et concessi eisdem pasturam ad duodecies viginti oves in pasturis meis et in omnibus communis de Coddeford in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam et si minorem numerum ovium ibidem habuerint vel majorem nullatenus a me vel heredibus meis inquietabuntur vel calumniabuntur nec de predictis ovibus aliquid exigemus vel exigere poterimus preter composturam illarum ovium salva temen eisdem monachis annua compostura duarum acrarum quarumcumque vel quandocumque voluerint nec aliquas oves superinducemus vel superinduci permittemus ad eorum nocumentum et eisdem ovibus stramina ad substernendum et stipulam ad caulas tegendas

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compostatarum

Hec autem omnia habebunt et tenebunt predicti monachi absque
ulla molestacione vel gravamine et contradiccione cum libero
introitu et exitu in villa et extra cum omnibus libertatibus et
omnimodis liberis communiis et liberis consuetudinibus in
omnibus locis sine omni disturbacione Et hec omnia pro
me et heredibus meis sine arte et malo ingenio et sine molestia
fideliter in perpetuum tenenda et adimplenda eisdem affidavi

Et ego et heredes mei predictis monachis omnia
supradicta in perpetuum warantizabimus et defendemus erga
dominum regem et omnes gentes

Hiis testibus Rogero de Lambra cappellano Ricardo de Leia
et Johanne filio ejus Milone clerico Waltero de Cotes
Joceo de Cotes Toma de Armenters Thoma filio Walteri
Willelmo de Dodeford Uliano filio Turstani Waltero Rag et
pluribus aliis

Seal, pointed oval, 37mm, green wax, on doubled tag. A
flower on a long stem with leaves.

† SIGILL WILLI DEL BARE:

Indenture of agreement between William le Bar on one part and brother Michael de Turnebu, proctor of Rislep, on the other, by which the said William has leased to the said proctor for the use of the church of Bec a virgate of land and all the folding of the white monks of Betlesden in the manor of Coddessford for 20 years from Michaelmas 1232; to wit all that half acre which Roger son of George Blundus once held with the increase of one half acre extending upon the place called Fulrethi and of one acre lying in the place called Tenekre, and one acre lying next the way called Morthorn extending on the butts of the said William and one acre under Stocweie next Hethemenelonde and one acre in the place called Ten Acres and one acre on the small heath extending on to the field of Mixebir and another acre on the same heath lying next the way called Mareweye and one acre extending on the road to Brackel and 2 acres on the place called Cattesbreyn and 2 acres extending on the butts of the said William at the said place of Fubrethi and one acre in the place called Lewysfurlang and one acre at the head of the More next the land of Robert son of Aldwy and one acre in Werefurlang. To be held for 6 marks sterling with a robe of the price of half a mark, which money the said proctor from the common goods of the brothers handed to the said William at his most urgent need. Rent 1d at Michaelmas. If by reason of dowry the said land shall be diminished in the said period, the grantor shall compensate the grantee elsewhere from his demesne land.

Hec est convencio facta inter Willelmum le Bar ex una parte et fratrem Michaellem de Turnebu procuratorem de Rislep ex altera videlicet quod predictus Willelmus tradidit predicto M. procuratori ad opus ecclesie sue Beccensis unam virgatum terre cum pertinenciis suis et tota faldatura alborum monachorum de Betlesden in manerio de Coddessford ad firmam usque ad terminum viginti annorum proximo sequentium a festo sancti Michaelis anno gracie m^o cc^o xxxij scilicet totam illam dimidiam virgatum terre