

CHRONICA MONASTERII S. ALBANI.

GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII
SANCTI ALBANI,

A

THOMA WALSINGHAM,
REGNANTE RICARDO SECUNDO,
EJUSDEM ECCLESIE PRÆCENTORE,
COMPILATA.

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INTRODUCTION.

INTRODUCTION.

THE present volume brings to a conclusion the History of the Abbots of St. Alban's, as contained in the Cottonian MS. Claudius E. iv. : which is then succeeded by a Continuation (pp. 375-545), transcribed from the only text of it that is known to exist, the closing pages of the Parker MS. No. vii. ; a volume to which this Series has already been indebted for ¹extracts bearing reference either to English history or the fortunes of the Abbey of St. Alban's. The authorship of this Continuation is unknown, and it abruptly breaks off in the middle of the Abbacy of ²William Heyworth; the latest date named being (p. 513) the 26th of June in the 12th year of King Henry IV., or A.D. 1411; to which period, if we may judge from the character of the handwriting, the Manuscript itself may be assigned.

Devoted to the latter part of the Third Section of the *Gesta Abbatum*, and the Continuation above mentioned, this volume is mainly occupied with an account of the history and trials of the house during the long Abbacy of Thomas de la Mare, the acquisitions peaceably made, the encroachments resisted, the contests entered upon, and the struggles endured, by that most able, but, to all

¹ *Annales Ricardi Secundi, etc.*, pp. 155-420, and *Liber de Benefactoribus*, pp. 427-464, in the Volume containing Trokelowe's *Annales*.
² Appointed Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry in 1419.

The evidently litigious spirit of Abbot Thomas de la Mare.

appearance, most litigious of Abbots. The Continuation, in the Corpus Christi Manuscript, which in ¹two places has been most barbarously mutilated, opens with a succinct summary of these Annals of Abbey litigation—sometimes ending in defeat, but in victory more often—during a period of more than forty years; and from the perusal of only a single ²page the reader will come to the conclusion that no adversary was of too exalted a condition, or of a status too humble, for Abbot Thomas to lose the opportunity, if fairly offered, of testing with him his legal rights; from kings, princes, and archbishops, down to serfs and bondmen, from earls, countesses, and ladies of high estate, down to little prioresses and retail dealers in London. Of few of the men of those days might it better be said that, with the Ishmaelite of old—a somewhat hackneyed ³quotation perhaps, but none the less appropriate,—“His hand was against every man, and every man’s hand against him;” so far as an evidently innate love of litigation, and a determination never to bate one jot of his lawful rights, were concerned.

Account of Wat Tyler’s Insurrection, so far as Hertfordshire was concerned, given in this Volume.

Ms. Bibl. Reg. 13 E. ix., the original form of Walsingham’s *Hist. Anglicana*.

The episode which gives a circumstantial account of the proceedings at St. Alban’s, and throughout Hertfordshire generally, during the Insurrection headed by Wat Tyler in 1381, occupies a considerable portion of the volume (pp. 282–375). Its details are of high interest, and in many respects tend to throw light upon the social history of those times;—the *Gravamina* of the Abbey tenantry, for example (pp. 289–296), and the Recapitulation of the grounds for ill-will against the Monastery among the townsmen (pp. 365–372). This narrative (or else the source from which it has been derived) has also been largely borrowed from in the English History contained in MS. Bibl. Reg. 13 E. ix.; a work which we can now no longer have any hesitation in

¹ See pages 375 and 423 of this Volume.

² Page 379 in this Volume.

³ *Genesis*, xvi. 12.

pronouncing to be identical with the book of the "¹ *Greater Chronicles*" of St. Alban's, compiled by Thomas Walsingham; and itself the basis, or original form, of the history which since Archbishop Parker's day, and his publication of the ² *Anglica, Normannica, Hibernica, Cambrica, etc.*, has passed unquestioned as Walsingham's compilation in its original state.

The question as to the authorship of the three distinct Sections into which the *Gesta Abbatum* is divided, has already come under consideration in the Introductions to the two preceding volumes; and nothing has since occurred to the Editor as a ground either in derogation or in support of the opinions there expressed. The most interesting portion of this curious compilation of the legends, traditions, and history of the highest privileged Abbey of England, during the first six centuries after its foundation by the munificence of King Offa, is to be found probably in the earlier half of the First Section; extracted to all appearance by Matthew Paris, in the middle of the thirteenth century, from an ancient Roll, which had been compiled either by, or under the auspices of, ³ Adam the Cellarer, who was living in King Stephen's reign.

Author-
ship of the
three Sec-
tions of the
Gesta
Abbatum.

The earlier
half of the
First Sec-
tion prob-
ably of
the highest
interest.

Among the more striking passages that derive their existence, in all probability, from this "ancient *Roll" of Adam the Cellarer, we may remark the story, based upon Abbey tradition, no doubt, of the fast living of Abbot Wulsig (I. 9, 10); who, though ruling the Abbey

Stories of
the misrule
of Abbots
Wulsig and
Wulnoth.

¹ See Walsingham's *Hist. Angl.* (in this Series), II. Introd., p. xiii., Note 1, p. xiv., and the *Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. III. p. 281, Note 2, and p. 332, Note 1.

² London, 1574, and Frankf., 1603. It may be here stated that Archbishop Parker's edition of Walsingham was derived from the *Corpus Christi MS.* (mutilated) No. cxcv.

³ See Vol. I. p. 4. In page 121 of

that volume he is named as being an able man, but unlettered (*illiteratus*); see p. xxiii. *post.* Not improbably this Roll was similar to the earlier part of the *Spelman MS.* (Introd. to Vol. I. p. xvii.), which has now disappeared.

⁴ Which afterwards came into the hands of Bartholomew the Clerk. See Vol. I. p. 4, Note.

in the comparatively plain and homely Saxon times, is represented as arraying himself in silken attire, riding forth to the chase on a horse gaily caparisoned, and entertaining whole troops of noble dames at his table; and that of the not less worldly course of Wulnoth, his successor, who equally gave himself up to hunting and hawking (I. 11), and, what in the writer's eyes would seem to have been still worse, changed not only the shape of both cowl and frock, but their original colour even. After eleven years of misrule, chastened by disease, he shewed signs of repentance,—¹ "making a "virtue of necessity," the writer cynically remarks,—and died in the odour of sanctity, after all.

Excavations in the time of Abbot Ealdred, of the Roman City of Verulam.

The account of the excavations by order of Abbot Ealdred in the old Roman City of Verulam, or Verlamcester, introduces us to an early picture of antiquarian research, and that too, prosecuted with no little energy, to all appearance. Deep underground (I. 24, 25) the writer says, the excavators met with the remains of ships, naval implements, anchors, and oars,—“a certain “and manifest indication,” he concludes, “of the waters “of the sea, which had once borne the fleets of War- “lamcestre.” Oysterhill, he further says,—a name still retained at St. Alban's,—had its ²appellation from the remains of shellfish there found,—“like unto those which “the sea-shore is wont to bring or throw up, along with “the sands of the sea; and which”—an addition perhaps by Matthew Paris himself, in sentimental mood, the passage not occurring in MS. Spelman, evidently the

¹ Vol. I. p. 20; a very early instance of the use of this expression.

² A more recent theory is, that Oysterhill had its name from Ostorius Scapula, the Roman general who defeated Caractacus. Dismissing the story of the ancient “fleet” of Warlamcestre, it seems not improbable

that this hill may have been so called from the fossilized shells found there, when it was first excavated. At Headley, near Reigate, in Surrey, there is a small elevation, known as “Oyster Hill” from the quantities of fossilized shells which the soil contains.

oldest manuscript,—“the citizens of Verulam had once
“trod in their wonted track (*in solito vestigio*), when
“hastening to the martyrdom of (St. Alban) the newly
“made Martyr.”

The reference to the Dragon (I. 25), deserves remark, as adding one—perhaps hitherto unnoticed—to the numerous traditions of dragons, huge serpents, or “worms,” which, according to legend, haunted various parts of Scotland and England—Roxburghshire, Yorkshire, Durham, and Herefordshire, for example—in early times:—

“ Abbot Ealdred also levelled, so far as he was able to do so, a den of very great depth, surrounded on all sides by hills, and having a subterranean cavern, which a vast dragon had once made and inhabited, in a spot called ‘ Wormenhert ; ’¹ leaving, however, everlasting vestiges of the serpent’s abode.”²

Tradition of the Dragon of Wormenhert.

It may be owing perhaps to an utter unwillingness to believe in so silly and so barbarous an act as their destruction, that, to our thinking, the story (I. 26, 27) of the books found buried in a niche of the ancient walls of Verulam, written in old British characters, only to be deciphered by the venerable priest Unwona, but, as containing devices of the devil, remorselessly committed to the flames, must be rejected as apocryphal; and probably about as well founded as the theory of the evidently self-satisfied etymologist, who seriously tells us (I. 28) that *funus*, "a funeral," was so called because the ancients used to burn their dead, and *fumus* was their word for smoke!

Leofstan, who rejoiced in the possession (I. 39) of the somewhat singular surname of "Plumstan" (Plum-stone),

¹ What is to be understood by these words it seems hard to say: traces of the *old serpent* may possibly be alluded to.

² Upon the subject of these traditions, which, not improbably, are based upon a substratum of truth.

the reader may consult with advantage Sir Walter Scott's *Border Minstrelsy*, II. p. 84, Fergusson's *Serpent Worship*, and an able article in *Notes and Queries*, 3rd Series, IX. p. 158.

cleared between London and St. Alban's the twelfth Abbot, and confessor to Queen Editha, shewed himself no small benefactor to the still struggling foundation. Moved with compassion for the travellers and dealers whose vocations called them to St. Alban's, and even more so probably for the pilgrims who resorted thither,—“as well for the well-being of their bodies as for the forgiveness of their sins,” he made the roads in the neighbourhood of the Abbey comparatively safe, by cutting down the dense woods which then extended from the boundaries of the Chiltern district to London almost, and, by many improvements, rendering the “Watling Street” of that day, “the royal street” or king's highway, more available for the purposes of traffic (I. 39); thick forests, we are told, which not only abounded with wolves, boars, wild bulls, and deer, but were the favourite resorts of foes even more baneful to human life,—“robbers, thieves, rogues, banned men, and runaways.” The better to ensure future safety against such serious obstacles as these, the Abbot, we learn, retained three knights, Turnoth and his comrades, Waldef and Thurman (I. 40), by gift of the manor of ¹Flamstude; on the understanding that they and their retainers were to keep those parts ²clear alike from noxious beasts and from human foes; it being also understood that they were to be—“properly answerable in damages, if any harm should through their slothfulness be incurred.” The worthy Abbot would seem however to have had an eye to his own private interests as well; for—though the chronicler omits to tell us how he himself came to know about the gold—“Turnoth gave him secretly (*clam*) five ounces of gold, and a very handsome palfrey and a desirable greyhound, to boot.”

Certain knights are retained for the protection of those parts.

¹ Now Flamstead, in Herts.

² Possibly their duties may have been somewhat similar to those of the *rod-knights*, or *rad-knights*, men-

tioned at a later date by Bracton and Fleta. The status however of the *rod-knight* is involved in great obscurity, and can be only matter of surmise.

The story of the Conqueror adroitly doubling upon Abbot Frederic (I. 49, 50), and turning the outspoken prelate's too frank admission to his ultimate loss, is an interpolation from the pen of Walsingham, or at least some later ¹ writer than Matthew Paris, in whose narrative (MS. Nero D. i.) it does not appear. The King expressing his surprise on one occasion to his assembled nobles and prelates, that the warriors and commons of Saxon England had so tamely submitted to his rule, the laymen of English birth, both knights and nobles, stood astounded at the remark; whereupon, Abbot Frederic, himself a scion of an old Saxon family (I. 41), alike desirous to screen his fellow-countrymen from the reproach of cowardice, and to put the sovereign upon good terms with the Church, or, as the writer expresses it,—“desiring to acquire a name for himself, and as well “to wipe away the venomous imputation of cowardice “from the English, as to earn thanks,” took upon himself to make answer for the whole of them, in words as follows;—“‘Most illustrious King,’ said he, ‘for “that you have so easily conquered the English, and “so peacefully gained this throne, you owe thanks “and favour to the religious of your realm. For “your predecessors, the glorious kings of England, “partly induced by devotion, partly coerced by “miracles, have bestowed a great part of this island “upon the houses of the religious; whereas if it had “remained in the hands of temporal owners, every “one of them perhaps, on his own account, would “have been prepared for resistance against you. But “because the religious would not, as indeed they “ought not to, rise in rebellion against you, to whom “for certain reasons they considered the kingdom “rightfully to belong, you have conquered all the

The unfortunate results of Abbot Frederic's indiscreet admission to William the Conqueror.

¹ There is a copy of this narrative, in a hand probably of the close of the 14th century, in MS. Harl., 3775, p. 128.

" ' more easily, entered all the more freely, and all
 " ' the more quietly possessed the kingdom down to
 " ' the present time.' "

Disendow-
 ment of the
 Abbey by
 the Con-
 queror.

The King, seeing, no doubt, that this was an ex-
 emplification, with a vengeance, of the possible evils
 of mortmain, evils which the Danes or the Scots might
 very possibly teach him sorely to rue, not inappositely
 made answer to his too candid informant, that if such
 was the reason for the defenceless condition of the
 country in his case, it was equally clear that if the
 King of Denmark or any other foe should think proper
 to levy war against him at some future day, there
 would be no sufficient force at hand, to defend the
 sovereign or to protect the realm. He would judge
 the Abbot therefore from his own lips, and make a
 beginning with him, by taking back the possessions
 which were evidently of his superabundance, and de-
 voting them to the support of soldiers able to defend
 the realm.—"And on this pretext (I. 50), it is said,
 " he took away from the House of St. Alban's nearly
 " all the domains which it held between Barnet and
 " London, even so far as the spot commonly known
 " as 'London Stone.' "

Picture of
 the degra-
 dation and
 vengeance
 of the
 English
 nobility,
 under the
 rule of the
 Conqueror.

In the following passage, however (I. 42), written
 by an ¹ earlier hand, we have another, and very dif-
 ferent, picture of the spirit of resistance that prevailed
 in England during the first days of Norman rule:—
 " The nobles of England, who, from the time of Brut
 " had never known the yoke of servitude, despised and
 " derided, were trodden under foot, and, after the
 " fashion of the Normans, were forced to shave their
 " beards and clip their long hair; their ² drinking-horns
 " and usual vessels thrown aside, with their junketings

¹ Found in MS. Nero D. i., and
 not, as the previous passage, an in-
 terpolation by a hand later than

Matthew Paris.

² This, no doubt, is the meaning
 of "*cornibus*" (p. 42).

" and feastings, they were now compelled to submit to
 " new ¹laws. Many of the English nobles, therefore,
 " spurning the yoke of servitude, and flying with their
 " households to the woods and devoting themselves to
 " rapine, it was hardly safe for any one to approach
 " their neighbourhood; wherefore, the house of every
 " peace-loving person, like some fortress on the point
 " of siege, had to be fortified with bows and arrows,
 " javelins and axes, as well as clubs, swords, and forks
 " of iron, while the doors were fastened with bolts and
 " bars at night. Prayers, as though in some tempest
 " threatening out at sea, were said by the oldest mem-
 " ber of the household; in shutting door or windows
 " '*Benedicite*,' and the answer ²'*Dominus*,' were repeated
 " in tones of reverence; a custom which has lasted
 " even to our times."

Precau-
 tions taken
 against
 violence in
 those days.

Geoffrey of Maine, who afterwards became Abbot of St. Alban's, made his first acquaintance with his future Alma Mater under singularly discouraging circumstances. While residing in his native country (I. 73), and still a secular, he received a summons from Abbot Richard to come over, and take charge of the school at St. Alban's. Failing, for some unexplained reason, to anticipate the Abbot's impatience, he only arrived in time to find the school in the hands of another master. Receiving assurance, however, of the reversion of the office at a future day, he passed on to Dunstaple, and gave lectures there,—though, as the Black, or Augustinian, Canons were ³not as yet established there, they could not have been among the number of his pupils. Acting apparently upon the Horatian maxim that it is as well to combine the useful with the agreeable, and

Mishap
 that befel
 Geoffrey of
 Maine,
 afterwards
 Abbot.

¹ The passage "The nobles" down to this word, is omitted in MS. Spelman, which probably represented the text of the MS. of King Stephen's time.

² For *Dominus vobiscum*;—"The Lord be with you."

³ See Mr. Luard's *Annales Monastici*, published in this Series, Vol. III., Preface, p. xxvi.

His Miracle-play
of St.
Katherine.

determined to diversify his course of lectures with the performance of a play—a Miracle-play of ¹St. Katherine—²which he had composed, he accordingly made application to the Sacrist of the monastery at St. Alban's for the loan of some choir copes, to add to the comeliness of the decorations; a request which was readily granted. With him, however, ill luck was still in the ascendant. The very night after the play—early presage of the not uncommon lot of English playhouses in later times—the house of Master Geoffrey was burnt to the ground, his own books and the borrowed copes sharing its fate.—“At a loss (l. 73) therefore how to “make compensation to God and St. Alban for this “damage, he rendered himself up as a holocaust unto “God, and assumed the religious garb in the house “of St. Alban's.” In due course, by unanimous choice of the brethren, he became Abbot, ruled ably there for seven and twenty years, and did not forget to provide a set of costly choir copes, by way of recompense for his former mishap.

Descrip-
tion of
cameos be-
longing to
the Abbey,
in the time
of Abbot
Geoffrey.

The description of the cameos in sardonyx, in page 84 (V. l.), will be of interest probably to the virtuoso; more particularly the one which was so large as to more than fill the hand. How the Abbey came by the smaller stones we do not learn, but they were set in gold by order of Abbot Geoffrey, and inserted in the outer shrine of St. Alban. The larger one, a gift to the Abbey by Ethelred, the father of Edward the Confessor, escaped such close companionship with the precious metal; and for the singular reason, we are told, that,—“as it had been found efficacious in giving aid “to women in the perils of childbirth, the head work- “men declined to have it set in gold, lest its virtues “might be thought to be annihilated and lost.” From

¹ It has been said that this is the earliest Miracle-play, or Mystery, | that we find mentioned.
² “*quem fecit*” (p. 73).

the description given of it, this cameo would appear to have been engraved with a figure of Æsculapius; and it is a question of some interest whether this wonder-working sardonyx is either known or supposed to have survived to modern times.

In the days of Abbot Geoffrey, despite the solemn ceremonial of the translation of the body of St. Alban, lingering doubts seem to have still ¹suggested themselves to some as to the genuineness of the remains; while an equal number, in all probability, envied the now well-endowed Abbey the extent of its broad acres and other worldly wealth. A person who, so far as we can make out (I. 86, 118)—for the passages are obscure—appears to have been guilty of both these offences, was one Herbert Duket. Unfortunately for him, we might say, could we put the slightest faith in such a story,—“Being a person hostile to the possessions of St. Alban, he happened to come by chance before the great altar of the Abbey; upon which, he became stunted to such a pygmean shortness as hardly to retain the dimensions of a monkey, whereas he was before of great and elegant stature: from this mischance it was that he had the surname given to him of ‘Duket,’ by the rules of contrary. Returning to himself, however, in the bitterness of repentance, and promising in all truthfulness that he would make amends to God and the holy Martyr, he was found deserving to be restored”—to his former height, the writer no doubt intends us to believe.

The passage at the foot of page 87 (V. I.), more especially deserves remark, as shewing that the writer must have lived long before the time of Matthew Paris; who, a writer

Doubts as to the genuineness of the asserted remains of St. Alban.

The story of Herbert Duket, and his being reduced to dwarfish dimensions.

¹ The monks of Ely persistently asserted that they were in possession of the genuine remains: See Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. pp.

138, 9.

² Meaning “Little Duke,” or “Dukeling:” it is not at all clear what “*per contrarium*” means.

prior to the
age of
Matthew
Paris.

however, though his original expresses himself in the ¹ first person, has not hesitated to borrow his exact words. Of Adam the Cellarer, who possibly may have been the writer of this passage, mention has ² previously been made.

The story
of King
Cnute and
the Saracen
Duke of
Denmark.

The account of the alliance (I. 88-91) between King Cnute and the Duke of Denmark, though of some interest in other respects, is mainly remarkable as representing this so-called "Duke,"—"a tiro of Christ, and "a neophyte," as suffering from the implacable hostility of the Saracens, his neighbours, whose rites he had forsaken. If this story really was told by the Danish Commissioners who visited the Abbey in the days of King Stephen, on the mission of borrowing a Service for the Passion of St. Alban, and, incidentally, to give some information as to a shoulder-blade that had been missing from the remains of the Saint, we can hardly avoid the surmise that they must knowingly have practised upon the credulity of their entertainers; at least in reference to the geographical details of their story of the *Saracen Duke of Denmark*.

Avarice
displayed
by Pope
Celestine
II.

In page 93 (V. I.) we find the first of the ³ allusions, that are sown broadcast almost throughout these volumes, to the insatiate cupidity and avarice displayed by the Court of Rome. Among other donations of his to the Abbey, Abbot Geoffrey had a chalice and paten made, eight marks of gold in ⁴ weight. The house did not remain long, however, in the enjoyment of this costly gift, for the same Abbot had to send the chalice to

¹ In a similar manner, Hoveden borrows the text of Henry of Huntingdon, s. a. 1144, where the latter states, in the first person, that he himself had had ocular testimony of a certain miracle.

² See page xi. *ante*, and page xxiii. *post*.

³ The like allusions are to be found in the *History* of Matthew Paris throughout.

⁴ Amounting to 64 ounces of gold; the weight of the shilling being taken at three-fifths of an ounce.

Rome, to Pope Coelestinus the Second, (who may probably have heard reports of so costly a specimen of workmanship),—"in order that he might appease his "avarice, as he wished to impoverish this church."

The really poetically written, though still repulsive, account (I. 97-105) of Roger the Hermit and ¹Christina the Recluse; her spiritual ecstasies only equalled by her bodily sufferings, is an interpolation in the earlier text, either by the pen of Walsingham or of some preceding writer. It was derived, no doubt, from the *Life of Christina*, which was probably long preserved (I. 105) at the small Nunnery founded for her by Abbot Geoffrey at Markyate (now Market Street), in Bedfordshire; a work which seems now ²no longer to exist. The story of Sigar (I. 105), the hermit of Northawe, who, upon finding his meditations interrupted by the nightingales in the vicinity of his cell, entreated that they might be removed,—and this, we are told, with such success that no bird of the kind had ever since been seen within a mile of the spot,—is also an interpolation of later date.

The story of Roger the Hermit and Christina the Recluse, and that of Sigar the Hermit, interpolations of a later date.

Page 106 of the first Volume is deserving of notice, for in it we meet with the earliest allusion to the *Scriptorium*, or "Copying-room," of St. Alban's; an institution which for upwards of three centuries proved itself so prolific in theology, legend, and history, and only to be superseded in usefulness by John Herford's printing-press, erected in A.D. 1480 within the Abbey

Earliest allusion to the *Scriptorium* of St. Alban's.

¹ The story of St. Juliana of Norwich, who, like Christina, lived in a state of ecstasy and pious meditation, cooped up within the narrow space of four walls, and to whom is ascribed a book called *Revelations of Divine Love*, (published by R. F. Cressy, in 1670, and reprinted in 1843), has the appearance of being

based upon the earlier accounts of Christina of Markyate. While Christina belonged to the 12th, Juliana lived in the 14th and 15th centuries.

² It is not mentioned in Mr. Hardy's exhaustive *Catalogue of Materials for English History*, published in this Series.

walls :—"Radulf Gubiun, an Englishman by birth, was " first the manager of the room of the archives (*antiquariorum domum*), by his Abbot's command, and " bestowed a quantity of books upon this church."¹ Radulf himself became Abbot in 1146.

The deposition of Prior Alquin on a charge of forgery.

The deposition of Prior Alquin by Abbot Radulf, on a vague charge of intending to forge a seal, an act of injustice on the part of—"a suspicious and unquiet man," as the writer calls him, and Alquin's flight to Westminster, where he was received with open arms by Abbot Laurence, himself once a member of St. Alban's, by some oversight are related twice over (I. 108, 109); the compiler, to all appearance, having inadvertently borrowed two different, though not very dissimilar, accounts. The disgraced and, to all appearance, much injured Prior, survived the indignity thus inflicted upon him, to become Prior of Westminster as well.

The story of Abbot Robert de Gorham and Nicholas Brekespere.

The well-known story of Abbot Robert de Gorham and Nicholas Brekespere, who became Pope, as Adrian IV., obtains a place, of course, in these pages (I. 112, 124); and the interview between the cautious Abbot and the courteous Pontiff, whom he had once plucked, —or at least something very much like it, — when suing for the humble garb of an acolyte (I. 112, 125), affords one of the most pleasant passages (I. 127-9), to be found in the volume. It deserves remark, however, that, self-denying and beneficent as the Pope proved himself on this occasion, Abbot Robert thought it as well to distribute presents, 200 marks in value, among the Cardinals and household of the Papal Court, together with other valuable jewels which he had bought at London and Paris for the purpose,—"know- ing full well, as he did, that the Romans, insatiate " sons of the horse-leech, are ever athirst for money," (I. 127.)

¹ See a mention of the *Scriptorium*, or *Domus Scriptoria*, in the | time of Walsingham, Vol. III. p. 393.

In page 121 we have the earliest mention that occurs in the¹ text of Adam the Cellarer, the owner, and perhaps compiler, of the "ancient Roll" already mentioned. By the influence of Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln, he was sent from St. Alban's, with his uncle Godfrey, to repair the declining fortunes of the Abbey of Croyland, in Lincolnshire, and reinstate it on the model of St. Alban's. Godfrey became Abbot there, while Adam, on the other hand, so greatly in requisition seem to have been his administrative powers, was recalled to St. Alban's, became Cellarer, and died in such increased esteem as to be found deserving of a stately burial in the Chapter-house. In an ungrammatical passage in page 121, line 4, he seems to be spoken of as "an unlettered man" (*illiteratus*); but this remark may possibly² have been intended to apply to him only in early life, when sent to Croyland on his errand of improving its discipline.

At some unknown date, but towards the close of his reign, King Stephen having occasion to pass through St. Alban's, and receiving honourable and hospitable entertainment in the house (I. 121), with "becoming presents" to boot, Abbot Robert de Gorham bethought himself of making the most of an opportunity which he had no doubt long desired. For long had the ruins of the royal castle at Kingsbury, in the close vicinity of the Abbey, been—"as though a very thorn in the eye" to him and his monks. A mixed multitude of persons of servile rank, but hangers-on of the Court (*aditui regales*), taking possession of the dilapidated walls, had built what³ seems to have been a small tower, which they held as their refuge and abiding-place; and, while pretending to be faithful servants of the King, and

Mention of Adam the Cellarer, the owner of the "ancient Roll."

Abbot Robert prevails upon King Stephen to allow the walls of Kingsbury to be levelled.

¹ The passage remarked upon in page xi. *ante* is a Note only, in the margin of MS. Nero D. i.

² Or perhaps, a piece of modesty,

if proceeding from his own pen.

³ The language is somewhat obscure, as to its precise meaning.

guardians of the peace and the country round, did their best, the writer says, to disturb both peace and country as well; being much more intent upon their own emoluments and filthy lucre, than regardful of the advantages of quiet and repose. Availing himself of the occasion, while the King, who, as already stated, had been duly propitiated by good fare and handsome gifts, was hearing morning Mass at the altar of St. Stephen, the Abbot lifted the shrine of the holy ¹ Martyr, laid it at the sovereign's feet, and, to the great astonishment of all, probably, except the few to whom he may have entrusted the secret of his intentions, threw himself prostrate before the King and his nobles. The grievances suffered by him and his people from the so-called royal retainers at Kingsbury being duly set forth, and the picture of his woes heightened in very forcible language by one of the nobles present, who, we learn from the writer, was a warm friend of his, the King readily granted his request. With his sanction, the Abbot at once had the ruins levelled with the ground, and the land there ploughed and sown, the "satellites" of the place being routed out of their lurking-place, and sent about their business.

Incidents
of the
quarrel of
Abbot
Robert de
Gorham
with Wil-
liam, Earl
of Arun-
del.

The loss of his horse (only to be rescued by the monks of the place, who attacked the robber with kicks and cuffs), by the Abbot's cook (I. 167), while, "after the usual manner," trotting on before, to have his master's refectory in readiness upon his arrival at his subject Cell of Wymundham, forms a curious episode in the long story of the quarrel between William de Albi, Earl of Arundel, and Abbot Robert, in reference to the extent of the Abbot's authority over that Cell. On coming to the end of it (I. 175) we fail to appreciate the wit, and perhaps, with anything like preciseness, the meaning, of the remark which the Earl was afterwards

¹ St. Alban is apparently meant.

never tired of making to the sturdy Abbot,—¹ “warily
 “ turning what was a serious-matter into a joke.”—“By
 “ the lance of God,” was the Earl’s favourite remark,
 “ your name shall be changed for the future, and you
 “ shall be called ‘Robert ² Matefelone,’ getting your
 “ name, and retaining it, from the fact, (*ab effectu*).”

It was in the year 1183 or 84 that Henry the Second Visit paid to the Abbey by King Henry the Second ; and ill-advised conduct of the Bishop of Lincoln thereon.
 paid a visit to St. Alban’s (I. 197), praying permission
 of Abbot Warin, who, we are told, stood high in his
 good graces, that he might enter the Chapter-house there,
 and take his seat among his brethren ; for the King was
 fond of professing, the writer says, that he was one of
 the brotherhood, and a monk (not a very self-denying
 one, we must admit,) of the Abbey of St. Alban’s.
 Hardly had the sovereign taken his seat, and courteously
 made his bow to his fellow-monks right and left, Walter
 de Coutances, Bishop of Lincoln, being seated on the
 one side of him, and Abbot Warin on the other, when
 the Bishop, with singular bad taste, it would seem, and
 which may perhaps account to some extent for his speedy
 removal from English soil to the Archbishopric of Rouen,
 broke forth into these words of complaint :—“ My lord
 “ King,” said he, “ there has been a derogation from my
 “ authority in the emancipation of this noble abbey ;
 “ much and enormously is the Church of Lincoln, a
 “ church entrusted to me by you, mutilated by the cut-
 “ ting-off of so noble a limb as this. I have an arduous
 “ question, with your permission, to move against this
 “ Abbot. Whatever my predecessor may have done,
 “ from the fact of his being circumvented, a man who
 “ was too simple and kind-hearted, all the world knows

¹ *caute seria commutans in jocosa.*

² Meaning, “Felon-slayer ;” but there is no appearance of felony in the present case, the only opponent of the Abbot being the Earl him-

self. “Matefelone” was a family name ; and the Church of St. Mary Matfellow, in London, probably had one of the family for its benefactor or founder.

"that this church is subject to that of Lincoln, and it is only expedient that what has been done in error should be recalled." Hardly were the words uttered, when the Abbot, deliberately tucking up his sleeve, and laying his bare hand upon the King's knee, exclaimed,— "Behold! my peace;" meaning, as the writer explains,—"Behold! here is the witness and mediator in the peaceful compact entered into between us, and confirmed." The prelate, though surely he could hardly have been altogether unprepared for the outbreak, was anything but encouraged by the following answer;—"By the eyes of God," exclaimed the King, "it is the truth; I myself was present at the compact. What is it that you are attempting to bring about by your machinations, my lord Bishop? Do you suppose that these things were done under a hood? I and the best men of my realm took part in it; and that which was then done as to these matters, has been strengthened by irrefragable documents, and confirmed by the testimony of my nobles. My mind is made up. Whosoever shall shew himself an adversary to this Abbot and Convent, shall be deemed an adversary to me as well. Why seek you to touch the pupil of my eye?" As though smitten by a flash of lightning, the writer says, the Bishop was struck dumb; and never more did he venture to bring up the subject of the Abbey's obedience to the See of Lincoln.

The
treachery
of William
Pygun, a
monk of
St. Alban's.

As it is altogether too lengthy for extraction, or even successful condensation, in the pages of an Introduction, it must suffice if we call the reader's attention to the singular story (I. 221-224) of the traitor monk, William

¹ This was King Henry's usual oath. In p. 227 of this Volume we find his son, King John, fulminating his wrath against Robert Fitz-Walter "by the feet of God." William Rufus swore "by the holy face

"of Lucca;" Henry the Third "by the Godhead," or "by God's pity;" Edward the First "by the blood of God;" Richard the Second "by Saint Edward," and "by Saint John the Baptist."

¹ Pygun by name, who stealthily forged a deed with the Abbey seal, in alleged confederacy with Robert Fitz-Walter,—the same man who was afterwards “ Marshal “ of the army of God, and of Holy Church,” in the Barons’ war against King John.—The account (I. 224) of Pygun’s horrible death at Tynemouth, the place of his banishment, is a graphic picture, but hideous and repulsive in a high degree. His horrible death.

The tribulations and losses of the Convent during the wars of the Barons and Prince Louis of France against King John are vividly described in pp. 258, 9, and are set forth in still fuller detail in pp. 296–8, from horses and asses down to geese and hens. The Abbey, we learn, was repeatedly taken possession of, first by the one side, then by the other. Homage was demanded by the French prince from William de Trumpington, the Abbot. His honourable refusal, so long as he remained unabsolved from the homage which he had recently made to his liege sovereign, was promptly met by a threat to burn abbey and town together ; and it was only through the good offices of Saier de Quency, Earl of Winchester, that upon the payment down of eighty marks of silver, respite was granted for a few months. On receipt of this sum, the prince returned to London, and his unwelcome visit to St. Alban’s was brought to an end. As a sample of the losses he had to submit to, we are told (I. 259) that in a single year, during these intestine wars, the Abbot lost not less than one hundred horses of various kinds,—“sumpter-horses, cart-horses, plough-
“ horses, rouncies, and trotters.” Tribulations and losses of the Convent in the times of King John.

It was this same Abbot William who, accompanied by two of his monks, and the Abbot of Westminster, Incidents of Abbot William’s

¹ Another William Pygun is mentioned in Vol. I. p. 273, a doughty champion, who fought at St. Alban’s, apparently, in support of a legal right of Radulf Gubiun,

Prior of Tynemouth ; but unfortunately was defeated, and Simon de Tynemouth established his claim of two corrodiess against the Prior.

visit to
Rome.

Behaviour
to him of
Pope Inno-
cent the
Third.

visited Rome (I. 261-263) for the purpose of being present at the Council of Lateran (A.D. 1215); where he seems to have made himself the lion of the hour by his skill and presence of mind in putting a question, on a matter which appears to have been deemed of some importance, to the Pope. On taking leave of his Holiness, Pope Innocent the Third, who had already spoken of him to others in terms of high commendation, he dutifully and devoutly asked the Pontiff's blessing. But however much his courage, combined with his comparative youthfulness, had commended him to the Pope's notice, he had been guilty thus far of one great omission: he had come empty-handed, and was evidently thinking so to leave, the Pope ungratified with any present; the only satisfactory proof he really could give, according to the notions of the Roman Court in those days, of his duteousness and respect. Far from condescending to anything like hint or innuendo, the Pope thus significantly addressed him:—
 “ Are not you the Abbot of St. Alban's, who have so
 “ often obtained so many benefits in the way of Pri-
 “ vileges from our See? Is it proper that such and so
 “ great a man as you should be thus going away, and
 “ no present made to me, the Pope?” Smarting, of course, under such friendly censure (*amice redargutus*), but hardly brought to a sense of the extent of his duty, Abbot William made offer of fifty marks as a present; but in the end, such was the vile abuse (*turpe convicium*) showered upon him by the hungry pontiff, that he was compelled, before leaving the Pope's chamber, (which, the writer says, he was truly sorry he had ever entered), to give satisfactory assurance that he would increase his present to one hundred marks; a sum which he was necessitated to fall back upon the Roman usurers, with their usual hard conditions, to raise. It was some consolation however to the Abbot, to know that his own case was by no means singular; seeing

that all the prelates then on a visit to the Roman See, with an impartiality that almost did credit to the pontiff, were subjected to the like depletory process. Still, he could not refrain from "uttering a murmur"—it would probably have been something more than a "murmur" in a layman's case—as he bade farewell to Rome.

In reference to the Abbot's customary visitations of his distant Cell at Tynemouth (I. 265), we learn the somewhat singular fact that he was always in duty bound to ask leave of the sovereign before setting out; seeing that—"those parts of the realm are so remote, " and so contiguous to the dominions of the King of "Scotland;" a latent fear existing, no doubt, that treason, or at least political intrigue, might be the possible result of visits too often repeated. In the case of Abbot Simon (whose surname we do not find mentioned), it would have been all the better for the Cell had the royal license to travel been curtly refused; for we learn that he, with his troop of esquires from St. Alban's, on one occasion tarried at Tynemouth long enough to consume every article of provision that could possibly be scraped together. The store-house and larder emptied, the plough-steers, with the plough attached, were gravely brought into his presence, these significant words being addressed to him; with those tears, of course, which the monks seem always to have had ready at command;—"Everything has been now devoured, only these oxen of ours, for tilling our fields, " are left; lo now! these too are presented to you, to "be eaten up as well." The Abbot, whatever his appetite may have been, was hardly proof against such a hint to be gone as this;—"not without signs of confusion, " and with good reason," he tersely addressed his esquires,—"To horse, let us be off from this place," leaving the house—"despoiled of all its good things for that year, to "his everlasting disgrace."

The Abbot's visitation of his Cell at Tynemouth.

Inconsiderate conduct of Abbot Simon, on his visitation.

The insanity of Alexander de Langley, and cruel treatment of him.

In page 266 (V. I.) we have a sample, and a fair one, no doubt, of the usual mode of dealing with lunacy in those days. Alexander de Langley, keeper of the Abbot's seal, and lately Prior of Wymundham, seems to have been a man of considerable acquirements, was skilled in rhetoric, and could pen a most elegant letter,¹ without a fault to find in it, even if addressed to no less exalted a personage than the Pope. With a natural² tendency, however, to insanity, his too much learning seems ultimately to have driven him stark mad; his paroxysms taking the form of raving, and he³ "giving himself wonderful great airs," as the writer says. The method of cure, or of precaution, at least, is singularly characteristic of the brusque and unenquiring habits of the times. His ravings and vapourings were publicly censured in Chapter; which done, the unhappy culprit was—"flogged to a copious effusion of blood;" after which, unhumiliated as he seemed to be, the Abbot had him removed to the Cell of Binham, where, in obedience to especial command, he was put in fetters and shut up in solitude to the day of his death; on the arrival of which most opportune moment for him, he and his chains were not separated, but were committed together to the grave.

License to wear spurs, when attending the Bishop's Synod.

In the composition made (I. 278) A.D. 1228 between the Bishop of Norwich and the Convent of St. Alban's, there is one clause that deserves remark in an antiquarian point of view. The Priors of Binham and Wymundham, Norfolk Cells belonging to St. Alban's, but holding parishes in the Bishop's Diocese, are in future to have leave to attend his Synods, and to take their seats with the other Priors,—“in capes and with spurs, if they like, and without changing their travelling garb.” Had they attended so accoutred and

¹ *irreprehensibiliter.*

p. 260.

² So we may judge from Vol. I. | ³ *mirabiliter superbire.*

arrayed, but unprovided with any such license, they would probably have rendered themselves at least liable to payment of "spur-money," if not to still greater penalties.

In pp. 301-3 (V.I.) we have some curious details of the burial of Abbot William de Trumpington. The body having been first opened by the Sacrist's assistant, the only secular allowed to be present on the occasion, the entrails were removed, sprinkled with salt, and buried under a small marble tomb in the churchyard. The body was rinsed and soaked in vinegar, sprinkled with great quantities of salt, and then sewed up again, and finally committed to the grave with august ceremonial, the mitre placed on the head, the hands crossed, and the pastoral staff laid beneath the right arm. The details of this narrative are rendered the more interesting by the fact that Matthew Paris was himself, no doubt, an eye-witness of the scene which he so minutely describes.

Details of the burial of Abbot William de Trumpington.

Matthew Paris present at the ceremonial.

Upon the election of Abbot John de Hertford in 1235, whose infirmities would not allow him (I. 308) to visit Rome for the Papal benediction, two of the brethren were sent to obtain confirmation of the election from the Apostolic See. They seem to have met with treatment at the Papal Court hardly better than that which had been experienced by the present Abbot's predecessor at the hands of Pope Innocent. On their obtaining audience of Gregory the Ninth at Perugia, and laying a sum of money at the papal feet, it was received with thanks, and orders were forthwith given to a certain Friar Minor, (or Franciscan,) who was acting as treasurer and chamberlain to the Pope, to carry it at once to the treasury; where it was duly added to the heap of other "white sterlings," or silver pennies, already in store; the friar absolutely going so far in the study of economy as to refuse to give back to the

Churlish treatment of the envoys sent by Abbot John de Hertford to the Apostolic See.

envoys the ¹ box, or budget, that had held the coin; while, still greater disappointment, no doubt, the Pope,—"whose duty it is to be civil, and to practise hospitality," altogether forgot to give them an invitation to dine at his table. They did not omit, however, to add to their outlay by feeing the doorkeepers and servants of the Papal Court, not as a matter of choice, but—"because it was necessary so to do, for they stood gaping for these same presents with jaws wide open."

Venality of
the Court
of Rome.

The so-called "King's friends" too at Rome, to whom they had brought letters of recommendation, were not a whit less insatiate; for—"letters, if they come alone, and " without presents to accompany them, are there looked " upon as barren and unfruitful, and quite disregarded." The election having been at length confirmed, with the Apostolic benediction,—"² of which they had had quite " enough," the envoys gladly took their leave of—" that " venal Court; nor were they able ever after to love " that Court, or to speak well of it."³

Conflagra-
tions
caused by
lightning;
renewed
dissatisfac-
tion with
Rome, in
reference
thereto.

In the time of Abbot John de Hertford, privileges that had been previously granted to the Abbey, or sanctioned by the Papal See, were withdrawn or encroached upon, oppressions being inflicted that were "new and unheard of;" in addition to which tribulations, twice in three years was fire caused by lightning falling on the church (I. 313, 4). And here again was found room for dissatisfaction with Rome; for—"in the " same degree," the writer says, "that it is of no use " relying upon privileges or indulgences of the Apostolic See, so was it found that the impression of the

¹ *forulum*.

² This is apparently the meaning of "*quam satis comparaverant*," Vol. I. p. 309.

³ See also Vol. I. pp. 311, 312,

for some further remarks, one made by Roger, Bishop of London, upon the rapacity in those days of the Court of Rome.

"papal seal in wax, upon which the *Agnus Dei* is represented, and which had been placed on the top of our tower, offered no resistance whatever to the lightning; whereas it has the power and virtue, it is generally said, of ¹keeping off such storms as these."

Of this John, who was formerly Prior of the Cell of Hertford, and a native of that place, and the estimate which he had formed of his chance of being elected to the Abbacy, a somewhat amusing anecdote is given (I. 312):—"It is said that, when summoned to take part in the election, as he was riding along in humble enough guise, like some old man, through the villages of Hertfordshire and St. Alban's, he was laughed at by many people. 'Look there,' said they; 'that old fellow, already worn out as he is, thinks that he is going to be Abbot:' words which, though uttered in derision, presaged what was seriously to be the fact. A cup, however, and a dozen of silver spoons, which he had got ready as a present on the day of election for the newly-chosen Abbot, and had put away for this purpose in the breast of his dress, after he had been chosen himself, were let fall by him by accident in the church, and before all the people there; and so proved that he had had neither hope of the prelacy nor any desire to attain it." The present thus held in readiness may be deemed perhaps, without any offence to Abbot John's memory, to have spoken more strongly for non-expectation on his part than non-desire. Be this as it may, the election proved happy in the result; John de Hertford, decrepit as he

Story of
Abbot
John, on
the occa-
sion of his
election.

Abbot
John after-
wards

¹ In the *French Chronicle of London* (published by the Camden Society in 1844), there is a detailed account (*s. a.* 1313) of the various relics which were then found in the

cross of the belfry of St. Paul's, on its being taken down and repaired. They were placed there as a protection against fire and lightning, no doubt.

deemed one of the model Abbots of the house. appeared to be on the election-day, ruled over the Abbey for five and twenty years; and in a future ¹ passage, penned nearly two centuries after his time, we find him cited, along with Michael de Mentmore and Thomas de la Mare, as one of the three model Abbots of the house.

Turbulent conduct of Radulf Cheinduit. We find room for but a passing reference to Radulf (or Ralph) Cheinduit, a turbulent neighbour of the Abbey, who—"heaped injuries upon injuries" on its inmates, ostentatiously sallied forth to hunt, with hounds and horsemen, upon the Abbot's demesne (I. 319), and even went so far as to inflict personal chastisement upon one of the brethren, "Radulf de Dunham" by name. A grim joke of his, in the royal Palace at Westminster, was speedily followed by an end so unexpected as hardly to leave time for a deathbed repentance. —" 'So much,' " said he, with the careless chuckle of a man who despised alike the pains of purgatory and the risks of the chase, " 'so much have these monks of St. 'Alban's excommunicated me, that I have grown so 'fat and so broad that my saddle will hardly hold 'me on my horse.' For he was a plethoric man," the chronicler says, "robust, and like a bull in body 'all over, ² compactly encased in the mightiness of his 'strength."

Gift to the Abbey of a rectory, for the improvement of its ale. In pp. 320, 1 (V. I.), we learn the fact that it was in the time of this Abbot John that the rectory of the parish of Norton (in Hertfordshire) was given to the foundation for the improvement of the Abbey ale and the increase of its ³ hospitality to guests; two thirds of the tithes of the Church of Hartburn, in Northumberland,

¹ Vol. III. p. 464.

² *compaginatus*.

³ The fact of its being situate on the great northern road, and the consequent great demand upon its hospitality by guests and wayfarers,

is frequently alluded to in these volumes. Matthew Paris states in his *History* (c. a. 1252) that in the stable devoted to the use of guests and strangers, there were stalls for nearly 300 horses.

being also given (I. 322) by Walter, Bishop of Durham, for the like promotion of hospitality. In this Abbot's time also, the Church of Eglingham, in Northumberland, fell into the Abbey's possession, the reversion of which had also been granted many years before, for the improvement of its ale, by Richard de Marsh, Bishop of Durham, the profligate councillor of King John; a man who, "drunk" though he may have been "with the venom of Safan," as our writer indignantly says (I. 242), seems to have run but little risk of being intoxicated by the agency of the Abbey drink; for, as the ¹*Liber de Benefactoribus* tells us,—“Taking compassion upon the weakness of the Convent's drink, from feelings of pity he gave the Church of Eglingham for the amelioration of our ale; a thing for which he deserves eternal praise.”

Gift to the Abbey by Richard de Marsh, Bishop of Durham, for a like purpose.

The Second Section of the *Gesta Abbatum*, which, as has been suggested in the ²Introduction to Vol. II., may not improbably have been a compilation by the hand of William Rishanger, is, to some extent, of a different complexion from the portion of the work which precedes it. Its contents are now devoted more frequently to the dealings of the Abbey authorities with their neighbours and homagers, both free and servile, in a business — ³not a spiritual — point of view; the rules and constitutions framed by successive authorities for the internal administration of the house or its dependencies; the acquisitions of lands and tenements made, despite the laws of mortmain, through the combined exertions of various Abbots and Cellarers; the

General features of the contents of the Second Section.

¹ See the Volume of *Trokelowe*, in this Series, p. 441.

² pp. ix-xiii.

³ Beyond a few hints on the subject contained in the *Constitutions* of Abbots Thomas and Michael,

Vol. II. pp. 418-519, the spiritual duties of the brethren towards their neighbours and tenants are never touched upon in any form. The duties of almsgiving to the poor are however occasionally inculcated.

regulation and rectification of metes and boundaries and the information necessarily consequent thereupon as to various localities in the town of St. Alban's, all remembrance of which, beyond the names as preserved in these memorials, has probably long since passed away.

Discovery of bones and shoes in the cemetery of the ancient monks.

Among the more noteworthy passages in the early part of this Section, allusion may succinctly be made to the discovery (I. 367) of the bleached bones in the cemetery of the ancient monks; the minute description there given,—though in its details probably altogether unintelligible to even the most intelligent shoemaker of the present day,—of the ¹shoes that had contented the simple habits of the men who lived two centuries before; and the singular soliloquy upon the luxurious habits of modern times, into which the writer, upon view of bones and shoes alike, has, in the name of the then more moralizing brethren, found himself called upon to break forth.

Ungrateful and extortionate conduct of the Dominicans at Dunstaple.

The Mendicant Orders were never favourites with the inmates of St. Alban's, and the writer of this Section is severe upon the Friars more than once. The Friars Preachers, or Dominicans, it appears, while laying the foundation of their new house at Dunstaple (I. 387), had received a weekly allowance of bread from the hospitable Prioress of the neighbouring nunnery at ²Markyate Cell, Agnes Gobiun by name, as a temporary almsgift prompted by a feeling of spontaneous charity. On the accession of a new Prioress, the necessity for the almsgift being probably considered no longer to exist, the weekly allowance was discontinued. Well aware of the singular influence they then pos-

¹ It is remarked (p. 367) as a singular fact that these shoes were made to suit either foot: from which we may conclude that "rights and "lefts" were already the fashion in

A.D. 1251.

² Now Market Street, in Bedfordshire: See the Index, and page xxi. ante.

sessed at the Papal Court, the greatly injured Dominicans appealed to Rome, and—"through their vulpine "suggestions," as the writer says, had not the slightest difficulty, to all appearance, in obtaining an order that what had been originally intended as but a temporary dole, should now be confirmed to them as a weekly livery, or allowance, in perpetuity. As the moral of the story, we are reminded, with more vigour than consistency of metaphor, that from it—"others may learn in time to take better precautions to shake forth the viper from their bosom, and to remove the mouse from the ¹ handmill, the thorn from the eye, and from the side the deadly dart."

Moral inculcated thereon.

It is in the year 1274 that we find the earliest mention made (I. 410) of what was too often a source of dire commotion both to town and abbey in after times. Disputing the Abbot's rights as superior lord, the townsmen determined no longer to submit to the exaction of villein service in being compelled to full their coarse cloths and grind their corn at the Abbey mills; and accordingly, for the latter purpose, set up within the walls of their houses handmills of their own. Ill brooking this serious infringement upon his manorial rights, Abbot Roger de Norton forthwith had recourse to his powers of distraint; an exercise of vigour which his opponents did their best to counteract by extorting contributions from all alike, down to the very poorest even, for the common fund in support of their asserted rights. The town was in an uproar in consequence; while within the Abbey walls, immediately after Chapter being held, the great bell was rung, processions passed before the high altar ever and anon, the seven Penitential Psalms were chanted, and the aid of the Saviour and St. Alban invoked.

The townsmen refuse service in grinding at the Abbey mills.

Tumult resulting therefrom.

¹ *murem de petra*. The latter word may perhaps mean a corn-measure.

The townsmen resolve to lay their grievances before Alianor, the Queen dowager; but the Abbey people endeavour to thwart them.

It so befell, however, that just at this conjuncture—a few days before Easter, the time,—Alianor, the ¹widow of the late King Henry the Third, had occasion to pass through the town of St. Alban's. Determined to lay their grievances before her, the townsmen, mounted on horseback, and accompanied by troops of women, lined the road to await her arrival. The Abbot, on the other hand, was equally resolved to thwart their designs, and, if possible, to steal a march upon his opponents, and so led the Queen round to the Abbey gate by a ²private way; a device which answered for a moment, but for a moment, and no more. Before she had time to alight from her chariot, a multitude of infuriate women had blocked up the way. ³Removing the steps of the carriage, with hands extended and breathless almost with agitation and haste, they proclaimed their grievances; and disclosed to her how that the Abbey people had purposely taken her out of the way, in order that those wrongs might remain unheard by her, and unredressed. Alianor—such is the estimate that history compels us to form of her character—would have been one of the very last, under ordinary circumstances, to care a rush for the hardships of serfs and bondmen, or their children and wives. She had high spirit enough to resent, however, what she no doubt considered a liberty, in fact, an unworthy trick played upon her; for, giving orders that her chariot should stay but a moment only, she curtly took leave of the Abbot, not omitting to tell him plainly what she thought of his conduct. It so happened, however, that during the parley, one of the Queen's retinue,—“with bland affability” (I. 412)—addressed an old woman who was shouting as loud as the

The Queen censures the Abbot for attempting to deceive her.

¹ This must be the Queen meant, as Alianor, the wife of Edward I., was not in England at this date.

² *viam secretiorem*.

³ This, there can hardly be a doubt, is the meaning of “*scandala moventes*” (Vol. I. p. 411).

rest, but who in reality, the writer would have us believe, ^{Alleged miraculous interposition in favour of the Abbey.} knew ¹ nothing whatever about the matter; and enquired why she and the others shewed such singular signs of grief: to which her only answer was, after some hesitation, that as she saw the other women lamenting, she could not help lamenting as well. What was in reality the result, no doubt, of either downright doltishness or nervous apprehension, is set down by the writer as a miraculous interposition of the divine mercy, and that, though he omits to say so, in favour of the Abbey, of course.

After protracted litigation, the question as to the ^{Complete establishment, for the time, of the Abbot's rights.} handmills was settled—only to be reopened however on a larger scale some ² forty years later—by the complete establishment of the Abbot's rights (I. 423); the townsmen, in token of reconciliation, making him a present of ten tuns of wine; five of which he accepted and five he returned, with the assurance that he would in future take every possible precaution against their being plundered by the Abbey miller or his men.

In juxtaposition with this story, though somewhat out of the due chronological order which has been hitherto observed in the arrangement of these excerpts, we find ^{A very similar story related by Walsingham, as to Queen Isabel, wife of Edward II.} place for another, and in some respects strikingly similar one, given by Walsingham in the ³ Third Section of the *Gesta Abbatum*; in which another lady of high estate, Isabel, the wife of Edward the Second, acted a similar part, but in the result was more successfully imposed upon. Premising that the time is the close of that reign, and that the oft-recurring subject, the right of using handmills, is again the main cause of dissension between abbey and town, we subjoin a translation of Walsingham's narrative.—

¹ *rei omnino necciam.*

² See pages l.—lii. *post.*

³ Vol. III. page 367.

Details of
the story.

“ From this time forward the townsmen, ¹ resting
“ where there was no rest, did not attempt again openly
“ to arise, until the time of Abbot Hugh, when, King
“ Edward of Caernarvon, who was a very great friend
“ to this monastery, being now deposed and imprisoned,
“ every one was allowed to do as he pleased, the king-
“ dom struggling under intestinal discord: then did
“ they venture to attempt the recovery of their liberties,
“ to make perambulation of the town, which they called
“ a ² borough, to lay siege to the Abbey, and not only to
“ beat the servants of the monastery, but to slay them;
“ then too, with men in arms lining the cloister,
“ did they dare, however unwilling the Abbot and
“ Convent, to extort charters at their own pleasure,
“ under the seal of Abbot and of Convent. That they
“ might bring scandal too upon religion, the Abbot, and
“ his monks, they suborned their own wives and certain
“ prostitutes of the town, and prevailed upon them,
“ with their bared bosoms and their babes at their breasts,
“ to meet Queen Isabel, as she was leaving the monas-
“ tery; and so annoy her with their importunate clamours,
“ and tell the lie that these babes were children that
“ the monks had begotten upon them, taking advan-
“ tage of them by force. But however, that which they
“ had plotted for the purposes of mischief, only sub-
“ jected them to derision in the result; for as the
“ Queen, being a native of France, did not well un-
“ derstand the English language, she asked what this
“ violence on the part of the women meant; upon which,
“ she was answered by one of the nobles as follows;—
“ ‘ My lady,’ said he, ‘ these women are all of them
“ ‘ confessing that they are so many adulteresses and
“ ‘ harlots.’ Upon hearing which, the Queen imme-
“ diately ordered her chariot to drive on, being unwill-

¹ *sine quiete quiescentes.*

² And so entitling them to the | privileges of tenure in free bur-
gage.

"ling to give any further heed to their complaints.
 "And so the townsmen on this occasion received the
 "reward they deserved for their lies."

Reverting to the First Volume,—in page 448 we meet with another story of theft and forgery, on part of two of the monks, who held the high and responsible office of Abbot's Chaplain,—“wriggling serpents, “over drunk with venom,” the writer indignantly calls them. Though of somewhat less interest in its details, it forms an apt parallel to the case of William Pygun, the forger, ¹already adverted to. The offenders and their accomplices were duly excommunicated, but we do not learn that they rivalled Pygun in the superlative horrors of their last moments.

While Abbot Roger was languishing on a bed of sickness, it so happened that one of the household of Edmund, Earl of Lancaster, brother of King Edward the First, making claims on the Abbey's hospitality at a late hour of the night, was received with anything but the ceremony and reverence that he had expected (I. 469): whether it was that he had to put up with meagre fare, or to keep his fast unbroken until the morning meal, we are not told. He accordingly carried but a sorry account of the Abbey's hospitality to his master, who took an early opportunity of paying a visit himself, and,—“²after setting forth not the cause “as the cause,”—whatever that may mean,—left the Abbey with certain threatening words; the significance of which was soon experienced in the intervention of no less a personage than the King himself; by whose sanction, if indeed not coercion, an arrangement was at last come to, that a ³corrody for life should be given by the Abbey to one of the Earl's retainers, “William

Theft and forgery on part of two of the monks.

For want of due hospitality, the Abbey is charged with the payment of a corrody for a whole life.

¹ Pages xxvi., vii. *ante*.

² *proponendo non causam ut causam.*

³ An allowance in food, clothing, or money.

Attempt
by Edward
the Third
to impose
a second
corrody.

"de Rue" by name.—"And thus," the chronicler adds, "in part the tempest ceased." The particulars of a strenuous attempt at the imposition of a second corrody, by Edward the Third, will be found in Vol. III. pp. 100-113; but through the timely interposition of his son, Edward the Black Prince (III. 395), who seems to have taken great interest in the well-being of the Abbey, this second essay at extortion on part of the sovereign was defeated.

Singular
case of
forgery,
committed
by a Jew.

In 1290, the closing year of Abbot Roger's rule, the Abbey was again thrown into confusion by a singular case of forgery; though, happily for its comfort, not involving guilt this time on the part of any of its own inmates. It was just at this period that the Jews were preparing for their forcible expulsion from English soil by order of Edward the First; and it was not improbably owing to this fact, to some extent, that there were found in the Jewry at London (I. 470) two writings, purporting to have been confirmed under the seal of the Abbot of St. Alban's, and admitting the deposit in his hands of a thousand marks in silver pennies; a golden crown, four pounds in weight, set with emeralds, sapphires, and rubies, and worth another thousand marks,—"as the Jews said;" a girdle of silken texture, with emeralds and sapphires thereon; six and thirty bars of gold, each weighing eleven pennyweights; two goblets of gold, one of which,—"*as was lyingly said by them,*" weighed twenty-four pounds, and the other seventeen; one hundred cups of silver, weighing, each of them, ¹ two marks; three hundred silver spoons, each weighing eighteen pennyweights; and thirty-five pounds' weight of golden florins, each pound equalling thirty-two pounds of silver pennies in value.

The object
of such
forgeries.

The object of forged documents of this description was probably to throw discredit upon the religious houses

¹ Or 16 ounces.

whose Abbots had sanctioned or encouraged the expulsion of the Jews. Similar forged deeds, we learn (I. 471), were found in reference to the Monastery of Reading; the Abbot of which place, however, seems to have taken the matter up more seriously than his brother of St. Alban's; for, upon his prosecution a Jew, "Joce (Joseph) de Winchester" by name, was found guilty at London and hanged, after having in full Court confessed the forgery of the deeds. Punishment of the forger.

It was in the following year that Abbot John de Berkhamstede, upon his return from his visit to Rome for confirmation in the Abbacy (II. 18)—for which he had had to pay the Pope 400 marks, and the Cardinals as much more, "money down" (*pecunia numerata*), as the writer says,—found himself compelled to travel as far as the Castle of Norham in Northumberland, for the purpose of laying before the sovereign (Edward I.) the Pope's letter of confirmation. The letter being duly presented immediately on his arrival, the King took possession of it, and for the moment put off the subject of confirmation, and restoration of temporalities, by conversing with the Abbot on other matters, of more interest to himself. The next morning, Abbot John appeared again before the King and his Council, the important document was produced,—from whose custody the writer omits to say,—when lo! the hempen thread from which the leaden *bullæ*, or seal, should have hung, was found to be rent asunder; a mishap, the highly inconvenient result of which was, that by the mouth of William de Lue, Bishop of Ely, the Papal mandate was pronounced to be altogether null and void. Fortunately however for the Abbot, who loudly asserted that he had delivered the document in its original and genuine state,—“though no one cared to listen to him,” there was a duplicate in existence; in England certainly, but at a distance of more than three hundred miles from the Scottish border, it being stowed away in the manor- Mishap of Abbot John de Berkhamstede, upon presenting to the King the Pope's letter of confirmation.

house of the Abbey Chamberlain, at Redburn, near St. Alban's. There was nothing left of course but to send for it; and by dint of what must have been singular speed on the part of his courier, considering the state of the roads and the difficulties of communication in those times, at the end of six days the Abbot was enabled to place the duplicate copy before the King; who thereupon¹ expressed his sorrow—as well he might—at having put the Abbot to such singular inconvenience, received his oath of fealty, and ordered him to be placed in possession of his temporalities forthwith.

Abbot
John de
Berkham-
stede seizes
Adam de
Tewing,
the Prior
of Tynem-
mouth.

The story (II. 21-23) of Abbot John's secret journey to Newcastle, and, after due and wary consultation with the Mayor, and by the aid of a mercenary traitor, a townsman of Newcastle, Henry Scot by name, his unexpected seizure of Adam de Tewing, the rebellious Prior of Tynemouth, is too lengthy for detail; but it deserves notice here, that among the Prior's confederates who were put in fetters and sent in chains to the Monastery of St. Alban's, the name of John Throklow (p. 22) occurs; the same individual, beyond a doubt, who many years afterwards, under the name of² "John de Trokelowe," wrote the *Annals of the reign of King Edward the Second*, a work in which many particulars are given in connexion with the North of England, derived from his³ correspondence with his former fellow-monks at Tynemouth, in all probability. It is questionable whether, apart from the existence of his

John de
Trokelowe,
the Anna-
list, named
among the
Prior's con-
federates,
as being
sent in
chains to
St. Alban's.

¹ *facti sui pœnitens.*

² See the facsimile at the beginning of the volume containing Trokelowe's *Annales*, in this Series.

³ There was always an active communication going on between the Abbey of St. Alban's and its Cell at Tynemouth; and it is mainly owing to this, no doubt, that we meet with so many persons

with surnames derived from North-umbrian localities in the pages of these volumes. Among the names of this description we are probably justified in including those of Angurtone, Bebsede, Bewik, Bolum, Coket, Feurother, Nedertone, Tytlington, and Wylam. Several others of a similar origin might also probably be traced.

manuscript, this is not the only fact connected with the life and fortunes of John de Trokelowe that has survived to our times.

In pp. 47, 48 of the Second Volume, we meet with a curious picture of the jealousies which too often embittered the lives of men of high estate in mediæval times. Having occasion to pass through the town of St. Alban's, Robert de Winchelsea, the then Archbishop of Canterbury, with a somewhat unwarrantable peremptoriness, it would seem, sent a merely verbal message by one of his people to Abbot John, to the effect that he desired lodging and entertainment in the Abbey there. The Abbot however, not unreasonably apprehensive that out of a proceeding so peremptory as this something might perhaps ensue prejudicial to the interests of his house at a future day, with every mark of reverence sent two monks to the prelate, with a letter which they were to request the Archbishop to sign; to the effect that such reception should in no way be prejudicial to, or in derogation of, the existing privileges of the house. The Archbishop however curtly refused to sign a letter of any kind, and sent his marshal forthwith, (or "herbergeour," as that officer was usually styled,) to take lodgings for him in the town of St. Alban's.

Unreasonable demand of hospitality by Robert de Winchelsea, Archbishop of Canterbury.

He is dissatisfied with the answer, and puts up in the town.

On the Archbishop's approach, the bells of St. Stephen's failed to ring out the usual merry peal in honour of the event; the Sacrist of the church either neglecting or positively refusing to accord to him that mark of respect. The prelate, roused to anger at this unwonted piece of discourtesy, was weak enough to put the church under interdict forthwith; which notwithstanding, when the time came, the bells were duly rung for service, Mass was celebrated there,—“and all things done, that ought to be done.” On the morrow the Archbishop took his leave of the place, with an indignation that he took no pains to conceal, and uttering threats aloud. The Abbey advocate, with an appeal drawn up in due

The church of St. Stephen is placed under interdict, because the bells are not rung for the Archbishop.

The Abbey advocate, on reading an appeal before the Archbishop, is thrown from his horse.

form, against the legality of the interdiction, it is to be presumed, though we are not so informed, was ordered to lose no time in overtaking him. Hardly however had the advocate begun to read the document aloud, when the prelate began to shew renewed signs of vexation and annoyance. The hint was enough, not a word more was wanted; the advocate was torn from his horse by the Archbishop's retainers, and thrown violently to the ground. Abbot John dying soon after, no legal proceedings—almost a marvel, when we consider the universally litigious spirit of the times—ensued upon this act of wanton violence.

Vast expenses incurred by Abbot John de Maryns, when visiting Rome for confirmation.

The particulars set forth, in considerable detail, in pp. 56–58 of the Second Volume, in reference to the confirmation of Abbot John de Maryns by Pope Boniface the Eighth, afford another instance of the extortionate propensities of the Roman Court in those days. To the Pope and Cardinals alone he pays 2,258 marks, or 1,505*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, representing, at the ¹ordinary rate of calculation, what would be a money charge of 22,580*l.* at the present day; while among other officials, from Cardinals down to registrars and copyists, he scatters fees on a scale of equal profuseness, in the shape, as well of ready money, as of dishes, cups, a palfrey, and a ring.

Abbot John offends King Edward the Second, by refusing to lend him two carts, with the horses.

In reference to pecuniary matters, though on a much more limited scale, this Abbot John seems to have shown himself upon another occasion lamentably wanting in liberality, and in ordinary courtesy and common prudence as well. Upon being applied to by King Edward the Second (II. 94, 95), who was probably at the time his near neighbour at the royal palace of King's Langley, for the not very onerous loan of a couple of carts, with horses and other requisites, the Abbot made pretence—for so the writer admits—that it was not in his

¹ Multiplying by 15.

power to comply with the royal request, and curtly refused the loan. The King's almost implacable anger, as might have been anticipated, was the result; and upon his visit to the town of St. Alban's shortly after, declined to speak to the Abbot, or even so much as to see him. Through the mediation however of Sir Piers de Gaveston, the then reigning favourite,—who did not omit to secure a *douceur* of forty pounds of silver for his good offices,—the King was ultimately prevailed upon to accept a peace-offering from the Abbot, in the shape of one hundred marks of silver; a sum which did very little, however, the writer says, towards regaining the King's regard.

Bribe given to Piers de Gaveston, to regain the King's favour.

Another blunder, too, on the part of the same unlucky Abbot is mentioned in the same page:—"When our lord the King caused the wood of Langley, which was known as 'Westwode,' to be cut down, for building the houses of the Friars there, to a great extent, this Abbot incautiously and uncircumspectly said to the King, who had just come to the throne,—'You may have this wood of my gift;' a thing which it was not lawful for him to do. Whereupon, the King's foresters, entering there, soon expelled the Abbot's keepers, and took upon themselves the entire management for the King's use." Whether this unwarranted alienation of the Abbey's property took place before or after the refusal of the loan of the carts and horses, the writer does not inform us.

Inconsiderate gift made to the King by the same Abbot.

At page 109 of the Second Volume, the Second Section of the *Gesta Abbatum* comes to an end; the Third and remaining portion of the work, as contained in MS. Claudius E. iv., being a compilation by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of the Abbey, and for some time ¹*Scriptorarius* there, or manager of the *Scriptorium*, or Copying-room. It was his original intention, no doubt,

The Third Section of the *Gesta Abbatum*, a compilation by Thomas Walsingham.

¹ See Vol. III. page 393.

Originally intended to come down to the death of Abbot Thomas de la Mare, A.D. 1396.

as there stated (II. 109), to bring his narrative down to the death of Abbot Thomas de la Mare, A.D. 1396. His design, however, for reasons which we have no means of ascertaining, or even guessing at, was not carried into effect, the ²14th year of the reign of Richard the Second, A.D. 1390, being the latest date mentioned in his compilation; and the declining years and death of Abbot Thomas being left to be treated of by ²another hand.

Character of Abbot Hugh de Eversdone, the successor of John de Maryns.

But six years had elapsed from the election of Abbot John de Maryns, when he died, leaving the Abbey deeply in debt; but not forgetting to send from his bed of death a silver cup and a ring (II. 108), as his last peace-offering, to the King, whom he had so deeply offended. Hugh de Eversdone, the Cellarer, was chosen to succeed him; a man represented (II. 113) as tall in stature, of graceful aspect, pleasing in manners, and a favourite with all. Little skilled in Latin, however, though second to none in English or in French, he told the brethren, upon giving consent to his election, with equal frankness and self-complaisance, that he was well aware that they could have found a person for their Abbot more astute and more learned than he pretended to be; but at the same time they might depend upon it that they could not have chosen one out of all their number who was "a ³better fellow" than himself.

He tries to evade the journey to Rome for confirmation.

Greatly dreading the usual journey to Rome on the business of confirmation, lest he should have the misfortune to be subjected to an examination in the Latin tongue, he took, what turned out in the result, the more than useless precaution of sending proctors to

¹ See Vol. III. page 34.

² See the *Continuation of the Gesta Abbatum*, Vol. III. pp. 375-423. Walsingham was living, and took part in the election

of Abbot William Heyworth, in November 1401: See Vol. III. pp. 480, 485.

³ *magis socialem.*

the Papal Court, as his substitutes, for the purpose of announcing his election. After a long and fruitless stay there, and, as usual, incurring—"horrible expenses, in making various presents," they were compelled to return with an answer,—“sufficiently odious” (II. 114), to the effect that his Holiness (Pope Clement the Fifth) could not rest content without seeing the face of the man, for whose confirmation so many nobles, prelates in such numbers, the King, and even the Queen, had so suppliantly, and so devoutly, sued. To what was neither more nor less than a practical piece of sarcasm, the Abbot was obliged to submit, with the best grace he might, and to incur much more probably than a repetition of his previous outlay; and accordingly, with the view at once of securing the Pontiff's good graces and conciliating his examiners, so abundantly munificent did he shew himself in every quarter of the Court, that even these,—“the most greedy among men, preached aloud his magnificence.” After an expenditure of more than one thousand pounds, besides fees paid to the Pope and the Cardinals,—“in the name of first fruits,” the amount of which is omitted, he returned home; to complete, as a lasting memorial of his rule, the Lady Chapel at the East end of his Abbey Church (II. 114, 5); a work whose singularly graceful features the barbarism of the three last centuries has done much to mutilate, but has not been able wholly to efface.

After profuse expenditure by the envoys, the Pope insists on the personal attendance of the Abbot.

His lavish expenditure at Rome.

He completes the Lady Chapel of the Abbey Church.

The fall of various parts of the church in 1323, during Divine Service (II. 128, 9), and the narrow escapes that were experienced by many among the persons present, even if we are not ready to admit with the writer that safety was ensured by the agency of St. Amphibalus, deserve a passing notice: the same also as to the story of William de Somertone (II. 130-144, 302, 3), the rebellious Prior of Binham, who squandered the Cell's substance in the vain researches of Alchemy, in the hope of regaining it a hundred-fold; his desertion of Binham.

Fall of various parts of the Abbey Church.

The story of William de Somertone, the rebellious Prior of Binham.

Abbot
Hugh's
arrest at
Dover.

his Cell; his intrigues at Rome against Abbot Hugh; his arrest, in a secular garb, on his return to England; his restoration to his Priory, on the intervention of Queen Isabel; his second flight from Binham, leaving the Cell overwhelmed with debt; his return, as a suppliant, to the gate of the Monastery of St. Alban's; his public penance there, and his ultimate absolution from the sentence of the Greater Excommunication, which by his apostasy he had incurred. The graphic account (II. 137, 8) of Abbot Hugh's arrest at Dover, by the King's command, when on his road to Rome, whither he had been cited on the Suggestion of Somertone, resembles, in some at least of its features, the story told by our early chroniclers of the arrest of Bishop Longchamp on the same spot, more than a century before.

Renewal of
the ques-
tion as to
the right of
the town-
men to keep
handmills
in their
houses.

In the year 1314 (I. 149) the question as to the right of the townsmen of St. Alban's to keep handmills in their houses, and to refuse to grind their corn at the Abbey mills, a question which we¹ have seen temporarily settled in their utter discomfiture some forty years before, was again agitated, and with redoubled asperity. Notwithstanding judgment given against the townsmen before the Justiciars of Oyer and Terminer sitting at St. Alban's (II. 154), or perhaps in resentment thereof, they now broke out into acts of open violence, going so far as to beat and otherwise maltreat (II. 155) one of the brethren, Henry de Saint Neot by name, and one of the Abbey servants as well: not content with which, they broke open a house belonging to the Abbot, cut down his trees, and carried off much of his property; the townsmen of Watford also with great alacrity following their example, and without leave or license fishing in the Abbot's private ponds.

Acts of
open vio-
lence com-
mitted by
the towns-
men.

Avowal of
their inten-
tion to take

Things went on in this manner probably for several years; until at length, in the year 1326, taking advan-

¹ See page xxxvii. *ante*.

tage no doubt of the intestinal discord then raging throughout the realm, the townsmen had attained such a degree of boldness in the prosecution of their violent designs against the Abbey and its inmates, as to set up a ¹scaffold (II. 157) in the market-place, with an axe fastened to it by a chain, (a grim foreshadowing, if we can judge from so meagre a description, of the "gibbet" devoted to the punishment of the spoliators of the Halifax tenter-grounds, the "maiden" of Scotland, and the more finished "guillotine" of modern France): it being their determination, as they averred, to take the lives of such as should shew any signs of opposition to their designs.

A regular siege of the Abbey now ensued (II. 159), fire being set to the Halywelle Gate, accompanied with a flight of arrows and showers of stones. Day and night, for more than ten days, the Abbot, the monks, and the Abbey esquires and retainers, the latter increasing gradually to more than two hundred in number, made a stout, and, in the end, successful resistance: the last resource of the besiegers, an attempt, by blocking up roads, paths, and gates, to starve out the inmates, being equally frustrated.

Fortunately for the Abbey and its motley garrison, the young King, Edward the Third, whose sovereignty had been acknowledged by Parliament but a few days before, now thought it high time to interfere for the safety of a foundation, of which by virtue of his high office, he was the especial patron; and accordingly gave orders to the Sheriff of the County to levy his *Posse Comitatus*, and rescue the monastery from its perilous position. Though far from contemplating a final abandonment of their designs, the townsmen, although supported by allies from the neighbouring villages, and backed by a sprinkling of London citizens, submitted to the royal mandate commanding them to disperse; the result being what

the lives of
their
opponents.

Siege laid
to the Ab-
bey by the
townsmen,
and suc-
cessful
resistance
made by
its inmates.

The King
interferes,
and gives
orders for
the levy of
the *Posse
Comitatus*.

A truce is
made, and
a confer-
ence is
agreed
upon, at
St. Paul's,
London.

¹ *truncum*.

appears to have been but a hollow truce, accompanied by a proposition on part of the townsmen, that delegates from both parties should meet in the Church of St. Paul, at London, for the purpose of coming to terms ; an offer which the Abbot readily accepted (II. 160).

The attack upon the Abbey is renewed, by a part of the townsmen.

Meantime however, while the proctors of both parties were still in London, engaged in close conference and parley, we find the attack upon the Abbey renewed (II. 161) by some of the townspeople, whose patience seems to have been exhausted ; at first in the form of a blockade, the departure of any person from within, and the entrance of any provisions from without, being for four days rigidly interdicted. On the fifth night of the blockade a more vigorous mode of attack was again resorted to ; the Gate of Haliwelle was assailed with stones and arrows, as before ; and amid shouts and curses, reviling them as "ribald thieves," the harassed monks, roused from a sleep which would be but a light one, at best, had again to fly to arms : the result being that, by the aid of their secular friends and retainers, the assailants were easily repulsed ; one of their number, while acting the spy, being taken prisoner at Dernegate on the following night.

The assailants are finally repulsed.

The debate at St. Paul's, and Perambulation of the town.

The particulars of the debate at St. Paul's, with the Perambulation of the town as its result, for the purpose of setting forth the metes and boundaries, the dwellers within which were from thenceforth to enjoy the rights of free burgesses, will be found stated in pages 161-170 of the Second Volume. The indenture then executed in reference to the Perambulation, was ¹ afterwards surrendered, or professed to be surrendered, by the townsmen, and declared null and void, on the ground of its having been extorted from the Abbey by duress.

¹ In the time of Abbot Richard de Wallingford ; see Vol. II. p. 250, where it would seem that every right which the townsmen had gained or successfully asserted, was again lost to them, by process of law.

The story of Abbot Hugh (II. 176, 7) and the adventurous thief, deserves notice, if only for its close resemblance to some of the devices of rascality at the present day:—"In the time of this Abbot, there came a person, The story of Abbot Hugh and the adventurous thief. having the dress of some well-born esquire, and asked to have some conversation with the Abbot. Upon the Abbot going out to him under the 'penthouse, after respectfully saluting the Abbot, the esquire professed that he wanted to disclose to him certain secrets; but upon the Abbot telling him to speak out what he wished to say, he made answer that he could upon no account disclose such great secrets, except in some secluded place. The Abbot accordingly stepped aside with him into a private chamber, his esquires and all his chaplains being sent away. Now this ribald, who looked like an esquire, was a most crafty robber; for the moment he saw that there was no one else present, but only those two, he rushed upon the Abbot, and, seizing him by the throat, held him almost to suffocation; while, drawing a dagger, he threatened that he would at once kill the Abbot, unless he would give him twenty pounds, and, besides that, keep secret what he had done, until he should have taken his departure, and escaped the perils that might perchance befall him within the Abbot's domains. The Abbot, in vehement fear for his life, as being a most cowardly man, though remarkably handsome and of lofty stature, at once granted the robber what he demanded; and went with all haste himself to fetch the money, and then let him go, on no account believing himself safe so long as he beheld the rascal in his presence. This we have written, to the end that those who come after may take care how they go into secret places with persons whom they do not know, without having servants ready to come to their assistance."

¹ Over the door of the Abbot's mansion.

Story of
Abbot
Hugh and
the crying
infant.

Another curious story also about the same Abbot Hugh and his weaknesses, cannot perhaps be more succinctly told in all its aspects than in the form of a translation (II. 177, 8) :—“This Abbot also made a very great assumption of magnificence, and with the view that he might seem to be all that he desired to be thought to be, his prodigal hand was many a time a dispenser of a fruitless munificence. For example, when upon one occasion he was on a visitation at the Cell of Wymundham, and, as is the custom with country gentlemen, was called upon and welcomed by them, it so happened that upon being thus received in especial by Sir Simon de Hetirsete, who at the time was looked upon as a great man among the greatest of that neighbourhood, at the invitation of this Simon, the Abbot paid a visit to his house. Upon being received there with every mark of honour, he found an infant crying in the cradle, a child of the same Simon, Edmund Hetirsete to wit, who afterwards succeeded as heir to his father : the child too was perhaps made to cry, and then shown to the Abbot for the sake of what it afterwards got from him. For the Abbot, on seeing the infant, desiring to appear munificent in a degree commensurate with his spirit of magnificence, immediately bestowed upon it, for the whole term of its life, a yearly payment of forty shillings from the house of Wymundham, to the great loss of that church : for that same pension had to be paid for about fifty years ; all the time, that is, that this same Edmund lived.”

Account of
the dispute
between
Abbot
Richard de
Walling-
ford and
John Aig-
nel, who
claims to

Hardly had Richard de Wallingford, the newly elected Abbot in succession to Hugh de Eversdone, returned from the Papal Court, where he had received confirmation after various obstructions, and much haggling with the officials (II. 191) as to the amount of the customary fees ; when he became involved in a singular dispute with John Aignel, the representative of an

opulent family, often mentioned in these annals, and owning land in the vicinity of St. Alban's:—"On the day of the Passion of St. Alban," the writer says (II. 194), "the Abbot, according to custom, had his friends and neighbours invited to dinner, not on the ground of any installation in his office, nor yet with any greater solemnity than the same festival has been usually celebrated with every year. While the Abbot, however, was holding the banquet in the Great King's Hall, John Aignel came in, and at the beginning of the feast made claim to be the Abbot's butler, and to do service to him with his cup that day: but yet he would not say one word until he had got the cup in his hand. For he asserted that this service belonged to him by ancestral right; that he, in fact, ought to serve the Abbot with his cup that day, for the reason that he was the holder of certain land in Redburn, which is known as 'the Despensers' Land,' and to which land that service pertains of right on that day. The Abbot at once contradicted him, and would receive no such service from him; as well because no such service had ever before been heard of, as for the reason that the banquet was held, not on the ground of his installation, but in honour of the Martyr, and because of the solemnity of the day, a thing that is usually done every year; as also, because this John Aignel thought under colour of such claim to gain possession of the Abbot's cup and of certain other fees, against all justice. This same John being requested therefore by the gentlemen of the country about who were present to desist from making so unreasonable a demand, ceased for the time; but afterwards told his neighbours that he had touched the Abbot's cup, and therefore was

¹ Or "Spencersland;" see Vol. III. p. 263.

" in ¹seisin of it. But his boast was false
 " that he was so in seisin. For the Despenser's Land,
 " a part of which is held by this John Aignel, and
 " a part by the Chamberlain of the Convent, is bound
 " to find by custom one horse whenever the Abbot
 " proceeds to Tynemouth, to visit the Cell there. And
 " there is a charter kept in the chest in the Abbot's
 " Chapel, which speaks of a certain sewer, who formerly
 " held that same Despenser's Land, and who quitted
 " claim, for himself and his heirs, as to all claim which
 " he had, or might have, in demanding such a fee. It
 " is as well therefore to examine and survey such
 " muniments, by reason of the perils which might easily
 " befall those who are unacquainted with them."

Abbot
 Richard
 transfers
 many of
 the Abbey
 books to
 Richard de
 Bury.

The literary tastes and tendencies of Thomas Walsingham, the *Scriptorarius* and historian, found ready expression, no doubt, in his vehement exclamation (II. 200) against the unjustifiable conduct of Abbot Richard, man of letters though he was, in selling or giving away no less than six and thirty of the Abbey books, to Richard de Bury, Keeper of the King's Privy Seal, and better known in modern times as the author of the *Philobiblon*:—"A deed," he says, "infamous to
 " all who gave assent to it, thus to make that only
 " refreshment of the soul subservient to the necessities
 " of the belly, and upon any account to apply what
 " should be spiritual dainties to the requirements of
 " the flesh." As consolatory, however, in some degree, he tells us that this same Richard, when he had afterwards become Bishop of Durham, from conscientious motives, restored many of these books to the Abbey; and that some others were bought of his executors by Michael de Mentmore, Abbot Richard's successor.

Most of
 them after-
 wards
 restored.

Attempted
 forgery by
 the Abbot's

In page 262 of the Second Volume, we again meet with a case of forgery; the offenders on this occasion

¹ Or lawful possession.

being the Abbot's homagers at Redburn, who,—“agitated by a diabolical spirit,” as the writer says, put forward a professed deed of Egelwin Swarte (the Black), who lived in the time of Edward the Confessor, in support of their resistance to the Abbot's claims. Though by the agency of this document they contrived to impose upon the chief men of the neighbourhood, and indeed to enlist their sympathies in their behalf, the document was found by Abbot Richard, the moment he had read it, to be a mixture of French and English (or rather Norman and Saxon), a compound language not known in documents of the Confessor's day. The Abbot accordingly had the genuine deed, which was still in the Abbey's possession, laid before the Redburn people and their intercessors; all of whom professed to be struck with amazement, and made oath that they had had neither act nor part in forging the deed, with loud anathemas against every one who had been privy thereto. The Abbot, for his part, ended the matter by pronouncing as excommunicated, throughout all the churches of his jurisdiction, all those who had been in any way accessory to the forgery, and who should neglect to make satisfaction before a certain day.

A man of learning and a skilful mechanician, Abbot Richard was anything but a man of the world. We learn (II. 316) that on one occasion, being in want of ready money, he sold eight sacks of wool—or rather, a promise of eight sacks—to one Thomas Gentylicors and Christina Puffe, his wife; giving them also a bond in the penalty of 200*l.*, to be put in force in case of non-delivery of the wool before the following Michaelmas. The wool, we are told by Walsingham, was duly handed over before the day named; but so bad a man of business did the Abbot prove himself to be, that the bond was never enquired for, but allowed to remain in the hands of the obligees. On the death of Abbot Richard,

homagers
at Redburn.

Fraud
practised
upon the
Abbey, as
the result
of carelessness
on the
part of
Abbot
Richard.

Michael de Mentmore succeeded him. Assured of his death, Thomas and Christina forthwith threatened to put the bond in force; and in the end the difficulty was only got over by the Abbot consenting to give a yearly pension of twenty shillings, and a robe suited for a cleric's wear, to one William Puffe, their nominee, until such time as such a benefice should be provided for him as this William should think proper to accept. The claim thus settled, the Abbot sent one of his monks to fetch away the bond. Gentlycors, however, refused so much as to let him touch or even see it; but, after professing to read aloud a few words of it himself, threw it into the fire, and so destroyed what might possibly have furnished evidence against him; an act which ought to operate as a warning to people, the writer says, not to let themselves be circumvented by such rascality for the future.

William Puffe, the troublesome Vicar of St. Peter's.

It is this same William Puffe, no doubt, then duly provided with a benefice to his satisfaction, whom we afterwards meet with (II. 335) as the troublesome Vicar of St. Peter's, who insisted, contrary to all justice, upon retaining the oblations made by the devout at a certain cross in the churchyard of that parish; this cross, according to story, having been carved and built by Master Roger de Stoke, ¹clockmaker, on successive Fridays, while ²fasting.

Gift of land by Sir Radulf Wedon; and device for evading the laws of mortmain.

In page 364 of the Second Volume we meet with an ingenious device for evading the laws of mortmain: the story, however, has a somewhat suspicious look, and would almost lead us to believe that an undue advantage had here been taken of the weakness and infirmities of an aged man; that he felt this, and resented it, in the end, in the only way he was able:—"Sir Radulf

¹ *horologarius*. A Master Laurence Stoke, clockmaker, is also mentioned in page 383 of the same volume, and Vol. III. p. 385.

² A similar case is mentioned in the Preface to the *Chronicles of Meaux* (edited by Mr. Bond, in this Series), Vol. III. p. xi.

“ Wedon, a knight almost decrepit with age, on account of the affection which he felt for Abbot Michael, left his estates, and determined to live in this monastery, and here to end his days. The Abbot pleased him so much by his various attentions, that this Radulf gave to this place a certain manor of his, called ‘Heymundescote,’ in pure and perpetual alms. But as it was a difficult thing at this time to appropriate estates in mortmain, especially for those to do so who were destitute of the yellow metal; to get rid of the writ of ¹*Ad quod damnum* after the death of the same Radulf, the said manor was transferred by sale to Sir Henry Grene, a lawyer, a man who was always most friendly to us, and who gave for it five hundred marks. This money, when collected together, was of great use afterwards to the Monastery on the creation of a new Abbot, as will be stated more fully in the sequel. This same Radulf, however, being fickle and capricious, as men of that age are, did not, as he had purposed, remain here to the end, but after staying here a short time only, soon took himself off. And because he could not go away on horseback or on foot, he determined to be taken away in a ²cart, and so departed.” This singular mode of taking his departure is a strong proof, to all appearance, of the extreme dislike he had taken to the place; as in those days it was considered a mark of disgrace for a man of knightly rank to be seen riding in a ³chariot or a cart. It was, no doubt, with the view of disgracing him in the eyes of the public, that Sir John Oldcastle, when taken prisoner, was brought from Poole Castle to London in a wooden chariot, or cart.

Dislike of
the place
afterwards
manifested
by Sir
Radulf.

¹ The name of a writ used for enquiring as to lands given in mortmain to any house of religion.

² Or chariot, “*carpento*.”

³ Whenever chariots, or “whirling cotes,” are mentioned in mediæval writings, it is as conveyances for women only.

Marvellous story of the dreadful results of evil-speaking and slandering. It is during the rule of the same Abbot Michael that we have a marvellous story (II. 367, 8) of the direful results in another world of evil-speaking, lying, and slandering, in this. If only for its singular absurdity, it deserves the reader's notice :—" In the time of Abbot Michael, to the correction of many, God shewed forth a sign, that was not so much miraculous as it was worthy to be borne in mind. For one of the brethren, ' Nicholas Goudeby ' by name, a vain talker while he lived, and given to detraction, being overtaken by death, was removed from this world. And when a year had now expired from his death, this same brother appeared in his monk's garb to one of the brethren, a harmless and religious man, ' John Marines ' by name, while lying in his bed after Matin Vigils. He appeared too in form of a man with a terrible face, and having a tongue both long and broad, fiery as a torch, and flaming beyond anything that can be imagined ; by means of which he aroused the brother before-mentioned with his horrible clamour and yells. The brother, upon this, was alarmed and terror-stricken. ' *Benedicite,* ' said he, ' what is the matter, brother ? What has befallen ? How is it with thee ? ' Whereupon the dead man made answer, saying three times,—' My tongue ! my tongue ! my tongue ! ' The living brother then said,—' Thou hast oftentimes sinned, brother, by thy detraction ; ask pardon of all who are watching in this house, and I will pray for thee. ' After he had said this, the apparition of the dead man disappeared. And when in the morning the living brother related his vision to the other brethren, they each interpreted it that, for a sin so hateful to God as detraction, this brother had been found deserving of the just penalty of suffering punishment in the member more especially with which he had so sinned. " On reading such a statement as this, the query almost suggests itself

whether a system of practical joking may not at times have found favour with the younger members of these fraternities. Be this as it may, another ghost story, a more remote locality its scene, immediately (II. 368) follows:—

“ About the same period, at our Cell of Tynemouth, Story of a spirit, in the garb of a monk, at Tynemouth.
 “ there was a marvellous apparition, it being winter
 “ time. One of the brethren was preparing to celebrate
 “ Mass there, in the Chapel of the Dead, for all the
 “ faithful deceased, and had just ended the Office, Col-
 “ lect, Epistle, and Gospel, down to the washing before
 “ the Preface, there being no one there to assist him,
 “ except a boy twelve years of age, and it being early
 “ morning, while the shades of darkness were still upon
 “ the earth; when the boy beheld a person entering,
 “ like one in the habit of a monk, and bowing himself
 “ in a corner of the chapel, as though in prayer, and
 “ then throwing himself on his knees and elbows, and
 “ holding his face down to the ground. At sight of him
 “ the boy was naturally alarmed beyond measure, and
 “ placed himself between the priest and the altar, on
 “ no account daring to stand behind the priest, for
 “ horror at this unwonted appearance. The monk, how-
 “ ever, who was celebrating Mass, although alarmed
 “ at this unusual conduct on the boy’s part, proceeded
 “ with the Mass with all due devoutness to the end.
 “ After Mass was over, the monk understood by the
 “ boy’s gestures the cause of his alarm, and himself
 “ saw the apparition before-mentioned in a corner of
 “ the chapel on its knees. Coming closer to it, he
 “ lightly touched it on the back with the sleeve of his
 “ frock, as it lay there, and said,—‘ Arise, brother, go
 “ ‘ to thy rest;’ whereupon it at once obeyed his order,
 “ and rising up went out at the door of the build-
 “ ing, and disappeared from the eyes of them both.”

It was at this same Cell of Tynemouth too, that on the occasion of the invasion of England by David the

William Douglas, leader of the Scots, after sending a defiant message to Tynemouth, is taken prisoner, and received at that place by Thomas de la Mare, the Prior.

Second, King of Scotland, and about the period of his discomfiture at Neville's Cross (A.D. 1346), Thomas de la Mare, the Prior (afterwards Abbot of St. Alban's), had the pleasure of welcoming within its walls William Douglas, the leader of the Scottish troops, under circumstances equally unanticipated probably by each. Douglas, who is represented (II. 378) as an arrogant man and given to derision, sent word to the Prior,—“after his usual manner,” that he must have a breakfast in readiness, of which he intended to partake with him at the end of two days,—“it being his main object by this insolent message to strike the Prior with alarm.” Two days after this, Douglas himself was taken prisoner, and he who had no doubt contemplated entering Tynemouth Priory sooner or later as a victor, was forthwith carried thither as a captive. The worthy Prior, naturally enough, could not resist the temptation of going forth to meet his guest, and jauntily bidding him welcome to the meal, which he had been at such pains to bespeak. The Scot's curt, and no doubt truthful, answer was ;—“By my troth, this is a way of coming that quite angers me ;” to which, with courteous irony, the Prior made reply, that he never could possibly have come in a way more a-propos.

Particulars of the visit of Abbot Thomas to the Papal Court at Avignon, for confirmation.

As being too lengthy for extraction, we must notice but cursorily the particulars of the visit of Prior Thomas, now elected to the Abbacy of St. Alban's, to the Papal Court, then at Avignon, for the purpose of confirmation (II. 382, 3); the manner in which, by the kind assistance of the Cardinal de Perigord, the avareicious machinations of his brother-Cardinal, Gillelmo, were defeated (II. 384, 5); the marvellous recovery by Abbot Thomas, while staying at Avignon, from an attack of dysentery; his cure owing to the singular fact of his drinking largely of putrid water, inadvertently supplied to him by a friend, at a moment when he was strictly prohibited from drink; an unlooked-for rescue

from death, which was put down to the credit of St. Alban, of course (II. 385-7); and the particulars of the various demands upon his resources, in the shape of fees, during his stay at the Papal Court (II. 388, 9): not content with which, the Nuncio, Master Hugh Pelegrino by name, shortly after laid claim to the first-fruits of the Cell of Tynemouth, in the name of the Pope, alleging them to have lapsed to his Holiness, through the election of its Prior to the Abbacy of St. Alban's. As to the exact legality of this claim, from the scantiness of the particulars given, we are unable to speak; but we learn that it was only got rid of, after an immense amount of money had been expended (II. 390).

Abbot Thomas, a man distinguished by his virtues, ready wit, and general comeliness, not only soon gained the favour of his sovereign (II. 389, 90), who made him a member of his Privy Council, but was held in equal esteem by Edward, Prince of Wales (the Black Prince), and John, King of France, who in those days, while passing an honourable captivity in England, was a frequent partaker of the hospitality of St. Alban's (II. 408). On one occasion the Abbot, being struck, to all appearance, with a sudden and uncontrollable desire to resign the Abbacy and bid farewell to all worldly affairs, secretly wrote to his good friend the King of France, who was then at Calais, engaged in arranging a treaty with the Prince of Wales, requesting his intercession, in the shape of letters supplicatory, for the purpose of aiding him in carrying his wishes into effect. On this however reaching the ears of the Prince, he promptly laid inhibition on the sovereign, and forbade him in any way to promote the Abbot's design,—“For of a truth,” he added, “if you do so, ruin will befall the monastery” (II. 409). Shortly after this, the Prince returned to England; and, upon paying a visit to St. Alban's, after making offering at the Martyr's shrine, took the opportunity of entering the cloister,

Abbot Thomas in high favour with the kings of England and France.

Proof of the high interest taken in him and the Abbey by Edward, Prince of Wales.

and there, to the surprise of the assembled brethren, disclosed aloud, in the hearing of all the Convent, the Abbot's contemplated resignation, a thing that no one had hitherto so much as suspected. The Abbot, we are told (II. 409), was marvellously confounded by this disclosure, as he was under the impression that no one except the King of France was acquainted with his purpose. In the end however he was compelled to abandon his design, it being reserved to him, after the lapse of more than thirty years, to die in the Abbacy at an extreme old age.

John Moote, the Cellarer, exposed upon the pillory at Luton.

On opening the present volume, at page 4, we meet with a singular and striking scene; John Moote, Cellarer of the Monastery, and who afterwards came to be its Prior and Abbot, going round upon the pillory at Luton, amid the jeers, no doubt, of both town and country people assembled there on the market-day; an unenviable eminence to which he had been exalted, we learn, either by, or through the agency of, one Sir Philip de Lymbury, a man—"given up to vanity and vain glory, very much to avarice, but even more to pride." For this act of unwarranted violence, Abbot Thomas attempted to gain legal satisfaction from its perpetrator or abettor: screened, however, by the influence of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, to whose retinue he belonged, Lymbury escaped the rigours of the law. But through the agency of a judgment of another description, he did not escape altogether unscathed; severe fits of bleeding at the nose recurring on his repeated attempts to make oblation at the altar of the Martyr, whom in the person of his servant he had so grievously offended.

Retribution dealt to the offender, through the agency of St. Alban.

Act of cruelty perpetrated by Abbot Thomas, in the assertion of his legal rights.

In the sixth page of the same volume, we find Abbot Thomas, while engaged in the outset of an arduous struggle with an obstinate, and, to all appearance, most unscrupulous, tenant of his, John de Chilterne by name, guilty of what would justly be deemed an act of extreme cruelty at the present day. Seizing fifty

of his tenant's ¹cattle by way of distress, the Abbot, "of his compassion," as the writer says, ordered them to be fed at first; but afterwards, on his legal advisers informing him that if he persisted in so doing, they would withdraw, and have nothing further to do with him or his case, he took alarm at a piece of advice, that certainly was characterized by brutality, whatever may have been its degree of legal astuteness; and, contenting himself with giving notice to Chilterne of his intention, deliberately allowed every one of the poor animals to be starved to death. We cannot, of course be surprised to learn that from this moment Chilterne's animosity against his landlord was more than redoubled, that he slandered and abused him in every quarter, inflicted upon him every possible grievance, and, with an eye no doubt to the multiplied proceedings at law in which he was afterwards engaged (III. 7-38), boasted aloud that he would bring the Abbot in the end to sell the very lead with which his monastery's roof was covered. Chilterne seems too to have done his best to keep his word. For though, after his return from Calais, whither he had retired for a time under sentence of outlawry, he was ultimately confined in the Fleet Prison (III. 8, 27), where to all appearance he remained in durance for a considerable period, he appears to have been engaged in law proceedings against the Abbot for no less a space of time than ²six and twenty years.

Animosity
of John de
Chilterne
against
Abbot Tho-
mas, and
protracted
litigation
between
them.

In a deed of release of the 38th year of the reign of King Edward the Third (III. 115, 6) we find the name of William Cheupayn mentioned, otherwise called "Robert Fool," as then enjoying a corrody, or yearly provision, from the Monastery of St. Alban's on the presentation of the sovereign, who claimed such right as being the Abbey's patron. Whether or not this William

William
Cheupayn,
called by
King Ed-
ward the
Third "Ro-
bert Fool,"
enjoys a
corrody
from the

¹ *animalia*.

| 9 and 34 of this Volume.

² From 1364 to 1390 : see pages

Monastery; Cheupayn held the exalted office of Court Fool it is perhaps impossible to say; but we learn from page 395 of this Volume that it was King Edward himself who gave him the name; whereas in fact, the writer says, he was anything but a fool or a blockhead, but rather crafty and astute. After his ¹decease, Abbot Thomas came into possession of his house situate in the town of St. Alban's (III. 376); and we learn from the ²*Book of Benefactors* that two tenements were given to the Abbey by him and his wife Johanna, situate in Haliwelle Street. Indeed, he seems to have been not unmindful of the substantial advantages which, as the Abbey's corrodist, he had enjoyed: for he also left several costly frontals for the altar, a belt for fastening the "principal" copes, with a golden buckle most artistically made, and representing in its centre a group of swans. To the refectory he gave a cup of *dygun*, or boxwood, with suitable ornaments upon it, and a covercle of the same wood; another cup also, of mazer; two dishes; thirteen silver spoons; and ³ a pair of tongs.

Particulars Between pages 146 and 184 of the present volume, we have a detailed account of the plans devised by Abbot Thomas for obtaining a remission from the Papal Court of the onerous obligation which each newly elected Abbot lay under, of personally seeking confirmation and benediction at the hands of the Pope; as also, exoneration for his house from the grievous exactions that were levied upon it on various pretexts on each vacation of the Abbacy by the Papal See. Suggestions are duly set forth (III. 148-150) for the guidance of the Abbot's envoys, together with the amounts of money intended to

¹ An Adam Cheupayn is named in page 49 of this Volume, as keeper of the Gaol of St. Alban's, in 1349: not improbably the father of William, *alias* Robert Fool.

² See the Volume of *Trokelowe* in this Series, p. 459.

³ *unum ferrum pro carbonibus imponendis.*

be expended (III. 150, 1) in various ways in ensuring the success of the suit. The details of the negotiations, and the letters sent from time to time to and by the envoys, are of considerable interest; and it was with some regret that the Editor found the narrative cut short (with a large hiatus in the manuscript) in page 184, after a considerable amount of ¹ money, in the shape of various items of expense, had been wrung from the too confiding Abbot. The Continuator of the *Gesta* has however, without entering minutely upon the subject, stated enough to satisfy our curiosity (III. 397, 8) on this point; and the result, by his assistance, may be very briefly told. Laurence, a monk of Battle, in Sussex, and Penancer to the Pope, and Master Adam de Fenrother, clerk, who were the Abbot's two principal agents in the transaction, appear, by the practice of every art of deception and misrepresentation, to have succeeded in appropriating to their own use the whole of the moneys which the Abbot had confided to their charge, or empowered them to borrow; a portion of the spoil apparently being shared by one William Strete, who had formerly been butler to the King of England, and now professed to act as agent for the envoys at the Roman Court. His specious letters, given in pages 169, 179, and 183, are in fact only so much dust intended to be thrown in the Abbot's eyes; and how successfully, we may estimate from Abbot de la Mare's exuberant letter given in pages 175-8.

The account (III. 199-216), on appeal made by his son, of the original process of outlawry against Sir Richard Perers, knight, a member of a family of rank and influence, whom we find in 1349 confined in the Bishop of London's gaol at Stortford, for divers felonies, and who for divers felonies committed had also been incarcerated in the Abbot's Gaol at St Alban's some

Strange
career of
Sir Richard
Perers.

¹ 600 marks, as stated in p. 398 of this Volume.

Mention
made also
of Alice
Perers, the
mistress of
Edward
the Third.

sixteen years before (III. 48), affords us several curious features of social life at that period. The name also of Alice Perers, the mistress of Edward the Third in his declining years, a member of the same family, and a person of equally ¹ unscrupulous character in another direction, will be found more than once in the pages of the present volume, on reference to the ² Index.

Abbot Tho-
mas allows
John de
Bokying-
ham,
Bishop of
Lincoln, to
be present
at the ob-
sequies of
Blanche,
Duchess of
Lancaster;
but only
on certain
conditions.

Upon the death of Blanche, Duchess of Lancaster, the first wife of John of Gaunt (A.D. 1369), the corpse, on its way to its final resting-place, reposed for a single night within the Abbey Church of St. Alban's; an immense multitude of people, with more than a thousand horsemen, accompanying it thither on the road. John de Bokyngham, the Bishop of Lincoln,—“wishing “it to appear that he had some right in the Monastery,” the writer says (III. 274. 5), sent word that it was his desire to be present there at the celebration of the obsequies, and to celebrate Mass on the morrow. Abbot Thomas, jealous as any of his predecessors of the rights of his house, sent word to the Bishop, who had stopped short on his journey at Dunstaple, that it would be impossible for him to allow of his presence, unless a letter were first signed by him, guaranteeing perfect indemnity to the Monastery, and full possession of all privileges that had been granted to it by the Apostolic See. This the Bishop, with the greatest indignation, for a time refused; but after the whole day had been consumed by the messenger running between the two towns to and fro, the prelate at length relented, and the letter of indemnity was duly sealed.

¹ We may estimate the opinion entertained of Alice Perers by the inmates of St. Alban's, from the vile character given of her by Walsingham, in his *History*, Vol. I. p. 328.

² On reference to the Index, it is

not improbable that some particulars may be found relative to the heirship of William de Windsor, husband of Alice Perers, for which Dugdale and Collins have been at a loss. See Sir Nicholas H. Nicolas' *Synopsis of the Peerage*, s. n. Windsor.

The body, being met by the Convent at the Black Cross, was escorted into the ¹presbytery with solemn chant; after which, the Office of the Dead was celebrated, the Bishop of Cloyne in Ireland, and the Abbots of Leicester and Whalley, taking part in the service, with the Bishop of Lincoln and the Abbot of St. Alban's. On the morrow, a Mass of St. Mary and the Mass for the Dead were duly celebrated: the services of both which days are described by the writer at considerable length (III. 276, 7), who in all probability himself took part therein. On its departure, the body was again escorted by the Convent in procession upon the road. These marks of respect however, supported as they must have been by a very considerable outlay on the part of the foundation, met with but a sorry recompense, for—"they got no remuneration at all," we learn, "beyond the two cloths of gold, which were then offered."

Description of the obsequies at St. Alban's.

The Bishop feasted with the Abbot, in the Prior's Chamber, on that day. Their reconciliation was complete; and the Abbot, for his many virtues, which the Bishop was never tired of proclaiming, stood high in his esteem as long as he lived.

Complete reconciliation between the Bishop and the Abbot.

Thirty years have now elapsed, both Abbot and Bishop have passed away, and the corpse of John of Gaunt himself is borne through the town of St. Alban's, as we learn from the *Continuation*, (III. 438), on its way to the Church of St. Paul in London; Henry Beaufort, his legitimized son, being now Bishop of Lincoln, and John Moote Abbot of St. Alban's. The Bishop signifying his desire to celebrate the obsequies of his father in the Abbey Church, the Abbot promptly sent his Prior to meet him at Dunstaple, and to put him upon terms, as in the preceding case, duly ensuring the independence of the house. The Bishop, upon this, offered to make a

Abbot John Moote allows Henry Beaufort, Bishop of Lincoln, to take part in the obsequies of his father, John of Gaunt; but only on certain terms.

¹ Situate on the north side of the great altar.

But lodging in the Abbey is refused to the Bishop and Katherine Swynford, his mother.

verbal promise, but declined to sign any letter, as then advised ; which answer given, he appears to have pushed on for the Abbey without any further delay ; where, upon his arrival, with what we must admit was singular assurance, he demanded lodging, not only for himself but for his mother, Katherine Swynford, as well, then Duchess of Lancaster certainly, but the *ci-devant* mistress of the deceased Duke ; a request however which it is evident was very peremptorily refused : upon which the Bishop found lodgings elsewhere. The body of his parent was at this moment at the church door awaiting his arrival ; but it was only at the solicitation of the Bishop of London, who fortunately was present, that the indignant prelate at length gave way. The required letter of indemnity duly sealed by him,—but with the Bishop of London's seal, his own not being at hand,—he proceeded to the church, and took part in the service, occupying the Abbot's stall. Upon the celebration of Mass on the morrow, the Bishop presented certain vestments which had been left by his father for the service of the altar ; and then, after thanking the Convent for the honour they had shown to the memory of his parent, and making profession of future friendship to the house, took his departure for London ; resting however at Barnet that night.

Ill-will shown by the Bishop, on the accession of his half-brother to the crown. The Abbot propitiates him with hospitality and gifts.

On the accession to the throne of his half-brother, the Earl of Derby, as Henry the Fourth, the Bishop repented of his promise of goodwill, we are told (III. 440), and entertained evil designs against the Monastery and its dependent Cells. The Abbot therefore, thinking it now high time to propitiate him, not only no longer refused him a lodging, but gave him the very best chamber within the Abbey walls, and even went so far as to allow him, not without some murmuring on part of the monks, to perform episcopal functions within the exempt jurisdiction of the house : added to which, he privately made the Bishop a present of one hundred shillings, and,

in exchange for a sapphire ring which the prelate wore, Ring given presented him with another ring containing a portion of to him, the true Cross; which had formerly been given to Abbot with a portion of the true Cross. Thomas by Thomas de Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester, and the possession of which the Bishop greatly coveted.

For some centuries the mitred Abbot of St. Alban's The seat of the Abbots in Parliament never alluded to in these volumes, except in reference to Abbot John Moote. had his seat among the Peers of Parliament in England, taking precedence of all other Abbots there, in virtue of the ¹privileges granted to Abbot Robert de Gorham by Pope Adrian the Fourth, and afterwards confirmed by Pope Honorius the Third. It is a somewhat singular fact, however, that in these volumes the Abbot's seat in Parliament is never mentioned, or in any way alluded to; with the exception of the following passage, which we find in the Continuation of the *Gesta* (III. 435) in reference to Abbot John Moote, who succeeded Thomas de la Mare in 1396:—"This Abbot, in the first

Parliament at which he attended, obtained the first Statement made in the Continuation of the *Gesta*, in reference thereto. place among all the Abbots of England, which was his due, by usage and lawful prescription, according to the tenor of his privileges, and in virtue of the peaceable possession thereof by his predecessors;—a seat which had been claimed by the Abbot of Westminster and the Prior of Christ [Church], Canterbury, men who were in the highest favour with the King and the Archbishop of that place, with great urgency and by the most active means;—after having shown his evidences thereon to the King and his nobles: through his own simplicity, however, and owing to his fear of the King, he afterwards in the other Parliaments allowed the Abbot of Westminster to take the higher place." Of the terms upon which Abbot Moote stood with King Richard, we may also form an estimate from a passage Statement in the Continuation

¹ See Vol. I. p. 128. Abbot Robert de Gorham took precedence of all the other English Abbots at the

General Council of Tours, A.D. 1163: see Vol. I. p. 177.

as to his
disfavour
with King
Richard the
Second. (III. 454) in the same Continuation : — “ This Abbot
“ gave to King Richard, for the purpose of preserving
“ his good will, and avoiding his malice, at different
“ times, one hundred and twenty-six pounds, thirteen
“ shillings and four pence.”

Review of
the circum-
stances at-
tending the
dispute be-
tween the
Abbots of
St. Alban's
and West-
minster, for
the prece-
dence in
Parliament. From the ¹Rolls of Parliament we learn that, in ac-
cordance with his rights, for many years before the
death of Edward the Third, the Abbot of St. Alban's
—Thomas de la Mare—had invariably taken precedence
in Parliament of all the other English Abbots; and in
the Harleian Manuscript 3775 (12), which contains a
somewhat later, but much fuller, account of the
transaction now under notice, we further find it stated
that Abbot Thomas continued his attendance in Par-
liament, in enjoyment of his precedence, down to ten
years before his death, in other words, the year 1386;
after which date, owing to infirmities and old age, he
was no longer able to attend. On again referring to
the ²Rolls of Parliament, we find that it was in the
month of September 1397 (the year after Abbot Moote's
election) that the Abbot of St. Alban's took his place
in Parliament in precedence of all other Abbots then
present, the Abbot of Westminster included. From the
Harleian Manuscript we also learn that on this occasion
the ³Abbot of Westminster, claiming the place in right
of his uninterrupted possession of it for several years
before, endeavoured, with some show of ⁴violence, to
prevent his rival of St. Alban's from taking the seat:
an attempt, however, which was successfully resisted
on that day. The Abbot of St. Alban's happening to

¹ *Rot. Parl.*, Vol. II.

² *Rot. Parl.*, Vol. III. p. 348.

³ William de Colchester. He had
been elected in 1386, and had prob-
ably held possession of the first
seat among the Abbots from the
beginning of his prelacy.

⁴ From the context of the account
in the Harleian Manuscript (which
is written very ungrammatically) it
would seem that the Abbot of West-
minster repeated the attempt to dis-
place his rival several times (*pluri-
bus vicibus*) on that day.

be absent from Parliament on the following day, a most undignified quarrel took place between the Abbot of Westminster and the Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, who also laid claim to the highest place; which was only allayed through the intervention of the Earl of Northumberland, who said that it belonged to neither of them by right, but to the Abbot of St. Alban's.

Being informed of this by his Chaplain, William Wyntershille, who was present, the Abbot of St. Alban's took the opportunity on the next day, while the King was seated ¹ in state, after Parliament had risen, waiting for the people to ² pass before him, to address the sovereign on the subject, and shewed his right of precedence by producing a copy of the Bull of Pope Honorius, which granted him that preeminence. Upon seeing this evidence, the King at once declared that he had proved his title, and should in future enjoy his right of precedence.

King Richard however, as the Harleian Manuscript says, was well known to be "an especial favourer and "promoter of Westminster," and it was now that Abbot's turn to use his influence with the King; which he did so effectually, that the Abbot of St. Alban's, by a serjeant-at-arms, was again summoned into the royal presence. "Supplicating rather than enjoining," the sovereign entreated the Abbot that he would agree to share the upper seat with the Abbot of Westminster, they taking it on alternate days. To this, though with reluctance, he assented; and then, upon the plea of infirmities and old age, begged that he might be excused from further attendance in Parliament; to which the King made answer that the counsel of him and the like of him was very opportune both for himself and his realm.

¹ *in sua sede regia.*

² This may probably be looked | upon as a levee, in its earliest form.

After this, so far as we can gather from the ungrammatical language of the Harleian Manuscript—and which seems to contradict the account before quoted from the Continuation (III. 435)—the Abbot of Westminster refused to take the seat in the “pacific Parliament” that followed, and in which his rival of St. Alban’s was present; which must mean, if anything, the sittings in that ¹Session and the ensuing one, as there was no other Parliament till the end of Richard’s reign.

The account, however, given in the Continuation is probably the correct one; and there can hardly be a doubt that it was the Abbot of St. Alban’s who so absented himself, and thus gave up to his rival the coveted seat. Be this as it may, we ²find, thirteen days only after the opening of Parliament, and the then enjoyment of precedence by the Abbot of St. Alban’s, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal ³making oath, in the King’s presence, before the Shrine of Edward the Confessor in the Abbey of Westminster, that they will observe the statutes enacted in the same Parliament; and the Abbot of Westminster taking ⁴precedence of his rival of St. Alban’s; while the name of the Prior of Christ Church, Canterbury, follows them both.

In the year 1399, the beginning of the reign of Henry the Fourth, we ⁵find the Abbot of Westminster named, as one of the Peers of Parliament, in precedence of the Abbot of St. Alban’s: after which date, the Abbot of Westminster having engaged in ⁶treasonable practices

¹ Parliament was adjourned till the following January, to meet at Shrewsbury on the 28th of that month.

² *Rot. Parl.*, Vol. III. p. 355.

³ On Sunday, the 30th September, 1397.

⁴ The name of the Prior of St.

John of Jerusalem, however, comes before that of the Abbot of Westminster.

⁵ *Rot. Parl.*, Vol. III. p. 427.

⁶ We learn from the *Chronicle* of Jehan de Waurin, in this Series, (edited by Mr. W. Hardy), Vol. III. p. 20, that it was in the Abbot’s

against King Henry, his name disappears for a time from the Rolls of Parliament, and the Abbot of St. Alban's resumes his former precedence.

From page 209 of the *Annales Ricardi Secundi* (printed with Trokelowe in this Series) we learn that in this Parliament, in which the strong partisans of King Richard—of whom William de Colchester, Abbot of Westminster, was one—carried everything their own way, a large structure was built, which covered nearly the whole of the Palace yard at Westminster, a lofty throne being erected there for the King. On this throne the King sat in full Parliament, no doubt, on Saturday the 29th of September, when, as we learn from the Rolls of Parliament (III. p. 355), with the crown on his head, and the royal sceptre in his hand, he conferred various titles of honour upon his cousin, the Earl of Derby, and several other peers, who ultimately supported his cause to the death. The day after this, as already mentioned, the oath was proffered at the Confessor's Shrine, in the Abbey. It was in commemoration probably of these two events,—the culminating point, to all appearance, of Richard's power and glory, (rendered too the more signal by his judicial victory in this Parliament over the Duke of Gloucester and the Earls of Arundel and Warwick,) and his active interference in support of the Abbot's claims,—that the life-sized portrait of that King, seated in state, with crown and sceptre, upon what from its ¹ construction may certainly be called a lofty throne, was painted. It is now preserved in the Jerusalem Chamber, but was formerly hung in the choir of the Abbey; and it seems a not unreasonable surmise that it may have been painted

The events in commemoration of which the picture of King Richard the Second, not improbably was painted, which is still preserved in the Jerusalem Chamber, at Westminster.

lodgings that the Earls of Kent and Huntingdon, and other nobles, planned their disastrous conspiracy against Henry the Fourth.

¹ The height of its pinnacles; and the fact of its being raised upon a step or steps.

for Abbot William de Colchester himself, and that upon his disgrace, in order to protect it from the partisans of the new rule, it was removed from the Abbot's palace to the interior of the Abbey, where no one could molest it under the penalties of sacrilege.

Such is a sample—an inadequate one, perhaps,—of the multifarious details, the *farrago libelli*, of these volumes. In reference to some few others among the many subjects that arrest our notice in running over their pages, want of space will allow us to do no more than speak in general terms.—

Passages in the work in reference to the localities of St. Alban's.

The reader who takes an interest in the former history of the localities of St. Alban's, is referred to Vol. I. pp. 472–480; Vol. II. pp. 166–170, and p. 315; and Vol. III. pp. 186–193, and pp. 318, 319; the former of the two last-mentioned extracts being the substance of a sort of Report made in the latter part of the reign of Edward the Third, as to the encroachments of the tenants adjoining the ² Abbey walls. It may be not out of place also here to remark that the history of the Architecture of the Abbey Church, both as deduced from the structure itself, and as described in the earlier part of the *Gesta Abbatum*, has been exhaustively treated by Messrs.

¹ Many items of information on this subject may be gathered also from the *Liber de Benefactoribus*, published in the Volume of *Trokelowe*, in this Series, pp. 427–464.

² As throwing a light upon the domestic economy of the Abbey, we may notice the mention of the "apple-house" or "room," (II. p. 414) as a building evidently of some importance, in the reign of Edward the Third. On reference to the Index, mention will be found made, more than once, in the same reign, of the "Wax-house Gate," one of

the Abbey Gates, situate near its "Wax-house:" a department rendered necessary, no doubt, by the vast consumption of wax in the shape of tapers and torches. It seems not improbable that this wax-house was in reality an apiary, or large collection of hives of bees. Apseley Mill, near Abbot's Langley, named in a deed executed by the Abbot in 1385 (III. p. 271), is still at work, but as a paper-mill, belonging to the late Mr. John Dickinson, F.R.S.

J. C. and C. A. Buckler, in their elaborate work on the subject (London, 1847).

In the "Constitutions" of several of the Abbots, a large amount of information is to be met with in reference to conventual ceremonial and discipline, and the monastic, as well as secular, manners and usages of the fourteenth century; the various extravagances then prevailing in costume and dress more ¹particularly. The Constitutions of Abbot John Maryns are given in Vol. II. pp. 95-106; of Abbot Michael de Mentmore, in Vol. II. pp. 469-519; and of Abbot Thomas de la Mare, in Vol. II. pp. 419-466.

The "Constitutions" of the Abbots, a source of information as to Conventual ceremonial and discipline.

Many particulars will also be found in these pages,—apart from the passages already alluded to, which bear reference to the dissensions between the Abbey and the townsmen,—relative to the *nativi*, or born bondmen, and the ²villeins, in those days, their status and tenure, and the regulations for their management and governance. Among the more prominent passages on this subject may be noticed those in Vol. I. pp. 453-5, Vol. II. p. 123, and Vol. III. pp. 39-41.

Particulars in reference to the status of the *nativi* and the villeins.

It only remains to add, that the pages of the *Gesta Abbatum*, in the Cotton Manuscript Claudius E. iv., were largely consulted by the Reverend Peter Newcome, Rector of Shenley, in Hertfordshire, for the compilation of his *History of the Abbey of St. Alban*, published in 1795. Apart from ³the difficulties inherent in his day to his task of gathering fragments from time to time in the British Museum, and then manipulating them for

The *History of the Abbey of St. Alban*, by the Reverend Peter Newcome.

¹ See Vol. II. pp. 451-4, more especially; where, among other extravagances, pointed boots (afterwards known as "cracowes") are forbidden to be worn by the Benedictine monks.

² Occasionally these two classes

of tenants seem to be spoken of as identical: see Vol. III. pp. 40, 41, for example.

³ From page iii of his Preface, we gather that he resided at his living of Shenley, about six miles from St. Alban's.

his purpose — the cause of some at least of his shortcomings, it may be fairly surmised,—a close perusal of his volume has led the Editor, though with reluctance, to the conviction that, however considerable his other acquirements may have been, he certainly was not qualified to deal with manuscriptal learning; and consequently has produced what must in justice be pronounced to be but a very perfunctory and unreliable work.¹

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¹ It is a somewhat curious coincidence that Shenley had had another historian for its Rector, about fifty years before; the Reverend Philip Falle, writer of a *His-*

tory of the Island of Jersey; a work which, notwithstanding some imperfections, is a far more trustworthy guide than his successor's *History of the Abbey of St. Alban*.

CORRIGENDA.

IN VOL. I.

- Page xx., line 30, for 1326 read 1327.
" 65, margin, for 1193 read 1093.
" 112, line 12, for "Robertem" read "Robertum."
" 163, line 3, for "T[homm]" read "T[heobaldo]."
" 168, line 28, transfer the inverted commas to after "prævideam."
" 213, Note 5, for cxxi. read cxxiii.
" 332, line 19, for "compacat" read "compareat."
" 479, line 34, for "recognavit" read "recognovit."

IN VOL. II.

- Page 48, line 21, for "Iter" read "Item."
" 159, Note 3, delete the words "Correctly, 'Januarii,'" inserted in error.
" 178, margin, for 1326 read 1327.
" 183, margin, for 1326 read 1327.
" 240, marginal Note, for "will" read "mill."
" 366, line 25, for "Johannes" read "Johanne."

IN VOL. III.

- Page 119, line 3, for "Duchet" read "Dachet."
" 203, line 5, for "grati" read "gratia."
" 210, margin, for "inquisition" read "inquisition."
" 283, line 2, read "vero Norwicensia, erubescens se de."

**GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII SANCTI
ALBANI.**

[MS. COTTON. CLAUDIUS E. IV.]

SECTIO TERTIA, CONTINUATA.

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*Processus litis et discordiæ inter præscriptum Abbatem
et Dominum Philippum Lymburi, mediatione
Ducis Lancastriæ terminatus.*

Erat autem vir iste magnanimus et cordatus, ut A.D. 1349-1396.
pene mortem non timeret, dummodo jura sui monas-
terii tueri posset. Sed si quando inferebantur minæ The strenuous character of Abbot Thomas.
potestatum sæcularium, mox, velut alter ¹ Martinus,
ad divinum recurrebat subsidium; et non prius ab
oratione cessavit, quam, cum Conventu suo, fudit ante
Corpus Dominicum, vel corpus Beati Albani, donec
sese exauditum realiter sentiebat. Extra hinc, cum
perveniret ad placitam, vel dies datos concordiæ, sive
tractatum, tanta securitate fruebatur, ut molitiones
adversariorum, velut telas aranearum, pessundaret et
cassaret. Et cum plures insurrexissent contra eum
diversis temporibus, licet ad horam gravatus fuisset,
opprimi nunquam potuit, vel devinci; munitus enim
erat orationibus gregis sui.

Inter multos itaque qui levaverunt calcaneum contra Sir Philip de Lymbury one of his foes.
eum, fuit quidam miles de Soka de Lutona, dictus
"Philippus de Lymbury." Hic erat vir ultra omnes

¹ Martin, Bishop of Tours, (A.D. 371) is probably meant; the strenuous opponent of the heathen worship, in Gaul.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. vanitati deditus, et vanæ gloriæ, avaritiæ multum, sed magis superbix; et eo plus metuendus, quod in obsequio fuit nobilis Ducis Lancastriæ, Henrici, videlicet: prætextu cujus et favoris et dominii, putabat se impune

A follower of Henry, Duke of Lancaster. montes æquare vallibus, et aspera quæque ponere in vias planas.

Qui, inter damna vel injurias quæ irrogaverat Monasterio, Cellerarium etiam curiæ, Johannem Moot, reverentem de prædio de Hexstantuna, vel capi fecit inhumaniter, vel certe capi permisit; et in foro publico de Lutona, quod est die Lunæ, dedecorose circumduci multotiens circa collistrigium, in odium Abbatibus sui, et religionis opprobrium manifestum. Quam injuriam Abbas dissimulare nequiens, dictum militem compellere nitebatur ad satisfactionem, juxta consuetudines legum terræ; et eum verisimiliter oppressisset, si non Dux memoratus eos sua auctoritate ad concordiam revocasset.

On Lymbury attempting to make offering, the Martyr, St. Alban, shews his indignation.

De quo illud mirabile contigit: quod dum, pro more militum regionis, voluisset—¹ facta de sua malitia impunita—oblationem facere Sancto Albano, Anglorum Protomartyri, non est permissus accedere ad altare suum. Sed mox ut se paravit ad ponendum oblationem super altare, tanto profluvio sanguinis, de naso suo decurrentis, impeditus est, et artatus, ut ad altare accedere non valeret. Et cum bina vice tentasset accedere, bis effluxit cruor impetu validissimo de suis naribus, ut nullo modo posset accedere ad altare. Tandem excogitavit in ² pyxide ponere oblationem, quam fuerat meditatus; sed frustra, nam neque tunc permissus est cognoscere locum ubi deponeret votum suum, Martyre manifesta suæ indignationis signa monstrante, videlicet, quod noluit sua data suscipere, qui data suis volebat abripere, et injurias ejus familiaribus audebat inferre.

¹ Sic in MS.

| ² *pyride* in MS.

Acta sunt hæc multis videntibus; qui usque modo hujus miraculi, vel vindictæ, testes sunt. Sed et in posterum cito evanuit ejus memoria, sic ut, adhuc superstite præfato Abbate, ipse non solum mortuus daretur oblivioni, sed ejus tota sequela.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Lymbury
and his
followers
die and
are soon
forgotten.

¹ *Processus placiti super Warda Johannis Aynel, et aliis, inter præfatum Abbatem et Johannem Chi[lterne] diutius agitati.*

Fuit quidam alius, inferioris gradus, sed superioris nequitie, quem olim Dominus Thomas Abbas suo familiari consilio acciverat, et illi pene cuncta secreta monstraverat loci nostri; per quæ fideliter vel promoveri posset jura Monasterii, vel certe, (prout contigit,) si infidelis existere maluisset, valeret nostris libertatibus efficacius insidiari. Nomen ejus infame recito, quia nulli fuit ignota ejus versutia, vel astutia, in agitandis falsis causis. Cujus foetor falsitatis et fallaciæ hactenus patriam inficit, atque torquet:—"Johannes de "Chilterne" fuerat nomen ejus.

The
infamous
conduct of
John de
Chilterne
towards the
Monastery.

Hic, ut dixi, cum tantus effectus fuisset in oculis Abbatis nostri, ut nihil pene posset sine sua præsentia vel conniventia de causis in Monasterio, vel extra, emergentibus, terminari, cepit ad firmam de Abbate manerium suum de Langley, et duo molendina, ac terras et tenementa unius wardæ, videlicet, ² Johannis filii Johannis Aynel, sibi et ecclesiæ suæ pertinentia, ad certum tempus. Qui, nec ingratus nec falsus reperiri metuens, annuam summam pecuniæ Abbati, domino suo, debitam, tamdiu superbe subtraxit, donec teneretur sibi amplius quam centum libris. Et quia adversarius magnus fuit, et familiaris extiterat, versutus quoque erat.

He farms
certain
tenements
of the
Abbot, but
omits to
pay the
rent.

¹ This Rubric is omitted in the text, but is inserted in the margin, in a later hand.

² Omitted in the text; out supplied in the margin, in a later hand.

Thomas, et callidus, et cautela ¹abunde munitus, opus erat prudentiori consilio causam cum eo ingredi.

30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Consuluit igitur Abbas Justiciarios regionis, et jurisperitissimos; qui omnes pro finali remedio responderunt,

The Abbot
seizes fifty
animals of
his, by way
of distress.

quod oporteret eum capere sufficienter distractiones, quousque redderet debitum praelibatum. Quorum consiliis adquiescens, Abbas distringi eum fecit per quinquaginta animalia; quorum quædam bona, quædam debilia, extiterunt. Quo comperto, idem Johannes, in furorem versus, asseruit se nunquam velle prosegui liberationem animalium prædictorum. Abbas vero de sua compassione jussit animalibus dari pabula, ne perirent, expectans si forte dictus Johannes, effectus humilior, resipisceret a furia præconcepta; mittens interim ballivum suum, qui sibi referret vice sua quod libenter deliberaret animalia sibi sua, si vellet exhibere fidejussores ad solvendum debitum quod debebat. Qui superciliose respondit, se nunquam velle petere deliberationem dictorum animalium; nec vellet quod eis daretur aliquod alimentum, sed vellet potius quod perirent. Renunciata

But offers
to accept
sureties
instead.

Abbati tanta malitia, jurisperiti responderunt unanimiter se nolle in hac causa de cætero quovismodo consu- lere, nec cum Abbate stare, si daret ulterius dictis animalibus alimenta. Territus ergo Abbas retraxit manum, et sic, in defectu dicti Johannis, cuncta animalia periere. Exhinc coepit dictus Johannes omnem ²excitare malitiam, in dominum suum proditor, et viis et modis quibus poterat, illi nocere; ut in sequentibus

By advice
of counsel,
the Abbot
suffers the
animals to
starve.

apparebit. Nam nullum genus convicii prætermisit, nullum genus mendacii præterivit, quibus vel infestare Abbatem poterat, vel eidem gravamen inferre. Quod ideo facilius se posse putabat, quod familiarior, vicinior, et amicior, Abbati fuerat. In tantum se gloriabatur Abbati nociturum, ut eum ³assereret compellendum ad

Chilterne is
animated
by spiteful-
ness and
revenge.

¹ *habundæ* in MS.

² *excitare* in MS.

³ *asseret* in MS.

venditionem plumbi, quo tectum sui monasterii tegebatur.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
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Sed molitiones ejus impedivit,—¹ “Qui in alto habitat, “et humilia respicit,” in coelo et in terra. Revera mediantibus utriusque partis amicis, eo res deducta est, ut uterque certo die sua gravamina sub pacis titulo demonstraret, et lis conquiesceret judicio amicorum. Ventum est igitur ad diem locumque statutum; et Johannes, post multa colloquia, Abbatis arbitrio se submitit. A quo Abbas id exegit, ut idem Johannes se obligaret in mille marcis solvendis, si unquam pro causis præmissis Abbatem de cætero molestaret. Sed non diu duravit pax inita; Johanne disquirente causas, quibus Abbatem iterum angariaret. Unde Abbas compulsus est sequi contra Johannem unam de obligationibus mille marcarum; nam quatuor de mille marcis confectæ fuerant obligationes. Nec destitit Abbatis animositas, donec Johannem condemnatum uthlagaret; qui fugiens, aliquantisper hic et ibi in hac terra latitabat, donec putaret suas latebras deprehendi. Tandem trans mare fugiens, velut profugus, nunc in Picardia, nunc apud Kalesiam, miserrimam moram traxit; donec Edwardus, Princeps Walliæ, et alii domini et amici dicti Abbatis, et officarii et Justiciarii regii, (qui parti Abbatis, ² immo, veritati favebant, qui etiam fraudem et falsitatem ipsius Johannis noverant,) mortui fuissent, et ab eorum officiis pristinis amoti; ipse quoque Abbas, et alii ejus officarii et amici, prosecutionis prænotatæ pleniorē notitiā habentes, propter senium et diversas infirmitates, ad prosequendum, seu resistendum malitiæ ejusdem Johannis, minus ³ idonei fuissent.

A temporary peace is made, but to no purpose.

The Abbot prosecutes him on his bond, and causes him to be outlawed.

Chilterne retires to Calais and Picardy, for a long time.

Quamobrem, æstimans Abbatem jam destitutum amicitia, vel oppressum senio, revenire decessit: cujus adventu cognito, mox Abbas per breve “Capias” uthla-

At length he returns, whereon the Abbot

¹ Psalm cxxxviii. 6.

² immo in MS.

³ idonei in MS.

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causes him
to be im-
prisoned ;
but offers
him terms,
which are
refused.

Chilterne
makes
great pro-
mises to
the King, in
return for
his libera-
tion.

On his
being libe-
rated, the
Abbot sues
him on
another
bond.

He asserts
that the
Abbot is
no longer
living.

The Abbot,
though
infirm, ap-
pears be-
fore the
Common
Bank, to
prove the
contrary.

Chilterne is
condemned
to pay the
sum, and

gatum eum capi fecit, et carceri mancipari ; ad quem direxit nuncios, amicos dicti Johannis, ¹ pollicens, si vellet bonam securitatem facere, quod ipsum Abbatem ultra non inquietaret, nec aliquem de vicinis, ejus deliberationem procuraret. Sed noluit hoc versipellis ; quinimmo per quosdam de suis complicitibus fecit intimari Domino Regi, quod si posset habere libertatem de carcere exeundi, vel circueundi patriam, inæstimabile Regi commodum procuraret ; ita ut de Abbate de Sancto Albano posset juste levare mille libras, pro certis causis quibus injuriatus fuerat regiæ majestati : sed et de vicinis suis e patria promisit Regi grande commodum, si Rex in hac parte faveret.

Permissus igitur exire carcerem, omnia commenta malitiæ disquisivit, quibus vel Abbatem gravaret, vel suos proximos, et Regis ² comodarius posset verisimiliter æstimari. Abbas igitur, quem gravabat nimis viri malitia, cœpit contra eum prosequi alteram obligationem ; scilicet, ducentarum quinquaginta marcarum. Quam quidem prosecutionem dictus Johannes illusit, asserens se non teneri prædicto scripto obligatum respondere ; eo quod vidisset, ut asseruit, dictum Abbatem mortuum, et coram majori altari Monasterii prædicti in feretro jacentem. Unde idem Abbas, ut jus suum, et sui monasterii, conservaret, et falsitatem dicti Johannis confutaret, licet maxima infirmitate tunc detentus, in litera usque Londonias est deductus, et, sustentantibus ipsum quibusdam gravibus personis, coram Justiciariis Domini Regis in Communi Banco astitit videndus, et objectionibus prædicti Johannis responsurus. Unde prædictus Johannes, de sua falsitate non solum suspectus, sed etiam palam convictus, ad solutionem summæ petitiæ merito fuerat condemnatus, et pro sua falsitate manifesta ad carcerem de Fleta iterum

¹ *pollens* in the text, but run through with the pen, and "*polli-cens*" inserted in the margin, in a

later hand.

² Sic in MS. ; probably for "*com-modarius*," an unusual word.

adjudicatus. Et licet ibidem tam in victu quam vestitu per dictum Dominum Abbatem fuisset exhibitus, malitiam tamen suam inveteratam non deseruit, sed eandem contra dictum Abbatem, et alios vicinos suos, tam verbo quam opere et consilio, usque ad finem vitæ suæ virulenter exercuit; ut in processu subsequenter plenius appareat.—

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committed
to the Fleet
prison;
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institutes a
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Rubrica—Introductio placiti super Warda Johannis Aynel, et aliis, inter præfatum Abbatem et Johannem Chilterne diutius agitati. — Inquisitio per Johannem Chilterne prædictum contra præfatum Abbatem, coram Escaetore Regis fallaciter adinventata.

“ Inquisitio capta coram Rogero de Wolfrestone, Escaetore Domini Regis in Comitatu Herfordiæ, apud Aldebury, die Jovis proxima post Festum Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, tricesimo octavo, virtute cujusdam brevis dicti Domini Regis, eidem Escaetori directi, per sacramentum Rogeri de Elmynggham, Henrici Phelip, Willelmi Crek, Ricardi Merston, Johannis Phelip, Willelmi Peek, Thomæ Bonel, Ricardi Segham, Johannis Lightfot, Galfridi Amice, Walteri Barone, Johannis Gunnyld, Juratorum; qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Rogerus filius Johannis de Messeworthe tenuit de Domino Rege, in capite unum tenementum, cum pertinentiis, continens unam acram terræ in Pendele, in Comitatu prædicto, per servitium militare. Qui quidem Rogerus filius Johannis dictum tenementum, ante ¹ Statutum Domini Regis, alienavit Adæ Aignel, tenendum sibi et hæredibus suis de prædicto Rogero, et hæredibus suis, in perpetuum, per servitium unius denarii per annum, pro omnibus servitiis et cætera. Et quod postea Willelmus, filius et hæres prædicti Rogeri, remisit et quietum-clamavit Johanni Aignel, filio et hæredi prædicti Adæ Aignel, totum jus suum, et clameum, quod habuit in prædicto tenemento. Virtute ² cujus quietæ-clamationis, prædictus Johannes filius Adæ Aignel devenit tenens Domini Regis, prout intendunt; et dicunt quod dictum tene-

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¹ Probably that against Subinfeudation, 34 Edward III. c. 15; see

p. 15 post.

² *cujusdam* in MS.

Thomas, " mentum valet per annum duodecim denarios; et quod
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 Abbot, " sanguineus et hæres prædicti Johannis filii Adæ Aignel;
 A.D. " et obiit seiscitus de prædioto tenemento in dominico suo, ut
 1349-96. " de feodo *et cætera*.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 Aignel tenuit die quo obiit, in dominico suo, ut de feodo
 Domini Regis, in capite, unam acram prati in Rikemers-
 worthe, in quodam prato vocato ¹ 'Le Estmade,' jacentem in
 longitudine a venella vocata 'Le Revelane,' usque ad ripam
 vocatam 'Colneye;' et in tempore antiquo dicta acra prati
 fuit parcella manerii de Rikmersworthe; quod quidem
 manerium est parcella Baronie Abbatis de Sancto Albano;
 sed per quod servitium tenetur, ignoratur; et valet illa acra
 per annum duodecim denarios, *et cætera*.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, die quo obiit, ut de feodo,
 unam viam continentem acram et unam rodam terræ, in
 prædicta villa de Rikmersworthe, in hameletto vocato
 'Crokeslæe,' ex perquisitione antecessoris sui, de Domino
 Rege in capite, per servitium militare, ut de scuto de
 Crokeslæe: et valet per annum sex denarios.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, die quo obiit, ut de feodo,
 principale mesuagium suum, in prædicta villa de Rikmers-
 worthe existens, vocatum 'Le More,' quadraginta acras
 terræ, octodecim acras prati, et tres acras pasturæ, cum
 pertinentiis, de Domino Rege in capite, ut per Parvam
 Serjantiam unius ³sparthæ, in libero socagio, prout inten-
 dunt; et valet per annum quadraginta solidos.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit,
 in prædicta villa de Rikmersworth dimidiam hidatam
 terræ, continentem triginta acras terræ, de Abbate de Sancto
 Albano, per servitium militare, et per servitium decem soli-
 dorum per annum; quæ quidem hidata terræ in tempore
 antiquo fuit parcella de prædicto mesuagio vocato 'Le More,'
 et postea quidam Magister Ambrosius eam de Abbate de
 Sancto Albano tenuit; sed quomodo ignorant, quia extra
 memoriam; et valet per annum quinque solidos.

¹ The East Mead.

² The Reve's Lane.

³ *sparth*. *Spartha*, "an axe"

is probably meant; see page 15
post.

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"Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit die quo obiit, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, in dicta villa de Rikmersworthe, in hamelletto vocato 'Dani-
' 'eleshide,' viginti tres solidatas redditus, cum pertinentiis, de certis tenentibus ¹exeuntes, de Abbate de Sancto Albano, in libero socagio, per servitium septem solidorum per annum.
—Valor patet.

"Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, dimidiam marcam annui redditus in prædicta villa de Rikmersworthe, in hamelletto de Crokealee, exeuntem de quodam tenemento vocato 'Elyslonde,' de Abbate de Sancto Albano, per servitium militare. Valor ejusdem redditus patet, et cætera.

"Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, die quo obiit, ut de feodo, in prædicta villa de Rikmersworth unum mesuagium, unam carucatam terræ, quatuordecim acras prati, decem acras pasturæ, quinque acras bosci, cum pertinentiis, quæ vocantur 'Aasheles,' et unam virgatam terræ vocatam ²'Hauckwelles-
'lond,' et quatuor solidatas redditus, cum pertinentiis, in eadem villa de Rikmersworth, de hæredibus Stephani atte Grove, in libero socagio, per servitium quatuor denariorum; et valet per annum quatuor libras.

"Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, quindecim acras terræ in quodam campo vocato ³'Le
'Stratefeld,' de Johanne de Muridene, in libero socagio, per servitium quatuor solidorum et sex denariorum per annum; et valet per annum sex denarios.

"Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, in villa de Caishoo, unum molendinum aquaticum, vocatum 'Tolpade,' valde debile et ruinosum; unum pratum, vocatum 'Le Mullemade,' continens duas acras prati, et unam parvamcroftam, vocatam ⁴'Le Mulne Croft;' et unam ripariam separalem, de Johanne Chilterne, ut de tenemento suo, vocatam 'Brutewelles,' per servitium militare, et per servitium quinque solidorum per annum; et valet per annum unam marcam.

"Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi

¹ exeunt.

² Hauckwell's Land.

³ The Street Field.

⁴ The Mill Mead, or Meadow.

⁵ The Mill Croft.

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" Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, die quo obiit, de feodo, septemdecim solidatas et septem denarios annui redditus in hamelletto de Brutewelle et Watford, de diversis tenentibus, exeuntibus de hæredibus Domini Philippi Durdant, in libero socagio, per servitium unius denarii per annum, et unius libræ cimini; unde etiam dictum molendinum, prætum vocatum ¹'Mulnemade,' et Mulne Croft, et riparia, onerantur. Et valor dicti redditus patet, *et cætera*. Et dicunt quod prædictum tenementum, vocatum 'Le More,' cum suis pertinentiis, et prædictum tenementum, vocatum 'Assheles,' cum suis pertinentiis, onerantur in viginti libris annui redditus ad terminum vitæ dicti Johannis Chilterne, per scriptum prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi Aignel; et sic multum onerantur ultra verum valorem eorundem.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, in dicto Comitatu, in Pendele et Wygentone, unum mesuagium, unam carucatam terræ, unum molendinum ²ventriticum, valde debile, viginti et unum solidatas annui redditus, et septimam partem bosci vocati 'Le Menewode,' cum suis pertinentiis, de Priore Hospitalis Sancti Johannis de Ierusalem in Anglia, in libero socagio, et per servitium quinque solidorum per annum; et valet per annum sexaginta et quinque solidos.

" Item, dicunt quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, de Galfrido de Lucy, in Wygentone, in eodem Comitatu, unam virgatam et dimidiam, sex acras ³terræ, cum pertinentiis, per servitium militare, et per servitium septem solidorum et octo denariorum per annum; et valet per annum sex solidos, octo denarios.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, die quo obiit, unam virgatam et dimidiam terræ, sex acras prati, et sexdecim ⁴solidatas annui redditus, cum pertinentiis, in Trenges, in eodem Comitatu, in libero socagio, de Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, per servitium duorum solidorum per annum; et valet per annum viginti duos solidos.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, duas acras vocatas ⁵'Le Washebottes,' de Johanne de

¹ Mill Mead; see *Mullemade* in page 11.

² Sic in MS.

³ Qy. if not "prati."

⁴ *solidi*, apparently in MS.

⁵ Perhaps meaning, "The Wash Butts," from a pond and butts for archery there.

" Ailesbury, 'militē, in libero socagio, per servitium decem
 " denariorum per annum; et nihil valet per annum ultra
 " dictam resolutionem, *et cætera*.

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" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 " Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit,
 " in villa de Ailesbury, de Abbate de Mussenden, unam dimi-
 " diam virgatam terræ, vocatam 'Brutesdone,' cum pertinen-
 " tiis, et sex acras terræ, in libero socagio, et per servitium
 " sex solidorum per annum; et valet per annum duodecim
 " denarios, *et cætera*, et non plus, quia debile, *et cætera*.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 " Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit,
 " in Aldebury, in dicto Comitatu, unum tenementum sexaginta
 " et decem acrarum terræ, tres acras prati, et quinque soli-
 " datas redditus, cum pertinentiis, vocatum 'Launcelene,' de
 " hæredibus Rogeri Launcelene, in libero socagio, per ser-
 " vitium unius albarum paris ohirothecarum, pretii unius
 " oboli; et valet per annum viginti et sex solidos, octo
 " denarios.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 " Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit,
 " in villa de Hamelhampstede, in Comitatu prædicto, unum
 " mesuagium valde ruinosum, et unam carucatam terræ tri-
 " ginta solidorum annui redditus, cum pertinentiis, de Rec-
 " tore de Assherugge, in libero socagio, per servitium
 " quadraginta solidorum per annum; et nihil valet per annum,
 " ultra resolutionem mesuagii et terræ supradictæ, *et cætera*.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 " Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit,
 " unum mesuagium et quinque acras terræ in prædicta villa de
 " Hamelhampstede, de hæredibus Willelmi * Lonneyse, in libero
 " socagio, per servitium octodecim denariorum per annum; et
 " valet ultra per annum duodecim denarios, *et cætera*.

" Item, dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 " Aignel tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit,
 " unum mesuagium, unam carucatam terræ, tres acras bosci,
 " viginti et unum solidos redditus in Redburne, in Comitatu
 " prædicto, de Abbate de Sancto Albano, in libero socagio, per
 " servitium quinquaginta solidorum et undecim denariorum
 " per annum: et etiam prædicta mesuagia et terræ onerantur
 " annuatim monialibus de Pratis, juxta Sanctum Albanum, in

¹ *militis* in MS.

² This surname is somewhat doubtful.

Thomas, "perpetuum, in viginti sex solidis, et octo denariis; et sic
 80th "nihil valet ultra resolutiones supradictas.
 Abbot, "Et dicunt quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel
 A.D. "obiit die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis, anno
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 --- "ejusdem Johannis, filii Willelmi Aignel, est hæres ejus pro-
 "pinquior, et ætatis trium annorum et triginta septem septi-
 "manarum. Et dicunt quod Katerina, nuper uxor prædicti
 "Johannis filii Willelmi Aignel, et Andreas de Bures, nuper
 "vir ejusdem Katerinæ, occupaverunt omnes terras, tenementa,
 "redditus, et servitia¹ superscripta in villis et hamellettis de
 "Pendele, Aldebury, Wygentone, Treng, Hamelhampstede,
 "et Redburne, a morte prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi Aignel
 "hucusque. Et dicunt quod Rogerus Colyn, ex dimissione
 "prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi Aignel, occupavit omnia ter-
 "ras, tenementa, et redditus, ¹superscripta, cum suis pertinen-
 "tiis, in villis et hamellettis de Rikmersworthe, Caysho, Bru-
 "tewelle, Crokeslee, et Watforde, (exceptis viginti tribus
 "solidatis redditus annui in Danieleshide, quæ hida est in Rike-
 "mersworthe,) a tempore mortis prædicti Johannis filii Wil-
 "lelmi Aignel usque ad festum Sancti Michaelis anno regni
 "Regis nunc tricesimo septimo; et ab eodem festo, proximus
 "post prædictum Rogerum Colyn, prædictus Andreas de
 "Bures ea tenementa occupavit usque in diem Jovis in cras-
 "tino Cinerum tunc proxime sequentem; et a prædicto die
 "Jovis Abbas de Sancto Albano dicta tenementa occupavit, et
 "adhuc occupat, quo titulo ignorant. Et quod prædictus Ab-
 "bas occupavit et percepit prædictas viginti [et tres] solidatas
 "redditus annui in Danieleshide, in Rikemereworthe, a tem-
 "pore mortis prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi Aignel hucusque,
 "et adhuc ea occupat, quo titulo ignorant. In cujus rei
 "testimonium, huic Inquisitioni prædicti Juratores sigilla sua
 "apposuerunt. Datum die et anno supradictis."

*Continuatio processus, et ²tenuræ quondam Johannis
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Recapitulation of the finding of the Inquisition. Cum nuper comperto per Inquisitionem indentatam coram Rogero de ⁴Wolfreton, Escaetore Domini Regis in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, de mandato ipsius Domini Regis captam, et in Cancellaria sua retornatam, quod Rogerus filius Johannis de Messuworthe tenuit de Rege

¹ *subscripta* in MS.

² Omitted in MS.

³ *tenura* in MS.

⁴ "Wolfrestone" in page 9 ante.

in capite unum tenementum, cum pertinentiis, continens unam acram terræ in Pendele, in Comitatu prædicto, per servitium militare. Qui quidem Rogerus, ante Statutum Domini Regis,—“ Quæ de Rege tenentur “ in capite, sine licentia regia non alienanda,”—editum, dictum tenementum alienavit Adæ Aignel, tenendum sibi et hæredibus suis in perpetuum, per servitium unius denarii per annum, pro omnibus servitiis; et postea, Willelmus, filius et hæres prædicti Rogeri, remisit et quietum-clamavit Johanni Aignel, filio et hæredi prædicti Adæ, totum jus et clameum quod habuit in tenemento prædicto. Virtute cujus quietæ-clamationis, prædictus Johannes filius Adæ devenit tenens Domini Regis. Et quod Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel, nuper defunctus, consanguineus et hæres prædicti Johannis filii Adæ, obiit seisisus die quo obiit, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, de Rege in capite, ¹ unam acram prati, cum pertinentiis, in Rikemersworthe, in quodam prato vocato “ Le Estmade;” quæ quidem acra prati antiquitus fuit parcella manerii de Rikemersworthe; quod est parcella Baronis Abbatis de Sancto Albano. Et quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, unam viam continentem unam acram et unam rodam terræ, in prædicta villa de Rikemersworthe, in hameletto vocato “Crokealee,” ex perquisitione antecessoris sui, de Rege in capite per servitium militare, ut de scuto de Crokealee. Et quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, principale mesuagium suum, in dicta villa de Rikemersworth, vocatum “ La More,” quadraginta acras terræ, decem et octo acras prati, et tres acras pasturæ, cum pertinentiis, de Rege in capite, per Parvam Serjantiam unius sparthæ, in liberum socagium. Et quod dictus Johannes filius Willelmi tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, dimidiam marcā annui

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¹ “ *de una acra,*” more correctly.

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redditus in dicta villa de Rikmersworth, in hameletto de Crokeslee, exeuntem de quodam tenemento vocato "Elyslond," de Abbate de Sancto Albano, per servitium militare. Et quod Johannes filius ¹Willelmi Aignel obiit die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis, anno regni dicti Domini Regis tricesimo quinto; et quod Johannes, filius ejusdem Johannis, est hæres ejus propinquior, et ætatis trium annorum et amplius. Et quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, in dicta villa de Rikemersworthe unum mesuagium, unam carucatam terræ, et quatuordecim acras prati, decem acras pasturæ, quinque acras bosci, cum pertinentiis, quæ vocantur "Assheles;" et unam virgatam terræ, vocatam "Hauekwelleslond," et quatuor solidatas annui redditus, cum pertinentiis, in eadem villa de Rikemersworth, de hæredibus Stephani atte Grove, in liberum socagium, per servitium quatuor denariorum per annum. Et quod prædictum tenementum, vocatum "La More," cum pertinentiis suis, et prædictum tenementum, vocatum "Assheles," cum pertinentiis, onerantur Johanni de Chilterne in viginti libris annui redditus, ad terminum vitæ suæ, per scriptum Domini Johannis filii Willelmi. Et quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi obiit seisis in dominico suo, ut de feodo, de diversis aliis terris et tenementis, in Caisho, Bretewelle, et Watford, quæ de aliis quam de Rege tenentur. Et quod Abbas de Sancto Albano viginti et tres solidatas redditus in Danielehide, in Rikemersworthe, a tempore mortis prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi, et omnia alia terras et tenementa prædicta, quæ fuerunt ejusdem Johannis filii Willelmi, in Rikemersworth, Caysho, Britewelle, Crokeslee, et Watforde, usque in diem Jovis in crastino Cinerum anno dicti Domini Regis tricesimo octavo, tenuit et occupavit. Et quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi obiit dicto die Veneris, dicto anno tricesimo quinto.

¹ *ejusdem Johannis, filii*, precedes this word in the MS. ; but erroneously.

Et quod Johannes filius ejusdem Johannis filii Willelmi est hæres propinquior, et ætatis trium annorum et amplius.—

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Alia Inquisitio de eodem.

Et etiam comperto per aliam Inquisitionem indentatam, captam coram Willelmo de Otteforde, Escaetore dicti Domini Regis in Comitatibus Bedfordiæ et Buckinghamiæ, de mandato ipsius dicti Domini Regis, et in Cancellaria sua retornatam, quod Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in Westonynge, die quo obiit, de Rege in capite, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, unam gravam continentem duas acras, et unam acram terræ et dimidiam, per Magnam Serjantiam.—

Finding of
another In-
quisition
thereon.

Abbas clamat custodiam Johannis Aynel.

Abbas de Sancto Albano, per Johannem de White- welle, attornatum suum, coram Rege, in Cancellaria sua, in quindena Sancti Hillarii, anno regni Regis nunc quadragesimo, comparens et acclamans custodiam terræ et hæredis prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi ad ipsum pertinere debere, eo quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi, pater suus, tenuit de dicto Abbate in Rikemersworth manerium vocatum "La More," et manerium vocatum "Assheles," et viginti tres solidatas redditus, cum pertinentiis, in hameletto vocato "Danieleshide" per servitium militare.—

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ings on
the part of
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Et dicit, quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi non tenuit dictam gravam, duas acras continentem, et unam acram terræ et dimidiam, in Westonynge, in dicto Comitatu Bedfordiæ, de dicto Domino Rege in capite, prout per dictas Inquisitiones supponitur; et hoc paratus est verificare. Et similiter dicit quod per Statutum ordinatum est quod Inquisitiones capiendæ coram Escaetore Regis capi debent per indenturas inter Escaetorem et Juratores Inquisitionum illarum; et si aliter

He takes
certain ex-
ceptions.

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Allegations on behalf of the Abbot. Et nihilominus, salva sibi exceptione sua prædicta, protestando dicit quod non cognovit quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi aliquid habuit in prædicta dimidia marca redditus exeuntis de prædicto tenemento vocato "Elyslond," nec quod prædictum tenementum vocatum "Le More," nec prædictum tenementum vocatum "Assheles," cum suis pertinentiis, onerantur prædicto Johanni de Chilterne in prædictis viginti libris annui redditus. Sed dicit, quod dictus Johannes de Chilterne, circiter festum Paschæ tunc proxime præteritum, in terris et tenementis prædictis, exceptis dictis viginti tribus solidatis redditus.¹—Sed dicit quod dictus Johannes de Danielehide super possessione dicti Abbatis se intrusit, et ea sic occupavit usque ad festum Omnium Sanctorum proxime² sequens. Et insuper dicit, quod Johannes filius Willelmi non tenuit prædictam acram terræ in Pendele, nec dictam acram prati in Rikemersworthe, nec dictam acram et unam rodam terræ in Crokeslee, in quibus per dictam Inquisitionem supponitur prædictum Johannem filium Willelmi prædictam viam habuisse, de Rege in capite, prout in Inquisitione illa continetur; et hoc prætendit verificare.

Allegations on behalf of the King. Et Johannes de Chilterne, qui sequitur pro Rege, protestando dicit quod dictus Johannes filius Willelmi de prædicta dimidia marca in Elyslond obiit seisis in dominico suo, ut de feodo; et quod redditus ille de dicto Abbate, vel de aliquo alio, eo quod est redditus oneratus, non tenetur. Et similiter dicit, quod dicta

¹ There is evidently an omission here.

² *sequentem* in MS.

grava, continens duas acras, fuit parcella medietatis manerii de Westonyng; quod quidem manerium tenetur de Rege in capite, ut de corona sua, per servitium militare; et quod quidam Willelmus de Ambrich, nuper dominus medietatis ejusdem manerii, dedit gravam illam Johanni de Geytone, antecessori prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi, infra ætatem existenti, in feodo, diu ante Statutum prædictum de terris et tenementis quæ de Rege tenentur in capite non alienandis redditum. Absque hoc, quod dictus Willelmus de Ambrich aliquod dominium sibi inde reservavit. Et quod quidam Willelmus Bokelond, miles, nuper dominus alterius medietatis ejusdem manerii de Westonyng, dictam unam acram terræ et dimidiam in Westonyng tenuit, ut parcellam ejusdem medietatis, de Rege in capite, ut de corona sua. Et idem Willelmus de Bokelond dictam terram alienavit, cum corpore Lucæ de Trutewelle, Hugoni filio Roberti, consanguineo Radulpho de Geyton, antecessori prædicti Johannis filii Johannis, infra ætatem existentis, et¹ fratri et hæredi prædicti Johannis de Geyton. Absque hoc, quod dictus Willelmus de Bukelond aliquod dominium inde sibi aut hæredibus suis reservavit. Quæ terra, cum aliis terris et tenementis, post mortem dicti Hugonis, dicto Radulpho, proximo hæredi ejusdem Hugonis, et sic de hærede in hæredem dicti Radulphi, usque ad dictum Johannem filium Johannis, jure hæreditario ascendebat; et quod de dicto Radulpho Johanna, filia et hæres dicti Radulphi, quæ nupta fuit Adæ Aignel; et de eisdem Ada et Johanna Johannes Aignel, miles, et de ipso Johanne Johannes, et de eodem Johanne Willelmus; de quo Johannes filius Willelmi, pater prædicti Johannis, exierunt.

Et sic dicit prædictus Johannes de Chilterne, quod dicta tenementa in Westonyng in forma prædicta de Rege, ut de corona sua, in capite tenentur. Et etiam

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¹ *fratris* in MS.

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dicit quod dicta acra prati in Rikemersworthe, in Le Estmade, fuit parcella manerii de Crokesle, quod quidem manerium tenetur de Rege in capite, ut parcella scuti de Crokeslee; quod quidem scutum Abbas de Sancto Albano tenet de Rege in capite. Et quod quidam Ricardus, quondam Abbas de Sancto Albano, tempore Domini Regis nunc, ex assensu Conventus sui, dedit acram illam in feodo cuidam Johanni Aignel, proavo prædicti Johannis filii Johannis, infra ætatem existentis, in escambium pro una alia acra prati, vocata "Le Chekeacre," quæ jacet in prato quondam vocato "Aldebury Mede," in Crokeslee, super Crabbedich; et sic tenetur acra illa de Rege in capite, ut de corona sua, sicut prædictum est. Et quod quidam Rogerus filius Johannis quondam tenuit dictam acram terræ in Pendele, simul cum aliis tenementis in Aldebury et alibi, de Rege in capite, ut de corona sua, per servitium militare. Qui quidem Rogerus filius Johannis dedit acram illam Adæ Aignel, quadravo præfati Johannis filii Johannis, infra ætatem existentis, in feodo, ante Statutum prædictum, tenendum de seipso et hæredibus suis, per servitium unius denarii per annum. Et postea, Willelmus, filius et hæres prædicti Rogeri, filii Johannis, relaxavit totum jus suum quod habuit in illa acra cuidam Johanni Aignel, militi, hæredi prædicti Adæ, tunc tenenti terrarum ¹prædictarum, et sic tenetur acra illa de Rege in capite. Et quod dicta via in Crokeslee, continens unam acram et unam rodam, fuit in seysina Hugonis, quondam Abbatis de Sancto Albano, ut parcella manerii de Crokeslee, quæ tenetur de Rege in capite, ut de scuto de Crokeslee.

Qui quidem Hugo Abbas, tempore patris Domini Regis nunc, ex consensu Conventus sui, dedit viam prædictam cuidam Johanni Aignel, militi, triavo præfati Johannis filii Johannis, infra ætatem existentis, in

¹ *prædictorum* in MS.

escambium pro quadam alia via ¹per medium dicti manerii de Crokeslee, et per medium cujusdam magni bosci ejusdem manerii; quam quidem viam idem Johannes eidem Abbati remisit, in excambium pro alia via continente unam acram et unam rodam terræ; et sic dicta acra et ²roda terræ in quibus via prædicta facta existit, tenentur de Rege in ³capite, ut parcella scuti prædicti; et hoc prætendit pro Rege verificare.

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Et prædictus Abbas, non cognoscendo ea quæ prædictus Johannes de Chilterne pro Rege superius allegavit, ⁴dicit quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi non tenuit dictam gravam, nec dictam acram et unam rodam terræ in Crokeslee, in quibus acra et una roda supponitur dictum Johannem filium Willelmi dictam viam habuisse, de Domino Rege in capite, prout per dictas Inquisitiones supponitur; et hoc petit inquiri per patriam. Et prædictus Johannes de Chilterne, qui pro Rege sequitur, similiter.

Answer of
the Abbot
to such
allegations.

Ideo mittuntur recordum et processus totius negotii prædicti coram Johanne Knyvet, et sociis suis, Justiciariis ad placita coram Rege tenenda assignatis, ibidem discutienda. Et ideo datus est partibus prædictis dies a die Paschæ in quindecim dies, ubicunque *et cætera*, ad faciendum et recipiendum quod justum fuerit in præmissis. Et præceptum est Vicecomitibus Hertfordiæ et Bedefordiæ, quod venire facerent coram Rege, a die Paschæ in quindecim dies, ubicunque tunc fuerit in Anglia, videlicet, quilibet Vicecomitum prædictorum viginti et quatuor, tam milites quam alios probos et legales homines, de visnetis illis, qui prædictum Abbatem nulla affinitate vel consanguinitate attingant, de ballivis suis, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit; ad recognoscendum, super sacramentum suum, super præmissis

A trial by
Jury ordered in
the matter.

¹ The words "*quam prædictus Johannes Aignel*" are inserted here in the MS.

² *rodi* in MS.

³ *cape* in MS.

⁴ *et* is inserted before this word in the MS.

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— plenius veritatem; quia tam prædictus Johannes de Chilterne, qui pro Rege sequitur, ¹quam prædictus Abbas, per attornatum suum prædictum, posuerunt se in Juratam illam.

Breve directum Vicecomiti Hertfordiæ, in hæc verba.—

Writ to the
Sheriff of
Hertford
thereupon.

“ Rex Vicecomiti Hertfordiæ, salutem. Cum nuper comperto
“ per Inquisitionem per Rogerum de Wolfretone, Escaetorem
“ nostrum in Comitatu prædicto, de mandato nostro factam,
“ et in Cancellaria nostra retornatam, quod Rogerus filius
“ Johannis de Messeworthe tenuit de Rege in capite unum
“ tenementum, cum pertinentiis, continens unam acram terræ
“ in Pendele, in Comitatu prædicto, per servitium militare;
“ qui quidem Rogerus, ante Statutum de terris et tenementis
“ quæ de Rege tenentur in capite, sine licentia Regis non
“ alienanda, editum, dictum tenementum alienavit Adæ Aignel,
“ tenendum sibi, et hæredibus suis, de prædicto Rogero et
“ hæredibus suis, in perpetuum, per servitium unius denarii
“ per annum pro omnibus servitiis; et postea, Willelmus,
“ filius et hæres prædicti Rogeri, remisit et quietum-clamavit
“ Johanni Aignel, filio et hæredi prædicti Adæ, totum jus et
“ clameum quod habuit in tenemento prædicto; virtute cujus
“ quietæ-clamationis, prædictus Johannes filius Adæ devenit
“ tenens Domini Regis. Et quod Johannes filius Willelmi
“ Aignel, nuper defunctus, consanguineus et hæres prædicti
“ Johannis filii Adæ, obiit seisis de prædicto tenemento in
“ dominico suo, ut de feodo. Et quod idem Johannes filius
“ Willelmi tenuit die quo obiit, in dominico suo, ut de feodo,
“ de Rege in capite, unam acram prati, cum pertinentiis, in
“ Rikemersworthe, in quodam prato vocato ‘Le Estmede,’
“ quæ quidem acra prati antiquitus fuit parcella manerii de
“ Rikemersworthe, quod est parcella Baronis Abbatis de
“ Sancto Albano; et quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi tenuit
“ in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, unam viam con-
“ tinentem unam acram et unam rodam terræ in prædicta villa
“ de Rikemersworthe, in hameletto vocato ‘Crokeslee,’ ex per-
“ quisitione antecessoris sui, de Rege in capite per servitium
“ militare, ut de scuto de Crokeslee. Et quod Johannes filius
“ ejusdem Johannis filii Willelmi est hæres ejus propinquior, et
“ ætatis trium annorum.—Prædictus Abbas de Sancto Albano
“ coram Rege, in Cancellaria sua, comparens, et clamans cus-
“ todiam terræ et hæredum prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi

¹ *tam* in MS., corrected in the margin.

“ ad ipsum pertinere debere, eo quod idem Johannes tenuit
 “ de eodem Abbate per servitium militare; dicit quod præ-
 “ dictus Johannes filius Willelmi non tenuit prædictam acram
 “ terræ in Pendele, nec prædictam acram prati in Bikers-
 “ worth, nec dictam acram et unam rodam terræ in Crokeslee,
 “ in quibus per dictam Inquisitionem supponitur prædictum
 “ Johannem filium Willelmi dictam viam habuisse, de nobis
 “ in capite, prout in Inquisitione illa continetur: et hoc præ-
 “ tendit verificare. Et Johannes de Chilterne, qui pro nobis
 “ sequitur, dicit quod tenementa illa tenentur de nobis in
 “ capite, prout per dictam Inquisitionem supponitur; et hoc
 “ petit inquiri per patriam; et dictus Abbas similiter. Et
 “ ideo tibi præcipimus, quod venire facias coram nobis a die
 “ Paschæ in quindecim dies, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in
 “ Anglia, viginti et quatuor tam milites quam alios probos
 “ et legales homines de balliva tua, tam infra libertates quam
 “ extra, ad recognoscendum super sacramentum suum super
 “ præmissis plenius veritatem. Quia tam prædictus Abbas,
 “ quam præfatus Johannes de Chilterne, qui pro nobis sequi-
 “ tur, posuerunt se in Juratam illam. Et habeas ibi nomina
 “ prædictorum militum, et hoc breve. Teste Rege, apud
 “ Westmonasterium, septimo decimo die Februarii.”

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Jurata facit pro Abbate Sancti Albani.

“ Postea continuato inde processu coram Domino Rege
 “ versus præfatum Abbatem usque ad hunc diem, scilicet, in
 “ Octabis Sancti Martini eodem anno quadragesimo; ad quem
 “ diem coram Domino Rege apud Westmonasterium venit
 “ prædictus Abbas, per attornatum suum, et similiter jurati
 “ veniunt; qui, ad hoc electi et jurati, dicunt super sacramen-
 “ tum suum, quod prædictum tenementum, cum pertinentiis,
 “ in Pendele, ¹continens unam acram terræ, cum pertinen-
 “ tiis, non tenetur de Domino Rege, prout superius præscrip-
 “ tum est, nec aliquo alio modo, sed de Domino Principe
 “ Walliæ. Et quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi, pater
 “ prædicti Johannis, infra ætatem existentis *et cætera*, non
 “ tenuit die quo obiit de Domino Rege in capite prædictam
 “ acram prati, cum pertinentiis, in villa de Bikersworth, ^{Record of}
 “ sed de Abbate de Sancto Albano. Et quod idem Johannes ^{further pro-}
 “ filius Willelmi non tenuit die quo obiit de Domino Rege in ^{cess therein}
 “ ^{at West-}
 “ ^{minster;}
 “ ^{and finding}
 “ ^{of the Jury}
 “ ^{thereon, in}
 “ ^{favour of}
 “ ^{the Abbot}
 “ ^{of St.}
 “ ^{Alban's.}

¹ *continente* in MS.

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“capite prædictam viam continentem unam acram et unam rodam terræ, in Crokeslee, ex perquisito antecessoris sui, per servitium militare, ut de scuto de Crokeslee, nec aliquo alio modo; et quod prædicta via est solum ipsius Abbatis. Et quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi non habuit ibi aliquam viam, nisi quamdam semitam pro aisiamento suo, et suorum, ad voluntatem et permissionem ipsius Abbatis. Et quod aliquod escambium inter prædecessores ipsius Abbatis et antecessores ejusdem Johannis filii Willelmi et cætera, de prædicta acra prati in Rikemersworthe, et prædicta via continente unam acram et unam rodam terræ in Crokeslee, non fiebat, prout superius pro Domino Rege allegatum est.”

Breve Regis pro viginti quatuor summonendis.

Writ to the Sheriff of Bedford thereupon.

Breve directum Vicecomiti Bedfordiæ, et cætera.—

“Cum nuper comperto per Inquisitionem coram Willelmo de Otteforde, Escæatore nostro in Comitatu prædicto, de mandato nostro captam, et in Cancellaria nostra retornatam, quod Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit in Westonyng die quo obiit, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, unam gravam continentem duas acras et unam ¹[acram] terræ et dimidiam, per Magnam Serjantiam, Abbas de Sancto Albano, coram nobis in Cancellaria nostra comparens, et clamans custodiam terræ et hæredum dicti Johannis filii Willelmi ad ipsum pertinere debere, eo quod idem Johannes tenuit de eodem Abbate per servitium militare, dicit quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi non tenuit dictam gravam, continentem duas acras et unam acram et dimidiam, in Westonyng, de nobis in capite; et hoc prætendit verificare. Et Johannes de Chilterne, qui sequitur pro nobis, dicit quod præfatus Johannes filius Willelmi gravam illam, et diotam acram terræ et dimidiam, in Westonyng, tenuit de nobis in capite, sicut per Inquisitionem prædictam supponitur; et hoc petit inquiri per patriam, et prædictus Abbas similiter. Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod venire facias coram nobis in Octabis Sancti Hillarii, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in Anglia, viginti quatuor tam milites ²quam alios probos et legales homines, de balliva tua, tam infra libertates quam extra, ad recognitionendum, super sacramentum suum, super præmissis plenius veritatem; quia tam prædictus Abbas, quam præfatus Johannes de Chilterne, qui pro nobis sequitur, posuerunt se

¹ Omitted in MS.

| ² Repeated in the MS.

" in Juratam illam. Et habeas ibi nomina prædictorum militum
 " et hominum, et hoc breve. Teste Rege, apud Westmonas-
 " terium."

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Juramentum viginti quatuor electorum.

" Ad quas Octabas Sancti Hillarii, coram Domino Rege, apud Westmonasterium, venerunt servientes Domini Regis ad placita; et Johannes de Chilterne, qui pro Domino Rege hac parte sequebatur, solemniter vocatus ad informandum Curiam de præmissis, non venit; et prædictus Abbas, per attornatum suum, venit; et similiter jurati de dicto Comitatu Bedfordiæ; qui ad hoc electi, triati, et jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit die quo obiit, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, prædictam gravam, continentem duas acras, et prædictam acram terræ et dimidiam, in capite de Domina Ysolda Ynge, Domina de Westonyng, et non de Domino Rege, sicut per præsentationem prædictam supponitur. Ideo consideratum est, quod manus Domini Regis de prædictis maneriis, vocatis 'Le More' et 'Assheles,' in Rikemersworthe, et viginti et tribus solidatis redditus in hamelletto vocato 'Danieleshide,' in dicto Comitatu Hertfordiæ, quæ maneria et redditus idem Abbas superius placitando clamat de ipso teneri per servitium militare, ¹ amoveantur et cætera; salvo semper juramento Regis et cætera; et quod habeat breve præfato Escaetori Hertfordiæ, ad manus Domini Regis inde ² amovendos et cætera. Sed de restitutione exituum et proficuum de maneriis et redditibus prædictis medio tempore ³ provenientium, respectuatur usque a die Paschæ in quindecim dies, ubicunque et cætera, eo quod Curia nondum inde advisiatur."

Finding of
 the Jury,
 in this case
 also, in
 favour of
 the Abbot
 of St.
 Alban's.

Breve Regis ad dandum seysinam Abbati.

Breve directum Escaetori.—

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ et Aquitanniæ, Rogero de Wolfreton, Escaetori suo in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, salutem. Cum nuper comperto per Inquisitionem, nem, coram te de mandato nostro nuper captam, et in Can-

Writ to the
 King's Es-
 cheator,
 directing
 seisin to be
 given to
 the Abbot,

¹ amoveantur . . . amovendos
 in MS.

² provenientibus in MS.

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“ cellaria nostra retornatam, quod Johannes filius Willelmi
 “ Aignel, nuper defunctus, tenuit die quo obiit, in dominico
 “ suo, ut de feodo, de nobis in capite unum tenementum, cum
 “ pertinentiis, continens unam acram terræ in Pendele, in
 “ Comitatu prædicto, per servitium militare; et quod idem
 “ Johannes filius Willelmi similiter tenuit die quo obiit, in
 “ dominico suo, ut de feodo, de nobis in capite unam acram
 “ prati, cum pertinentiis, in Rikemersworthe, in quodam prato
 “ vocato ‘Le Estnede’; et quod idem Johannes filius Willelmi
 “ similiter tenuit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit,
 “ viam continentem unam acram et unam rodam terræ, in
 “ prædicta villa de Rikemersworthe, in hameletto vocato
 “ ‘Crokeslee,’ ex perquisitione antecessoris sui, de nobis in
 “ capite, per servitium militare; et quod Abbas de Sancto
 “ Albano viginti et tres solidatas redditus in Danieleshide in
 “ Rikemersworthe a tempore mortis prædicti Johannis filii
 “ Willelmi, et omnia alia terras et tenementa, quæ fuerunt
 “ prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi in Rikemersworthe, tenuit
 “ et occupavit. Ac idem Abbas de Sancto Albano, in dicta
 “ Cancellaria comparens, et clamans custodiam terræ et hære-
 “ dum prædicti Johannis ad ipsum pertinere debere, et quod
 “ dictus Johannes filius Willelmi, pater suus, tenuit de dicto
 “ Abbate unum manerium in Rikemersworthe, vocatum ‘Asshe-
 “ ‘les’ et redditus viginti trium solidorum, cum pertinentiis,
 “ in hameletto vocato ‘Danieleshide,’ per servitium militare.
 “ Et quod prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi non tenuit dic-
 “ tam acram terræ in Pendele, nec dictam acram prati in
 “ Rikemersworthe, nec dictam viam continentem unam acram
 “ et unam rodam terræ in Crokeslee, de nobis in capite, hoc
 “ idem prætendens verificare per patriam. ¹ Cujus quidem
 “ loquelæ recordum et processus postea coram nobis certis de
 “ causis venire fecimus; quodque postea pro eo quod Jurata
 “ patriæ in quam prædictus Abbas ad sectam nostram se
 “ posuit, coram nobis est compertum quod dictum tenemen-
 “ tum, continens unam acram terræ, cum pertinentiis, in
 “ Pendele, et dimidiam acram prati, cum pertinentiis, in
 “ Rikemersworthe, nec ² dicta via continens unam acram et
 “ unam rodam terræ in Crokeslee, de nobis non tenentur per
 “ servitium militare, nec aliquo alio modo, et quod prædicta
 “ via est solum ipsius Abbatis. Per quod in dicta Curia nostra
 “ coram nobis consideravimus quod manus nostras de prædic-
 “ tis maneriis vocatis ‘Le More’ et ‘Assheles,’ ac de præ-

¹ Cui in MS.

| ² dictam viam continentem in MS.

“ dictis viginti et tribus solidatis redditus in hamelitto vocato
 “ ‘Danieleshide’; cum pertinentiis, ‘amoverentur.— Ideo tibi
 “ præcipimus, quod de maneriis prædictis et de redditu præ-
 “ dicto, cum pertinentiis, plenariam seisinam habere facias
 “ eidem Abbati, et manum nostram omnino inde ‘amoveas, et
 “ amodo te inde non intromittas. Teste et cætera.’”

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*Recordum inter Memoranda de anno septimo Regis
 Ricardi Secundi, inter Recorda de Termino
 Sancti Michaelis, Rotulo Quinto.*

“ Memorandum, quod Johannes de Chilterne, qui alias ob-
 “ tulit se coram Baronibus ad prosequendum pro jure Domini
 “ Regis, exhibuit Curie, pro commodo Regis, quartodecimo
 “ die Octobris, hoc Termino, per manus Roberti de Rodyng-
 “ tone, Sub-custodis Prisonæ Regis de Flete, ipso Johanne in
 “ eadem prisa existente, duas cedulas quas sunt inter billas
 “ de hoc Termino; in quibus continetur quod prædictus Johan-
 “ nes de Chilterne dicit quod Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel
 “ tenuit die quo obiit, ut de feodo, unum tenementum et unam
 “ carucatam terræ in villa de Westounynge, quæ tenentur de
 “ Domino Rege in capite, per servitium Magnæ Serjantiæ, prout
 “ inventum fuit per Inquisitionem coram Willelmo Otteford,
 “ tunc Escatore Domini Regis in Comitatu Bedfordiæ, quæ
 “ tenementa valent per annum ‘centum solidos; et quæ tene-
 “ menta a die mortis prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi, qui
 “ obiit die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis,
 “ anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, trice-
 “ simo quinto, hucusque Philippus Bluet, et Katerina uxor
 “ ejus, tenuerunt et occupaverunt, sine licentia dicti Domini
 “ Regis, et ceperunt inde proficua, et quod Johannes, filius et
 “ hæres prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi, est hæres ejus pro-
 “ pinquior, et fuit de ætate tempore mortis patris sui prædicti
 “ septemdecim septimanarum. Et quod prædicta Katerina,
 “ dum fuit sola, prædictum Johannem, filium prædicti Johannis
 “ filii Willelmi, maritavit filie Johannis de la Hay, militis, sine
 “ licentia dicti Domini Regis; quod quidem maritadium bene
 “ valuit ducentas marcas. Et quod prædictus Johannes filius
 “ Willelmi Aignel perquisivit de Johanne filio Walteri, filii

Record of
 further pro-
 ceedings in
 the Exche-
 quer, by
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¹ amoverentur...amoveas in MS.
² Half a column is left vacant
 here, fol. 257 b.

³ Omitted in the text, but sup-
 plied in the margin.

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“Johannis, decem solidatas annui et quieti redditus in villa
“de Aldebury, juxta Magnam Berkhamstede, exeuntis de
“tenemento Simonis Colles, Matilldis’¹ Hobbes, et Julianæ
“Bulcestre, quæ tenentur de Domino Rege in capite, et fuerunt
“parcella maneriorum prædicti Johannis Fitz-Johan in
“Messeworthe, Pendele, et Aldebury, prædictis. Et quod
“prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi tenuit, die quo obiit, in
“villa de Rikemersworthe, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, unum
“tenementum viginti acrarum terræ, quæ valent per annum
“de claro dimidiam marcam, et fuerunt parcella manerii de
“Crokeslee, quod manerium tenetur de Domino Rege in
“capite per servitium militare; et vocantur ‘Alynsland,’
“et quondam fuerunt Ricardi de Tyngewyk et Aliciæ, uxoris
“ejus; quæ quidem terras et tenementa prædicti Philippus et
“Katerina per tempus prædictum occuparunt, et proficuum
“inde receperunt.

“Et quod Willelmus filius Willelmi Meleman, de Wat-
“ford, tenuit de Domino Rege in capite quadraginta acras
“terræ et decem acras prati, quæ quondam fuerunt parcella
“prædicti manerii de Crokeslee, et perquisita fuerunt per
“longum tempus elapsam, tempore Johannis Kynelyn, et valent
“per annum decem solidos. Et quod idem Willelmus filius
“Willelmi eadem tenementa occupavit per viginti annos, sine
“licentia Domini Regis.

“Et visis cedulis prædictis per Barones, concordatum est,
“quod prædicti Philippus Bluet et Katerina, uxor ejus, nec-
“non prædictus Willelmus filius Willelmi Meleman, de Wat-
“ford, veniant ad reddendum Regi compotum separatim de
“exitibus terrarum, tenementorum, et reddituum prædictorum,
“de temporibus quibus ea separatim occuparunt, et exitus et
“proficua inde provenientia separatim perceperunt et habue-
“runt; necnon ad ostendendum separatim qualiter ingressi
“sunt et tenent separatim terras, tenementa, et redditus, præ-
“dicta. Et similiter, quod prædicti Philippus et Katerina
“veniant ad respondendum et satisfaciendum Regi de ducentis
“marcis prædictis de valore maritagii prædicti, vel ad ostenden-
“dum quare *et cætera*. Et præceptum est Vicecomiti Hertfordiæ
“quod venire faceret hic in Octabis Sancti Martini prædictos
“Philippum, Katerinam, et Willelmum filium Willelmi, ad
“reddendum Regi compotum separatim in præmissis; necnon
“prædictos Philippum et Katerinam, ad respondendum et
“satisfaciendum Regi de valore maritagii prædicti.

¹ *Hobbes* in MS., incorrectly: see p. 29.

“ Ad quem diem Vicecomes retornavit breve, et mandavit
 “ quod prædicti Philippus Bluet et Katerina, uxor ejus, et
 “ Willelmus filius Willelmi Meleman, manucapti sunt, *et cætera*.
 “ Et ipsi non venerunt, Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod
 “ distringeret præfatos Philippum Bluet et Katerinam, uxorem
 “ ejus, et Willelmum filium Willelmi Meleman, per terras *et*
 “ *cætera*, ita *et cætera*, in crastino Sancti Hillarii. Et facta
 “ executione versus præfatos Philippum Bluet et Katerinam,
 “ uxorem ejus, necnon Johannem Meleman, quem Vicecomes
 “ Hertfordiæ in crastino Sancti Hillarii ultimo præterito re-
 “ tornavit filium et hæredem, et tenentem terrarum et tene-
 “ mentorum quæ fuerunt prædicti Willelmi filii Willelmi
 “ Meleman; et quod idem Willelmus filius Willelmi mortuus
 “ est, prout dictus Vicecomes Hertfordiæ retornavit ad Scac-
 “ carium hic in crastino Sancti Michaelis ultimo præteriti, et
 “ non habet aliquos executores, neque plures tenentes terrarum
 “ et tenementorum quæ sua fuerunt, prout dictus Vicecomes
 “ Hertfordiæ retornavit ad Scaccarium hic ad prædictum cras-
 “ tinum Sancti Hillarii, usque crastinum Clausi Paschæ, anno
 “ regni Domini Regis nunc tertio decimo, sicut continetur in
 “ ligula brevium, quo die Vicecomes retornavit breve. Et man-
 “ davit quod prædicti Philippus Bluet et Katerina, uxor ejus,
 “ et Johannes filius et hæres Willelmi filii Willelmi Meleman,
 “ districti sunt, et exitus *et cætera*. Et ipsi non venerunt ad
 “ prædictum crastinum Clausi Paschæ; sed postmodum, vide-
 “ licet, post defaultam intratam, prædicti Philippus Bluet et
 “ Katerina, uxor ejus, et Johannes filius et hæres Willelmi
 “ filii Willelmi Meleman, venerunt hic per Henricum Prestone,
 “ attornatum suum.

“ Et prædicti Philippus Bluet et Katerina, uxor ejus, pro
 “ seipsis dicunt, quod ipsi in præmissis computare neque re-
 “ spondere debent. Quia dicunt quod quoad prædicta unum
 “ tenementum et unam carucatam terræ in Westone Inge, in
 “ Comitatu Beddefordiæ, in dicto brevi contenta, quod dictus
 “ Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit dictum tenementum
 “ et carucatam terræ, die mortis suæ, de Isolda Inge, domina
 “ de Westone Inge, per fidelitatem pro omnibus servitiis;
 “ absque hoc, quod dictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel ea
 “ tenuit de dicto Rege Edwardo, avo *et cætera*, ut per sugges-
 “ tionem supponitur; et hoc prætendunt verificare.

“ Et quoad decem solidatas redditus in villa de Aldebury
 “ exeuntis de tenementis Simonis Colles, Matilidis Hobbes, et
 “ Julianæ Bulcestre, in dicto brevi contentas, dicti Philippus
 “ et Katerina dicunt quod dictus Johannes filius Willelmi

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" Aignel tenuit redditum prædictum die quo obiit de Archi-
" episcopo Cantuariensi per fidelitatem, pro omnibus servitiis;
" absque hoc, quod dictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel
" dictum redditum tenuit de dicto Rege Edwardo, avo, *et*
" *cætera*, ut per suggestionem supponitur; et hoc prætendunt
" verificare.

" Et quoad unum tenementum et viginti acras terræ in villa
" de Rikemersworthe, in dicto brevi contenta, dicti Philippus
" et Katerina dicunt quod dictus Johannes filius Willelmi
" Aignel tenuit dictum tenementum et viginti acras terræ,
" die quo obiit, de Abbate Sancti Albani, per servitium mili-
" tare; absque hoc, quod dictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel
" ea tenuit de dicto Rege Edwardo, avo *et cætera*, ut per
" dictam suggestionem supponitur; et hoc prætendunt verifi-
" care.

" Et quoad valorem maritagii Johannis filii et hæredis
" dicti Johannis, filii Willelmi Aignel prædicti, Philippus et
" Katerina dicunt quod pro eo quod iidem Philippus et
" Katerina allegaverunt prædictum Johannem filium Willelmi
" Aignel terras seu tenementa prædicta non tenuisse de Do-
" mino Rege Edwardo, avo, *et cætera*, die quo obiit, sed de
" aliis dominis, non intendunt quod Dominus Rex ipsos de
" valore maritagii prædicti vult occasionare. Et petunt
" iudicium *et cætera*.

" Et Johannes, filius et hæres Willelmi filii Willelmi Mele-
" man, pro seipso dicit, quod quoad quadraginta acras terræ
" et decem acras prati in dicto brevi contentas, protestatur
" quod non cognoscit tenementa prædicta teneri de Domino
" Rege; sed dicit quod ex quo probatum est per sugges-
" tionem quod terræ et pratum prædicta perquisita fuerunt
" per Willelmum filium Willelmi Meleman per viginti
" annos ante suggestionem prædictam; ita quod plene constat
" dicta tenementa esse perquisita diu ante annum quinqu-
" gesimum regni Regis Edwardi, avi Regis nunc, in quo
" anno idem Rex Edwardus perdonavit et relaxavit commu-
" nibus regni sui omnes donationes, alienationes, et per-
" quisitiones, per eos, aut eorum aliquem, de terris et
" tenementis de ipso Rege tentis in capite factas, ante dictum
" annum quinquagesimum, licentia Regis Edwardi inde non
" obtenta; per quod non intendit quod Dominus Rex
" ipsum inde vult occasionare. Et petit beneficium Statuti,
" *et cætera*.

" Et scrutatis Rotulis pro Rege antequam ulterius *et cætera*,
" ut sciatur si terræ et tenementa prædicta teneantur de Rege

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“ in capite, necne; et similiter, si dictus Dominus Rex, avus,
“ perdonaverit toti communitati suæ omnimodas donationes,
“ alienationes, et perquisitiones, per ipsos, aut eorum aliquem,
“ de terris et tenementis de ipso Rege avo tentis in capite
“ ante annum regni sui quinquagesimum factas, sine licentia
“ ejusdem Regis, avi, necne; et non est compertum penes
“ Scaccarium hio ad præsens quod prædicta unum tenementum
“ et una carucata terræ in Westone Ynge prædicto, decem
“ solidatæ redditus in villa de Aldebury, exeuntes de tene-
“ mentis Simonis Colles, Matildis Hobbes, et Julianæ Bul-
“ cestre, neque prædicta unum tenementum et viginti acræ
“ terræ in villa de Rikemersworthe, tenentur de Domino
“ Rege in capite, prout per dictam suggestionem supponitur;
“ sed compertum est in Memorandis de anno quinquagesimo
“ dicti Regis avi, inter Recorda de termino Paschæ, Rotulo
“ primo, ubi quædam perdonatio dicti Regis, avi, irrotulatur,
“ quod idem Dominus Rex, avus, ad Parliamentum suum,
“ tentum apud Westmonasterium in quindena Sancti Hillarii
“ anno regni sui Angliæ quinquagesimo, de assensu Prælato-
“ rum, Ducum, Comitum, et Baronum, et aliorum ad Par-
“ liamentum assistantium, integre perdonavit et relaxavit toti
“ communitati regni sui Angliæ omnimodas donationes, alie-
“ nationes, et perquisitiones, per ipsos, vel eorum aliquem,
“ factas, de terris et tenementis tentis de ipso Rege, avo, in
“ capite, sine licentia ipsius Regis, avi, et omnimodos ingressus,
“ si quos fecerint, in hæreditates suas, post mortem ante-
“ cessorum suorum, absque prosecutione earundem extra
“ manus Regis per debitum processum, usque ad principium
“ anni dicti Regis, avi, quinquagesimi; exceptis illis tenementis
“ ad manum mortuam alienatis, et etiam illis tenementis ad
“ tunc seisis in manus ejusdem Regis, avi, occasione talium
“ alienationum et ingressuum.

“ Et non est compertum penes Scaccarium hio ad præsens,
“ quod supradictæ quadraginta acræ terræ, et decem acræ
“ prati, unquam alienatæ fuerunt ad manum mortuam, nec
“ unquam seisitatæ fuerunt in manus ejusdem Regis, avi, nec
“ in manus ejusdem Domini Regis nunc, occasione alicujus
“ alienationis sive ingressus. Quibus compertis, dictum est
“ pro Rege quod prædicta unum tenementum et una carucata
“ terræ in villa de Westone Inge in Comitatu Bedfordiæ
“ tenentur de Domino Rege in capite per servitium Magnæ
“ Serjantiæ, et non de Isolda Inge, Domina de Westone Inge,
“ per fidelitatem pro omnibus servitiis; et quod prædictæ decem
“ solidatæ annui et quieti redditus in villa de Aldebury, juxta
“ Magnam Berkhamstede, in dicto Comitatu Hertfordiæ, ex-

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“ euntes de tenementis Simonis Colles, Matildis Hobbes, et
 “ Julianæ Bulcestre, quas prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi
 “ Aignel perquisivit de Johanne filio Walteri Fitz-Johan,
 “ tenente de Domino Rege in capite, et fuerunt parcella mane-
 “ riorum prædicti Johannis Fitz-Johan in Messeworthe, Pen-
 “ dele, et Aldebury, prædictis, et non de Archiepiscopo
 “ Cantuariensi, per fidelitatem, pro omnibus servitiis; et quod
 “ prædicta unum tenementum et viginti acræ terræ in villa de
 “ Bikemersworthe, in dicto Comitatu Hertfordiæ, fuerunt par-
 “ cella dicti manerii de Crokesle, et tenentur de Domino Rege
 “ in capite per servitium militare, et non de Abbate de Sancto
 “ Albano, per servitium militare, prout prædicti Philippus et
 “ Katerina superius placitando allegarunt. Et quod prædictus
 “ Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel obiit seiscitus in dominio
 “ suo, ut de feodo, de terris, tenementis, et redditibus præ-
 “ dictis. Et hæc omnia et singula petitur pro Domino Rege
 “ quod inquirentur per patriam. Et prædicti Philippus Bluet
 “ et Katerina, uxor ejus, dicunt, ut prius dixerant, et petunt
 “ similiter. Ideo fiat inde Inquisitio. Et præcepti sunt Vice-
 “ comites Bedfordiæ et Hertfordiæ, per duo brevía separatim,
 “ quod ¹ [illi], vel quisque eorum, venire facerent hic in Octabis
 “ Sancti Johannis Baptistæ octodecim *et cætera*; dicto, videlicet,
 “ Vicecomiti Bedfordiæ de visneto de Westone Inge, et dicto
 “ Vicecomiti Hertfordiæ de visneto de Aldebury et Rikemers-
 “ worthe, quorum quilibet *et cætera*, per quos *et cætera*, et qui
 “ nulla affinitate *et cætera*, et recognoscendum *et cætera*. Et
 “ idem dies datus est præfatis Philippo Bluet et Katerinæ,
 “ uxori ejus, ad audiendum et faciendum quod *et cætera*. Et
 “ quoad ducentas marcas de valore maritagii prædicti Johan-
 “ nis, filii et hæredis prædicti Johannis filii Willelmi, quia
 “ Curia vult habere deliberationem in præmissis antequam
 “ ulterius *et cætera*, datus est dies præfatis Philippo Bluet et
 “ Katerinæ, uxori ejus, hic ad prædictas Octabas Sancti Jo-
 “ hannis Baptistæ, in statu quo nunc, ad audiendum et faci-
 “ endum inde quod Curia *et cætera*.
 “ Et quoad prædictas quadraginta acras terræ, et decem
 “ acras prati, quæ quondam fuerunt parcella prædicti manerii
 “ de Crokeslee, et quæ perquisita fuerunt per longum tempus
 “ elapsum, videlicet, tempore Johannis Kynelyn, et quæ tenentur
 “ de Domino Rege in capite, quia Curia vult habere delibera-
 “ tionem in præmissis, antequam ulterius *et cætera*, datus est
 “ dies præfato Willelmo filio Willelmi Meleman, hic ad præ-

¹ Omitted in MS.

“ dictas Octabas Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, in statu quo
 “ nunc, ad audiendum et faciendum in præmissis quod Curia
 “ *et cætera*.

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“ Ad quem diem prædictus Philippus Bluet et Katerina,
 “ uxor ejus, venerunt per dictum attornatum suum. Et præ-
 “ dicti Vicecomites Bedfordiæ et Hertfordiæ retornarunt brevia
 “ sua, cum panellis de nominibus Juratorum; et ipsi non
 “ venerunt. Ideo præcepta sunt eisdem Vicecomitibus Bed-
 “ fordæ et Hertfordiæ per duo brevia separatim, quod uterque
 “ eorum distringeret præfatos Juratores in Comitatu suo per
 “ terras *et cætera*, ita *et cætera*, a die Sancti Michaelis in
 “ quindecim dies, vel interim coram aliquo Baronum hujus
 “ Scaccarii in Comitatibus prædictis, qui prius *et cætera*, ad
 “ certos dies et loca, quos *et cætera*. Et dictum est præfatis
 “ Philippo et Katerinæ, quod expectent dies suos in Comitati-
 “ bus prædictis, coram præfato Barone *et cætera*; et quod sint
 “ hic ad prædictam quindenam Sancti Michaelis, ad audiendum
 “ judicium suum, *et cætera*.

“ Et quoad ducentas marcas prædictas de valore maritagii
 “ prædicti Johannis, filii et hæredis prædicti Willelmi Aignel,
 “ data est dies præfatis Philippo et Katerinæ ulterius hic
 “ usque ad prædictam quindenam Sancti Michaelis, in statu
 “ quo nunc, ad audiendum et faciendum inde quod Curia *et*
 “ *cætera*.

“ Et ad prædictas Octabas Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, præ-
 “ dictus Johannes filius Willelmi Meleman venit per dictum
 “ attornatum suum; et quoad prædictas quadraginta acras
 “ terræ et decem acras prati, habet diem ulterius usque ad
 “ prædictam quindenam Sancti Michaelis, in statu quo nunc,
 “ ad audiendum et faciendum quod Curia *et cætera*. Ad quem
 “ diem prædicti Philippus et Katerina venerunt per dictum
 “ attornatum suum. Et Willelmus Forde, unus Baronum
 “ hujus Scaccarii, retornavit tenorem recordi et processus
 “ prædictorum, una cum duabus Inquisitionibus coram eo in
 “ præmissis captis; quarum una capta fuit apud Lutone in
 “ Comitatu Bedfordiæ; cujus tenor sequitur, in hæc verba.—

“ Inquisitio capta apud Lutone in Comitatu Bedfordiæ, die
 “ Martis proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis, anno regni
 “ Regis Ricardi Secundi quarto-decimo, coram Willelmo de
 “ Forde, uno Baronum de Scaccario Domini Regis, facta prius
 “ proclamatione, prout moris est, si quis velit informare
 “ Juratam hujusmodi Inquisitionis pro dicto Domino Rege,
 “ quod tunc veniret; et nullus venit;—per sacramentum
 “ Thomæ Blundell, Edwardi Mathew, Johannis Coket, Galfridi
 “ Challeye, Thomæ Maister, Willelmi Lammare, Johannis

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Another Inquisition thereon, in the County of Hertford.

Et altera capta fuit coram præfato Willelmo Forde, apud Whetehamstede, in dicto Comitatu Hertfordiæ; quæ quidem Inquisitio, una cum quodam brevi eidem Inquisitioni consuto, quæ est inter brevina executata pro Rege de Termino Sancti Michaelis dicto anno quarto-decimo, in ² Hertfordiæ: cujus tenor sequitur, in hæc verba.—

Inquisitio facta coram Domino Willelmo atte Forde.

Finding of such Inquisition.

" Inquisitio capta apud Whetehamstede, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, die Martis proximo ante festum Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Ricardi Secundi quarto-decimo, coram Willelmo de Forde, uno Baronum de Scaccario Domini Regis, facta prius proclamatione pro Domino Rege, prout moris est, quod si quis Juratam hujusmodi Inquisitionis velit in formare, quod tunc veniret; et nullus venit;—per sacramentum ³Edwardi Cressy, Willelmi Wodewyk, Willelmi Corneseye, Willelmi Pleytre, Willelmi Herberd, Henrici Ymaigne, Roberti atte Crouche, Thomæ atte Welle, Roberti atte Wode, Rogeri Pecche, Johannis White senioris, et Johannis Cumbard. Qui electi, triati, et jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quoad decem solidatas annui et quieti redditus in villa de Aldebury, juxta Magnam Berkhamstede in Comitatu prædicto, exeuntis de tenementis Simonis Colles, et Matilldis Hobbes, et Julianæ Bulcestre, quas Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel perquisivit de Jo-

¹ Qy. If not correctly "*Wiltone*." | omission of "*Comitatu*."

² Hiatu in MS., apparently an | ³ *Edi* in MS.

" hanne filio Walteri Fitz-Johan, idem Johannes filius Wil- Thomas,
 " lelmi tenuit prædictas decem solidatas redditus, die quo 30th
 " obiit, de Archiepiscopo Cantuariæ, et de Priore Sancti Abbot,
 " Johannis Ierusalem in Anglia, videlicet, illam portionem A.D.
 " dicti redditus quæ exit de tenementis Simonis Colles et 1349-96.
 " Matildis Hobbes, de prædicto Archiepiscopo Cantuariæ, et —
 " residuum totius redditus prædicti, exiens de tenemento
 " Julianæ¹ Burcestre, de prædicto Priore, per fidelitatem pro
 " omnibus servitiis, et non de prædicto Rege Edwardo, avo,
 " in capite; et quod prædictæ decem solidatæ redditus non
 " sunt, nec fuerunt, parcella maneriorum dicti Johannis filii
 " Walteri Fitz-Johan, in Messeworthe, Pendele, et Aldebury,
 " prout pro Domino Rege supponitur.
 " Item, dicunt quod quoad unum tenementum et viginti
 " acras in villa de Bikemersworth, in Comitatu prædicto,
 " quæ prædictus Johannes filius Willelmi Aignel tenuit die
 " quo obiit, idem Johannes filius Willelmi tenuit prædicta
 " tenementa et viginti acras terræ, dicto die quo obiit, de
 " Abbate de Sancto Albano, per servitium militare, et non
 " de prædicto Rege avo, Edwardo, in capite, prout pro
 " Domino Rege supponitur."
 " Et prædicti Philippus et Katerina, necnon Johannes filius
 " Willelmi Meleman, petunt judicium in præmissis. Et visis
 " præmissis per Barones, habitaque deliberatione inde per
 " eosdem, dictum est præfato Philippo Bluet et Katerinæ,
 " uxori ejus, necnon prædicto Johanni, filio Willelmi Mele-
 " man, quod eant in præmissis ad præsens sine die, præ-
 " textu Inquisitionum et perdonationis prædictorum; salva
 " semper actione Regis, si alias inde loqui voluerit."²

Introductio processus et materie subscriptæ.

Contra Johannem Wilkons et Rogerum Gilham com- Unjust
 pulsus est idem Abbas movere placitum, quia distrin- distress
 runt eundem apud Lutone, pro non soluta quinta-decima upon the
 Regi pro terris in Ryndeale; contra quos recuperavit Abbot of
 damna sua per judicium; ut patet in pagina subse- St Alban's,
 quenti.— for the
 King's
 fifteenth,
 A.D. 1354.

¹ Elsewhere written "*Bulcestre*." | here, fol. 259 b.

² Half a column is left vacant |

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Writ for
judicial
enquiry as
to such
distress.

Breve Regis.

" Rex Vicecomiti Bedfordiæ, salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod
" venire facias coram Baronibus de Scaccario nostro, apud
" Westmonasterium, a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim dies,
" Johannem Wilkons et Rogerum Gilham, sub-collectores
" tertii anni decimæ et quintæ-decimæ triennalium nobis
" ultimo a laicis in villa de Rynde, in Comitatu prædicto,
" concessarum; ad respondendum nobis et Abbati de Sancto
" Albano, quare, cum ipse non teneat nec habeat aliqua terras
" seu tenementa in Rynde, alia quam spiritualia annexa, et ad
" decimam cum clero taxata, et quæ fuerunt in possessione
" Domus Sancti Albani anno regni Domini Edwardi, quondam
" Regis Angliæ, avi nostri, vicesimo; nec aliqua bona mobilia
" ibidem habeat, alia quam de terris et tenementis illis, sic
" spiritualibus suis annexis, exeuntia; iidem tamen sub-col-
" lectores, machinantes præfatum Abbatem hac parte præ-
" gravare, præfatum Abbatem ad quintam-decimam prædictam,
" ratione bonorum et catallorum suorum sic spiritualibus suis
" annexorum, et ad decimam cum clero taxatorum, assede-
" runt; et ipsum pro quinta-decima prædicta eis ad opus
" nostrum solvenda per bona et catalla sua apud Luytone
" distrinxerunt, et adhuc distringunt, in nostri contemptum
" manifestum, ac ipsius Abbatis grave damnum, ut dicit,
" sicut rationabiliter monstrare poterit; quod inde respondere
" debeant. Et habeas ibi hoc breve. Teste G. de Wilford,
" apud Westmonasterium, tricesimo die Maii, anno regni nostri
" Angliæ vicesimo octavo, regni vero nostri Franciæ quinto-
" decimo."

*Placita coram Baronibus de Scaccario, anno regni
Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquestum Angliæ,
vicesimo octavo, Termino Trinitatis.*

Pro-
ceedings
thereon,
before the
Barons of
the Ex-
chequer,
at West-
minster.

Johannes Wilkons et Rogerus Gilham, sub-collectores
tertii anni quintæ-decimæ triennalis, Regis Edwardi
anno vicesimo quinto, in Rynde, in Comitatu Bed-
fordiæ, attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Regi et
Abbati de Sancto Albano, de placito transgressionis
et contemptus et cætera.

Et unde prædictus Abbas venit per Radulphum del Halle, attornatum suum, et dicit pro Rege et seipso, quod cum ipse non teneat nec habeat aliquas terras seu tenementa in Ryndelee, alia quam spiritualibus suis annexata, ad decimam cum clero taxata, et quæ fuerunt in possessione Domus Sancti Albani anno vicesimo Regis Edwardi, avi Regis nunc, nec aliqua bona mobilia in Ryndelee habuit, ¹ ac alia, quam de terris et tenementis sic spiritualibus suis annexis exeuntia; prædicti sub-collectores præfatum Abbatem ad tres solidos ad quintam-decimam prædictam, ratione bonorum et catallorum suorum de terris et tenementis sic spiritualibus suis annexis, et ad decimam cum clero taxatis, exeuntium assederunt, et ipsum Abbatem distrinxerunt pro dictis tribus solidis eis solvendis apud Luyton, infra cujus parochiam Ryndelee comprehenditur, ut parcella manerii de Dolowe, die Lunæ proximo post festum Sancti Dunstani, anno vicesimo octavo Regis nunc, per quatuor equos junctos in carecta sua, et ad damnum ipsius Abbatis de quadraginta solidis. Et inde producit sectam, et cætera.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

The distress made
by seizing
four horses
in the
Abbot's
waggon.

Responsio super placito prænotato.

Et prædicti Johannes et Rogerus in propriis personis venerunt, et bene cognoverunt quod ipsi sub-collectores quintæ-decimæ in Ryndelee existunt; et dicunt quod diversa terras et tenementa quæ fuerunt nativorum ipsius Abbatis in Ryndelee, quæ est parcella manerii ipsius Abbatis de Dolow, quod ad decimam cum clero taxatur, devenerunt ad manus ipsius Abbatis per mortem eorundem nativorum tempore ² Pestilentie, videlicet, anno vicesimo tertio Regis nunc; qui quidem

Answer
of the sub-
collectors
of the
fifteenths,
as to such
distress.

¹ This word appears to be redundant.

² In A.D. 1348-9.

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A.D.
1349-96.
—

nativi, ante tempus decessionis suæ *et cætera*, solebant taxari cum hominibus de Ryndele, ratione bonorum et catallorum existentium super terras et tenementa prædicta; et iidem sub-collectores assederunt præfatum Abbatem ad dictos tres solidos ratione bonorum et catallorum suorum super terras et tenementa illa existentium; et pro dictis tribus solidis distrinxerunt die, loco, et anno prædictis, præfatum Abbatem per unum ¹ equum, quem deliberaverunt eidem Abbati infra spatium unius ² diei post tempus districtionis *et cætera*. Et petunt iudicium, si aliqua injuria in personis suis inde assignari poterit *et cætera*.

Et super hoc requisiti prædicti sub-collectores, si prædictus Abbas, seu prædecessores sui, post prædictum annum vicesimum tertium quicquam de novo in Ryndelee adquisierunt, dicunt quod non. Requisiti ulterius si prædictus Abbas aliqua bona seu catalla in Ryndelee tempore assessionis seu solutionis quintæ-decimæ prædictæ habuit, alia quam de terris et tenementis prædictis exeuntia, dicunt quod non: unde prædictus Abbas petit iudicium super recognitione sua prædicta *et cætera*, et damnum sibi adjudicari *et cætera*.

Dam-
ages are
awarded to
the Abbot,
and the
sub-col-
lectors are
amerced.

Et habita super præmissis deliberatione *et cætera*, consideratum est quod prædictus Abbas recuperet versus præfatum Johannem et Rogerum, sub-collectores, damna sua, quæ taxantur per Barones ad dimidiam marcam: et quod idem Johannes et Rogerus pro injusta districtione sint in misericordia.

¹ *egum* in MS.

² Omitted in the text, but sup-

plied in the margin, in a later hand.

De falso clamore Nicolai Tybbessone ; et quomodo Abbas vendicavit eum ut nativum suum, et recuperavit.—Placita coram Domino Rege apud villam de Sancto Albano, Termino Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii a Conquestu Angliæ, vicesimo octavo, et regni sui Franciæ quinto-decimo.—Hertfordia. Rotulo sexagesimo. Introductio placiti subscripti.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Thomas, Abbas de Sancto Albano, et Reginaldus de Charge by Spaldyng, commonachus ejusdem Abbatis, attachiati fuerunt ad respondendum Nicolao Tybbessone, de placito transgressionis per billam. Et idem Nicolaus in propria persona queritur, quod prædicti Abbas et Reginaldus die Dominica proxima post festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula, anno regni Regis Edwardi nunc vicesimo septimo, vi et armis, scilicet, gladiis et cætera, in ipsum Nicolaum, apud villam de Sancto Albano, insultum fecerunt, et ipsum verberaverunt, vulneraverunt, et inprisonaverunt, et in prisona per duos dies proximo sequentes detinuerunt; quousque idem Nicolaus finem cum prædicto Abbate de sexaginta et sexdecim solidis, pro deliberatione sua habenda, fecisset, detinuerunt, contra pacem et cætera; unde dicit quod deterioratus est, et damnum habet, ad valentiam centum librarum, et inde producit sectam et cætera.

Nicholas
Tybbessone
against the
Abbot of
St. Alban's,
for assault,
A.D. 1353.

Et prædicti Abbas et Reginaldus per Thomam de Thorpe, attornatum suum, veniunt, et defendunt vim et injuriam, quando et cætera. Et prædictus Abbas, pro se et commonacho prædicto, dicit quod prædictus Nicolaus ad hanc billam responderi non debet, et cætera; quia dicit quod prædictus Nicolaus est nativus ipsius Abbatis, de manerio ipsius Abbatis de Kyngesbury; et quod omnes prædecessores ipsius Abbatis, a tempore quo non extat memoria, seisiti fuerunt de

The Abbot
alleges that
the Plain-
tiff is a
born bond-
man of his,
and not
entitled to
an answer.

Thomas, antecessoribus ipsius Nicolai, ¹ ut de eorum nativis *et cætera*, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani; et similiter, Abbas qui nunc est de eo seisitus est, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, tanquam de suo nativo, *et cætera*. Et petit judicium *et cætera*.

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Abbot,
A.D.
1849-96.

Et prædictus Nicolaus non dedicit quin ipse sit nativus ipsius Abbatis, sicut idem Abbas superius allegavit.

The Plaintiff is amerced, for making a false complaint. Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Nicolaus nihil capiat per querelam suam, sed sit in misericordia pro falso clamore. Et prædicti Abbas et Reginaldus eant inde sine die.

De Termino Paschæ, anno vicesimo nono. Rotulo centesimo octogesimo. Hertfordia.

De falso clamore Johannis Albyn, de Wynselowe, et ut ² Abbas recuperavit eum, nativum suum.

Charge
by John
Albyn
against the
Abbot of
St. Alban's,
for illegal
seizure of
cattle,
A.D. 1355.

Thomas, Abbas de Sancto Albano, atthachiatus fuit ad respondendum Johanni Albyn, de Wynselowe, de placito quare vi et armis clausum ipsius Johannis, apud Herpesfeld, fregit, et unum taurum et viginti et quatuor vaccas suas, pretii viginti marcarum, ibidem inventas, cepit et abduxit, et alia enormia ei intulit, ad grave damnum ipsius Johannis, et contra pacem Regis, *et cætera*. Et unde idem Johannes in propria persona queritur, quod dictus Abbas, die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Hillarii, anno regni Domini Regis nunc Angliæ vicesimo octavo, vi et armis, scilicet, gladiis, arcubus, et sagittis, clausum ipsius apud Herpesfeld fregit, et unum ³ [taurum], et viginti et quatuor vaccas, suos, pretii *et cætera*, ibidem inventos,

¹ Omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

² *Abba* in the text; corrected in

the margin in a later hand. The form "*Abba*" was however occasionally used: see p. 48 *post*.

³ Omitted in the text.

cepit et abduxit, et alia enormia *et cætera*, et contra pacem *et cætera*; unde dicit quod deterioratus est, et damnum habet, ad valentiam quadraginta librarum, et inde producit sectam.

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Et prædictus Abbas venit, et defendit vim et injuriam, quando *et cætera*, et dicit quod prædictus Johannes ad breve istud responderi non debet; quia dicit quod ipse est villanus suus, ut de manerio suo de Wynslowe, et hoc paratus est verificare; unde petit judicium, si prædictus Johannes ad breve prædictum responderi debeat. Et prædictus Johannes non potest hoc dedicere.

The Abbot
alleges that
the Plain-
tiff is his
villein, and
not entitled
to an
answer.

Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas eat inde sine die, et prædictus Johannes nihil capiat per breve suum, sed sit in misericordia pro falso clamio suo, *et cætera*.

The
Plaintiff is
amerced,
for making
a false
charge.

Introductio placiti subscripti.

Ejus quoque tempore, sopita est discordia inter Abbatem hujus Monasterii et Johannem de Castro Bernardi mota et jurata, utrum octo mesuagia et duæ carucatæ terræ, cum pertinentiis, in Elyngham, sint libera eleemosyna pertinens ad rectoriam vel vicariam.—

The
Abbot of
St. Alban's
recovers
messuages
in Elyng-
ham,
against the
Vicar; as
being the
Rector
thereof,
A.D. 1355.
Process
thereon.

“ Jurata venit recognosci utrum octo mesuagia et duæ carucatæ terræ, cum pertinentiis, in Elyngham, sint libera eleemosyna pertinens ad ecclesiam de Elyngham, unde Thomas, Abbas de Sancto Albano, persona ecclesiæ de Elyngham, est persona, an libera eleemosyna pertinens ad vicariam Johannis de Castro Bernardi, vicarii ecclesiæ prædictæ; quæ quidem tenementa idem vicarius tenet *et cætera*.
“ Et unde idem Abbas, per Hugonem de Brandone, attorney suum, dicit quod quidam Johannes de Berkhamstede, quondam Abbas *et cætera*, prædecessor *et cætera*, persona *et cætera*, fuit seisitus de prædictis tenementis, cum pertinentiis, in dominico suo, ut de feodo et de jure ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, tempore pacis, tempore Edwardi Regis, avi Domini Regis nunc, capiendo expletas, ad valentiam *et cætera*; qui quidem Johannes Abbas *et cætera*, prædecessor *et cætera*, persona *et cætera*, eodem tempore tenementa illa alienavit *et cætera*.

- Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. —
- “ Et Johannes, per attornatum suum, venit, et dicit quod ipse invenit vicariam suam seisitam de prædictis tenementis, ut de jure vicariæ suæ prædictæ; et dicit quod
- “ Episcopus Dunelmensis est Patronus et Ordinarius ecclesiæ prædictæ, sine quo non potest prædicto Abbati de prædictis tenementis respondere; et petit auxilium de ipso Episcopo habeat. Ideo ipse summoneatur, quod sit hic a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim dies ad respondendum, simul *et cætera*, si *et cætera*. Idem dies datus est partibus prædictis hic *et cætera*; et Vicecomes non omittat propter libertatem Prioris de Tynemutha, eo quod alias, *et cætera*.
- “ Ad quem diem venerunt tam prædictus Abbas quam prædictus Johannes, per attornatos suos, et prædictus Episcopus, quem *et cætera*, summonitus non venit. Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Johannes respondeat sine *et cætera*.
- “ Et idem Johannes dicit quod ipse paratus est audire Juratam prædictam *et cætera*. Ideo capiatur inde Jurata *et cætera*; sed ponitur in respectum hic usque a die Sancti Michaelis in quindecim dies, nisi Thomas de Suttone, unus Justiciariorum Domini Regis ad placita coronæ coram ipso Domino Rege tenenda assignatorum, per formam Statuti *et cætera*, die Veneris in Vigilia Sancti Petri ad Vincula, apud villam Novi Castri super Tynam prius venerit. Pro defectu Juratorum, quia nullus venit, ideo Vicecomes habeat corpora *et cætera*. Et apponantur octo tales *et cætera*. Idem dies datus est partibus prædictis hic *et cætera*. Et Vicecomes non omittat *et cætera*.
- “ Ad quam quindenam Sancti Michaelis venerunt partes prædictæ, et prædictus Thomas de ¹Setone; coram quo *et cætera*, misit hic recordum suum, in hæc verba.—
- “ Postea die et loco infra contentis coram præfato Thomæ de ¹Setone, associato sibi Johanne Mounbray, per formam Statuti, *et cætera*, venerunt partes prædictæ; et similiter jurati venerunt; qui, ad hoc electi et jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod tenementa prædicta, cum pertinentiis, sunt libera eleemosyna pertinens ad ecclesiam de Elyngham prædictam, unde prædictus Thomas, Abbas *et cætera*, est persona, et non libera eleemosyna pertinens ad vicariam prædicti Johannis de Castro Bernardi, vicarii ecclesiæ prædictæ; et dicunt quod præfatus Johannes de Berkhamstede, quondam Abbas de Sancto Albano, persona et

¹ “ Suttone ” above.

“ *cætera*, prædecessor prædicti nunc Abbatis, fuit seiscitus de
 “ tenementis prædictis, cum pertinentiis, in dominico suo, ut
 “ de feodo et jure ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, tempore Domini
 “ Edwardi Regis, avi Domini Regis nunc, et ante ipsum
 “ Johannem, quondam Abbatem *et cætera*, personam *et cætera*,
 “ omnes Abbates de Sancto Albano personæ *et cætera*, præde-
 “ cessores ipsius tunc Abbatis, a tempore quo non extat me-
 “ moria, seisciti fuerunt de tenementis prædictis, cum perti-
 “ nentiis, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ. Et dicunt quod
 “ non est aliqua fraus seu collusio inter partes prædictas.
 “ Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas recuperet
 “ inde seisinam suam versus prædictum Johannem de Castro
 “ Bernardi. Et idem Johannes in misericordia.

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 Abbot,
 A.D.
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1 “ Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Writ ad-
 “ Hiberniæ, Vicecomiti Northumbriæ, salutem. Scias quod dressed to
 “ Thomas, Abbas de Sancto Albano, persona ecclesiæ de the Sheriff
 “ Elyngham, in Curia nostra, coram Justiciariis nostris apud of North-
 “ Westmonasterium, recuperavit seisinam suam versus Johan- umberland,
 “ nem de Castro Bernardi, Vicarium ecclesiæ de Elyngham, enjoining
 “ de octo mesnagiis et duabus carucatis terræ, cum perti- him to give
 “ nentiis, in Elyngham, ut de libera elemosyna pertinente the Abbot
 “ ad ecclesiam de Elyngham, unde prædictus Abbas est seisin
 “ persona: prout per quamdam Juratam ‘de Utrum,’ dilecto et thereof.
 “ fideli nostro Thoma de Setone, apud villam Novi Castri
 “ super Tynam, inde inter eos summonitam et captam, oom-
 “ pertum fuit. Et ideo tibi præcipimus, quod eidem Abbati
 “ de prædictis tenementis, cum pertinentiis, sine dilatione
 “ plenarie seisinam habere facias. Teste Rege, 2 apud West-
 “ monasterium, vicesimo sexto die Octobris, anno regni nostri
 “ Angliæ vicesimo nono, regni vero nostri Franciæ sexto-
 “ decimo.”

Introductio placiti 3 subscripti.

Idem Abbas movit placitam necessariam contra Jo-
 hannem Irtlyngburgh, personam ecclesiæ de Horpol;
 cujus placitæ prosecutio hic inseritur consequenter.—

1 This is preceded by what is ap-
 parently intended for a Rubric—
 “ Pasch', et Rotulo xxxix'.”

2 *Hillary* precedes this word in
 the MS., by inadvertence.

3 *præscripti* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. *Placita apud Westmonasterium, coram R. de Thorpe et sociis, Justiciariis Domini Regis de Banco, de Termino Paschæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, tricesimo tertio.—Rotulo ccxiii. Northampton.*

Proceedings by the Abbot of St. Alban's, to recover a yearly rental of thirty shillings from the Church of Horpole, A.D. 1356. "Johannes de Irtlyngburgh, persona ecclesiæ de Horpole, in misericordia pro pluribus defaultis *et cætera*.—" Idem Johannes summonitus fuit ad respondendum Abbati de Sancto Albano de placito quod reddat ei quadraginta et quinque solidos, qui ei a retro sunt de annuo reddito triginta solidorum, quem ei debet, *et cætera*; et unde idem Abbas, per Henricum Wikke, attornatum suum, dicit quod cum nuper super duas ¹partes decimarum majorum provenientium de dominico et dominio Thomæ de Sancto Elerio, in campis, pratis, et aliis locis de dicto dominio, infra Parochiam Ecclesiæ de Horpole, lis orta erat, et contentio, inter Abbatem de Sancto Albano, prædecessorem prædicti nunc Abbatis, et quemdam Rogerum, nuper personam ecclesiæ de Horpole, prædecessorem prædicti nunc personæ *et cætera*: et postmodum, scilicet, octavo die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quadragesimo octavo, et regni Domini Regis nunc Angliæ vicesimo secundo, tam prædictus Abbas, prædecessor *et cætera*, quam prædictus Rogerus, pro lite et contentione prædicta pacificanda, et etiam pro laboribus et expensis inde in hac parte evitandis, se ordinationi et arbitrio quorundam Johannis Leche, Officialis Curie Cantuariæ, in Ecclesia Beate Mariæ de Arcubus, et Ricardi de Plessys, Decani ejusdem Curie, judicialiter submiserunt; super quod, in præsentia partium prædictarum, prædicti Johannes Leche et Ricardus, ibidem in Warda de Chepe, arbitrarunt, ordinaverunt, et consideraverunt, quod prædictus Rogerus, persona ecclesiæ prædictæ, prædecessor *et cætera*, haberet decimas prædictas sibi et successoribus suis, personis ejusdem ecclesiæ de Horpole, in perpetuum, reddendo pro decimis illis prædicto prædecessori, *et cætera*, successoribus suis, prædictum annum redditum triginta solidorum, ad quindenam Paschæ et quindenam Sancti Michaelis annuatim, per æquales portiones in perpetuum; de quo quidem redditu prædictus

¹ *partibus* in MS.

“ nunc Abbas fuit seisisus per manus cujusdam Johannis de Ryngestede, nuper personæ ecclesiæ de Horpole, prædecessoris *et cætera*, a tempore submissionis et ordinationis prædictarum usque ad unum annum et dimidium ante diem impetrationis brevis, scilicet, vicesimum secundum diem Januarii, anno regni Domini Regis nunc tricesimo secundo, quod prædictus Johannes, tunc persona *et cætera*, annum redditum prædictum subtraxit, et illum reddere contradixit *et cætera*; unde dicit quod deterioratur, et damnum habet, ad valentiam decem librarum, et inde producit sectam; et profert hic in Curia quoddam scriptum, sigillis prædictorum Johannis Leche et Ricardi signatum, quod submissionem, concessionem, districtiōem, et arbitrium finale, prædicta testatur.

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“ Et prædictus Johannes de ¹Irthyngburgh per Oliverum de Lufwik, attornatum suum, venit, et defendit vim et injuriam, quando *et cætera*; et dicit quod ipse non potest ecclesiam prædictam de prædicto annuo redditu onerare, sine Johanne Episcopo Lyncolniensi, ejusdem ecclesiæ Ordinario, et Johanne de Verdone, Patrono, *et cætera*. Et petit auxilium de ipsis Ordinario et Patrono, *et cætera*. Ideo ipsi summonentur, quod sint hic a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim dies, per Justiciarios. Idem dies datus est partibus prædictis, per attornatos suos hic *et cætera*.

“ Ad quem diem venit tam prædictus Abbas quam prædictus Johannes de Irthyngburgh, per attornatos suos prædictos; et prædicti Episcopus et Patronus non venerunt; et summonentur *et cætera*. Ideo prædictus Johannes de Irthyngburgh respondeat sine *et cætera*. Qui dicit quod ipse de prædicto annuo redditu onerari non debet, quia dicit quod prædicti Johannes Leche et Ricardus non arbitrarunt in forma prædicta, sicut prædictus Abbas versus eum narrando supponit; et de hoc ponit se super patriam, et prædictus Abbas similiter.

“ Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti Londoniarum, quod venire faceret hic a die Sancti Michaelis in quindecim dies, per Justiciarios, duodecim *et cætera*, per quos *et cætera*, et qui nec *et cætera*, ad recognoscendum *et cætera*, quia tam *et cætera*. Ad quem diem Vicecomes non misit breve. Ideo, sicut prius, præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod venire ²faceret hic a die Sancti Hillari in quindecim dies duodecim *et cætera*, ad recognoscendum *et cætera*, in forma prædicta *et cætera*.

¹ Sic in MS.; correctly “Irthyng-
burgh.”

² facit in MS.

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Continuation of the proceedings, and a Jury summoned thereon.

Continuatio Processus.

"Postea, continuato inde processu inter partes prædictas
"per Juratam, ¹posito inde inter eas in respectu hic usque
"a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim dies, anno regni Domini Regis nunc tricesimo quinto, nisi Johannes Munbray die Sabbati proxima post festum Ascensionis Domini apud Sanctum Martinum Magnum Londoniis prius venisset; ante quam quidem quindenam Sanctæ Trinitatis omnia placita adjornata fuerunt per commune adjornamentum hic usque
"ad Octabas Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequentes et
"cætera.

"Et modo venit prædictus Abbas, per attornatum suum, et prædictus Johannes Mounbray; coram quo et cætera, misit hic recordum suum, in hæc verba.—

"Postea, die et loco infra contentis, coram Johanne Mounbray, associato sibi Willelmo Iforde, per formam Statuti et cætera, venerunt tam Abbas infra nominatus per attornatum suum, quam Johannes de Irtlyngburgh infra nominatus, per attornatum suum; et similiter jurati ad hoc electi venerunt; qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Johannes Leche et Ricardus Plessys infra notati arbitrarunt in forma infra contenta; et similiter, prædictus redditus a retro fuit per unum annum et dimidium, prout prædictus Abbas per narrationem suam supponit; et assident damnum ipsius Abbatis occasione prædicta, ultra redditum infra contentum, et arreragia et cætera, ad dimidiam marcam.

Decision in favour of the Abbot.

"Ideo consideratum est, quod idem Abbas recuperet versus eum annuum redditum prædictum, et arreragia inde, tam ante diem impetrationis brevis quam post, quæ se extendit in toto ad sex libras et quindecim solidos. Et idem Johannes in misericordia et cætera."²

³[*Proclamatio de stipendiis tegulatorum.*]

Proclamation that tilers shall charge no

"Quia datum est nobis intelligi, quod prætextu ventosæ tempestatis quæ jam noviter in diversis partibus regni nostri mirabiliter accidit, unde tam

¹ *positas* in MS.

² See page 54 *post*.

³ This Rubric is omitted, apparently by inadvertence. The Proclamation was consequent upon the

great storm of wind, 8th January 1362. See the *Memorials of London and London Life*, recently published, page 308.

" plura ædificia in terram prostrata, et plurima dete- Thomas,
 " gulata, et tegulæ inde omnino confractæ et in nihi- 30th
 " lum redactæ, fuerunt, hii qui tegulas habent ven- Abbot,
 " dendum, eas ad insolitum et multo carius pretium A.D.
 " quam prius vendi solebant, ponunt; ac tegulatores, 1349-96.
 " videntes tantam necessitatem de mesterâ sua jam more for
 " imminentem, mesteram suam exercere aut operari, roofing
 " nisi salaria sua excessiva, et multo majora quam houses,
 " hactenus erat usitatum, pro libito suo percipiant, than at
 " differunt, et similiter recusant, in nostri et reipub- their
 " licæ dispendium non modicum, et gravamen. Per former
 " quod, de avisiamento Consilii nostri, ordinamus quod rates,
 " tegulæ ad pretium quo ante festum Nativitatis A.D. 1362.
 " mini proximo præteritum vendi solebant, et non
 " carius, vendantur; et quod tegulatores, aut eorum
 " garciones, sive coadjutores, pro labore suo diurno
 " majora stipendia, sive salaria, quam ante dictum
 " festum ¹percipiebant, et percipere solebant, minime
 " percipiant, aut percipere præsumant quovismodo. Et
 " quod operatores tegularum tegulas de die in diem
 " faciant; et eas sic factas publicæ venditioni, prout
 " prius solebant, absque retentione sive absconsione
 " inde facienda, exponant. Et ideo tibi præcipimus
 " quod omnia et singula præmissa in Comitatu præ-
 " dicto, tam infra libertatem quam extra, publice
 " proclamari, et ex parte nostra firmiter inhiberi,
 " facias; ne quis contra ordinationem prædictam quic-
 " quam attentet, aut ²audeat attentare, sub forisfactura
 " omnium quæ nobis forisfacere poterit, clam vel
 " palam. Et omnes illos quos *et cætera*.

Introductio processus et materiæ subscriptæ.

Contra istum Abbatem, sicut contra antecessores suos, conspiraverunt villani de Sancto Albano una

¹ percipiant in MS.

| ² audiat in MS.

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Placita coram Domino Rege apud villam de Sancto Albano, Termino Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum Angliæ, vicesimo octavo. Rotulo tricesimo secundo, inter Placita Regis.

Charges against the Abbot, of permitting escapes from his Gaol, A.D. 1354. " Jurati diversorum hundredorum isto eodem Termino coram " Domino Rege, apud villam de Sancto Albano, præsentave- " runt quod Johannes Hoelle, nuper clericus convictus pro " felonia, evasit a gaola de Sancto Albano; cujus custodiam " Abba de Sancto Albano habet, ut de jure Abbathie suæ; " videlicet, circa festum Paschæ, anno regni Regis nunc " Angliæ sexto. Et quod Walterus Patesmere, Robertus " Longe, et Holde Johan, prisoners, evaserunt similiter a gaola " prædicta eodem tempore. " Item, præsentaverunt quod prædictus Johannes Howel et " Walterus Patesmere, clerici convicti, et cætera, Robertus " Longe et Matthæus Clerk, prisoners, et cætera, alias a gaola " prædicta evaserunt; videlicet, circa festum Apostolorum " Philippi et Jacobi, anno regni Regis nunc octavo. " Item, præsentaverunt quod Ricardus Perers, captus cum " manuopere, et similiter indictatus de diversis feloniis, et " hiis occasionibus captus, et gaolæ prædictæ commissus, " evasit ab eadem gaola, videlicet, circa festum Sancti " Nicolai, anno regni Regis nunc Angliæ septimo. " Item, præsentaverunt quod Johannes de Toucestre, Jo- " hannes le Smyth de Tydenhangre, et Ricardus de Banne- " bury, pro feloniis capti, evaserunt a gaola prædicta, circa " festum Sancti Andree, anno regni Regis nunc Angliæ " sexto-decimo; et quod Johannes Messenger tunc habuit cus-

¹ See page 40 ante, Note 2.

| ¹ Patesmerci in MS.

"todiam, sub dicto Abbate, de gaola prædicta. Et quod Ricardus de Bydenham similiter evasit a gaola prædicta, videlicet, die Sanctæ Mariæ Magdalensæ, anno regni Regis nunc Angliæ vicesimo primo; et quod Thomas Grymbaud tunc habuit custodiam gaolæ prædictæ, sub eodem Abbate.

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"Item, præsentaverunt quod Johannes Arderne, Simon de Rothing, et Johannes Coggeshale, evaserunt a gaola prædicta, circa festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, anno regni Regis nunc Angliæ vicesimo tertio; et quod Adam Cheupayn et Ricardus le Withe habuerunt tunc custodiam dictæ gaolæ, sub eodem Abbate.

"Item, præsentaverunt quod Johannes Hemmyngforde, clericus convictus, et cætera, Willelmus de Rothynge, Willelmus Southe, et Johannes de Milleward, de Langley, prisoneres, evaserunt a gaola prædicta, circa festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, anno regni Regis nunc Angliæ vicesimo sexto.

"Et dicti Johannes Hemmyngford, Willelmus, et Willelmus, recepti fuerunt apud Bretheighte, et remissi in prisonam. Et dictus Johannes le Milleward fugit ad ecclesiam de Aldenham, et fecit abjuramentum terræ et cætera. Et Ricardus le White habuit tunc custodiam dictæ gaolæ, sub prædicto Abbate. Per quod præceptum fuit Vicecomiti, quod venire faceret prædictum Abbatem et cætera.

"Et modo, scilicet, die Lunæ proxima post festum Sancti Martini, isto eodem Termino, coram Domino Rege venit prædictus Abbas per Thomam de Thorp, attornatum suum, et allocutus est si quid pro se habeat, vel dicere sciat, quare de evasionibus prisonum prædictorum Domino Regi respondere non debeat et cætera.

"Et idem Abbas, quoad evasiones prædictorum Johannis As to part
"Hoelle, Walteri Patesmere, Roberti Longe, Holde Johan, of the
"Matthæi Clerk, et Ricardi Perers, dicit quod Dominus Rex charge, the
"ipsum inde occasionare non debet. Dicit enim, quod Rex Abbot
"nunc in Parlamento suo apud Westmonasterium, anno regni release and
"sui Angliæ quarto-decimo tento, relaxavit et perdonavit po- pardon un-
"pulo suo Angliæ, tam magnis quam parvis et cætera, omni- der the
"moda catalla felonum et fugitivorum, escapia latronum, fines, King's
"amerciamenta, exitus forisfactos, amerciamenta de murdris, hand.
"omnimodas transgressiones de foresta, tam de bladatura
"quam de viridi et venatione, vasta, et quascunque alias
"transgressiones factas intra forestas, adjudicatas sive adju-
"dicandas, relevia, et scutagia, usque passagium ipsius Regis
"versus Brabantiam, videlicet, sexto-decimo die Julii, anno
"regni sui Angliæ duodecimo; et profert hic Curie breve

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 The release and pardon set forth.
- “ ipsius Regis clausum, Justiciariis hic directum, relaxationem
 “ et perdonationem prædictas testificans, in hæc verba.—
 “ Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Do-
 “ minus Hiberniæ, dilectis et fidelibus Willelmo de Schares-
 “ hulle et sociis suis, Justiciariis ad placita coram nobis
 “ tenenda assignatis, salutem. Cum in Parlamento nostro
 “ apud Westmonasterium, anno regni nostri Angliæ quarto-
 “ decimo tento, relaxaverimus et perdonaverimus populo
 “ nostro Angliæ, tam magnis quam parvis, cujuscunque status
 “ sive conditionis fuerint, omnimoda catalla felonum et fugi-
 “ tivorum, escapia latronum, fines, amerciamenta, exitus foris-
 “ factos, amerciamenta de murdris, omnimodas transgressiones
 “ de foresta, tam de bladatura quam de viridi et venatione,
 “ vasta, et quascunque alias transgressiones factas infra fo-
 “ restas, adjudicatas sive adjudicandas, relevia, et scutagia,
 “ usque passagium nostrum versus Brabantiam, videlicet, sexto-
 “ decimo die Julii, anno regni nostri Angliæ duodecimo, prout
 “ in Statuto in dicto Parlamento edito plenius continetur;—
 “ vobis mandamus, quatenus dilectos nobis in Christo Abbatem
 “ et Conventum de Sancto Albano, contra formam relaxationis,
 “ perdonationis, et Statuti, prædictorum, non molestetis in ali-
 “ quo, seu gravetis. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium,
 “ quarto die Novembris, anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo
 “ octavo, regni vero nostri Franciæ quinto-decimo.”
 “ Et unde idem Abbas, virtute ejusdem brevis, relaxationis,
 “ perdonationis, et Statuti, prædictorum, de evasionibus dic-
 “ torum Johannis Hoelle, Walteri ¹ Palmere, Roberti Longe,
 “ Holde Johan, Matthæi Clerk, et Ricardi Perers, sic ante
 “ prædictum sextum-decimum diem Julii, anno duodecimo
 “ factis, petit exonerari.
- The Abbot, as to those cases, is discharged.
- “ Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas de evasioni-
 “ bus eorundem Johannis Hoelle, Walteri Patesmere, Holde
 “ Johan, Matthæi Clerk, et Ricardi Perers, recedat quietus et
 “ cætera.
- The Abbot makes answer as to the other charges.
- “ Et idem Abbas, quoad evasiones prædictorum Johannis de
 “ Toucestre et Ricardi de Bydenham, dicit quod ipsi nunquam
 “ in custodia sua, seu gaolæ prædictæ, commissi extiterunt,
 “ seu ab eadem evaserunt, sicut superius præsentatum est.
 “ Et de hoc ponit se super patriam et cætera. Et quoad eva-
 “ siones Johannis le Smyth, Ricardi de Bannebury, Johannis
 “ Arderne, Simonis de Rothinge, Johannis Coggeshale, Wil-

¹ Patesmere in pages 48 and 49 ante, and below.

"lelmi de Rothinge, Willelmi Southe, et Johannis le Mileward, *et cætera*, idem Abbas dicit quod iidem Johannes le Smyth et alii capti fuerunt per suspicionem, eo quod malefactores et pacis Domini Regis perturbatores diffamati extiterunt, et ea occasione gaolæ prædictæ commissi fuerunt, et in eadem detenti, quousque securitatem pacis invenerunt; absque hoc, quod ipsi cum manuopere capti, indictati, seu de aliqua feloniam fuerunt rectati, seu appellati; et de hoc ponit se super patriam *et cætera*.

"Et quoad evasionem Johannis Hemmyngforde, clerici convicti, *et cætera*, dictus Abbas dicit quod non potest dedicere quin ipse erat in custodia sua in gaola prædicta, nec quin ipse a gaola prædicta exivit, et evasisse voluit; sed dicit quod ipse recenter insecutus fuit per præfatum Ricardum le White, tunc custodem gaolæ prædictæ, semper infra visum ejusdem custodis, quousque recaptus fuit, et gaolæ prædictæ remissus; et hoc paratus est verificare *et cætera*, et petit judicium *et cætera*.

"Et Simon de Kegworth, qui sequitur pro Domino Rege, dicit quod prædicti Johannes de Toucestre, Johannes le Smyth, Ricardus de Bannebury, Ricardus de Bydenham, Johannes Arderne, Symon de Rothing, Johannes Coggeshale, Willelmus Rothing, Willelmus Southe, et Johannes le Mileward, capti fuerunt pro diversis feloniam, et ea occasione gaolæ prædictæ commissi, et ab eadem evaserunt, sicut superius præsentatum est. Et quod prædictus Johannes Hemmyngforde, clericus convictus *et cætera*, evasit; absque hoc, quod recenter recaptus fuit; et hoc petit quod inquiratur pro Domino Rege per patriam, *et cætera*; et prædictus Abbas similiter. Ideo veniat inde Jurata coram Domino Rege hodie die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Edmundi Regis *et cætera*, et qui *et cætera*; ad recognoscendum *et cætera*.

"Ad quem diem coram Domino Rege ibidem venerunt tam prædictus Simon de Kegworthe, qui sequitur *et cætera*, quam prædictus Abbas, per prædictum attorney suum, et jurati, videlicet, Johannes de Lodewik, Chivaler, Thomas Fitlyng, Thomas atte Lee, Walterus Aslakby, Johannes Poleyn, Johannes Blake, Thomas Godesfeld, Thomas de Abyndon, Robertus Basset, Thomas de Grey, Johannes Bottele, et Robertus de Chedyngdone, similiter venerunt; qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicti Johannes de Toucestre et Ricardus de Bydenham nunquam in custodia prædicti Abbatis, seu in gaola prædicta, aliqua de causa extiterunt. Et quod prædicti Johannes le Smyth, Ricardus de Bannebury, Johannes Arderne, Symon de Rothing, Jo-

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. — "hannes Coggeshale, Willelmus Rothing, Willelmus Southe, et Johannes le Mileward, capti fuerunt per suspectionem, tanquam pacis Domini Regis perturbatores, et non alia de causa; absque hoc, quod ipsi, vel aliquis eorum, de aliqua felonia impetiti seu rectati extiterunt. Et quod prædictus Johannes de Hemmyngforde, clericus convictus, recenter insecutus et recaptus extitit, postquam a gaola prædicta evasit, per prædictum Ricardum le White, tunc custodem ejusdem gaolæ.

Finding of a Jury, in favour of the Abbot. "Juratores quæsitum si idem Johannes Hemmyngforde tempore evasionis prædictæ, seu aliquo momento ante recaptionem ejusdem, fuit extra visum ejusdem custodis, necne, dicunt quod non. Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas eat inde quietus, et cætera."

Indentura facta inter Priorem de Wymundham et Dominum Johannem Leche, Rectorem Massyng-ham.

Indenture executed by the Prior and Convent of Wymundham, to secure John Leche against any claims on the manor of Hyndringham. "Ceste endenture fait entre le Priour de Wymundham, et le Covent, dune part, et Johan Leche de Eggemere, dautre part, tesmoigne que come le dit Priour et Covent soient obligeez par un escrit obligatoire al avantdit Johan Leche en cccxlv. livres dargent, a paier a certain jour compris en la dite obligacion; nepurquant, le dit Johan Leche voet et graunte, pur lui, ses heirs, et ses executours, que auxi longement que le dit Johan, ses heirs, et ses assignees, tingnent le manoir de Hyndringham, qest appelle 'Parnowe-

[TRANSLATION.]

"This indenture, made between the Prior of Wymundham, and the Convent, of the one part, and John Leche of Eggemere, of the other part, witnesseth that whereas the said Prior and Convent are bound by a writing obligatory to the aforesaid John Leche in two hundred and forty-five pounds of silver, to be paid on a certain day comprised in the said obligation; nevertheless, the said John Leche doth will and doth grant, for himself, his heirs, and his executors, that so long as the said John, his heirs, and his assigns, hold the manor of Hyndringham, which is called 'Parnowehalle,' and other

¹ *obligeer* in MS.

“ ‘halle,’ et autres tenementz, qe jadis furent a Johan de Brunham, jadis persone de Wodedallyng en Hindringham et Brunham, peisiblement, sanz estre chargeez daucune dette, par cause del ¹office du Roi, ou de annuite, ou de reconesance, ou de obligation faite par le dit Johan de Brunham, en encun temps avant le purchas lavantdit Johan Leche des manoir et tenementz avantditz; qadonques lobligation de ccxlv. livres avantditz estoise pur nulle. Mes si le dit Johan Leche, ses heirs, et ses assigneez, soient chargeez daucune dette par cause des terres et tenementz avantditz pur office du Roi, de annuite, reconesance, ²ou obligation, fait par le dit Johan de Brunham, come sus est dit, et le dit Priour et ses successourz ne lui acquitent et deschargent des dettes avantditz deinz un an apres ce qils serront garniz par le dit Johan, ses heirs, ou ses assigneez, qadonques la dite obligation estoise en sa force. Done et cetera.”

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“ tenements which formerly belonged to John de Brunham, late person of Wodedallyng in Hindringham and Brunham, peaceably, without being charged with any debt, by reason of office of the King, or with annuity, or with recognizance, or with obligation made by the said John de Brunham, at any time before the acquisition by the aforesaid John Leche of the manor and tenements aforesaid; then the obligation in two hundred and forty-five pounds aforesaid shall stand as null. But if the said John Leche, his heirs, and his assigns, shall be charged with any debt by reason of the lands and tenements aforesaid for office of the King, with annuity, recognizance, or obligation, made by the said John de Brunham, as is above said, and the said Prior and his successors do not acquit and discharge him of the debts aforesaid within one year after they shall be warned by the said John, his heirs, or his assigns, then the said obligation shall stand in its force. Given etc.”

¹ Inquisition by a person, by right in the King's behalf
virtue of his office, to establish a ² *eu* in MS.

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Proceedings by the Abbot to recover arrears of the yearly rental payable to him from the Church of Horpulle, A.D. 1368. *Præceptum fuit Vicecomiti, quod cum Abbas de Sancto Albano in Curia Regis hic, scilicet, in Octabis Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Domini Regis nunc tricesimo quinto, per considerationem ejusdem Curie, versus Johannem Irtlyngburgh, tunc personam ecclesie de Horpulle, quemdam annum redditum triginta solidorum, singulis annis ad quindenam Paschæ et quindenam Sancti Michaelis, eidem Abbati, et successoribus suis, personis ecclesie de Horpulle prædictæ, qui pro tempore forent, in perpetuum solvendum; quidam tamen Nicolaus Dene, nunc persona ecclesie prædictæ, quadraginta et quinque solidos de arreragiis annui redditus prædicti, de Termino quindenæ Paschæ anno regni Domini Regis nunc quadragesimo secundo, quindecim solidos, et de Termino Sancti Michaelis tunc proximo sequente quindecim solidos, et de termino quindenæ Paschæ, anno regni Domini Regis nunc quadragesimo tertio, quindecim solidos, post prædictum judicium redditum eidem Abbati, nondum reddidit; prout ex insinuatione ejusdem Abbatis acceperat Rex. Et quia et cætera, quod per probos et cætera, scire faceret prædicto Nicolao, nunc personæ ecclesie prædictæ, quod esset hic ad hunc diem, scilicet, in crastino Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, ostensurus si quid pro se haberet, vel dicere sciret, quare prædicti quadraginta et quinque solidi de arreragiis annui redditus prædicti de terris et catallis suis et cætera fieri, et prædicto Abbati reddi, non deberent et cætera, si et cætera.*

¹ See pp. 43-46 ante.

² *adquisivisset*, or a similar word, | is wanting here.

Et modo venit prædictus Abbas, per Henricum Thomas, Weykwan, attornatum suum, et prædictus Nicolaus 80th Abbot, non venit. Et Vicecomes modo mandat, quod scire A.D. fecit eidem Nicolao per Johannem Wolf et Johannem 1349-96. Masse. Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas Execution granted to the Abbot, on default made. habeat inde executionem versus eum per defaultam et cætera.

*Breve Regis pro Inquisitione capienda de libertatibus
Ecclesie Sancti Albani.*

“ Rex dilecto sibi Thomæ de Frowick, Clerico Mercati Upon sub-
“ hospitii sui, salutem. Cum inter cæteras libertates per traction of
“ chartas progenitorum nostrorum, quondam Regum Angliæ, the liberties
“ dilectis nobis in Christo Abbati et Conventui de Sancto of St.
“ Albano concessas, concessum sit eisdem quod ipsi habeant Alban’s,
“ omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines quas regia Inquisition
“ potestas liberiores habet, vel alicui ecclesiis conferri potest, be held
“ prout in chartis prædictis plenius continetur.—Ao jam ex thereon,
“ parte prædictorum nunc Abbatis et Conventus accepimus, A.D. 1364.
“ quod licet ipsi, et eorum prædecessores ¹ sui, virtute dictorum
“ verborum generalium in chartis prædictis ante tempus
“ memoriæ factis, a tempore confectionis earundem chartarum,
“ omnia fines et amerciamenta hominum et tenentium suorum,
“ ac omnium residentium infra libertatem suam de Sancto
“ Albano, coram quibuscunque Justiciariis, ac Senescallo et
“ Marescallo, et Clerico Mercati hospitii nostri, et aliis
“ ministris, factas et adjudicatas, perceperint et habuerint,
“ absque impedimento quocunque; tu tamen prædictos
“ Abbatem et Conventum quominus hujusmodi fines et amer-
“ ciamenta, coram te de hominibus et tenentibus suis, ac
“ residentibus infra libertatem supradictam, facta et adjudicata,
“ habere possint, impedis jam de novo, in ipsorum Abbatis
“ et Conventus damnum non modicum, et ecclesiæ ² suæ
“ exheredationis periculum manifestum; super quo nobis
“ supplicarunt sibi per nos de remedio provideri. Et quia
“ nolumus prædictos Abbatem et Conventum super libertati-
“ bus suis in aliquo præjudicari, tibi præcipimus, quod si per
“ Inquisitionem vel alio modo legitimo tibi constare poterit

¹ Sic in MS, but evidently redundant. | ² suo in MS.

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“ ita esse, tunc eisdem Abbati et Conventui omnes extractas
 “ de hujusmodi finibus et amerciamentis coram te de homi-
 “ nibus et tenentibus ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus, ac resi-
 “ dentibus infra libertatem suam prædictam, factis et ad-
 “ judicatis, liberari facias, et ipsos Abbatem et Conventum
 “ eadem fines et amerciamenta de hominibus et tenentibus
 “ suis prædictis, ac residentibus infra libertatem prædictam,
 “ levare, percipere, et habere, libere et absque impedimento
 “ aliquo permittas, prout idem Abbas et Conventus ea levare
 “ et percipere debent, ipsique et eorum prædecessores eadem
 “ fines et amerciamenta a tempore prædicto semper hactenus
 “ levare et percipere consueverunt; et si quid inde ad opus
 “ nostrum levare feceris, sine dilatione restitui facias
 “ eisdem. Teste Rege, apud Westminsterium, quinto-decimo
 “ die Aprilis.”

Inquisitio de eodem.

Finding of the Inquisition thereon, in favour of the Abbot and Convent.

“ Inquisitio capta apud Chepyng Barnet, die Mercurii in
 “ festo Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi, anno regni Regis
 “ Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, tricesimo octavo, coram
 “ Thoma de Frowik, Clerico Mercati hospitii Domini Regis,
 “ virtute brevis Domini Regis sibi directi, per sacramentum
 “ Johannis Horsedene, Nicolai Clerk, Willelmi de Cherrynge,
 “ Johannis Magot, Johannis Somery, Ricardi Segham, Johannis
 “ Cristian, Johannis Whitloke de Whethamstede, Johannis atte
 “ Hide, Johannis Frensshe, Johannis Bray, et Johannis Smyth
 “ de Northmymmes, Juratorum. — Qui dicunt super sacra-
 “ mentum suum, quod Dominus Henricus Secundus, Rex
 “ Angliæ, per chartam suam concessit Deo et Ecclesiæ Sancti
 “ Albani omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines quas regia
 “ potestas liberiores habet, vel alicui ecclesiæ conferri potest;
 “ et quod Abbas de Sancto Albano, et omnes prædecessores
 “ sui, virtute dictorum verborum generalium, a tempore quo
 “ non extat memoria, perceperunt et habuerunt omnia fines et
 “ amerciamenta hominum et tenentium suorum, ac omnium
 “ residentium infra libertatem suam de Sancto Albano, coram
 “ quibuscunque Justiciariis, ac Senescallis et Marescallis,
 “ necnon Clerico Mercati hospitii Regis, ac aliis ministris
 “ Regis quibuscunque, facta et adjudicata, absque impedimento
 “ quocunque. In cujus rei et cetera. Datum et cetera.”

*Introductio placiti super amerciamentis hominum
seu tenentium Abbatis Sancti Albani, coram Senes-
callo et Marescallo hospitii Domini Regis præfato
Abbati allocatis.*

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Nec silentio suppressendum, quod Dominus Thomas Abbas sua animositate, probitate, et scientia, recupera-
vit amerciamenta et fines hominum suorum, tenentium, videlicet, Abbatis Sancti Albani, coram Senescallo et Marescallo hospitii Domini Regis; quanquam multi versipelles has sibi libertates abripere niterentur; ut lector poterit per sequentia cognoscere satis plane.—

Attemptato
subtract the
amerce-
ments of
tenants of
the Abbots,
in certain
cases.

*Placita Aulae¹ Ducis Cornubiæ et Comitis Cestrice,
Custodis Angliæ, apud Berkhamstede, die Jovis
proximo post festum Natalis Domini, anno regni
Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquestum, ² duo-
decimo.*

Willelmus de ³Tydenhandre, de Sancto Albano, et Johannes Cok, garcio ejusdem Willelmi, attachiati fue-
runt ad respondendum Domino Regi de contemptu, sicut Johannes de Cleydone, qui pro eo sequitur, dicit; eo quod præsentatum fuit per constabularios villæ de Sancto Albano super eosdem Willelmum et Johannem quoddam hutesium levatum et sanguis effusus, ad injuriam ipsorum Willelmi et Johannis.

Certain
tenants of
the Abbot,
amerced for
raising the
hue and
shedding
blood, in
the Court
of the Duke
of Corn-
wall,
A.D. 1338.

Et super hoc per prædictos constabularios attestata fuerunt, quod quidem attachiamentum fregerunt, et ad legem et consuetudinem regni Angliæ obedire noluerunt, in contemptum Domini Regis manifestum; et de hoc allocuti fuerunt qualiter se velint inde acquietare. Qui quidem Willelmus et Johannes, præsentés in Curia, recognoverunt contemptum supradictum. Ideo committerentur prisonæ, quousque *et cætera*. Et postea fece-

¹ Edward, the Black Prince, before his creation as Prince of Wales.

² *xxii* in MS., erroneously.

³ Sic in MS., correctly *Tydenhandre*, as in page 62.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1849-96. runt finem dicto Domino Regi pro contemptu prædicto, pro sex solidis et octo denariis.

Et super hoc venit Abbas de Sancto Albano, per Johannem de Mundene, attornatum suum, et clamat habere omnes fines et amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum, in quibuscunque Curiis ipsos homines fines facere vel amerciari contigerit; prout in charta Domini Edwardi, nuper Regis Angliæ, patris Edwardi, Regis nunc, præfato Abbati, et Conventui ejusdem loci, plenius continetur, in hæc verba.

The Abbot claims such amercements, under a Charter of King Edward II.

Breve Regis in materia prænotata.

Charter of Edward II., confirming a grant to the Abbot, to that effect, A.D. 1313. "Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, et Dux Aquitanniæ, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, Præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis quod in chartis quas dilecti nobis in Christo Abbas et Conventus de Sancto Albano habent de progenitoribus nostris, quondam Regibus Angliæ, contineatur quod iidem progenitores nostri concesserunt Deo et Ecclesiæ Sancti Albani omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines quas regia potestas liberiores alicui ecclesiæ conferre potest; — Nos, ob devotionem quam ad gloriosum Martirem Sanctum Albanum, dictæ ecclesiæ Patronum, gerimus et habemus, volentes, ad majorem expressionem libertatum et consuetudinum prædictarum, eisdem Abbati et Conventui in hac parte gratiam facere specialem, concessimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris præfatis, Abbati et Conventui, quod ipsi et successores in perpetuum percipiant et habeant omnes fines et amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum, in quibuscunque Curiis ipsius patris nostri, et hæredum suorum, ipsos homines fines facere vel amerciari contigerit, sine occasione vel impedimento ipsius patris nostri, vel hæredum suorum, Justiciariorum, Escaetorum, Vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum suorum quorumcunque. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus, S[imone] Sarisburiensi, J[ohanne] Cicestrensi, et W[altero] Wygorniensi, Episcopis, Gilberto de Clare Comite Gloucestriæ et Herfordiæ, Adomaro de Valentia Comite Penbrokiæ, Johanne de Britannia Comite Richemundiæ, Hugone le Despenser, Rogero de Mortuo Mari juniore, Theobaldo de Verdone, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram, apud Westmonasterium, primo die Maii, anno regni nostri sexto."

Et super hoc prædictus Abbas, per Johannem de Mundene, attornatum suum, protulit breve Domini Edwardi, Regis nunc Tertii, pro prædicta charta allocanda, in hæc verba; et petiit prædicta amerciamenta et fines omnium hominum suorum sibi allocari.—

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Abbot,
A.D.
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Breve Regis, continens materiam prænotatam.

“ Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, et Writ of
 “ Dux Aquitanniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Nicolao de la King
 “ Beche, locum tenenti dilecti et fidelis nostri Willelmi de Edward
 “ Monte Acuto, Comitis Sarum et Marescalli Angliæ, Roberto III., order-
 “ de Bilkenor, et Hugoni de Berewyk, ad felonias et trans- ing such
 “ gressiones infra duodecim leucas circuitu hospitii Edwardi, allowed,
 “ Ducis Cornubiæ et Comitis Cestriæ, filii sui carissimi, Cus- A.D. 1339.
 “ todis Angliæ, factas, audiendum et terminandum assignatis,
 “ et Marescallo ejusdem hospitii, salutem. Cum Dominus
 “ Edwardus, nuper Rex Angliæ, pater noster, per chartam
 “ suam concessit, pro se et hæredibus suis, tunc Abbati et
 “ Conventui de Sancto Albano, quod ipsi, et successores sui
 “ in perpetuum, perciperent et haberent omnes fines et amer-
 “ ciamenta omnium hominum suorum in quibuscunque Curii
 “ ipsius patris nostri, et hæredum suorum, si ipsos homines fines
 “ facere vel amerciari contigerit, sine occasione vel impedi-
 “ mento ipsius patris nostri, vel hæredum suorum, Justiciario-
 “ rum, Escoetorum, Vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu
 “ ministrorum suorum quorumcunque, prout in charta prædicta
 “ plenius continetur; idemque Abbas, et prædecessores sui,
 “ hujusmodi fines et amerciamenta a tempore confectionis
 “ chartæ prædictæ percipere et habere consueverunt, ut dicit;
 “ vobis mandamus, quod dilectum nobis in Christo nunc Ab-
 “ batem loci prædicti tam omnes fines quos homines ipsius
 “ Abbatis coram vobis facere, quam omnia amerciamenta ad
 “ quæ ipsos coram vobis amerciari, contigerit, percipere et
 “ habere permittatis, juxta tenorem chartæ prædictæ, et prout
 “ hujusmodi fines et amerciamenta percipere et habere debet;
 “ ipseque et prædecessores sui, Abbates loci prædicti, semper
 “ hactenus a tempore prædicto ea percipere et habere consue-
 “ verunt. Teste, Edwardo, Duce Cornubiæ et Comite Cestriæ,
 “ filio nostro carissimo, Custode Angliæ, apud Berkhamstede,
 “ secundo die Januarii, anno regni nostri duodecimo.”

Et datus est dies prædicto Abbati, contra diem Lunæ proximum post Octabas Sancti Hillarii.—

Respite of
proceed-
ings.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. *Placita Aulae Ducis Cornubiæ et Comititis Cestriæ, Custodis Angliæ, ibidem, die Lunæ proximo post festum Sancti Hillarii, anno supradicto.*

Ad quem diem prædictus Abbas, per Johannem de Mundene, attornatum suum, venit, et protulit breve Domini Edwardi, Regis nunc, sicut alias, pro prædicta charta allocanda, in hæc verba.—

A second writ of the reigning King, enjoining to the same effect, A.D. 1339. “Edwardus, Dei gratia,” et cætera, ut supra in brevi præcedenti usque—“qua quidem libertate dilectus nobis in Christo nunc Abbas loci prædicti, et prædecessores sui, semper hactenus, a tempore confectionis chartæ prædictæ, usi sunt et gavisi, sicut dicitur; vobis mandamus, sicut alias mandavimus, quod ipsum Abbatem tam omnes fines quos homines ipsius Abbatis coram vobis facere, quam omnia amerciamenta ad quæ ipsos coram vobis amerciari, contigerit, percipere et habere permittatis, juxta tenorem chartæ prædictæ, et prout hujusmodi fines et amerciamenta percipere et habere debet; ipse quoque, et prædecessores sui, Abbates loci prædicti, semper hactenus a tempore prædicto percipere et habere consueverunt; vel causam nobis significetis quare mandato nostro, alias vobis directo, minime parvistis. Teste, Edwardo Duce et cætera, apud Berkhamstede, octavo die Januarii, anno regni nostri duodecimo.”

Further respite of proceedings. Et datus est dies præfato Abbati, usque diem Jovis proximum post festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis.

Placita Aulae Ducis Cornubiæ et Comititis Cestriæ, Custodis Angliæ, apud Southwerk, die Jovis proximo post festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi nunc, Tertii post Conquæstum, tertio-decimo.

Still further confirmation of his rights alleged on the Abbot's part. Ad quem diem prædictus Abbas, per Johannem de Mundene, attornatum suum, venit, et clamat per chartam Domini Ricardi, quondam Regis Angliæ, ei concessam, et per chartam Domini Edwardi, nuper Regis Angliæ, patris Edwardi, Regis nunc Angliæ, Tertii, confirmatam,

quod nec aliquis hominum, nec Francus nec Anglus, de terris eorum, neque de hominibus, ullo modo se intromittat, nisi ipsi et ministri sui, quibus ¹ ipsi committere voluerint, prout in charta sua prædicta plenius continetur. Et super hoc prædictus Abbas protulit breve Domini Edwardi Regis, pro prædicta charta allocanda, in hæc verba.—

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Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Breve Regis in materia præscripta.

“ Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, Dominus Hiberniæ, et
 “ Dux Aquitanniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Nicolao de la Beche, locum tenenti dilecti et fidelis nostri Willelmi de Monte Acuto, Comitæ Sarum, et Marescalli Angliæ, Roberto de ² Bilkemore, et Hugoni de Berewik, ad felonias et transgressionem infra duodecim leucas circuitu hospitii Edwardi, Ducis Cornubiæ et Comitæ Cestriæ, filii sui carissimi, Custodis Angliæ, factas, audiendum et terminandum assignatis, et Marescallo ejusdem hospitii, salutem. Cum inter cæteras libertates dilecto nobis in Christo Abbati de Sancto Albano per chartas progenitorum nostrorum, quondam Regum Angliæ, quas Dominus Edwardus, nuper Rex Angliæ, pater noster, per chartam suam confirmavit, concessas, concessum sit ei quod nec aliquis hominum, nec Francus nec Anglus, de terris eorum, nec de hominibus, ullo modo se intromittat, nisi ipse et ministri sui, quibus ipsi committere voluerint; qua quidem libertate idem Abbas, et prædecessores sui, a tempore confectionis chartarum et confirmationis prædictarum, semper hactenus usi sunt, et gavisi, sicut dicit; vobis mandamus, quod ipsum Abbatem libertate prædicta coram vobis uti et gaudere permittatis, juxta tenorem chartarum et confirmationum prædictarum, et prout ea uti debet; ipseque et prædecessores sui prædicti semper hactenus, a tempore confectionis chartarum et confirmationum prædictarum, libertate illa rationabiliter uti et gaudere consueverunt. Teste, Edwardo, Duce Cornubiæ et Comite Cestriæ, filio nostro carissimo, Custode Angliæ, apud Berkhamsted, vicesimo octavo die Januarii, anno regni nostri tertio-decimo.”

A third
writ of the
reigning
King, en-
joining to
the same
effect,
A.D. 1339.

¹ *ipse* in MS.

| ² *Bilkenor* in page 59 ante.

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Fines and
amerce-
ments of
his tenants
are finally
allowed to
the Abbot.

Virtute cujus mandati, allocantur præfato Abbati et Conventui omnes fines et amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum; et quod nullus se intromittat de terris et hominibus eorum, nisi ipse et ministri sui, quibus ipsi committere voluerint, secundum tenorem chartarum et brevium prædictorum.—

Nomina tenentium superius amerciatorum.

Names of
tenants,
who had
been so
amerced.

De Willelmo Tydenhangre et Johanne Coke, garcione ejusdem Willelmi, vi. solidos viii. denarios de fine.

De Roberto de Merham, pro hutesio levato super ipsum ¹instituto, vi. denarios.

De Rogero Miles, pro eodem, vi. denarios.

²De Roberto de Merham, pro eodem, vi. denarios.

De Rogero Miles, pro eodem, vi. denarios.

De Henrico de Drayton et Willelmo de Walyngford, de fine, quia non habuerunt Johannem, garcionem Hugonis filii Simonis ³Aylmer, qui traxit sanguinem de Henrico Thoma, iii. denarios.

*De libertate Monasterii tempore judicii præscripti
allocata.*

Memorandum, quod libertas Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani allocata fuit dicto Abbati, tempore Domini Ricardi Cornwaille, Thomæ de Cartone, Simonis Croyser, Roberti Houel, Domini Johannis de Ampulforde, Domini Willelmi Croyser, et Johannis Laundelle. ⁴

¹ Apparently "insti" in MS.

² This and the following line are probably repetitions, by mistake.

³ This name is doubtful, being apparently "Ayl".

⁴ A column is left here (fol. 264 b) wholly vacant, with the exception that an illuminated letter L commences it.

Charta de diversis libertatibus et allocationibus prædicti Abbatis, et prædecessorum suorum, de ¹ Scaccario ² exsertis, et sub Magno Sigillo Regis per memoratum Abbatem exemplificata.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

“ Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
“ Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Inspecimus quamdam certificationem in Cancellariam nostram per Thesaurarium et Barones Scaccario nostro de mandato nostro missam, in hæc verba.—‘ Prætextu brevis
“ ‘ Regis huic cedulæ consuti, scrutatis rotulis et memorandis
“ ‘ Scaccarii Domini Regis super contentis in eodem brevi, compertum est in Magno Rotulo de anno quinto Regis Henrici
“ ‘ Tertii, in Norfolchia, Suffolchia, sic.—Vicecomes Regi
“ ‘ computat de dimidia marca de Waltero Flamstede pro
“ ‘ dissensione; et de dimidia marca de Adam Tweteman.
“ ‘ In thesauro nihil, et Abbati Sancti Albani unam marcam,
“ ‘ per libertatem chartarum regiarum; et quietus est. Vicecomes Regi computat de dimidia marca
“ ‘ de Ricardo
“ ‘ ‘Baduenter pro falso clamio; et de una marca de Rogero
“ ‘ Clerico de Dallyng, pro dissensione; et de dimidia marca
“ ‘ de Ricardo Dispensatore, pro vetito namio; et de dimidia
“ ‘ marca de Gilberto North, pro defamatione; et de duobus
“ ‘ solidis de Galieno, serviente Prioris de Wymundham, de
“ ‘ catallis duorum fugitivorum; et de dimidia marca de Thurstan de Harpesburgh, quia non est præsens; et de dimidia
“ ‘ marca de decenna Johannis Surlecors, fugitivi. Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno sexto dicti
“ ‘ Regis Henrici, in Essexia, Hartfordia, sic.—Vicecomes
“ ‘ Regi computat de dimidia marca de Arnaldo filio Wolurici, de misericordia; et de dimidia marca de franco plegio
“ ‘ Tredealter de Keysho, pro fuga; et de dimidia marca de villata de Brantefeld, pro recepta
“ ‘ ‘mentita. In thesauro nihil, et Abbati Sancti Albani viginti solidos per libertatem chartarum Regis; et quietus est. Compertum est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno duodecimo ejusdem Regis
“ ‘ Henrici, in Essexia, sic.—Vicecomes Regi computat de
“ ‘ decem solidis de Roberto Tyebrigge, pro falso clamio;

Charter of
liberties, as
exemplified
by the rolls
of the Ex-
chequer,
allowed to
the Abbot
of St.
Alban's, by
King
Richard II.,
A.D. 1387.

¹ Scaccariis in MS.

² exsertis in MS.

³ diss' in MS.

⁴ et is inserted here, apparently in

error.

⁵ Baduenter, apparently, in MS.

⁶ ment' in MS.

Thomas, " et de una marca de Ricardo le Roer, pro falso appello; et
 30th " de dimidia marca de Ricardo filio Galfridi, pro placito.
 Abbot, " In thesauro nihil, et Abbati et monachis Sancti Albani
 A.D. " triginta solidos, per libertatem chartarum Regis; et
 1849-96. " quietus est. Compertum est etiam in eodem rotulo in
 " Bedfordia, Bukenhamia, sic. — Vicecomes Regi computat
 " de una marca de decenna Ricardi Fabri de Estone, pro
 " fuga; et de duabus marcis de catallis Anketilli, fugitivi;
 " et quadraginta solidis de Ricardo filio Eliæ, quia retraxit
 " se; et de dimidia marca de Thoma de Lutone, pro dissension-
 " sione. In thesauro nihil, et Abbati et monachis Sancti
 " Albani sex marcas et dimidiam, per libertatem chartarum
 " Regis; et quietus est. Compertum est etiam in Magno
 " Rotulo de anno tertio-decimo ejusdem Regis Henrici, in
 " Norffolchia, Suffolchia, sic. — Vicecomes Regi computat
 " de dimidia marca de Ricardo filio Roberti, de placito; et
 " quadraginta solidis pro villata de Harpesburge, pro de-
 " falta; et de dimidia marca pro franco plegio Hamonis
 " Archerii, pro fuga; et de dimidia marca pro Henrico
 " Mercerio, pro placito; et de dimidia marca pro franco plegio
 " Jervasii filii Radulphi, pro fuga; et una marca de villata
 " de Binham, pro concealamento; et viginti solidis de Priore
 " de Bynham, pro transgressione; et quindecim solidis et sex
 " denariis de catallis Alani Medici, fugitivi; et de octo
 " denariis obolo de tertio Regis de una acra; et decem so-
 " lidis de Rogero de Dunham, pro panno vendito; et de
 " dimidia marca de Ricardo Sorel, pro placito; et de di-
 " midia marca de Ricardo Sorel, quia non ² habet; et de
 " dimidia marca de Lewyn Stam, pro dissensione; et de
 " dimidia marca de Hugone filio Alani, pro falso clamio; et
 " de dimidia marca de Ricardo de Dunham, pro injusta de-
 " tentione; et de dimidia marca de Thoma filio Thurstani,
 " pro falso clamio; et de dimidia marca de Henrico Gournay,
 " quia retraxit se; et dimidia marca de Johanne Roland,
 " pro falso clamio; et de dimidia marca de Rogero filio
 " Benedicti, quia non est præsens; et de dimidia marca de
 " Johanne persona de Corstone, pro falso clamio. In the-
 " sauro nihil, et Abbati et monachis Sancti Albani quatuor-
 " decim marcas, sex solidos, duos denarios, obolum, per
 " libertatem chartarum Regis; et quietus est. Compertum
 " est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno decimo-nono Regis
 " Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, in Bedfordia, Bukenhamia,

¹ This word is somewhat doubtful. | ² h in MS.

“ ‘ sic.—Vicecomes Regi computat de quadraginta solidis de
 “ ‘ villa de Wyncelowe, cum Parva Horewode et Schiptone, Thomas,
 “ ‘ pro ¹ falso appello, in Itinere G[ilberti] de Prestone in Comi- 30th
 “ ‘ tatu Bukenhamiæ, anno quinquagesimo sexto; et quatuor Abbot,
 “ ‘ solidis, sex denariis, de eadem villa, de catallis Willelmi A.D.
 “ ‘ Bagge; et viginti solidis de villa de Parva Horewode, quia 1349-96.
 “ ‘ non venit ad Inquisitionem de Itinere J. de Vallibus; et
 “ ‘ sexaginta solidis de villis de Wyncelawe et Schiptone, pro
 “ ‘ eodem; et dimidia marca de Willelmo Adam de Wyn-
 “ ‘ celawe, quia non venit; et dimidia marca de Willelmo
 “ ‘ Schiptone et Osberto le Carter, pro placito; et viginti
 “ ‘ solidis de villa de Astone Abbatis, quia non venit; et viginti
 “ ‘ solidis de Petro le Hoo, Coronatore Abbatis de Sancto Al-
 “ ‘ bano, pro transgressionem; et dimidia marca de Radulpho
 “ ‘ Mayn, quia non venit; et Radulpho filio viduæ et Hugonis
 “ ‘ Prestone, pro placito ejusdem. In thesauro nihil, et Abbati
 “ ‘ et monachis de Sancto Albano, novem libras, quatuor so-
 “ ‘ lidos, sex denarios, per libertatem chartarum suarum, et per
 “ ‘ breve Regis allocatum Abbati de Sancto Albano, ² Edwardo,
 “ ‘ in Norffolchia, et sicut allocatum est eisdem in Rotulo tertio-
 “ ‘ decimo Regis Henrici. Et quietus est. Compertum est
 “ ‘ etiam in eodem Rotulo, in Item ‘ Norffolchia,’ sic.—Vicecomes
 “ ‘ Regi computat de quadraginta denariis de Rogero Attel-
 “ ‘ berwe et Hugone ³ Benet, de pluribus defaltis de banno
 “ ‘ anno octavo-decimo; et quadraginta denariis de Johanne
 “ ‘ la Bokel et Lucia, uxore ejus, quia non sunt prosecuti;
 “ ‘ et quadraginta denariis de Roberto Note de Kymbleggh,
 “ ‘ quia non venit coram Willelmo Gyselham, et sociis suis,
 “ ‘ anno octavo-decimo. In thesauro nihil, et Abbati et
 “ ‘ monachis de Sancto Albano decem solidos, per libertatem
 “ ‘ chartarum suarum, et per breve Regis allocatum Abbati
 “ ‘ de Sancto ⁴ Edmundo, et sicut allocatum est in Rotulo
 “ ‘ tertio-decimo Regis Henrici. Et quietus est. Compertum
 “ ‘ est etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno vicesimo quarto dicti
 “ ‘ Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, in Londoniis, sic.—Ri-
 “ ‘ cardus de la Grave reddit compotum de viginti denariis,
 “ ‘ quia non venit. In thesauro nihil, et Abbati et monachis
 “ ‘ de Sancto Albano viginti denarios, per libertatem chartarum
 “ ‘ Regis. Et quietus est. Compertum est etiam in Magno
 “ ‘ Rotulo de anno sexto Regis Edwardi Tertii, in Item ‘ Es-

¹ *falsa* in MS.

² This name must be erroneous, there being no Abbot so called. Possibly the King's name may have

been intended.

³ *Ben* in MS.

⁴ *Edo* in MS.; probably an error for “*Albano*.”

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“ ‘sexia, Hertfordia,’ sic.—Vicecomes Regi computat de
 “ ‘dimidia marca de Thoma Elys, pro licentia concordandi
 “ ‘de tenemento in villa de Sancto Albano; et dimidia marca
 “ ‘de Willelmo Horwode, clerico, de fine pro licentia con-
 “ ‘cordandi de tenemento in eadem villa; et quadraginta
 “ ‘solidis de Ebulone de Montibus et Elizabeth, uxore ejus,
 “ ‘de fine pro licentia concordandi de medietate manerii de
 “ ‘Oxeie Richard; et dimidia marca de Radulpho de Walcote,
 “ ‘de fine pro licentia concordandi de tenemento in Harpes-
 “ ‘feld, per plegium Johannis de Monte Caniso; et sex
 “ ‘denariis de Symone Vinetere de La Barnet, de pluribus
 “ ‘defaltis; et tribus denariis de Johanne Bolum, pro
 “ ‘injusta detentione; et novem libris, tresdecim solidis, de
 “ ‘Abbate Sancti Albani, de catallis Adæ de Barnette, felonis
 “ ‘de se. Quæ quidem fines, amerciamenta, et catalla, sunt
 “ ‘de hominibus Abbatis et Conventus de Sancto Albano,
 “ ‘sicut Vicecomes testatur. Summa, duodecim libræ, tres-
 “ ‘decim solidi, novem denarii. In thesauro nihil, et Abbati
 “ ‘et Conventui de Sancto Albano, per libertatem Regis, duo-
 “ ‘decim libras, tresdecim solidos, novem denarios; per breve
 “ ‘Regis Edwardi, patris Regis hujus, datum sexto die Octo-
 “ ‘bris, anno septimo ejusdem Regis patris, irrotulatum in
 “ ‘Memorandis de eodem anno, Termino Sancti Michaelis; in
 “ ‘quo continetur quod idem Rex pater, ob devotionem quam
 “ ‘ad gloriosum Martyrem, Sanctum Albanum, gessit et habuit,
 “ ‘ad majorem expressionem libertatum et consuetudinum
 “ ‘præfatis Abbati et Conventui per progenitores ipsius
 “ ‘Regis concessarum, de gratia sua speciali, per Litteras suas
 “ ‘Patentes concessit, pro se et hæredibus suis, quod ipsi
 “ ‘Abbas et Conventus, et successores sui in perpetuum, per-
 “ ‘ciperent et haberent omnes fines et amerciamenta omnium
 “ ‘hominum suorum, in quibuscunque Curiis ipsius Regis
 “ ‘patris, et hæredum suorum, ipsos homines contigerit
 “ ‘fines facere vel amerciari. Tenor quarum quidem litte-
 “ ‘rarum irrotulatur in Memorandis de dicto anno septimo,
 “ ‘inter recorda de Terminis Sancti Michaelis; et per breve
 “ ‘Regis hujus irrotulatur in Memorandis de anno tertio,
 “ ‘Termino Sancti Hillarii, adhuc inter Communia de eodem
 “ ‘anno; in quo continetur quod quia dictus Abbas per chartas
 “ ‘progenitorum Regis, quondam Regum Angliæ, clamat
 “ ‘habere diversas libertates, quibus ipse et prædecessores
 “ ‘sui usi sunt, ut dicit, Rex mandavit Baronibus, quod
 “ ‘ipsum Abbatem libertatibus illis in Scaccario uti et gaudere
 “ ‘permittant, prout eis uti debet, et prout idem Abbas, et
 “ ‘prædecessores sui, libertatibus illis uti consueverunt, et

“ sicut hujusmodi amerciamenta et catalla allocantur eisdem
 “ Abbati et Conventui in Rotulo vicesimo quarto Regis Ed-
 “ wardi, avi Regis hujus, in Londoniis, et in Rotulo decimo-
 “ nono ejusdem Regis, avi, in Bedfordia, Bukenhamia, et Ro-
 “ tulo tertio-decimo Regis Henrici in Norffolchia, et Suffolchia,
 “ et in Rotulo duodecimo ejusdem Regis Henrici, in Essexia,
 “ Hertfordia. Et quietus est. Compertum est etiam in
 “ Magno Rotulo de anno tricesimo dicti Regis Edwardi Tertii,
 “ in Item ‘Essexia’ sic.—Vicecomes Regi computat de dimidia
 “ marca pro Johanne Makery, de fine pro transgressionem; et
 “ quadraginta denariis pro Willelmo Taillour, de fine pro
 “ eodem; et duodecim denariis pro Johanne Peronel, de fine
 “ pro eodem; et decem solidis pro Thoma¹ Barnet, de fine
 “ pro eodem; et quadraginta denariis pro Henrico Mele-
 “ ward, de fine pro eodem; et quadraginta denariis pro
 “ Ricardo Dechaute, de fine pro eodem; et quadraginta
 “ denariis pro Johanne Maydenford, clerico, de fine pro
 “ eodem; et quadraginta denariis pro Thoma atte Wode, de
 “ fine pro eodem; et dimidia marca pro Alicia Skille,
 “ de fine pro eodem; et una marca pro Rogero Thaug-
 “ tone, de fine pro eodem; et de dimidia marca pro Ro-
 “ gero² de Fangtone, de fine pro eodem; et quadraginta
 “ denariis pro Waltero de Hadham, de fine pro eodem;
 “ et decem solidis pro Willelmo Caumville, de fine pro
 “ eodem; et triginta quatuor solidis pro Ricardo de Har-
 “ pesfeld, de fine pro eodem; et dimidia marca pro Jo-
 “ hanna, quæ fuit uxor Johannis Fayrey, de fine, quia
 “ non erat præsens; et quadraginta denariis pro Jacobo
 “ Gibbe, de fine pro transgressionem; et quadraginta denariis
 “ pro Willelmo Palmere, de fine pro eodem; et quadraginta
 “ denariis pro Waltero Wakeleyn, de fine pro eodem; et
 “ dimidia marca pro Johanne de Sancto Albano, persona
 “ ecclesiæ de Kestene, pro falso clamio; et viginti libris
 “ pro Johanne Wyselowe, de fine pro transgressionem, ex-
 “ tortione, et gravaminibus; et viginti solidis pro Waltero
 “ Meyntemor, de Sancto Albano, de fine pro transgressionem;
 “ et viginti solidis pro Rogero de Thame, de Sancto
 “ Albano, de fine pro eodem; et viginti solidis pro Wil-
 “ lelmo Curteys, de Sancto Albano, de fine pro eodem.
 “ Summa, viginti novem libræ, undecim solidi, octo denarii,
 “ Qui quidem Johannes, Willelmus, Johannes, Thomas, et
 “ alii prænominati, sunt homines et tenentes Abbatis de

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¹ This name is doubtful, *Barn*. | ² *d* only in MS.

Thomas, " " Sancto Albano, sicut Vicecomes testatur. In thesauro
 30th " " nihil, et eidem Abbati, per libertatem chartarum Regis,
 Abbot, " " viginti novem libræ, undecim solidi, octo denarii, prædictæ,
 A.D. " " per breve Regis allocatæ eidem Abbati in Rotulo sexto in
 1349-96. " " Item, 'Essexia;' et sicut allocatum est in Rotulo vicesimo
 " " quarto Regis Edwardi, avi Regis hujus, in Londoniis, et in
 " " Rotulo nono-decimo ejusdem Regis, avi, in Bedfordia, Buk-
 " " enhamia, et in Rotulo tertio-decimo Regis Henrici, in Norf-
 " " folchia, et in Rotulo duodecimo ejusdem Regis Henrici, in
 " " Essexia, Hertfordia. Et quietus est. Compertum est etiam
 " " in Magno Rotulo de anno tricesimo secundo dicti Regis
 " " Edwardi Tertii, in Essexia, Hertfordia, sic.—Abbas de
 " " Sancto Albano reddit compotum de viginti solidis de ca-
 " " tallis Willelmi de Bydenham forisfactis. In thesauro
 " " nihil, et Abbati et Conventui dicti loci, per libertatem
 " " chartarum Regis vicesimo, Termino prædicto, per breve
 " " Regis allocatum ejusdem Abbati et Conventui, in Rotulo
 " " sexto in hoc Comitatu; et quietus est. Johannes West,
 " " de Sancto Albano, reddit compotum de viginti solidis de
 " " fine pro transgressione, per placitum Johannis Lovekyn,
 " " Gilberti Blakeberie, Willelmi atte Halle, Ricardi Amye,
 " " Willelmi Hosteler, et Philippi Mariot. In thesauro nihil,
 " " et Abbati et Conventui de Sancto Albano, per libertatem
 " " chartarum Regis, vicesimo, Termino prædicto, per breve
 " " Regis allocatum eidem Abbati et Conventui, in Rotulo sexto
 " " in hoc Comitatu, et sicut allocatum est in Rotulo vicesimo
 " " quarto Regis Edwardi, avi, in Londoniis; et quietus est.
 " " Compertum est etiam in Memorandis de anno tricesimo
 " " quarto ejusdem Regis Edwardi Tertii, inter præcepta de
 " " Termino Sancti Hilarii sic.—Facta summa Abbatis de
 " " Sancto Albano per Radulphum de Hulle, attornatum suum,
 " " debet centum nonaginta et duas libras, duos solidos, un-
 " " decim denarios, obolum, quadrantem; infra quam summam
 " " oneratur de octoginta et sex libris, novem solidis, octo
 " " denariis, obolo, quadrante, de finibus diversorum minis-
 " " trorum Regis, et aliorum, quorum nomina alias liberavit,
 " " sicut hic continetur in Memorandis de anno tricesimo tertio,
 " " inter præcepta de Termino Sancti Hilarii, post summam
 " " ipsius Abbatis; quos quidem fines idem Abbas clamat ad
 " " se pertinere debere per chartas Regum, tanquam de homi-
 " " nibus et integre tenentibus suis, infra libertatem ipsius
 " " Abbatis in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, super quo clamio restat
 " " deliberandum antequam ulterius *et cætera*. Ideo datus est
 " " ei dies hic a die Paschæ in quindecim dies, ad audiendum,
 " " faciendum, et recipiendum inde quod *et cætera*. Et in-

“ *terim habeat respectum et cætera. Et oneratur similiter*
 “ *infra summam prædictam de septem libris, sex solidis,*
 “ *octo denariis, pro Willelmo Seys, ballivo libertatis de*
 “ *Sancto Albano, apud Nortone, de bonis et catallis Johannis*
 “ *Maister ¹ medii, ² fratris, non tenentis, ejusdem Abbatis,*
 “ *jam suspensi, per ipsum Willelmum occupatis, sicut con-*
 “ *tinetur in Rotulo de finibus factis, necnon catallis forisfactis*
 “ *et evasionibus, coram Rege, Termino Sancti Michaelis, anno*
 “ *tricesimo primo; ³ quas quidem septem libras, sex solidos,*
 “ *octo denarios, idem Abbas clamat ad se pertinere debere,*
 “ *ut de catallis forisfactis inventis in terris ipsius Abbatis,*
 “ *apud dictam villam de Nortone, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ,*
 “ *licet dictus Johannes Maister non fuit tenens ipsius*
 “ *Abbatis; et hoc ex concessione et confirmatione Regum per*
 “ *chartas suas, et prætextu brevis Regis, quod detulit hic*
 “ *super illo, et quod est inter Communia de hoc Termino, in*
 “ *hæc verba.—Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ,*
 “ *et Dominus Hiberniæ, Thesaurario et Baronibus suis de*
 “ *Scaccario, salutem. Cum Dominus Henricus, dudum Rex*
 “ *Angliæ, progenitor noster, per chartam suam concesserit Ec-*
 “ *clesiæ Sancti Albani, et Abbati et monachis ejusdem loci,*
 “ *omnes terras suas, cum soca et sacha, on stonde et strem,*
 “ *on wude et felde, tol et theme, et grithbruche, hamsoke,*
 “ *murdre, forestal, Danegilt, infangenthef et utfangenthef,*
 “ *flemenefremthe, blodewite, et wreke, ut habeant super omnes*
 “ *terras suas, et omnes homines suos, ubicunque sint, intra*
 “ *burgum et extra, in tantum et tam pleniter sicut proprii*
 “ *ministri ipsius progenitoris nostri exquirere deberent, ad*
 “ *opus ejusdem progenitoris nostri; et noluerit dictus proge-*
 “ *nitor noster ut aliquis hominum, nec Francus nec Anglus,*
 “ *de terris eorum, neque de hominibus, se intromitteret in*
 “ *aliquo, nisi ipsi et ministri sui, quibus ipsi curam com-*
 “ *mittere voluerint. Quia dictus progenitor noster Deo con-*
 “ *cessit, et Ecclesiæ Sancti Albani, pro redemptione animæ*
 “ *susæ, et parentum suorum, omnes libertates et liberas con-*
 “ *suetudines quas regia potestas liberiores habet, vel alicui*
 “ *ecclesiæ conferre potuit. Quam quidem chartam Dominus*
 “ *Edwardus, nuper Rex Angliæ, avus noster, per chartam*
 “ *suam confirmavit; et insuper concessit, quod licet prædictus*

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¹ The meaning of this probably is, that there were three persons of the same name, and that this was the middle, or second, one in age.

² *fris* in MS.; meaning perhaps that he was a lay brother of the Convent.

³ *quos* in MS.

Thomas, " " Abbas, et Conventus ejusdem loci, aliqua vel aliquibus
 30th " " libertatibus in dicta charta contentis, aliquo casu emer-
 Abbot, " " gente, usi non fuissent, idem Abbas et Conventus, et suc-
 A.D. " " cessores sui, libertatibus illis extuno nihilominus plene
 1349-96. " " gauderent et uterentur; prout in chartis et confirmatione
 " " illis plenius continetur:—vobis mandamus quod libertates
 " " prædictas coram vobis allocari faciatis, et dilectos nobis
 " " in Christo nunc Abbatem de Sancto Albano, et ejusdem
 " " loci Conventum, libertatibus illis uti et gaudere permit-
 " " tatis, juxta tenorem chartarum et confirmationis prædic-
 " " tarum, et prout eis uti debent, ipsique, et eorum præ-
 " " decessores, a tempore prædicto uti et gaudere consueverunt.
 " " Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo sexto die
 " " Februarii, anno regni nostri Angliæ tricesimo tertio, regni
 " " vero nostri Franciæ vicesimo. Et super hoc ostendit quam-
 " " dam chartam Regis Edwardi, avi Regis nunc, datam vicesimo
 " " die Julii anno regni ipsius avi vicesimo nono, in qua
 " " annotatur tenor chartæ dicti Regis Henrici, de qua fit
 " " mentio superius in brevi; et per quam chartam, quæ est
 " " sine data, inter cætera ibidem annotata, idem Rex Hen-
 " " ricus concessit et confirmavit Deo et Ecclesiæ Sancti Al-
 " " bani, et monachis, ubicunque fuerint, omnes Cellas suas,
 " " terras, et omnes possessiones suas, tam ecclesiasticas
 " " quam laicas, tam Nortunam quam alias terras et diversas
 " " possessiones, in eadem charta specificatas, cum omnibus ad
 " " ea pertinentibus, cum soca et sacha, on stronde et strem,
 " " on wude et felde, tol et theme, grithbruche, ham-
 " " soche, mordre, forestal, Danegelde, infangenthef, fle-
 " " menesfrenthe, blodewyte, et wreke, ut habeant super omnes
 " " terras suas, et super homines suos, ubicunque forent, intra
 " " burgum et extra, in tantum et tam pleniter sicut proprii
 " " ministri ipsius Regis Henrici ad opus suum exquirere
 " " deberent. Et in qua charta Regis Henrici similiter an-
 " " notatur, quod idem Rex Henricus noluit ut aliquis homi-
 " " num, Francus nec Anglus, de terris eorum, neque de
 " " hominibus, se intromitteret in aliquo, nisi ipse Abbas et
 " " monachi, ac ministri sui, quibus ipsi Abbas et monachi
 " " curam committere vellent; eo quod idem Rex Henricus
 " " concessit Deo et Ecclesiæ Sancti Albani, pro redemptione
 " " animæ suæ, et parentum suorum, omnes libertates et
 " " liberas consuetudines, quas regia potestas liberiores tunc
 " " habuit, vel alicui ecclesiæ conferre posset. In qua etiam
 " " charta dicti Regis Edwardi, avi, similiter annotatur quod

¹ parentum in MS.

“ ‘idem Rex Edwardus, avus, donationes et confirmationes
 “ ‘prædictas ratas habens, et gratas, eas pro se et hæredibus
 “ ‘suis, quantum in ipso fuit, præfatis Abbati et Conventui,
 “ ‘et eorum successoribus, concessit et confirmavit, sicut
 “ ‘dicta charta Regis Henrici rationabiliter testatur. Volens
 “ ‘etiam idem Rex Edwardus, avus, et concedens, pro se et
 “ ‘hæredibus suis, quod licet ipsi Abbas et Conventus aliqua
 “ ‘vel aliquibus libertatum prædictarum, eis, ut prædictum
 “ ‘est, concessarum, hactenus in aliquo casu emergente usi
 “ ‘non fuerint, idem Abbas et Conventus, et successores sui,
 “ ‘libertate illa, vel libertatibus illis, a tempore concessionis
 “ ‘chartæ ipsius Regis Edwardi, avi, nihilominus plene
 “ ‘gauderent et uterentur; sicut plenius continetur in dicta
 “ ‘charta et confirmatione, quæ irrotulatur in Rotulo Placi-
 “ ‘torum hic in Scaccario de Terminis Paschæ, anno tricesimo
 “ ‘Regis nunc. Et quia in chartis prædictis non fit expressa
 “ ‘mentio de hujusmodi concessione catallorum felonum et
 “ ‘fugitivorum in specie, quæsitum est ab eodem Abbate,
 “ ‘per quæ verba in eisdem chartis clamat hujusmodi catalla
 “ ‘felonum et fugitivorum, super terras suas et super homines
 “ ‘suos. Et idem Abbas dicit quod per illam libertatem
 “ ‘quæ vocatur ‘flemenesfrenthe,’ superius annotatam in
 “ ‘dicta charta Regis Henrici, et quæ interpretatur ‘ca-
 “ ‘talla felonum et fugitivorum;’ et similiter, per illa verba
 “ ‘generalia specificata in eadem charta, scilicet, quod idem
 “ ‘Rex Henricus concessit Deo et Ecclesiæ Sancti Albani,
 “ ‘pro redemptione animæ suæ, et parentum suorum, omnes
 “ ‘libertates et liberas consuetudines quas regia potestas
 “ ‘liberiores tunc habuit, vel alicui ecclesiæ conferre posset;
 “ ‘ac etiam, ut ipsi habeant flemenesfrenthe, et omnes alias
 “ ‘libertates prædictas, super omnes terras suas, et super
 “ ‘homines suos, ubicunque fuerint, intra burgum et extra,
 “ ‘in tantum et tam pleniter sicut proprii ministri ipsius
 “ ‘Regis Henrici ad opus suum exquirere deberent; et per
 “ ‘confirmationem dicti Regis Edwardi avi; ac etiam per
 “ ‘hoc quod ipsi prætextu hujusmodi verborum generalium
 “ ‘hujusmodi catalla felonum et fugitivorum, tam super
 “ ‘homines suos quam in terris suis inventa, semper perci-
 “ ‘pere et habere consueverint a tempore quo memoria
 “ ‘non existit, clamat ‘prædictas septem libras, sex solidos,
 “ ‘octo denarios, et alia hujusmodi catalla felonum et
 “ ‘fugitivorum, tam super homines suos quam in terris
 “ ‘suis; asserens se habuisse allocationem ad Scaccarium

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¹ *prædictos* in MS.

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“ ‘ hio de hujusmodi catallis, petens quod scrutinium inde
 “ ‘ fiat, et quod fiat sibi allocatio de prædictis septem libris,
 “ ‘ sex solidis, octo denariis, prout *et cætera*. Et facto scru-
 “ ‘ tinio tam super interpretatione dictæ libertatis vocatæ
 “ ‘ ‘ flemenefrenthe,’ quam super allocatione hujusmodi catal-
 “ ‘ lorum felonum *et cætera*, compertum est etiam in Rubeo
 “ ‘ Libro, residenti hic in Scaccario, folio, videlicet, ducen-
 “ ‘ tesimo sexto-decimo, sub titulo de nominibus Anglicis
 “ ‘ usitatis in chartis antiquorum Regum Angliæ, et adhuc
 “ ‘ appositis in chartis modernorum, expositis ab Alexandro
 “ ‘ Archidiacono ¹ Salesbury, secundum quod continetur in
 “ ‘ legibus Inæ Regis, Aluredi, ² Althelstani, ³ Althelredi,
 “ ‘ Edwardi, et Canuti, Regum, quod illud nomen Anglicum
 “ ‘ vocatum ‘ flemenefreme,’ vel ‘ flemenefrenthe,’ exponitur
 “ ‘ et interpretatur, ‘ catalla fugitivorum.’ Compertum est
 “ ‘ etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno duodecimo Regis Henrici
 “ ‘ Tertii, in Bedfordia, Bukenhamia, quod allocantur Abbati
 “ ‘ et monachis Sancti Albani, inter cætera, duæ marcæ de
 “ ‘ catallis Anketilli fugitivi, per libertatem chartæ Regis; et
 “ ‘ similiter, in Magno Rotulo de anno tertio-decimo Regis
 “ ‘ Henrici Tertii, in Norfolkia, Suffolchia, quod allocantur
 “ ‘ Abbati et monachis Sancti Albani, infra quamdam summam
 “ ‘ quatuordecim marcarum, sex solidorum, duorum denariorum,
 “ ‘ quindecim solidi, sex denarii, de catallis Alani Medici,
 “ ‘ fugitivi. Et in Magno Rotulo de anno decimo-nono Regis
 “ ‘ Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, in Bedfordia, Bukenhamia,
 “ ‘ quod allocantur Abbati et monachis de Sancto Albano, infra
 “ ‘ quamdam summam novem librarum, quatuor solidorum,
 “ ‘ sex denariorum, tunc exactam de villata de Wyncelowæ,
 “ ‘ de catallis Willelmi Bagge, per libertatem chartæ Regis.
 “ ‘ Et in Rotulo de amerciamentis finium, placitorum, et
 “ ‘ coronæ, de Itinere Salamonis de Roffa, et sociorum suorum,
 “ ‘ Justiciariorum Itinerantium in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, in
 “ ‘ crastino Clausi Paschæ, anno dicti Regis Edwardi, filii
 “ ‘ Regis Henrici, quinto-decimo, quod allocantur Abbati de
 “ ‘ Sancto Albano summæ subscriptæ, videlicet, viginti et unus
 “ ‘ solidi tunc exacti de villata de Northaghe, de catallis
 “ ‘ Willelmi filii Simonis, berkarii, suspensi; et duo solidi de
 “ ‘ villa de Sandrugge, de catallis Willelmi filii Osberti de

¹ A mistake for “*Salopesbury*” (Shrewsbury). See the *Munimenta Gildhallæ* in this Series, vol. iii. p. 453, where its author is erroneously called “*Archbishop*” of Shrews-

bury.

² Sic in MS.; correctly *Athelstani*, *Athelredi*.

³ The sum allowed is omitted.

“ Sandrugge, fugitivi; et sex denarii de villata de Kynges-
 “ bury, de catallis Ricardi filii Adæ de Geldere, fugitivi; et
 “ duodecim denarii de villata de Sandrugge, de catallis Wal-
 “ teri Seweyne, fugitivi; at sexdecim solidi de villa de
 “ Watforde, de laicis catallis Rogeri le Marchaunt, clerici
 “ convicti; et octo solidi ¹ de villata de Langle Abbatis, de
 “ catallis Willelmi Eude, suspensi; et decem denarii de
 “ villata de Watforde, de catallis Rogeri Delewe, fugitivi;
 “ et decem solidi, duo denarii, de eadem villata de Wat-
 “ forde, de catallis Walteri le Boteler de Watford, fugitivi;
 “ nulla facta mentione expressa in allocationibus illis de
 “ aliqua allocatione facta de catallis felonum et fugitivorum
 “ extraneorum, inventis super terris, seu in terris, ipsius
 “ Abbatis et monachorum; unde visum est Curie expediens
 “ esse quod eadem Curia certioretur de clamio eorundem
 “ Abbatis et monachorum de allocationibus in hac parte
 “ factis in Itineribus *et cætera*, antequam *et cætera*. Et super
 “ hoc idem Abbas, pro informatione *et cætera*, dicit quod
 “ allocatio super huiusmodi libertatibus facta fuit coram
 “ Johanne de Bigate et sociis suis, Justiciariis Itinerantibus,
 “ in dicto Comitatu Hertfordiæ, tempore dicti Regis Ed-
 “ wardi, avi, ut intelligit. Per quod mandatum est Thesau-
 “ rario et Camerario, quod facto inde scrutinio *et cætera*, id
 “ quod inde invenerint, mittant hinc in Octabis Sanctæ Trini-
 “ tatis; et idem dies datus est præfato Abbati, ad audiendum,
 “ faciendum, et recipiendum inde quod *et cætera*. Et interim
 “ habeat respectum de prædictis septem libris, sex solidis,
 “ octo denariis. Et debentur nonaginta et octo libræ, sex
 “ solidi, septem denarii; de quibus solvit sexaginta et novem
 “ solidos per unam talliam levatam, tertio-decimo die De-
 “ cembriis, hoc anno tricesimo tertio. Et debentur nonaginta
 “ et quatuor libræ, septemdecim solidi, septem denarii; pro
 “ quibus dictus attornatus liberatur Marescallo primo die
 “ Martii, hoc Terminò. Postea, quia dictus Abbas dicit per
 “ sacramentum suum, quod oneratur super hunc compotum
 “ de eodem debito pro diversis de quibus nihil adhuc levavit,
 “ nec levare potuit, de voluntate et assensu Thesaurarii,
 “ datus est dies dicto Abbati hinc ad solvendum ² prædictas
 “ nonaginta et quatuor libras, septemdecim solidos, septem
 “ denarios; unam, videlicet, medietatem inde a die Paschæ
 “ proxime futuro in unum mensem, et aliam medietatem a
 “ die Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, tunc proximo
 “ sequenti, in quindecim dies; quos dies solutionis idem

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¹ Repeated in MS.

| ² *prædictos* in MS.

Thomas, " " Abbas, per dictum attornatum suum, inde admisit, sub
 80th " " periculo quod *et cætera*. Et prætextu præmissorum, dictus
 Abbot, " " attornatus deliberatur a custodia Marescalli supradicti,
 A.D. " " primo die Martii hoc anno. Postea, videlicet, in crastino
 1349-96. " " Ascensionis Domini hoc anno, dictus Abbas, per dictum
 --- " " attornatum suum, ostendit unam talliam, nomine levatam
 " " primo die Martii hoc anno, continentem prædictas nona-
 " " ginta et quatuor libras, septemdecim solidos, septem dena-
 " " rios. Postea, videlicet, ad dictas Octabas Sanctæ Trinitatis,
 " " prædictus Abbas venit, per dictum attornatum suum, et
 " " prædicti Thesaurarius et Camerarius retornarunt hic breve
 " " sibi directum in præmissis, indorsatum sic :—' Viso Rotulo
 " " placitorum Itineris Johannis de Rigate, de quo fit mentio
 " " in dicto brevi, id quod invenimus in eodem Rotulo tangens
 " " libertates Abbatis de Sancto Albano, vobis mittimus in
 " " quadam cedula huic brevi consuta; cujus cedulæ tenor
 " " sequitur, in hæc verba.—Examinatio libertatum et pon-
 " " tium de Comitatu Hertfordia, coram Johanne de Reygate,
 " " et sociis suis, Justiciariis Itinerantibus in Comitatu præ-
 " " dicto, anno regni Regis Edwardi sexto, incipiente septimo:
 " " Abbas Sancti Albani clamat habere libertates subscriptas
 " " in terris et tenementis suis, et feodis, per loca, a tempore
 " " quo non extat memoria, per chartas Henrici Regis, Primi,
 " " et Henrici Secundi, Ricardi, et Johannis; videlicet, quod
 " " habeat socam et sakam, on stronde et streme, on wode on
 " " felde, tol et theme, gritbruche, hamsokene, murdre,
 " " forstal, Danogeld, infangenthef, flemene frenthe, blod-
 " " wite, et wrok, in terris suis ubi contigerit. Clamat etiam
 " " per dictas chartas, quod habeat super omnes terras, et
 " " super omnes homines suos, ubicunque sint, infra burgum
 " " vel extra, in tantum et tam pleniter sicut proprii ministri
 " " Domini Regis exquirere deberent, ad opus suum: et quod
 " " nullus homo, nec Francus nec Anglicus, de terris suis nec
 " " de hominibus se intromittat in aliquo, nisi ipse Abbas, et
 " " ministri sui, quibus ipse curam committere voluerit.
 " " Dicit etiam, quod prædicti Reges concesserunt ecclesiæ
 " " suæ Sancti Albani, pro redemptione animarum suarum,
 " " et parentum suorum, omnes libertates et liberas consue-
 " " tudines quas regia potestas habet, vel alicui ecclesiæ con-
 " " ferre potest; et quod omnes prædicti Reges prohibuerunt,
 " " super forisfacturam suam, ne aliquis libertatem seu liber-
 " " tates illas infringere præsumat; et quod prohibuerunt
 " " similiter quod in terris suis vel domibus minister, da-
 " " pifer, pincerna, camerarius, dispensator, janitor, custos,
 " " vel præpositus, contra voluntatem ipsius Abbatis de Sancto

“ ‘Albano, tempore ipsorum Regum, vel ‘prædecessorum
 “ ‘suorum, per manum alicujus principis vel justitiæ nullo
 “ ‘tempore ponatur. Clamat etiam quod omnes Justiciarii,
 “ ‘Itinerantes in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, accedant, sicut semper
 “ ‘accedere consueverunt, ad Sanctum Albanum, et ibidem
 “ ‘placitare et terminare omnia quæ pertinent ad officium
 “ ‘Justiciariorum, placitandum de rebus et negotiis infra
 “ ‘libertatem Sancti Albani emergentibus. Clamat etiam
 “ ‘habere retorum brevium Domini Regis, et eorundem
 “ ‘executionem, et similiter furcas, tumbrellum, pillory, car-
 “ ‘cerem, et omnia hujusmodi, per diversa loca in terris et
 “ ‘feodis suis pertinentia, prout hucusque prædecessores sui
 “ ‘et ipse usi sunt. Clamat etiam habere proprium Corona-
 “ ‘torem suum de suis, liberum hundredum, visum franci-
 “ ‘plegii, liberas curias, libera hallemtota, amerciamenta
 “ ‘hominum suorum, per totam terram Sancti Albani, coram
 “ ‘Justiciariis et aliis ministris Domini Regis, catalla felonum
 “ ‘et fugitivorum, annum vastum felonum, placita namii
 “ ‘vetiti, liberam warennam, per omnes terras suas. Clamat
 “ ‘etiam easdem libertates in manerio de Brantefelde, in Comi-
 “ ‘tatu Hertfordiæ, per chartam Henrici Regis Secundi; et
 “ ‘similiter mercatum et feriam in Codicote, per chartam
 “ ‘Henrici Regis, patris Domini Regis nunc. Et similiter,
 “ ‘mercatum apud Le Barnete, per chartam Johannis Regis,
 “ ‘et liberam warennam, per chartam prædicti Henrici Regis,
 “ ‘patris Domini Regis nunc, per terras suas. Clamat etiam
 “ ‘per chartas prædictorum Regum, Henrici Primi et Secundi,
 “ ‘easdem libertates pertinere Prioratui suo Hertfordiæ, quas
 “ ‘habet per chartas Regum, prædicti Henrici Secundi,
 “ ‘Ricardi, et Johannis. Clamat etiam præfatus Abbas per
 “ ‘præfatas chartas, et præfatas consuetudines, hucusque
 “ ‘usitatas, ad se multa pertinere, cum acciderint, quæ ad
 “ ‘præsens non occurrunt memoriæ, nec sufficiunt nume-
 “ ‘rari; et quæ in chartis suis plenius continentur. Clamat
 “ ‘etiam per communem articulum contentum in chartis præ-
 “ ‘dictorum Regum Henrici Primi et Secundi, Regum Ricardi
 “ ‘et Johannis, habere omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines
 “ ‘quas regia potestas liberiores habet, vel alicui ecclesiæ
 “ ‘conferre potest. Et dicit quod omnes prædecessores sui,
 “ ‘ante Conquæstum Angliæ, et semper postea, usque ad tem-
 “ ‘pus suum, usi fuerunt libertatibus prædictis. Et dicit quod
 “ ‘ipsemet invenit ecclesiam suam Sancti Albani seisitam de
 “ ‘libertatibus prædictis, et quod ipse usus est eisdem juribus

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¹ Probably an error for “*successorum*.”

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“ et libertatibus pertinentibus ad ecclesiam suam prædictam;
 “ et profert prædictas chartas prædictorum Regum, quas
 “ omnia prædicta testantur. Et prædictus Abbas, quæsitus
 “ qualiter hoc velit verificare, dicit quod vult quod verificetur
 “ per totum Comitatum. Quæsitus etiam quomodo se velit ad-
 “ quietare quod ipse nullam occupationem vel usurpationem
 “ fecerit super patrem Domini Regis nunc, vel super ipsum
 “ Regem, dicit quod paratus est se adquietare per totum Co-
 “ mitatum, quod in nullo deliquit versus patrem Domini Regis
 “ nunc, vel super ipsum Dominum Regem, de hujusmodi oc-
 “ cupationibus et usurpationibus. Et milites et servientes de
 “ Comitatu Hertfordiæ, ad hoc verificandum electi, una cum
 “ Juratoribus de hundredis ubi terræ et tenementa prædicti
 “ Abbatis sunt, in Comitatu prædicto, dicunt super sacra-
 “ mentum suum, quod omnes Abbates Sancti Albani, a tem-
 “ pore quo non extat memoria, semper usi sunt libertatibus
 “ prædictis, secundum quod continetur in chartis suis; et
 “ quod ipse similiter eisdem juribus et libertatibus hucus-
 “ que usus est, et quod ipse in nullo occupavit vel usur-
 “ pavit aliquas libertates super patrem Domini Regis nunc,
 “ vel super ipsum Dominum Regem. Ideo dictum est
 “ præfato Abbati, quod eat sine die cum libertatibus suis,
 “ salvo jure Domini Regis, cum inde loqui voluerit. Et
 “ sic petit idem Abbas, cum instantia, allocationem sibi
 “ fieri de prædictis septem libris, sex solidis, octo dena-
 “ riis, prætextu dicti brevis Regis libertatum et allocationum
 “ supradictarum; et habita deliberatione pleniori super præ-
 “ missis, consideratum est quod fiat allocatio præfatis
 “ Abbati et Conventui de supradictis septem libris, sex
 “ solidis, octo denariis, prætextu præmissorum. Et quoad
 “ prædictas octoginta et sex libras, novem solidos, octo
 “ denarios, obolum, quadrantem, de finibus quos idem Abbas
 “ clamat, sicut supra continetur, idem Abbas adjornatur
 “ ulterius usque quindenam Sancti Michaelis, ad recipiendum
 “ inde quod *et cætera*. Ad quem diem dictus Abbas venit,
 “ per dictum attornatum suum, et adjornatur ulterius in
 “ statu quo nunc usque Octabas Sancti Hillarii, ad reci-
 “ piendum super præmissis quod *et cætera*. Postea dictus
 “ Abbas adjornatur usque quindenam Paschæ, ad faciendum
 “ et recipiendum quod *et cætera* de finibus prædictis.
 “ Postea dictus Abbas computavit, et oneratur Rotulo tri-
 “ cesimo tertio in Essexia, Hertfordia. Compertum est
 “ etiam in Magno Rotulo de anno tricesimo secundo Regis

¹ *prædictos* in MS.

“ Edwardi Tertii, in Essexia, Hertfordia, sic.—Willelmus Thomas,
 “ Seys, ballivus Abbatis de Sancto Albano, apud Nortone, 30th
 “ reddit compotum de septem libris, sex solidis, octo de- Abbot,
 “ nariis, de bonis et catallis Johannis Mayster, medii, A.D.
 “ fratris, non tenentis, ejusdem Abbatis, suspensi, per ipsum 1349–96.
 “ Abbatem occupatis. In thesauro nihil, et Abbati et
 “ Conventui de Sancto Albano, per libertatem chartarum
 “ Regis, septem libræ, sex solidi, octo denarii, prædictæ,
 “ per considerationem Baronum. Annotatur in Memorandis
 “ de anno tricesimo quarto Regis hujus, inter præcepta de
 “ Termino Sancti Hillarii. Et quietus est.’ Nos autem certi-
 “ cationem prædictam, ad requisitionem Thomæ, nunc Abbatis
 “ de Sancto Albano, tenore præsentium duximus exemplifi-
 “ candum. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras nostras
 “ fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Westmonaste-
 “ rium, decimo die Junii, anno regni nostri decimo.”

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Hujus Abbatis magnanimitas, cunctis posteris præ- Suit by
 dicanda, pluries est monstrata, quæ nulli adversitati the Abbot
 vel tribulationi novit succumbere; sed, velut ramus against
 palmæ, adversus deprimentes et ecclesiæ suæ jura vio- Richard
 lare nitentes, quamvis magni forent, et in sæculo Pecche, a
 præpotentes, se magnifice subrigere consuevit. Nempe citizen of
 adversus Ricardum Pecche, civem Londoniarum, movit London,
 placitum; cujus tenorem hic ponimus subsequenter, ne A.D. 1365.
 lateat ¹posteros virtus viri, et cætera.—

*Placita inter Abbatem et Ricardum Pecche, pro dis-
 trictione facta Londoniis.*

*Communia placita tenta in Hustengo Londoniarum,
 die Lunæ proxima post Festum Sancti Valen-
 tini, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii a Con-
 quæstu, tricesimo nono.*

“ Ricardus Pecche attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Charge
 “ Thomæ, Abbati de Sancto Albano, de placito cap- against
 “ tionis namiorum; et unde idem Abbas, per Johan- Richard
 Pecche, of
 unlawful
 distress.

¹ poteros in MS.

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“ nem Asshewelle, attornatum suum, queritur quod præ-
“ fatus Ricardus, die Dominica proxima post festum
“ Sancti Valentini, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii
“ post Conquæstum, tricesimo nono, venit ad liberum
“ tenementum ipsius Abbatis, in Parochia Sancti Petri
“ in ¹Bradestret, in Warda de Bradestret, Londoniis,
“ et in eodem cepit namia, quæ hic sunt;—videlicet,
“ ollam, patellam, pannos lineos et laneos, ad valentiam
“ trium solidorum, quatuor denariorum; et ea cepit et
“ asportavit, et injuste detinuit, quousque per vadium
“ et plegium ²Simoni de Mordone, uni Vicecomitum
“ Londoniarum, ³data, deliberata fuerunt, ad damnum
“ ipsius Abbatis *et cætera*. Et hoc offert *et cætera*.

“ Et præfatus Ricardus Pecche in persona propria
“ venit; et defendit vim et injuriam, damnum quic-
“ quid *et cætera*, quando *et cætera*; et advocat capti-
“ onem namiorum prædictorum super prædictum Ab-
“ batem esse justam *et cætera*. Quia dicit, quod qui-
“ dam Rogerus de Euere fuit seisitus de uno mesuagio,
“ cum pertinentiis, ubi prædictus Abbas queritur quod
“ prædicta captio facta fuit; et de quibusdam aliis
“ tenementis in civitate prædicta *et cætera*. Et de
“ prædictis tenementis concessit cuidam Willelmo de
“ Borughe, clerico, et Margeriæ, uxori ejus, duodecim
“ marcas redditus, percipiendas annuatim ad quatuor
“ anni terminos principales, et in civitate Londoniarum
“ usuales, habendum et tenendum sibi et hæredibus dicti
“ Willelmi: virtute cujus concessionis prædicti Wil-
“ lelmus et Margeria fuerunt seisiti de redditu præ-
“ dicto. Qui quidem Willelmus et Margeria postea
“ concesserunt prædictum redditum cuidam Hamoni
“ Barbour, tenendum sibi et hæredibus suis in per-
“ petuum; virtute cujus concessionis idem Hamo fuit
“ seisitus de redditu prædicto *et cætera*. Et postea

¹ Meaning Broad Street, in Lon-
don.

² Sheriff in 1364-5.

³ *datos* in MS.

“ prædictus Hamo prædictum redditum concessit Nicolao filio Johannis de Horwode, et Johannæ, filiæ ipsius Hamonis, tenendum eisdem Nicolao et Johannæ, et hæredibus suis in perpetuum. Virtute cujus concessionis, prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna fuerunt seisisiti *et cætera*.

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“ Qui quidem Nicolaus obiit, et Johanna supervixit, et obiit. Post cujus mortem, dictus redditus descendebat cuidam Nicolao, ut filio et hæredi; qui obiit sine hærede de corpore suo exeunte; per quod jus prædicti redditus resortivit cuidam Willelmo, ut consanguineo et hæredi, videlicet, fratri cujusdam Matildis, matris prædictæ Johannæ, matris prædicti Nicolai filii Johannæ; et de ipso Willelmo descendebat jus prædicti redditus cuidam Katerinæ, uxori Johannis le Hunte, ut filiæ et hæredi. Et postea prædicti Johannes le Hunte et Katerina concesserunt prædictum redditum prædicto Ricardo, tenendum sibi et hæredibus suis in perpetuum. Et quia quadraginta solidi de redditu prædicto, videlicet, de Termino Natalis Domini proxime præterito ante diem captionis namiorum prædictorum, eidem Ricardo a retro fuerunt, idem Ricardus advocat captionem namiorum prædictorum esse justam, in loco ubi prædictus Abbas queritur, ut in parcella tenementorum sibi oneratorum in forma prædicta, *et cætera*.

“ Et præfatus Abbas, per attornatum suum, dicit quod præfatus Ricardus advocare suum prædictum namium in hac parte manutenere non potest. Quia dicit quod præfatus Rogerus nihil habuit in mesuagio prædicto tempore concessionis redditus prædicti, vel aliquo tempore postea, ita quod illud potuit onerare *et cætera*. Dicit etiam, quod præfati Willelmus de Borughe et Margeria, Hamo, Nicolaus filius Johannis de Horwode, et Johanna, Nicolaus filius prædictæ Johannæ, Willelmus frater Matildis, Johannes et Katerina, et Ricardus, non fuerunt seisisiti de aliquo

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Judgment in favour of the Abbot.

Introductio placiti subscripti.

Suit by the Abbot of St. Alban's against Simon, son of Woluin Cote, A.D. 1340. Idem bonæ memoriæ Dominus Thomas Abbas, non parcens laboribus vel expensis pro revocatione juris sui, movit placita contra Simonem filium Woluini pro uno mesuagio, cum pertinentiis, in Londoniis ; cujus irrotulatio hic subscribitur, ad cautelam.—

Placita inter Symonem filium ¹ Woluini Cote, pro quodam tenemento Londoniis.

Particulars of the demand of " Abbas de Sancto Albano petit versus Simonem filium Woluini Cote unum mesuagium, cum perti-

¹ Apparently written "*Willelmi*" in black ink, and in another hand. in the Rubric, but corrected above

" nentiis, in Londoniis, tanquam Gavelettum, secundum Thomas,
 " consuetudinem civitatis *et cætera*. Et unde dicit 30th
 " quod prædictus Simon tenet de eo et ecclesia sua Abbot,
 " Sancti Albani, ut de jure ejusdem ecclesiæ, unum A.D.
 " mesuagium, cum pertinentiis, in Londoniis, per ser- 1349-96.
 " vitium viginti solidorum per annum, ad quatuor the Abbot,
 " anni terminos solvendum. De quibus servitiis qui on writ of
 " dam Ricardus de Walyngforde, quondam Abbas ec- Gavelet in
 " clesiæ prædictæ, prædecessor ipsius Abbatis, seisisit London.
 " fuit per manus Rogeri de Euere, tanquam per manus
 " veri tenentis sui tenementi prædicti, tempore pacis,
 " tempore Domini Regis Edwardi nunc, capiendo inde
 " expletas ad valentiam *et cætera*, ut in redditibus,
 " arreragiis, et aliis *et cætera*, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ
 " prædictæ, *et cætera*. Et quia centum solidi ei a retro
 " fuerunt de servitiis prædictis die impetrationis brevis
 " sui, videlicet, vicesimo septimo die Januarii anno
 " Domini Edwardi nunc tertio-decimo, de quinque annis
 " elapsis, videlicet, sexaginta solidi de tribus annis tem-
 " pore Woluini Cote, patris ipsius Simonis, et quadra-
 " ginta solidi de duobus annis tempore ipsius Simonis,
 " et prædictum mesuagium, cum pertinentiis, fuerit in-
 " distringibile per unum annum et unum diem *et*
 " *cætera*, petit prædictum mesuagium, cum pertinentiis,
 " tanquam gavelettum, secundum consuetudinem civi-
 " tatis *et cætera*. Et quod tale sit jus suum, et
 " ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, offert *et cætera*.

" Et prædictus Simon filius Woluini Cote, per Wil-
 " lelmum Momby, custodem suum, venit, et defendit
 " jus prædicti Abbatis, et dicit quod ubi prædictus
 " Abbas petit versus ipsum unum mesuagium, cum
 " pertinentiis, tanquam Gavelettum *et cætera*, dicit
 " quod illud mesuagium est una placea terræ continens
 " triginta duos pedes terræ in longitudine, et viginti
 " octo pedes in latitudine; cujus quidem placeæ ipse
 " Simon non fuit tenens die impetrationis brevis præ-
 " dicti *et cætera*, et petit judicium de brevi *et cætera*.

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“ Et idem Abbas dicit quod prædictus Simon fuit
“ tenens mesuagii prædicti die impetrationis brevis
“ sui prædicti, sicut superius versus ipsum narravit,
“ et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam *et cætera*,
“ et prædictus Simon similiter, *et cætera*. Ideo sum-
“ moneatur patria *et cætera*. Et idem dies datus est
“ partibus *et cætera*.

“ Postea, ad Curiam tentam die Lunæ proxima
“ ante festum Sanctæ Margaretæ, anno regni Regis
“ Edwardi, Tertii post Conquestum, ¹quarto-decimo,
“ prædictus Abbas, per Johannem de Manowedene,
“ attornatum suum, venit; et prædictus Simon, per
“ Willelmum Momby, custodem suum, venit. Et Ju-
“ rata venit, per Thomam Lyouns et alios in pannello.
“ Qui dicunt, super sacramentum suum, quod præ-
“ dictus Simon fuit tenens mesuagii, cum pertinentiis,
“ die impetrationis brevis prædicti Abbatis, sicut idem
“ Abbas versus ipsum Symonem narravit.

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“ Ideo concessum est quod prædictus Abbas recuperet
“ versus prædictum Symonem prædictum mesuagium,
“ cum pertinentiis, tenendum per unum annum et unum
“ diem, tanquam Gavelettum, secundum consuetudinem
“ civitatis, nisi prædictus Symon interim satisfecerit
“ de arreragiis *et cætera*. Et prædictus Symon in
“ misericordia.”

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Assize of
Novel Dis-
seisin
against the
Abbot, by
Nicholas
de Hor-
wode,
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Ejus quoque tempore, quidam Nicolaus filius Johan-
nis de Horwode, et Johanna, uxor ejus, impetrave-
runt Assisam Novæ Disseisinæ super eundem Abbatem,
de libero tenemento suo in Londoniis; cujus placiti
tenor est iste.—

¹ This evidently belongs to the
time of Abbot Michael de Ment-
more, A.D. 1340, the immediate

predecessor of Abbot Thomas de la
Mare.

Communia placita tenta in Hustingo Londoniarum, die Lunæ proxima post festum Sancti Johannis ante Portam Latinam, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, ¹vicesimo nono.

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" Assisa Novæ Disseisinæ et Mortis Antecessoris
" capta coram ²Ricardo Smelt et Willelmo de Tuden-
" ham, Vicecomitibus Londoniarum, et Henrico de
" Suttone, Coronatore ejusdem civitatis, die Sabbati
" proxima post festum Translationis Sancti Thomæ
" Martyris, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii a Con-
" quæstu, ³vicesimo nono, et Franciæ sexto-decimo.
" Assisa venit recognoscendum si Willelmus del Welde,
" pannarius Londoniarum, ⁴Willelmus de Iforde, Hen-
" ricus de Ware, Willelmus de Grenham, et Avicia,
" uxor ejus, parochiani ecclesiæ Beatæ Margaretæ de
" Lothebury, ⁵Thomas Leggy, Johannes Pecche senior,
" *draper*, Thomas Morice, Thomas Abbas de Sancto
" Albano, Johannes de Beseville, *tailleur*, et Ricardus
" de Wynchecombe, *armurer*, et Agnes, uxor ejus,
" injuste et cætera disseisierunt Nicolaum filium Jo-
" hannis de Horewode, et Johannam, uxorem ejus, de
" libero tenemento suo in Londoniis; et unde idem
" Nicolaus et Johanna queruntur quod prædictus Wil-
" lelmus del Welde, et alii, in querela nominati, die
" Dominica proxima post festum Pentecostes, anno
" vicesimo quinto, disseisierunt eos de duodecim marcis
" redditus, cum pertinentiis, in Parochia Sanctæ Mar-
" garetæ prædictæ, Sancti Benedicti Fynk, Sancti
" Christofori, Sancti Olavi in Colmanstret, et Sancti
" Petri de Bredstret, in Londoniis, ad damnum suum,
" et cætera.

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claim.

¹ *quarto-decimo* in the text, by mistake.

² Sheriffs in 1354, 5.

³ *decimo* in the text, evidently an

error.

⁴ Common Serjeant of the City of London.

⁵ Mayor of London, 1354, 5.

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“ Et prædicti Willelmus del Welde, Willelmus de Iford, Thomas Leggy, Johannes Pecche, Thomas Morice, et prædictus Abbas, non venerunt; sed quidam Johannes Nasard respondit pro eis, tanquam eorum ballivus. Et pro prædicto Willelmo de Iforde, dicit quod ipse nihil habet in tenementis in visu positis, unde prædictus redditus supponitur provenire, nec aliquam injuriam seu disseisinam præfatis Nicolao et Johannæ inde fecit; et de hoc ponit se super Assisam et cætera. Et prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna similiter, et cætera. Ideo inter eos capiatur Assisa et cætera.

“ Et prædictus Willelmus del Welde dicit quod tenementa quæ ipse tenet de tenementis in visu positis, unde et cætera, extenta fuerunt et liberata Jacobo de Burford, ¹ Chivaler, pro quadam recognitione centum librarum, pro Rogero de Euere Roesiæ, matri prædicti Jacobi, facta per formam Statuti pro Mercatoribus editi et cætera, tenendum juxta extentam inde factam; unde terminus extentæ prædictæ adhuc durat et cætera; et sic ea tenet ex dimissione prædicti Jacobi per eandem extentam, absque aliqua injuria seu disseisina præfato Nicolao et Johannæ inde facta, et de hoc ponit se super Assisam et cætera. Et prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna similiter, et cætera. Ideo inter eos capiatur Assisa et cætera.

“ Et pro prædictis Thoma Leggy et Johanne Pecche, dicit quod ipsi nullam injuriam seu disseisinam præfatis Nicolao et Johannæ inde fecerunt; et de hoc ponit se super Assisam et cætera. Et prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna similiter, et cætera. Ideo inter eos capiatur Assisa et cætera.

“ Et pro dicto Thoma Morice, dicit quod Assisa de redditu in quibusdam casibus specialibus, juxta formam Statuti in civitate Londoniarum nuper inde

¹ chr in MS.

“ editi, ¹concedunt *et cætera*. Et petit quod prædicti
 “ Nicolaus et Johanna, quoad eum, assignent causam
 “ disseisinæ prædicti redditus, secundum formam Sta-
 “ tuti prædicti *et cætera*. Thomas,
 “ 30th
 “ Abbot,
 “ A.D.
 “ 1349-96.

“ Et prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna dicunt, quod
 “ prædictus Thomas fecit claustrum in tenementis
 “ quæ ipse tenet de tenementis in visu positis, unde
 “ prædictus redditus provenit; per quod ipso eodem
 “ die quo queruntur disseisiri, cum ibidem venissent
 “ ad distringendum pro prædicto redditu, ipsi propter
 “ claustrum prædictam ingressum habere non potue-
 “ runt ad distringendum, *et cætera*; et sic eos dis-
 “ seisivit *et cætera*.

“ Et prædictus ballivus, pro eodem Thoma, dicit
 “ quod non fecit aliquam claustrum in tenementis
 “ prædictis, *et cætera*; sed quod eadem tenementa tunc
 “ fuerunt aperta districtioni præfatorum Nicolai et
 “ Johannæ *et cætera*. Et si compertum sit quod non
 “ *et cætera*, tunc dicit quod ipse nullam injuriam seu
 “ disseisinam præfatam Nicolao et Johannæ inde fecit.
 “ Et de hoc ponit se super Assisam *et cætera*. Et præ-
 “ dicti Nicolaus et Johanna similiter, *et cætera*. Ideo
 “ inter eos capiatur Assisa *et cætera*.

“ Et pro prædicto Abbate, dicit quod tenementa
 “ quæ idem Abbas tenet de tenementis in visu posi-
 “ tis, unde *et cætera*, non onerantur in redditu præ-
 “ dicto, nec ipse aliquam injuriam seu disseisinam
 “ præfatis Nicolao et Johannæ inde fecit; et hoc
 “ petit quod inquiratur per Assisam *et cætera*. Et
 “ prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna similiter, *et cætera*.
 “ Ideo inter eos capiatur Assisa.

“ Et prædicti Henricus de Ware, Willelmus de
 “ Grenham et Avicia, uxor ejus, Johannes de Besville,
 “ *taillour*, Ricardus de Wynchcombe et Agnes, uxor

¹ This word is probably incorrect. | erased, and then finished in a later
 It appears to have been partly | hand.

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“ ejus, non venerunt, nec aliquis, tanquam eorum
“ ballivus, pro eis respondit *et cætera*. Ideo pro
“ eorum defalta capiatur Assisa *et cætera*. Et pro
“ defectu recognitionis, Assisa ponitur in respectu usque
“ ab isto die in octo dies. Et idem dies datus est tam
“ prædictis Nicolao et Johannæ quam prædicto ballivo
“ *et cætera*. Et octo tales ponantur *et cætera*.

“ Postea ad Assisas Novæ Disseisinæ et Mortis Antecessoris captas coram præfatis Vicecomitibus et Coronatore, die Sabbati proximo post festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii a Conquæstu, vicesimo nono, venerunt tam prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna, quam prædictus ballivus *et cætera*. Et recognitores Assisæ prædictæ jurati similiter venerunt, videlicet, Rogerus Wenlok et alii in panello *et cætera*. Qui dicunt, super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus Morice fecit clausuram in tenementis quæ ipse tenet de tenementis in visu positis; per quod prædicti Nicolaus et Johanna ingressum habere non potuerunt, ad distringendum in eisdem *et cætera*. Et quod tenementa quæ prædictus Abbas tenet de tenementis in visu positis *et cætera*, onerantur in redditu prædicto, simul cum omnibus aliis tenementis in visu positis. Et quod idem Nicolaus et Johanna seisiti fuerunt de prædictis duodecim marcis redditus, cum pertinentiis, ut de libero tenemento suo *et cætera*, quousque inde disseisiti fuerunt per prædictos Willelmum de Iford et omnes alios in querela, præter prædictos Willelmum de Welde, Thomam Leggy, Johannem Pecche seniore, *draper*, et Henricum de Ware; ad damnum ipsorum Nicolai et Johannæ nonaginta octo librarum, tresdecim solidorum, quatuor denariorum. Et quod prædicti Willelmus de ¹Welde, Thomas Leggy, Johannes Pecche, Henricus de Ware, ipsos Nicolaum

¹ “ *Wolde* ” in MS., incorrectly.

" et Johannam de prædicto redditu non disseisiverunt, Thomas, 80th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96.
 " nec aliquam injuriam eis inde fecerunt *et cætera*.
 " Et quæsitum ab eisdem recognitoribus si prædicta
 " disseisina facta fuit vi et armis, necne, *et cætera*,
 " dicunt quod prædictus Willelmus de Iford disseisivit
 " ipsos Nicolaum et Johannam vi et armis *et cætera*;
 " et omnes alii absque vi et armis *et cætera*.
 " Ideo consideratum est, quod prædicti Nicolaus et Jo- Judgment given, against the
 " hanna recuperent seisinam suam de prædictis duodecim Abbot, with other disseisors.
 " marcis redditus, cum pertinentiis, per visum recog-
 " nitorum, et damna sua prædicta versus prædictos
 " Willelmum de ¹Iford et omnes alios disseisitores; et
 " quod prædictus Willelmus de Iford capiat. Et
 " omnes alii disseisitores sint in misericordia, *et*
 " *cætera*."

Introductio placiti subscripti.

Contra Priorissam de Markzate compulsus est etiam Suit
 movere placitam pro fructibus majorum garbarum et against the Prioress of Markzate, for arrears of a rent-charge, A.D. 1367.
 bladorum in Parochia de Watforde; cujus placiti tenor
 hic inseritur consequenter.—

Placita inter Abbatem et Priorissam de Markzate.

" Johanna, Priorissa Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco, Particulars of the demand.
 " juxta Markezate, summonita fuit ad respondendum
 " Thomæ Abbati de Sancto Albano, de placito quod
 " reddat ei viginti et duas marcas, quæ ei a retro
 " sunt de annuo redditu viginti et duarum marcarum
 " quem ei debet *et cætera*. Et unde idem Abbas, per
 " Henricum Wickwane, attornatum suum, dicit quod
 " quidam ²Robertus, quondam Abbas de Sancto Albano,
 " prædecessor prædicti nunc Abbatis, per scriptum suum
 " indentatum concessisset prædictæ ecclesiæ Sanctæ

¹ Given as "*Welde*" in the MS.; text; but a side-note, in another hand, implies that "*Robertus*" is to be evidently an error.

² Given as "*Rogerus*" in the text; but a side-note, in another hand, implies that "*Robertus*" is to be substituted for this name.

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“ Trinitatis, et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servien-
 “ tibus, quasdam decimas de quibusdam locis in Pa-
 “ rochia de Watforde, exemptæ jurisdictionis Monas-
 “ terii Sancti Albani, situatis provenientes, necnon
 “ unam acram, ut dictæ sanctimoniales decimas hujus-
 “ modi congregarent, sub quodam censu annuo sex
 “ marcarum argenti prædictis Abbati et Conventui, ad
 “ illud statuto termino, ab ipsis sanctimonialibus annis
 “ singulis persolvendo; prout in quadam indentura
 “ inde inter partes prædictas confecta plenius conti-
 “ nebatur. Et post inter dictum Thomam nunc Ab-
 “ batem et prædictam Johannam, Priorissam, convenit
 “ tali modo;—quod prædicta indentura in omnibus in
 “ suo duraret robore et effectum; et ultra, idem Abbas
 “ et Conventus ejusdem loci per indenturam suam con-
 “ cessissent præfatæ Priorissæ et Conventui loci illius,
 “ et eorum successoribus, omnes et omnimodos fructus
 “ decimarum majorum garbarum et bladorum quorum-
 “ cumque, et de omnibus vastis, assartis, et novalibus,
 “ in dicta parochia proventuris in futurum, quæ ad
 “ præfatos Abbatem et Conventum in Parochia ecclesiæ
 “ de Watforde pertinere noscuntur quomodolibet, una
 “ cum tota decima feni in hameletto de Parva Bissheye
 “ in parochia prædicta, et duabus acris prati in diver-
 “ sis locis, prout in indentura illa plenius continetur,
 “ jacentibus; habendum et tenendum eisdem Priorissæ
 “ ac Conventui, et eorum successoribus, in perpetuum;
 “ eadem Priorissa, per indenturam eandem, pro præ-
 “ dictis fructibus decimarum garbarum bladorum et
 “ feni, et pro prædictis duabus acris prati, ut præ-
 “ mittitur, habendis, concessit prædictis Abbati et
 “ Conventui, et eorum successoribus, prædictum an-
 “ nuum redditum viginti duarum marcarum, ad duos
 “ anni terminos apud villam de ¹Sancto Albano sol-

¹ These two words are omitted in the text; but are supplied in the margin in a later hand.

“ vendum, videlicet, unam medietatem ad festum Sancti
 “ Martini in hyeme, et alteram medietatem ad festum
 “ Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis. Et licet eadem Priorissa
 “ de fructibus decimarum prædictarum, et prædictis
 “ duabus acris prati, seisita fuerit in forma prædicta,
 “ eadem tamen Priorissa prædictum annum redditum
 “ viginti et duarum marcarum prædicto Abbati non-
 “ dum reddidit, sed prædictas viginti et duas marcas
 “ de arreragiis prædictis, videlicet, de prædictis ter-
 “ minis Sancti Martini et Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis,
 “ proximis ante diem impetrationis brevis, scilicet,
 “ sextum-decimum diem Junii proximo præteritum, ei
 “ subtrahit; unde dicit quod deterioratus est, et damnum
 “ habet, ad valentiam quadraginta librarum. Et inde
 “ producit sectam *et cætera*. Et profert hic alteram
 “ partem indenturæ inter prædictum Abbatem et Prio-
 “ rissam inde confectæ; quæ præmissa testatur in hæc
 “ verba.”—

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Indentura.

“ Noverint universi, quod cum dudum religiosus vir, bonæ Indenture
 “ memoriæ Dominus Robertus, tunc Abbas Sancti Albani, et
 “ ejusdem loci Conventus, Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco, executed
 “ juxta Markyate, et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servienti- as to the
 “ bus, quasdam decimas de quibusdam locis in Parochia same,
 “ Ecclesiæ de Watforde, exemptæ jurisdictionis Monasterii between
 “ Sancti Albani prædicti, situatis provenientes, necnon unam the Prio-
 “ acram, ut dictæ sanctimoniales decimas hujusmodi congreg- reas and
 “ garent, sub quodam censu annuo sex marcarum argenti, the Abbot.
 “ dictis religiosus viris certo ad hoc statuto termino ab ipsis
 “ sanctimonialibus annis singulis persolvendo, concessissent,
 “ prout in quadam indentura inter partes prædictas super
 “ hiis confecta plenius est contentum.—Postea, inter religiosos
 “ viros, Thomam, permissione divina, Abbatem Monasterii
 “ Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventum, ex parte una, et
 “ dictas religiosas, Dominam Johannam, Priorissam Ecclesiæ
 “ Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco, juxta Markyate, et ejusdem
 “ loci Conventum, ex parte altera, in hunc modum convenit;
 “ videlicet, quod dicta indentura in omnibus in suo durabit
 “ robore et effectu. Et ultra eandem concessionem, prædicti

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¹ omnimodos in MS.

² or “*Lenedymede*,” it is doubtful which.

³ yeme in MS.

⁴ coercionem in MS.

⁵ Omitted in MS.

“ temporibus obtinebunt. Et si contingat quod prædicti
 “ Priorissa et Conventus, vel eorum successores, per præ- Thomas,
 “ dictos Abbatem et Conventum, vel eorum successores, de 30th
 “ decimis prædictis expellantur, quod absit, extunc bene Abbot,
 “ licebit prædictis Priorissæ et Conventui prædictam annuam A.D.
 “ pensionem retinere, quousque prædicti Abbas et Conventus, 1349-96,
 “ vel eorum successores, pro decimis prædictis eisdem Prio-
 “ rissæ et Conventui satisfecerint, vel parati fuerint ad satis-
 “ faciendum. In cujus rei testimonium, partes prædictæ
 “ sigilla sua præsentibus alternatim apposuerunt. Hiis
 “ testibus, Rogero de Louthe, Milite, Johanne de Chilterne,
 “ Johanne de Mirydene, Bartholomæo Blaket, Ricardo Siward,
 “ et aliis. Datum in Capitulo Monasterii Sancti Albani, quo-
 “ ad appositionem sigillorum prædictorum Abbatis et Con-
 “ ventus, primo die Augusti, anno regni Regis Edwardi,
 “ Tertii a Conquestu, tricesimo primo, et quoad apposi-
 “ tionem sigillorum prædictarum Priorissæ et Conventus, in
 “ Capitulo Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis de Bosco, juxta Mark-
 “ yate, quarto die Augusti, anno suprascripto.”

Finis placiti.

“ Et prædicta Priorissa, per Henricum de Ailestone, Conclusion
 “ attornatum suum, venit, et defendit vim et injuriam, of the suit.
 “ quando et cætera. Et dicit quod prædictus Abbas
 “ per prædictum scriptum suum indentatum, per quod
 “ concessit eidem Priorissæ et Conventui prædictæ
 “ ecclesiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis decimas prædictas in forma
 “ prædicta, ulterius concessit eis, quod si prædicti
 “ Priorissa et Conventus, vel eorum successores, per
 “ prædictos Abbatem et Conventum, vel eorum suc-
 “ cessores, de decimis dictis expellantur, quod extunc
 “ bene licebit eisdem Priorissæ et Conventui prædictam
 “ annuam pensionem retinere, quousque prædicti Abbas
 “ et Conventus, vel eorum successores, pro decimis
 “ prædictis eisdem Priorissæ et Conventui satisfecerint,
 “ vel parati fuerint ad satisfaciendum. Quod quidem
 “ scriptum sub nomine prædicti Abbatis, et Conventus
 “ sui, sigillo eorum consignatum, de data ejusdem diei,
 “ in Capitulo Monasterii Sancti Albani, quem continet

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“ prædictum scriptum indentatum, sub nomine prædictæ
 “ Priorissæ et Conventus sui superius prolatum,
 “ eadem Priorissa profert hic in Curia; et dicit quod,
 “ salva sibi conditione prædicta, videlicet, de retinendo
 “ redditum prædictum, si ipsa de decimis prædictis, ut
 “ præmittitur, expellatur, ipsa non potest dedicere quin
 “ prædictum scriptum, sub nomine suo prolatum, est
 “ factum suum; nec quin ipsa teneatur prædicto Abbati
 “ in prædicto annuo redditu viginti et duarum
 “ marcarum; et scriptum suum prædictum expresse
 “ cognoscit hic in Curia.

Judgment
in favour
of the
Abbot.

“ Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas recu-
 “ peret versus prædictam Priorissam annum redditum
 “ prædictum, cum pertinentiis, et arreragia sua prædicta,
 “ et damna sua, quæ taxantur per Justiciarios ad
 “ quadraginta solidos; et nihil de misericordia præ-
 “ dictæ Priorissæ, quia venit primo die per sum-
 “ monitionem *et cætera*. Et super hoc prædictus
 “ Abbas gratis remittit damnum et arreragia prædicta.
 “ Ideo *et cætera*.”

Introductio materiæ et processus subscripti.

The many
tribula-
tions of
Abbot
Thomas.

Hujus venerabilis viri turbationes varias singillatim
 evolvere opus esset interminabile; et ideo pauca de
 multis inseruimus, ut luceat posteris quanta laude
 dignus extiterit, qui nunquam pene a laboribus re-
 spiravit.

The manor
of Calde-
cote is
seized by
the King's
Escheator,
A.D. 1366.

Rex nempe Edwardus, Tertius a Conquæstu, pravorum
 consiliis adquiescens, quippe qui pronus erat in sua
 lucra, manerium Abbatis Sancti Albani, quod “ Calde-
 “ cote ” appellatur, in manus suas seisiri fecit: sed
 Abbati cor ad defendendum jus suum non defuit.
 Quinimmo sic suum negotium prosecutus est, ut Rex
 scriberet Escaetori Comitatus Hertfordiæ, in hæc
 verba.—

*Breve Regis ad inquirendum de manerio de
Caldecote.*

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30th
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1349-96.

"Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et
"Dominus Hiberniæ, dilecto et fideli suo, Willelmo de Enesfeld,
"Escaetori suo in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, salutem. Volentes
"certis de causis certiorari super causa captionis manerii de
"Caldecote per te, ut dicitur, in manum nostram, tibi præ-
"cipimus quod super causa captionis prædictæ nobis in Can-
"cellaria nostra, sub sigillo tuo, distincte et aperte reddas
"certiores et cætera. Teste et cætera."

Writ for
enquiry
as to the
same.

Quod quidem breve prædictus Escaetor retornavit
in forma subsequenti.—

Item, de eodem.

"Compertum est coram me, per Inquisitionem ex officio
"meo captam, quod quidam Hugo, nuper Abbas de Sancto
"Albano, prædecessor Abbatis qui nunc est, adquisivit
"manerium de Caldecote, cum pertinentiis, in Comitatu
"Hertfordiæ, quod tenetur de hærede Johannis Dodyngseles,
"anno regni Regis Edwardi, patris Domini Regis nunc, quarto-
"decimo; et quod Abbathia de Sancto Albano, quæ est de
"fundatione progenitorum Domini Regis nunc, vacavit post
"adquisitionem manerii prædicti, per mortem prædicti
"Hugonis, ac etiam per mortem Ricardi et Michaelis, subse-
"quentium Abbatum loci prædicti; et pro exitibus et proficuis
"manerii prædicti, durantibus vacationibus prædictis, Domino
"Regi nunc non responsis, cepi prædictum manerium, cum
"pertinentiis, in manum Domini Regis."

Return of
the Es-
cheator
thereto.

Et super quod Dominus Rex misit prædicto Escaetori
quoddam aliud breve, in hæc verba.—

Item, de eodem.

"Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Domi-
"nus Hiberniæ, dilecto et fideli suo, Willelmo de Enesfeld,
"Escaetori suo in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, salutem. Cum nuper
"certiorari cupientes super causa captionis manerii de Calde-
"cote per te, ut dicitur, in manum nostram, tibi ¹præcepimus

Writ for
Inquisition
as to the
seizure.

¹ Or *præcepimus*; *precipimus* in MS.

Thomas, " quod super causa captionis prædictæ nobis in Cancellaria
 80th " nostra redderes certiores; ac tu coram nobis in Cancellariam
 Abbot, " nostram misisti, quod compertum fuit coram te per In-
 A.D. " quisitionem ex officio tuo captam, quod Hugo, nuper Abbas
 1349-96. " de Sancto Albano, adquisivit manerium prædictum, cum
 — " pertinentiis; et quod Abbathia prædicta postea vacavit per
 " mortem prædicti Hugonis, ac etiam per mortem Ricardi
 " et Michaelis, postmodum Abbatum loci prædicti; et
 " pro exitibus manerii prædicti tempore vacationum prædic-
 " tarum nobis non responsis, cepisti manerium prædictum in
 " manum nostram;—Nos, certis de causis certiorari volentes
 " de valore manerii prædicti per annum in singulis vacacioni-
 " bus prædictis, tibi præcipimus, quod per probos et legales
 " homines de balliva tua diligenter inquiras, quantum
 " prædictum manerium valet per annum in singulis vaca-
 " tionibus prædictis; et illam Inquisitionem sub sigillo tuo, et
 " sigillis eorum qui Inquisitioni illi interfuerint, in Cancel-
 " lariam nostram distincte et aperte sine dilatione nobis
 " mittas, et hoc breve. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium,
 " secundo die Junii, anno regni nostri Angliæ tricesimo,
 " regni vero nostri Franciæ decimo-septimo."
 Virtute cujus brevis, prædictus Escastor postea
 misit quamdam Inquisitionem, in hæc verba.—

Inquisitio facta de eodem.

Finding of " Inquisitio capta apud Baldok, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ,
 the Inqui- " coram Escastore Domini Regis in eodem Comitatu, die
 sition " Jovis proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli,
 thereon. " anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii a Conquestu, tricesimo,
 " regni vero sui Franciæ decimo-septimo, virtute cujusdam
 " brevis huius Inquisitioni consuti, per sacramentum Willelmi
 " Grymbaud, Thomæ Basset, Edwardi atte Hache, Thomæ
 " Walkerne, Willelmi de Colne, Thomæ Haunvyle, Radulphi
 " Poleye, Rogeri atte Ponde, Simonis Draper, Johannis de
 " Cumberlowe, Johannis Grygge, et Johannis de Wodemedede,
 " Juratorum.—
 " Dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod est in manerio de
 " Caldecote unum mesuagium, quod nihil valebat per annum
 " ultra reprisas in vacationibus contentis in brevi huius Inqui-
 " sitioni consuto.
 " Item, sunt ibidem centum acræ terræ arabilis, unde
 " medietas valebat in singulis vacationibus prædictis per
 " annum sexdecim solidos, octo denarios, pretio acræ quatuor

“ denariorum, quando seminabatur; et altera medietas terræ
 “ nihil valebat, quia jacebat ad warectam, et in communi.
 “ Item, sunt ibidem duæ acræ prati dicti, quæ valebant
 “ singulis vacationibus prædictis per annum duos solidos.
 “ Item, fuerunt ibidem de redditu assisæ tam liberorum
 “ tenentium quam nativorum sexaginta sex solidi, octo de-
 “ narii, solvendi ad Terminos Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ
 “ et Sancti Michaelis, per æquales portiones, in vacationibus
 “ prædictis.
 “ Item, fuerunt ibidem opera et consuetudines nativorum,
 “ quæ valebant per annum singulis vacationibus prædictis
 “ triginta quinque solidos, duos denarios, obolum.
 “ Item, fuerunt ibidem octo liberæ precariæ, provenientes
 “ de liberis tenementis, quæ valebant, ultra ¹repreas, sex-
 “ decim denarios. Et sic valebat manerium prædictum in
 “ omnibus exitibus suis, singulis vacationibus prædictis, per
 “ annum sex libras, viginti duos denarios, obolum.
 “ Item, dicunt quod manerium prædictum, cum pertinentiis,
 “ antequam devenit ad manus Abbatis et Conventus de
 “ Sancto Albano, oneratum fuit Aliciæ Hurst, ad terminum
 “ vitæ suæ, annuatim in sex quarteriis et dimidio frumenti,
 “ et centum et sexdecim solidis, et octo ²denariis argenti;
 “ quæ quidem Alicia anno regni Regis nunc vicesimo primo
 “ diem clausit extremum.
 “ Item, oneratum fuit, ab eodem tempore, Johanni Hurst,
 “ ad terminum vitæ suæ annuatim, in triginta duobus solidis,
 “ tribus denariis, et uno quarterio et quinque bussellis frumenti.
 “ Item, Cristinæ et Johannæ, sororibus prædicti Johannis
 “ Hurst, annuatim ad terminum vitæ earundem, in sexaginta
 “ quatuor solidis, sex denariis, et tribus quarteriis et duobus
 “ bussellis frumenti; et valebat unum bussellum frumenti
 “ communibus annis octo denarios. Qui quidem Johannes
 “ Hurst, Cristina, et Johanna, adhuc sunt superstites; et de
 “ eorum corrodio supradicto manerium prædictum adhuc
 “ oneratum est. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentī Inquisi-
 “ tioni prædicti Juratores sigilla sua apposuere. Datum die,
 “ et loco, et anno, supradictis.”

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¹ repreas in MS.

| ² denarios in MS.

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Pro eodem.

An order is
ultimately
made for
delivery of
the manor
to the
Abbot.

Et postea, inspectis Rotulis de Cancellaria Domini Regis pro temporibus vacationum Abbathiæ prædictæ per mortem prædictorum Abbatum, compertum est quod prima vacatio fuit, per mortem prædicti Hugonis Abbatis, a vicesimo die Septembris, anno Domini Regis nunc primo, usque ad decimum-nonum diem Maii, anno ejusdem Regis secundo; videlicet, per triginta quatuor septimanas et tres dies.

Et secunda vacatio, per mortem prædicti Ricardi Abbatis, a vicesimo nono die Maii, anno Domini Regis nunc decimo, usque ad tertium diem Februarii, anno ejusdem Regis undecimo; videlicet, per triginta quinque septimanas et quinque dies.

Et tertia vacatio per mortem prædicti Michaelis Abbatis, a sexto-decimo die Aprilis, anno Domini Regis vicesimo tertio, usque ad vicesimum secundum diem Novembris, anno supradicto; videlicet, per triginta unam septimanas et unum diem.

Et super hoc, pro eo quod compertum fuit per prædictam Inquisitionem, captam coram præfato Escaetore, quod manerium prædictum, antequam devenit ad manus prædictorum Abbatis et Conventus, et in singulis vacationibus prædictis, oneratum fuit ultra verum valorem; videlicet, in duabus primis vacationibus, ultra verum valorem per septem libras, duodecim solidos, sex denarios, obolum, et in ultima vacatione earundem vacationum, per quatuordecim denarios, obolum; et sic de valore ejusdem manerii in vacationibus prædictis prædicto Domino Regi nihil responderi poterit; Dominus Rex misit breve suum prædicto Escaetori, ne amplius se intromitteret de manerio prædicto, nec manus eidem apponeret, occasione prædicta; et quod manerium prædictum, cum exitiis inde perceptis, eidem Abbati liberari faceret.

*Supplicatio porrecta Duci Lancastriae, pro manerio
de Nortone, juxta Bourbrigge, et injuria facta
Abbati ibidem.*

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" A soun tres reverent et tresnoble Seignur, le Ducz de
" Lancastre, supplie vostre Chapeleyn, l'Abbe de Seint Alban,
" que come il tient le manoir de Nortone juxte Burghbrigge
" de nostre Seignur le Roy, en pure et perpetuelle almoigne,
" quites de checune manere de service seculer, la veignent
" voz ministres de vostre seignurie de Richemond, et deman-
" dent de dit Abbe une suyte a vostre Court, qest appelle
" 'Frendles Wapentake;' et ont amerciez le dit Abbe gre-
" vousement pur sa non venue a la dite Court, et lui des-
" treignent de jour en autre, moyns dreiturelment, par la cause
" susdite. Par quei plesse a vostre tresnoble Seignurie, co-
" mander as voz dites ministres denquere sur ceo par les pluis
" loials et mientz vaues gentz de vostre dite seignurie, et
" queus sount lez plus proscheins del visne de manoir susdite,
" et meyns suspecionouses en ycelle partie.— Et en cas qil
" troessent qe le dit Abbe tiegne le dit manoir de nostre
" Seignur le Roy, com devant est dit, qils facent deliverer lez
" dites destresses, queus ils ont pris de dit Abbe, et cessent

[TRANSLATION.]

" To his very reverend and very noble Lord, the Duke of
" Lancaster, entreats your Chaplain, the Abbot of Saint Alban's,
" that whereas he holds the manor of Nortone near Burgh-
" brigge of our Lord the King in pure and perpetual alms,
" quit of every manner of secular service, there come your
" ministers of your lordship of Richemond, and demand of the
" said Abbot a suit at your Court, which is called 'Frendles
" 'Wapentake;' and have amerced the said Abbot grievously
" for his not coming to the said Court, and distrained him
" from one day to another, not rightfully, for the cause afore-
" said. Wherefore may it please your very noble Lordship,
" to command your said ministers to make inquisition thereon
" by the most loyal and best esteemed persons of your said
" lordship, and who are the nearest of the venue of the manor
" aforesaid, and the least suspected in this behalf.—And in
" case that they find that the said Abbot holds the said manor
" of our Lord the King, as is before said, that they shall
" cause to be delivered the said distresses, which they have

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Thomas, " en tut a destreindre le dit Abbe en ycelle partie en temps a
 30th " venir."
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 " the said Abbot in this behalf in time to come."

*De Inquisitione prima capta coram Willelmo de
 Neffelde, Senescallo Richemundie.*

Finding on " Inquisitio capta coram Willelmo de Neffeld, Senescallo
 Inquisition, " Richmundie, apud Richmundiam, die Sabbati in festo An-
 that the " nunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, anno regni Regis Ed-
 Abbot " wardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, quadragesimo secundo,
 does not " virtute litteræ Domini Ducis Lancastriæ, ad prosecutionem
 owe such " Abbatis de Sancto Albano, dicto Senescallo mandatæ, ad
 suit of " inquirendum de quibusdam articulis in quadam billa dicto
 Court. " Domino Duci infra litteram prædictam inclusa missam con-
 " tentis; quæ quidem billa, juxta tenorem dictæ litteræ huic
 " Inquisitioni athachiata, per sacramentum Galfridi Pygot,
 " Alani de Eskellay, Willelmi Halward, Ricardi de Poke-
 " thorp, Johannis Disteforde junioris, Johannis de Frithby,
 " Ricardi Blase, Johannis de Pokethorpe, Johannis de Burghe
 " de Suttone, Johannis Grethed de Stoktone, Willelmi Overes-
 " wale, et Thomæ de Kyrkeby, Juratorum.—
 " Qui dicunt, super sacramentum suum, quod Abbas de
 " Sancto Albano tenet manerium de Nortone, juxta Burgh-
 " brigge, de Domino Rege, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam
 " eleemosynam, sicut et omnes prædecessores sui, a tempore
 " quo non extat memoria, illud tenuerunt.
 " Et dicunt quod prædictus Abbas, nec aliquis prædecesso-
 " rum suorum, aliquam sectam ad Wapentak Frendles aliquo
 " tempore unquam fecerunt, nec facere tenebantur. Sed
 " dicunt quod ¹ quidam Johannes de Walfey, clericus dicti Wil-
 " lelmi de Neffeld, injuste fecit amerciari dictum Abbatem,
 " quia ipse Abbas non venit ad Wapentak Frendles de Haly-
 " kelde, et injuste fecit levare de prædicto Abbate tresdecim
 " solidos quatuor denarios pro dicto amerciamento.
 " Dicunt etiam ulterius, quod dictus Abbas nihil tenet infra
 " dominium Richmundiæ, pro quo aliquam hujusmodi sectam,
 " seu aliquod aliud servitium, ipse vel ejus prædecessores
 " dominio de Richmundia unquam fecit, seu facere tenetur.

¹ *quidem* in MS.

" In cujus rei testimonium, huic Inquisitioni dicti Juratores
 " sigilla sua apposuero. Datum apud Richmundiam, die et
 " anno supradictis."

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De ¹dissensione inter Abbatem et Rogerum de Leukenore, Militem, amicabili fine sopita; videlicet, pro tenentibus de Chepingbarnet.

" Noverint universi per præsentes, quod cum religiosi viri, Release by
 " Abbas et Conventus de Sancto Albano, usi sint et gavis, a Sir Roger
 " tempore cujus non existit memoria, quod omnes tenentes et de Leuke-
 " commorantes in Est Barnet et Chepyngbarnet, in Comitatu nore, of
 " Hertfordiæ, venire debent et solent ad franciplegium dicto- claim of
 " rum Abbatis et Conventus, tentum ad manerium suum de view of
 " Est Barnet, semel in anno, quando ad hoc summoniti fue- frank-
 " rint; percipiendo de omnibus prædictis tenentibus et commo- pledge
 " rantibus ²omnia quæ ad visum pertinent, tanquam perti- from the
 " nentia ad manerium dictorum Abbatis et Conventus de Est tenants of
 " Barnet, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de Sancto the Abbot,
 " Albano; inde orta fuit dissensio inter prædictos Abbatem in Cheping
 " et Conventum, et Dominum Rogerum de Leukenore, Militem, Barnet,
 " eo quod dictus Rogerus clamabat quod prædicti tenentes et A.D. 1347.
 " commorantes in Chepinbarnet in Comitatum Middelsexiæ
 " venire deberent ad visum franciplegii sui, tenti ad mane-
 " rium suum de Southmymmes in Comitatu ³Midelsexiæ;
 " dissensio prædicta conquievit in hunc modum;—videlicet,
 " quod quia per diversas evidencias, ex parte dictorum Abbatis
 " et Conventus ostensas, satis manifeste apparet quod prædicti
 " Abbas et Conventus, et eorum prædecessores, a tempore
 " cujus memoria non existit, fuerunt seisiti de adventu omnium
 " prædictorum tenentium et commorantium, per modum ante-
 " dictum, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ ⁴prædictæ, Dominus Rogerus,
 " pro se et hæredibus suis, concessit, remisit, et relaxavit, et
 " omnino quietum clamavit, prædictis Abbati et Conventui, et
 " eorum successoribus in perpetuum, totum jus et clameum
 " quod habet in dicto visu franciplegii, et in adventu dictorum
 " tenentium et commorantium in Chepingbarnet in Comitatum
 " Middelsexiæ; recognoscens prædictum visum, et omnia quæ
 " ad visum pertinent, esse jus ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus,

¹ *dissencione* in MS.

² *et* is inserted here in the MS.;
 but evidently in error.

³ Omitted in the text, with an

hiatus; but supplied in the margin,
 in a later hand.

⁴ *prædicta* in MS.

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“ ut de jure ecclesiæ eorum, et ipsum in prædicto visu et
 “ adventu dictorum tenentium et commorantium omni jure et
 “ dominio carere; ita quod nec prædictus Rogerus, nec
 “ hæredes sui, in adventu prædictorum tenentium et commo-
 “ rantium in Chepyngbarnet prædicta ad visum franciplegii
 “ manerii sui de Southmymes clamare poterunt in futurum.
 “ In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum dicti Domini Rogeri
 “ præsentibus est apposum. Hiis testibus, Domino Hugone
 “ Fitz-Symond, Stephano de Bassyngburne, Willelmo de Lode-
 “ wyk, Militibus, Johanne Pecok de Wyndrug, Henrico de
 “ Frowik, et aliis. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, die Mer-
 “ curii in Festo Sancti Stephani, anno regni Regis Edwardi,
 “ Tertii a Conquæstu, vicesimo primo.”¹

² *Introductio litis et concordie subscriptarum, ut in
 processu* ³ *subcripto plenius apparet.*

An account
 of the cir-
 cumstances
 under
 which the
 finding of
 a Corrody
 was first
 imposed
 upon the
 Abbey, by
 Earl Ed-
 mund, son
 of Henry
 III.

Ejusdem beati viri, Domini Thomæ Abbatis, actum est prudentia, ut ecclesia nostra de tyrannica servitute vel exactione fuit prudentissime liberata. Revera Reges tres Edwardi, non de ⁴[jure, sed de] mala suggestionem, vendicabant dare corrodium unum in nova creatione Abbatis cujuslibet; ⁵quod non scriptura vel consuetudine potuerunt exigere, sed tyrannica potestate; cum constet ipsum monasterium ita fuisse fundatum, ut nulli omnino servituti foret obnoxium; nec unquam reperiri poterit corrodium alicui potestati sæculari concessum de domo nostra, ante tempora Edwardi, Primi Regis Angliæ a Conquæstu; et hoc, non Regis ad instantiam, sed Edmundi Comititis,⁶ pro eo quod fuit infestus ecclesiæ, pro hospitalitate negata, vel certe iniuste acceptata, cuidam de suis. Pro cujus indignatione mitiganda, Abbas et Conventus coacti sunt corrodium concedere

¹ This document belongs properly to the time of Michael, the predecessor of Abbot Thomas.

² These first five words are accidentally omitted in the Rubric, but are supplied in another hand at the foot of the page.

³ *subscripti* in MS.

⁴ Omitted in MS.; but supplied from MS. Parker, vii. See p. 394 *post.*

⁵ *quam* in MS.

⁶ The word *Cornubiæ* is inserted in the margin, erroneously, the Earl of Lancaster being meant. See Vol. I. p. 469.

uni de familia Comitis supradicti; a quo tempore cœperunt Reges exigere corrodium, ut præfertur.

Sed jam abbatizante Thoma, qui vere ¹ "totus mas" dici potuit, quidam Johannes, dictus cognomento "Gardiner," eo quod familiaris fuit Edwardo Regi Tertio, vendicavit secundum corrodium, ut esset ex feodo custos garenariæ Abbatis; quod quidem corrodium asseveravit Regi debitum, tanquam jus suum, quia Magister Willelmus de la Marche id prius habuerat, qui fuerat de Domini Regis familia speciali; cujus suggestio falsa fuisse probata est, quia idem Willelmus id corrodium non ex dono Regis, sed ex mera liberalitate Abbatis et Conventus, sibi concessum habuerat.²

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Claim of a
Corrody by
John
Gardiner;
and false
allegation
in support
thereof.

*Littera Regis directa Abbati, pro Johanne Gardiner
de Sancto Albano.*

"Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Royal
"Hiberniæ, dilecto sibi in Christo Abbati de Sancto Albano, mandate,
"salutem. Cum per Litteras nostras Patentes pro bono servitio
"quod dilectus Johannes Gardiner nobis impendit, et impen-
"det in futurum, concesserimus ei ballivam garenariæ de
"Sancto Albano, habendam ad totam vitam suam, eodem the bailli-
"modo quo Willelmus de la March defunctus eam, dum vixit, wick of the
"habuit de dono nostro; prout in litteris nostris prædictis warren at
"plenius continetur;—vobis mandamus quod ballivam præ- A.D. 1358.
"dictam, cum pertinentiis, præfato Johanni liberetis, habon-
"dum juxta tenorem litterarum nostrarum prædictarum. Teste
"meipso, apud Langle, tricesimo die Martii, anno regni nostri
"Angliæ tricesimo secundo, regni vero nostri Franciæ, decimo-
"nono."—Per breve de Privato Sigillo.

¹ A pun is here intended upon the name "Thomas" | "quodam auxilio quo Abbatem,"—
which words are run through with the pen.

² This word is followed by—"pro" | the pen.

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Item, alia Littera directa pro eodem.

A second
Letter, to
the same
effect,
A.D. 1358.

" Tres oher en Dieu.—Nous vous prions, que solonc la forme
" de noz mandementz autrefoitz a vous directz, vous veulliez
" receivre nostre bein amez vallet, Johan Gardiner, al office
" de garenner de Saint Auban, en mesme la manere come
" Mestre William de la March, qest a Dieu comande, avoit
" mesme la baillie avant ces heures; si que il ne soit plus
" delaiez en cele partie; ou autrement, si vous sentez
" ascune cause pur quei vous ne le deverez faire, a donquez
" nous signifiez mesme la cause, par voz lettres, et par le
" portour de cestez. Doun sous nostre Prive Seal, a West-
" moustre, le xiii jour d'Averil."

Littera Abbatis responsoria ad Litteras Regis.

Letter ex-
planatory
from the
Abbot,
asking to
be excused
therefrom,
A.D. 1358.

" Tresnoble et tresdote Seignour.—Purceo que vous moi
" mandastez par vous tresgraciousez lettres, que solonc la
" forme de voz mandementz autrefoitz a moi directz, que jeo
" receivroie vostre vallet, Johan Gardiner, al office de ga-
" renner de Seint Alban, en mesme la manere come Mestre
" William de la March, qest a Dieu comande, avoit mesme

[TRANSLATION.]

" Very dear in God.—We do pray you, that according to the
" form of our commandments formerly unto you directed,
" you will receive our well-beloved servant, John Gardiner,
" unto the office of warrener of Saint Alban's, in the same
" manner as Master William de la March, who has been
" taken unto God, had the same bailiwick heretofore; that
" so he may be no more delayed in this behalf; or other-
" wise, if you know of any cause for which you ought not
" to do it, then you will signify unto us the same cause, by
" your letters, and by the bearer hereof. Given under our
" Privy Seal, at Westminster, the thirteenth day of April."

" Most noble and most dread Lord.—Whereas you have
" commanded me by your most gracious letters, that accord-
" ing to the form of your commandments formerly unto me
" directed, I should receive your servant, John Gardiner,
" unto the office of warrener of Saint Alban's, in the same
" manner as Master William de la March, who has been

" la baillie avant ces heures ; ou autrement, si jeo avoie ascune
 " cause pur quei jeo ne le deveroie faire, que adonques vous
 " signifiereie mesme la cause par mez lettres, et par la portour
 " de vos tresgracieuses lettres avantditez :—plese a vostre tres-
 " gracieuse Seignourie entendre que le dit William navoit
 " unques la dite office de garenner, ne autre rien, forsque diz
 " livres, une robe, et une charette de fein, par an ; le queus
 " le dit William avoit par graunt dun de mez predecessours,
 " principalement pur son travaille et aide enfaite a lui et sa
 " meson en temps quant le debat estoit entre la ville de
 " Seint Alban et la meson avantdite ; et le plus corteise-
 " ment, par cause de vostre pere : quele chose nulle homme
 " unques avoit, forsque la dit William. Par quei, tresdote
 " Seignour, plese a vostre tresgracieuse et tresnoble Seig-
 " nurie, en oevere de charite, et pur les almes de vous pro-
 " genitours, considerant la cause susdite, et la petitesse des
 " possessions de vostre maison, les queus a peyne suffisent
 " a la sustinance de vous moignes, ovesques les chargez,
 " meschief, et ruines, les queus de jour en altre moi aveig-
 " nent, graunter que jeo soie descharges de vos mandementez

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" taken unto God, had the same bailiwick heretofore ; or
 " otherwise, if I should have any cause for which I ought
 " not so to do, that then I should signify unto you the same
 " cause by my letters, and by the bearer of your most
 " gracious letters aforesaid :—may it please your most gracious
 " Lordship to understand that the said William never had
 " the said office of warrener, or any other thing, save only
 " ten pounds, a gown, and a cart-load of hay, yearly ; the
 " which the said William had by grant of one of my pre-
 " decessors, principally for his trouble and the assistance
 " given therein unto him and his house at the time when the
 " strife existed between the town of Saint Alban's and the house
 " aforesaid ; and this the more courteously, because of your
 " father : the which thing no man ever had, save only the
 " said William. Wherefore, most dread Lord, may it please
 " your most gracious and most noble Lordship, as a work of
 " charity, and for the souls of your progenitors, considering
 " the cause aforesaid, and the smallness of the possessions of
 " your house, the which do hardly suffice for the sustenance
 " of your monks, together with the changes, mishap, and
 " damages, the which from one day to another are befalling
 " me, to grant that I may be discharged from your com-
 " mandments aforesaid. And, most dread Lord, may it please

Thomas, " susditz. Et, tresdote Seignour, plese a vostre tresgraciouslye
 30th " Seignurie entendre que jeo usse aproche vostre tresgraciouslye
 Abbot, " Seignurie, et desolarre tote la matire avantdite de bouche,
 A.D. " si jeo usse este de certain que ma presence ne ust este
 1349-96. " trove en offence nen desplesance de vostre tresnoble Seig-
 — " nourie; quele chose jeo doute souvereynement sour totes
 " choses terrenes. Tresgraciouslye, tresnoble, et tresdote Seig-
 " nour, jeo prie a la Sainte Trinite que vous ottroie la joie
 " perdurable, et vous doigne inspiracion del Seint Esprit,
 " que vous puissiez avoir pleine notice de la matire susdite.
 " Escrit a Seint Alban, le quinzime jour dAveril."

*Alia littera Regis, directa Abbati pro eadem
 materia.*

A third " Edward, *et cetera*, a nostre cher en Dieu, l'Abbe de Seint
 Letter from " Alban, salutz.—Nadgaires nous vous mandames par nous
 the King, " autres lettres, que vous deussetz faire avoir a nostre ame
 to the same " servaunt, Johan Gardiner, l'office de garenner de Seint
 effect as " Alban, pur terme de sa vie, en manere come William de
 before, " la March, qi mort est, lavoit a nostre envoy tantcome il
 A.D. 1358. " vesquist, solono le tenour de nous Lettres Patentes a lui en

" your most gracious Lordship to understand that I would
 " have approached your most gracious Lordship, and set
 " forth all the matter aforesaid by word of mouth, if I had
 " been certain that my presence would not have been found
 " offensive or displeasing to your most noble Lordship;
 " the which thing I dread supremely above all earthly things.
 " Most gracious, most noble, and most dread Lord, I pray
 " unto the Holy Trinity that it may grant you joy everlasting,
 " and may give you inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that you
 " may have full knowledge on the matter aforesaid. Given
 " at St. Alban's, the fifteenth day of April."

" Edward, etc., unto our beloved in God, the Abbot of Saint
 " Alban's, greeting.—Of late we have commanded you by
 " other our letters, that you were to let our beloved servant,
 " John Gardiner, have the office of warrener of Saint
 " Alban's, for the term of his life, in such manner as Wil-
 " liam de la Marche, who is dead, had it at our desire so
 " long as he lived, according to the tenor of our Letters

" faites : dont vous navetz riens volu faire uncore, a ce
 " que done nous est entendre. Si vous mandons derechief,
 " que vous facez avoir au dit Johan loffice avantdit solonc
 " le purport de nostre dit mandement; ou autrement, venes
 " cestes, facez monstrier par aucun de vous distinctement
 " devant nous, ou nostre Conseil, la cause pur quoy vous ne
 " le volez, ou ne le devez, faire, de reson; et ce ne lessez.
 " Donn souz nostre Prive Seal, a Mortelake, le xxviii. jour
 " dAveril, lan de nostre reigne dEngleterre trente seconde,
 " et de France disnoefisme."

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.

*Item, alia Littera Regis, directa Abbati pro eodem
 Johanne Gardiner.*

" Come nadgaires eussions grantez a nostre bien ame
 " Johan Gardiner loffice de garder vostre garenne de Seint
 " Alban, a avoir a terme de sa vie, en manere come Mestre
 " William de la March, qi est a Dieu comande, lavoit de
 " nostre grant, tantcome il vesquist; si come en nous Lettres
 " Patentes sur ce a lui faites est contenu plus au plein : et
 " la eyons entenduz que comment que devant ces hures nous

A fourth
 Letter from
 the King,
 to the same
 effect,
 A.D. 1358.

" Patent unto him made thereon; of the which you have been
 " willing to do nothing yet, as we are given to understand.
 " We do therefore command you again, that you cause the
 " said John to have the office aforesaid according to the
 " purport of our said commandment; or otherwise, upon sight
 " hereof, will cause to be shown by some one of you dis-
 " tinctly before us, or our Council, the cause for which you
 " do not wish, or ought not, to do this, of right; and this
 " omit not. Given under our Privy Seal, at Mortelake, the
 " twenty-eighth day of April, in the thirty-second year of our
 " reign in England, and in France the nineteenth."

" Whereas of late we had granted unto our well-beloved
 " John Gardiner the office of keeping your warren of Saint
 " Alban's, to hold for the term of his life, in manner as
 " Master William de la March, who has been taken unto God,
 " had it of our grant, so long as he lived; as in our Letters
 " Patent thereon unto him made is more fully contained: and
 " as we have understood that although heretofore we had

Thomas, " vous eons mandez, si bien par brefs ¹ de nostre Grant Seal,
 30th " come par diverse lettres de nostre Prive Seal, que vous
 Abbot, " feissiez avoir au dit Johan le dit office, solono le tenour de
 A.D. " nostre dit grant, ou que vous certefiassez la cause a nous
 1349-96. " et nostre Conseil pur quei vous ne vorriez, ou ne deveriez,
 — " a compler nous ditez mandementez; et puis eussiez envoie
 " par devers nous vostre Priour par la dite cause; le quel
 " nous feismes charger qil approchast devers nostre Conseil
 " a Londres, pur monstrier et declarer la dite matire; la
 " quele chose il nad volu faire, einez est returnez par
 " devers vous, a ce qil nous est dit:—Nous, nient voillantz
 " que nostre droit se perde par tielle manere, vous mandons
 " et chargeons que au dit Johan facez avoir le dit office,
 " solono le tenour de nostre grant susdite; ou autrement,
 " soietz devant nostre Conseil a Londres, a les Oytaves de la
 " Trinite procheyn avenir; pur monstrier illecoques pur quei
 " vous naves volu faire accomplissement de nous mandementz
 " avantditez, ou ne le deveriez faire de reson. Et oe ne
 " lessez, sur le peril qappent. Done sous nostre Prive Seal, a
 " Westminster, le xvii. jour de May."

" commanded you, as well by writs of our Great Seal, as by
 " divers letters of our Privy Seal, that you should cause the
 " said John to have the said office, according to the tenor of
 " our said grant, or that you should certify us and our
 " Council as to the cause for which you could not, or
 " ought not, to fulfil our said commandments; and then
 " had sent unto us your Prior for the said cause; whom we
 " caused to be charged to go unto our Council at London, to
 " shew and set forth the said matter; the which thing he has
 " not chosen to do, but has returned unto you, according as we
 " are told:—We, not wishing that our right shall be lost in
 " such manner, do command and charge you that you cause the
 " said John to have the said office, according to the tenor of
 " our grant aforesaid; or otherwise, be before our Council at
 " London, upon the Octaves of the Trinity next to come; to
 " shew there wherefore you have not been willing to make
 " fulfilment of our commandments aforesaid, or ought not to
 " do so of right. And this do not omit, on the peril that
 " pertains thereto. Given under our Privy Seal, at West-
 " minster, the seventeenth day of May."

¹ do in MS.

¹ *Responsio ad prædictas Regis Litteras.*

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"La ou nostre Seignour le Roy ad mande a l'Abbe de
"Seint Alban de receivre Johan le Gardiner a l'office de
"garenner de Seint Alban, a tenir a tote sa vie, en mesme
"la manere come Mestre William de la March, qest a Dieu
"comande, lavoit de doun nostre dit Seignour le Roy, tant
"come il vesquist; l'Abbe dit que le dit William de la
"March, ne nulle autre, unques avoit le dite office de doun
"nostre dit Seignour le Roy, ne de nulle de ses progeni-
"tours. Par quei le dit Abbe entend pas que nostre Seig-
"nour le Roy luy vuille en ceo cas charger."

Answer of
the Abbot
to the
King's
demands.

Declaratio juris Abbatis.

"Et a doner apert evidence que le response le dit Abbe
"est veritable, l'Abbe dit que l'office de garrenner si est une
"bailie: que le bailie—si nostre Seignour le Roy, ou nulle
"de ses progenitours, en aucun temps le dona a William de
"la March, ou a nulle autre, cest bayle lui serroit done par

Argument
in support
of the
Abbot's
rights.

"Whereas our Lord the King has commanded the Abbot
"of Saint Alban's to receive John le Gardiner to the office
"of warrenner of Saint Alban's, to hold for all his life, in the
"same manner as Master William de la March, who has been
"taken unto God, had it of our Lord the King, so long as
"he lived; the Abbot says that neither the said William de
"la March, nor any other, ever had the said office of the
"gift of our said Lord the King, or of any one of his pro-
"genitors. Wherefore the said Abbot does not apprehend
"that our Lord the King wishes in such case to charge him
"therewith."

"And to give open evidence that the answer of the said
"Abbot is truthful, the Abbot says that the office of war-
"renner is a bailiwick: that the bailiwick—if our Lord the
"King, or any one of his progenitors, at any time gave it to
"William de la March, or to any other person, such baili-

¹ *Responsio in MS.*

- Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. — Admission by the Council of the validity thereof.
- " Lettre Patente de nostre Seignour le Roy, ou de ses progenitours."
 " Sour quei, le Conseil nostre dit Seignour le Roy, vullauntz estre assertez, ajornerent le dit Abbe, et fierent sercher le Roules de la Chancellerie, et ne troessent nulle patent fait a dit William, ne a nulle autre, del office avant dit. Par quei il piert bien, que le dit William, ne nulle autre, unques avoit la dit office del donn nostre Seignour le Roy, ne de nulle de ses progenitours."

Alice evidencie pro Abbate..

- Further evidence in behalf of the Abbot.
- " Une autre aperte evidence yl yad, que le dit William navoit unkes la dit office de donn nostre Seignour le Roy, pur taunt que nostre dit Seignour le Roy, le unzime jour de Feverer lan de soun regne primer, par lettres souz soun Prive Seal, envoya a l'Abbe qi adonkes fuist, et lui priast qil veulleit granter a la dit William la baillie de forester et garrenner de la franchise de Seynt Albou; les queus lettres le dit Abbe ad monstre devant le Conseil nostre dit Seignour le Roy.
 " La copie des queus lettres ensuit:"—

" wick would be given to him by Letter Patent of our Lord the King, or of his progenitors."
 " Whereupon, the Council of our said Lord the King, wishing to be assured, adjourned the said Abbot, and caused the Rolls of the Chancery to be searched, and found no patent made to the said William, or to any other person, of the office aforesaid. Wherefore it appears clearly, that neither the said William, nor any other person, ever had the said office of the gift of our Lord the King, or of any one of his progenitors."

" Another clear evidence there is, that the said William never had the said office of the gift of our Lord the King, forasmuch as our said Lord the King, the eleventh day of February in the first year of his reign, by letters under his Privy Seal, sent to the Abbot who then was, and prayed him that he would grant unto the said William the bailiwick of forester and warrener of the liberty of Saint Alban's; the which letters the said Abbot has shown before the Council of our said Lord the King.
 " The copy of which letters follows:"—

*Littera missa Abbati et Conventui, ex parte Regis, pro
Willelmo de la Marche.*

Thomas,
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Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

“ Edward, par la grace de Dieu, Roy d’Engleterre, Seignour
“ d’Irland, et Ducs d’Aquitaine, a noz cheres en Dieu, Abbe
“ et Covent de Seint Auban, salut. Come pur le bon et
“ greable service que nostre cher serjant William de la
“ March, nostre keu, a nous ad faitz avant ces heures, et
“ forra en temps a venir, desiroms especialment de tote nostre
“ cuer son bien et avancement; vos prioms chèrement, que
“ a mesme celui William voillez graunter la baillie de forester
“ et garrenner de la franchise de Seint Alban, ensemblement
“ od covenable livereson pur son estat, et pur la sustenance
“ dun garsoun et de un chival, a receivre de vostre meson
“ a tote sa viè; et sur ceo lui faire aver voz lettres patentes
“ seales de vostre comune seal, en due forme, pur lamour
“ de nous; et nous vous en saveroms mult bon gre, et nous
“ vous serroms le plus gracios seignour, es choses que vous
“ purront toucher devers nous. Et par vous lettres, et par le
“ dit William, nous certifiez a que vous en averez fait. Doun
“ souz nostre Prive Seal, a Westmestre, le unzime jour de
“ Feverer, lan de nostre regne primer.”

Former
Letter from
the same
King,
asking for
the said
appoint-
ment as a
favour, and
not as a
right,
A.D. 1327.

“ Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of
“ Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to our dearly beloved in
“ God, the Abbot and Convent of Saint Alban’s, greeting.
“ Whereas for the good and pleasing service which our dear
“ servant William de la Marche, our cook, has done unto us here-
“ tofore, and will do in time to come, we do desire especially
“ with all our heart his good and advancement; we do
“ pray you heartily, that unto this same William you will grant
“ the bailiwick of forester and warrener of the liberty of
“ Saint Alban’s, together with a becoming allowance for his
“ estate, and for the support of a groom and of a horse, to
“ receive the same from your house for all his life; and will
“ make him have your letters patent thereupon, sealed with your
“ common seal, in due form, for the love of us; and we will
“ thank you very sincerely for the same, and we will be to
“ you the more gracious lord, in such things as may con-
“ cern you as regards ourselves. And by your letters, and
“ by the said William, certify us as to what you shall have
“ done thereupon. Given under our Privy Seal, at West-
“ minster, the eleventh day of February, the first year of our
“ reign.”

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. Refusal by the Convent of such request.

" Par les queus homme purra veer apertement que nostre
 " dit Seigneur le pria especialment pur la dit office; et par
 " tant piert bien qil navoit pas droitz a doner la dit office.
 " Sur queus lettres, l'Abbe qi adonk estoit, treta ovesqe soun
 " Covent en pleyn Chapitre, et ilez ne vuilleient graunter
 " les dites offices au dit William en nulle manere."

Liberata Willelmi de la Marcha.

Grant ultimately made to the King's nominee, not at the King's request, but for his great services to the Abbot and Convent, A.D. 1327.

" Et pur tant que le dit William avoit un annuyte de diz
 " liveres, une robe, et une charrette de feyn, par an, en la
 " meson le dit Abbe,—le dit Abbe est prest a declarer tote
 " la verite coment et par quele cause le dit William avoit
 " la dit annuyte. Et dit que a temps que nostre Seignour
 " le Roy envoya par ses lettres avantdites a soun predeces-
 " sours, le debat estoit entre la ville de Saint Auban et
 " l'abbeye; qar le debat comensast la Demaigne proscheyn
 " apres la Conversion Saint Poul, que estoit plues que une
 " sepmaine devant la date de les dites lettres. A quele
 " debat, le dit William vient a la foitz en ayde de la dit
 " Abbeye, ovesques quarante hommes, et a la foitz ovesques
 " quatre vingt bien araez. Sour quei l'Abbe qui adonques
 " estoit, et soun Covent, lui graunterent la dite annuyte; et

" By the which one may see clearly that our said Lord
 " begged him especially for the said office; and so far it
 " appears clearly that he had no right to give the said office.
 " Upon which letters, the Abbot who then was, treated with
 " his Convent in full Chapter, and they would not grant the
 " said offices to the said William in any manner."

" And forasmuch as the said William had an annuity of ten
 " pounds, a gown, and a cartload of hay, yearly, in the house
 " of the said Abbot,—the said Abbot is ready to declare all the
 " truth how and for what reason the said William had the
 " said annuity. And he says that at the time when our Lord
 " the King sent by his letters aforesaid to his predecessor,
 " strife existed between the town of Saint Alban's and the
 " Abbey; for such strife began on the Sunday next after the
 " Conversion of Saint Paul, which was more than a week
 " before the date of the said letters. Upon which strife, the
 " said William came at one time to the aid of the said Abbot
 " with forty men, and at one time with eighty well arrayed.
 " Whereupon, the Abbot who then was, and his Convent, granted

“ le dit William fuit sermentez en Chapitre destre feal
 “ a la meson, et qil par queounque partz les besoignes de
 “ mesme la meson a soun poar avancereit: de quele grant
 “ et serment une endenture estoit fait, dont lune partie,
 “ enseale du seal le dit William, estoit monstre par le dit
 “ Abbe devant le Conseil nostre Seignour le Roy; la copie de
 “ quele ensuit.—

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“ him the said annuity; and the said William was sworn in
 “ Chapter to be faithful to the house, and that he everywhere
 “ would to the best of his power advance the interests of the
 “ same house; of which grant and oath an indenture was
 “ made, of which one part, sealed with the seal of the said
 “ William, was shown by the said Abbot before the Council
 “ of our Lord the King; the copy of which follows:—

*Charta Abbatis et Conventus, facta Willelmo de le
 Marche de annua pensione.*

“ Pateat universis per præsentis, quod nos, Hugo, permissione
 “ divina, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci
 “ Conventus, unanimi assensu et voluntate dedimus et con-
 “ cessimus dilecto nobis in Christo, Willelmo de la Marche,
 “ de Watford, unam pensionem annuam decem librarum,
 “ quamdiu vixerit in habitu sæculari, in forma quæ sequitur
 “ percipiendam;—videlicet, ad quatuor anni terminos usuales,
 “ pro æqualibus portionibus, de Camera Abbatis, qui pro
 “ tempore fuerit, persolvendam. Dedimus etiam eidem, et
 “ concessimus, unam robam, cum furrura competenti, de secta
 “ armigerorum dicti Abbatis, annuatim contra Nativitatem
 “ Domini, et unam carectam feni de tractu trium equorum,
 “ de manerio nostro de Crokeslee percipiendam. Et idem
 “ Willelmus juravit, tactis Sacrosanctis Evangeliiis, quod fidelis
 “ erit nobis et monasterio nostro antedicto, et secreta nostra
 “ celabit, et negotia domus nostræ ubique pro viribus pro-
 “ movebit. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum domus nostræ
 “ commune, et sigillum dicti Abbatis, una cum sigillo dicti
 “ Willelmi, huic scripto indentato alternatim sunt appensa.
 “ Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, die Sancti Valentini Mar-
 “ tyris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo 'sexto.’”

Copy of
 the grant
 so made
 by Abbot
 Hugh and
 the Con-
 vent,
 A.D. 1327.

¹ 1326 being the then legal year, down to the 25th of March (1327).

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Force of
the evi-
dence
adduced
by the
Abbot.

Continuatio materie prænотата.

"Les queus matires proevent le response le dit Abbe
" veritable; et les queus sont choses de record, a les queus
" homme dorra greindre foy et credence, que ne ferra a la
" simple informacioun de dit ¹ Johan, ou dascuny nemye bien
" vuillant a la meson suadite."

"The which matters prove the answer of the said Abbot
" to be true; and the which are things of record, to the
" which one will give greater faith and credence, than will
" be done to the simple information of the said John, or
" of any one not a well-wisher to the house aforesaid."

Continuatio, et Conclusio materie prænотата.

Conclusion
in favour
of Abbot
Thomas,
the man-
date being
withdrawn.

Et postmodum, ad prosecutionem Abbatis et Con-
ventus de Sancto Albano, Domino Regi factam, quod
prædictus Willelmus de la March, seu aliquis alius,
ballivam prædictam de dono dicti Domini Regis, vel
alicujus prædecessorum suorum, non habuit: sed quod
eadem balliva semper in manibus ipsorum Abbatis et
Conventus remansit, per certum ballivum suum, per
ipsos Abbatem et Conventum ad hoc deputandum, ad
voluntatem ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus, custodienda;
petendo dictas litteras revocari, quia, nec per scrutinium
Rotulorum Cancellariæ dicti Domini Regis, nec per
examinationem hominum de patria, qui propter hoc,
ad petitionem dicti Johannis, coram Consilio ejusdem
Domini Regis vocati fuerant, est compertum quod
Dominus Rex, aut aliquis progenitorum suorum, balli-
vam prædictam præfato Willelmo, seu alicui alii, dedit
vel concessit; nec dictus Johannes quicquam dixit nec
ostendit, aut dicere vel ostendere scivit, pro jure Regis

¹ This and the next word are | the margin, in a later hand.
omitted in the text; but supplied in |

in hac parte, litteræ prædictæ restituuntur, cancel-
lantur, et damnantur, jure dicti Domini Regis in
omnibus semper salvo.

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Introductio materiæ subscriptæ.

Eo tempore, laudabili sollicitudine Domini Thomæ A Corrody,
Abbatis, volentis finem ponere servituti, Rex quietum claimed by
clamavit et relaxavit corrodium, quod ratione patrona- the King,
tus vendicavit dare alicui de suis, pro certis terris released
sibi concessis in villa de Langley Regis per Abbatem for certain
et Conventum; cujus indenturæ tenor sequitur, in hæc lands,
verba.— granted by
the Abbot
and Con-
vent,
A.D. 1364.

*Scriptum de quodam Corrodio per Reges Angliæ
exacto, pro quibusdam terris, industria præfati
Abbatis commutato.*

" Cette indenture, faite entre le tresexcellent Prince, nostre Form of
" Seignour le Roy ¹ Edward, apres le Conquest Tierce, dune the release.
" part, et Thomas, l'Abbe de Saint Auban, et le Covent de mesme
" l'Abbeie, dautre part, tesmoigne que, come la dit Abbeie
" de Saint Auban soyt de la fundacion des progenitours nostre
" dit Seignour le Roy, et de soun propre patronage; et
" par celle cause nostre dit Seignour le Roy cleime davoir
" en mesme l'Abbeie une corrodie pur un de soens a touz

[TRANSLATION.]

" This indenture, made between the most excellent Prince,
" our Lord the King Edward, after the Conquest the Third, of
" the one part, and Thomas, Abbot of Saint Alban's, and the
" Convent of the same Abbey, of the other part, witnesseth
" that, whereas the said Abbey of Saint Alban's is of the
" foundation of the progenitors of our said Lord the King,
" and of his own patronage; and for this reason our said Lord
" the King claims to have in the same Abbey a corrody for

¹ This, and the four following | supplied in the margin, in another
words are omitted in the text; but | hand.

Thomas, " jours, qi prendra a tant come moigne de mesme la meson ;
 30th " par quoi nostre dit Seignour le Roy nadgairs 'envoia par
 Abbot, " brief de son Grant Seal a Richard, jady's Abbe de mesme
 A.D. " labbeie, de granter une sustenance a une Isabelle atte Helde,
 1849-96. " a terme de sa vie, quele sustenance a nostre dit Seignour
 " le Roy devoit appartenir, come de soun droit de foundour :
 " la quele a celle sustenance, come en le droit nostre
 " Seignour le Roy, fut recieut tote sa vie ; et puis, apres la
 " mort la dite Isabelle, au mandement nostre dit Seignour le
 " Roy, autrele sustenance estoit graunte a un Robert Albyn,
 " a terme de sa vie, par le dit Richard Abbe et soun Covent ;
 " apres nostre dit Seignur le Roy recitant en ses lettres et
 " briefs mandez a dite Richard Abbe, contenanttes coment
 " nostre dit Seignur le Roy avoit grante mesme la sustenance
 " a un Hughe Treganon devant soun dit graunt fait au dit
 " Robert, et qil avoit repelle le grant fait au dit Robert en
 " celle partie, mesme la sustenance estoit grante au dit
 " Hughe a terme de sa vie ; et apres le deces le dit Hughe,
 " autiele sustenance estoit grante a un Wauter de Denham,

" one of his people for ever, who shall take as much as a
 " monk of the same house ; by reason whereof our said Lord
 " the King sent lately by writ of his Great Seal to Richard,
 " formerly Abbot of the same Abbey, to grant a provision for
 " one Isabel atte Helde, for the term of her life, which pro-
 " vision ought to pertain unto our said Lord the King, as of his
 " right as founder : the which woman was unto such provision
 " received, for the whole of her life, as in the right of our Lord
 " the King : and then, after the death of the said Isabel, at
 " the command of our said Lord the King, the like provision
 " was granted to one Robert Albyn, for the term of his life,
 " by the said Abbot Richard and his Convent ; after which, our
 " said Lord the King reciting in his letters and writs sent to
 " the said Abbot Richard, containing how that our said Lord
 " the King had granted the same provision to one Hugh
 " Treganon before his said grant made to the said Robert,
 " and that he had repealed the grant made to the said
 " Robert in this behalf, the same provision was granted to
 " the said Hugh for the term of his life ; and after the
 " decease of the said Hugh, the like provision was granted
 " to one Walter de Denham, for the term of his life, at the

¹ *envoia* in MS.

" a terme de sa vie, al envoie de nostre dit Seignur le Roy,
 " ent fait a un Michel, jadys Abbe de mesme l'Abbeie; et
 " apres la mort le dit Wauter, mesme la sustenance estoit
 " grante par le dit Thomas, ore Abbe, et le Covent
 " de mesme le lieu, a un Henri de Burton, al envoie de
 " nostre dit Seignur le Roy; et apres la mort le dit Henry,
 " au mandement nostre dit Seignour le Roy, en reçu, un
 " Wyliam Cheupayn, autrement dit 'Robert Fool,' a la dite
 " sustenance, come en le droit nostre Seignur le Roy,
 " patron et fondour del Abbeye avantdite;—nostre dit
 " Seignur le Roy, pur diverses terres en Abbotes
 " Langeleye, les queux les ditez Abbe et Covent ont
 " grante a mesme nostre Seignur le Roy en recompensation
 " de la dit corrodie, en manere come ensuira, ad relesee
 " et quiteclame, pur lui et pur ses heirs, as ditz Abbe
 " et Covent, et lour successours, la dite corrodie, et tout
 " le droit et cleyrn qil ad, ou il et ses progenitours avoient,
 " ou il et ses heirs en auscune manere, par cause de fun-
 " dacion et patronage, ou possession, purroient avoir en la dite
 " corrodie ou sustenance en la dit Abbeie, devers la dite Abbe
 " et Covent, et lour successours, a touz jours. Et voet et

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" request of our said Lord our King, made thereupon to one
 " Michael, formerly Abbot of the same Abbey; and after the
 " death of the said Walter, the same provision was granted
 " by the said Thomas, then Abbot, and the Convent of the
 " same place, to one Henry de Burton, at the request of our
 " said Lord the King; and after the death of the said Henry,
 " at the command of our said Lord the King, received thereon,
 " one William Cheupayn, otherwise called 'Robert Fool,' [was
 " received] to the said provision, as in the right of our Lord
 " the King, patron and founder of the Abbey aforesaid:—our
 " said Lord the King, for divers lands in Abbot's Langley, the
 " which the said Abbot and Convent have granted to the same
 " our Lord the King in recompense for the said corrody, in man-
 " ner as will follow, has released and quitclaimed for himself
 " and for his heirs, unto the said Abbot and Convent, and their
 " successors, the said corrody, and all the right and claim that
 " he has, or he and his progenitors had, or he and his heirs in
 " any manner, by reason of foundation and patronage, or posses-
 " sion, might have in the said corrody or provision in the said
 " Abbey, as against the said Abbot and Convent, and their
 " successors, for ever. And he doth will and grant, for

Thomas, " graunte, pur lui et pur ses heirs, que les dite Abbe et
 30th " Covent, ou lour successours en temps avenir, ne soient
 Abbot, " chargez apres la mort le dit William Cheupayn, autrement
 A.D. " dit 'Robert Fool,' de la corrodie et sustenance avantdites;
 1349-96. " ne que il ne ses heirs purroient avoir droit, action, ne
 " chalange, devers les ditz Abbe et Covent, par reson ou
 " colour de la corrodie ou sustenance avanditz, en nulle temps
 " avenir. Et voet et grante nostre dit Seignour le Roy, qe
 " ceste relees, quitecleime, et pardon, tiegnent force et effecte en
 " touz pointz, nient contresteaunt que proces par brief de '*Ad*
 " '*quod damnum*' nest mie suy sur ceste matire, ne mesme nos-
 " tre Seignour le Roy meut en fourme de son droit ou damage
 " en celle partie. Mais il le fait de certeine science, et de
 " meere et de franche volente, et pur les terres a lui par les
 " ditz Abbe et Covent issint donz. Et lavantdit Abbe et son
 " Covent, pur les avanditz relees, et quitecleimes, et des-
 " charges, ont done et grante a nostre dit Seignur le Roy,
 " et a ses heirs a touz jours, la fossee, et le haye, qest entre
 " le park nostre dit Seignur le Roy de Langleye, et les
 " champs les avantditz Abbe et Covent appellz '*Wodefeld*' et

" himself and for his heirs, that the said Abbot and Convent, or
 " their successors in time to come, shall not be charged after
 " the death of the said William Cheupayn, otherwise called
 " 'Robert Fool,' with the corrody and provision aforesaid;
 " and that neither he nor his heirs may have right, action, or
 " challenge, as against the said Abbot and Convent, by reason
 " or colour of the corrody or provision aforesaid, at any time
 " to come. And our said Lord the King doth will and grant,
 " that this release, quitclaim, and pardon, shall hold force and
 " effect in all points, notwithstanding that process of writ of
 " *Ad quod damnum* has not been sued upon this matter, or that
 " the same our Lord the King does not move in form of his
 " right or of damages in this behalf. But he does this of his
 " certain knowledge, and of his mere and free will, and for
 " the lands unto him by the said Abbot and Convent so given.
 " And the aforesaid Abbot and his Convent, for the aforesaid
 " release, and quitclaims, and discharges, have given and
 " granted unto our said Lord the King, and to his heirs for
 " ever, the foss, and the hedge, which is between the park of
 " our said Lord the King at Langleye, and the fields of the
 " aforesaid Abbot and Convent called '*Wodefeld*' and '*Whip-*

" 'Whippedene'; le queux fossee et haye sestendent del haie
 " le dit champ, appelle 'Whippedene,' en le West, tanques a
 " la fossee nostre dit Seignur le Roy de dit park, vers le
 " Est; et contient en longure deux centz vint et quatre
 " perches et demy, deux pees et le quarte partie dune pee,
 " mesures par la verge de sesze pees et demy. Et auxint,
 " ont grante a nostre dit Seignur le Roy touz les terres en
 " Langeleye de novel enclosez par nostre dit Seignur le Roy
 " de paly: dount le paly de part le South de mesme lenclos
 " comence al eawe de Gateseie encontre langle de park nostre
 " dit Seignur de Langleye, auncienement enclos, et sestent
 " vers le Est tanques a une marler en le chaump appelle 'Wa-
 " 'terfeld'; et contient en longure quarant perches et unsze
 " pees, mesurez par la perche susdite; et de la dite marler
 " le dit paly sestent vers le Northe, pres del haie del haut
 " estree que sestent de Watford vers Berkhamstede, tanques a
 " un croft appelle 'Briorscroft'; et contient en longure deux
 " centz et vint et quatre perches, mesurez par la perche sus-
 " dite; et de mesme la croft, vers le West, tanques al eawe

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" 'pedene'; the which foss and hedge extend from the hedge
 " of the said field, called 'Whippedene,' towards the West,
 " as far as the foss of our said Lord the King belonging to
 " the said park, towards the East; and contain in length 224
 " perches and a half, two feet and the fourth part of one foot,
 " measured by the ¹rod of 16 feet and a half. And also, they
 " have granted unto our said Lord the King all the lands in
 " Langleye of late enclosed by our said Lord the King with
 " palings: of which the palings on the South side of the same
 " enclosure begin at the water of Gateseie over against the
 " corner of the park of our said Lord the King at Langleye,
 " of old enclosed, and extend towards the East as far as a
 " marl-pit in the field called 'Waterfeld'; and contain in
 " length forty perches and eleven feet, measured by the perch
 " aforesaid; and from the said marl-pit the said palings extend
 " towards the North, near to the hedge of the high road which
 " extends from Watford towards Berkhamstede, as far as a
 " croft called 'Briorscroft'; and contain in length 224 perches,
 " measured by the perch aforesaid; and from the same croft,
 " towards the West, as far as the water of Gateseye aforesaid,

¹ Or pole, or perch.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-98. " de Gateseye susdite; et contient en longure quarant perches
 " et unsze pees, mesurez par la perche susdite: sauuant tote-
 " foitz as dites Abbe et Covent, et lour successours, toutes
 " lour seignuries, droitz, et franchises, en toutes les terres et
 " lieux hors de lenelos susdite, en manere come ils les avoient
 " devant la fesaunce dicestes. En tesmoignance de quele
 " chose, a lune partie de ceste endenture, demurant vers les
 " ditz Abbe et Covent, nostre dit Seignur le Roi ad fait
 " mettre soun Graunt Seal; et a lautre partie de mesme ceste
 " endenture, demurant vers nostre dite Seignur le Roy, les
 " ditz Abbe et Covent ount mys lour Commune Seal. Ces tes-
 " moignes, Monsire Johan atte Lee, Monsire Edward de Ken-
 " dale, Monsire Edward Fitz-Simond, Monsire Thomas atte
 " Hoo, Monsire Johan Bassyngborne, Thomas Fitlyng, Rauf
 " Cressy, Johan Somersham, et autres. Doun a Weymoustre,
 " le xiiii. jour de Feverer, lan du regne nostre dit Seignur
 " le Roy trente et oettisme."

" and contain in length forty perches and eleven feet, mea-
 " sured by the perch aforesaid: saving always unto the said
 " Abbot and Convent, and their successors, all their lordships,
 " rights, and franchises, in all the lands and places without
 " the enclosure aforesaid, in manner as they had before the
 " making hereof. In witness whereof, to the one part of this in-
 " denture, remaining with the said Abbot and Convent, our said
 " Lord the King has had set his Great Seal; and to the other
 " part of this same indenture, remaining with our said Lord the
 " King, the said Abbot and Convent have set their Common
 " Seal. These being witnesses, Messire John atte Lee, Messire
 " Edward de Kendale, Messire Edward Fitz-Simond, Messire
 " Thomas atte Hoo, Messire John Bassyngborne, Thomas Fit-
 " lyng, Ralph Cressy, John Somersham, and others. Given
 " at Westminster, the fourteenth day of February, in the
 " thirty-eighth year of the reign of our said Lord the King."

Introductio materiæ subscriptæ.

Consequenter eo tempore convenit Abbas cum Rege
 de pensione centum solidorum concedendorum uni de
 clericis Regis in nova creatione Abbatis cujuslibet sub-
 trahenda, sub hac forma.—

*Scriptum de quadam pensione, de Monasterio Sancti
Albani per Reges Angliæ ¹ exacta, pro ² advoca-
tione Ecclesiæ de Duchet ³ permutata.*

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"Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
"Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentēs litteræ pervenerint, A yearly
"salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos, et progenitores nostri, payment
"quondam Reges Angliæ, a tempore quo non extat memoria, of 100
"semper hactenus habuerimus, et de jure nostro regio habere, shillings,
"consueverimus, in singulis novis creationibus Abbatum de granted on
"Sancto Albano, qui pro tempore fuerunt, jus nominandi cui- the crea-
"libet Abbati, de novo sic creato, unum clericum ad quamdam tion of
"annuam pensionem centum solidorum, sibi per hujusmodi each new
"Abbatem, de novo creatum, et Conventum ejusdem loci, per Abbot, to
"litteras suas patentes ⁴ communi sigillo suo signatas, conce- a clerk
"dendam, de domo prædicta singulis annis percipiendam, nominated
"usque hujusmodi clerico de beneficio ecclesiastico, quod by the
"duceret acceptandum, per eosdem Abbatem et Conventum King, ex-
"esset provisum:—Nos, pro eo quod dilectus nobis in Christo changed
"Thomas, nunc Abbas loci prædicti, et ejusdem loci Conven- for the
"tus, dederunt nobis, et concesserunt, pro se et successoribus adwoson
"suis, advocacionem Ecclesiæ de Duchet, quæ est de patro- of the
"natu suo, habendam et tenendam nobis et hæredibus nostris Church of
"futuris, regibus Angliæ, in perpetuum, in escambium pro Duchet,
"pensione supradicta, volentes ipsorum nunc Abbatis et A.D. 1350.
"Conventus, ac successorum suorum, ne domus sua supradicta
"de hujusmodi pensione de cætero oneretur, seu quod ipsi
"nunc Abbas et Conventus, aut successores sui, occasione
"hujusmodi nominationis, prætextu novæ creationis nunc Ab-
"batis loci illius, seu alicujus successorum suorum, Abbatum
"ejusdem loci, de cætero inquietentur seu molestentur, aut
"quomodolibet prægraventur, securitati et quieti, prout con-
"venit, providere, remisimus et perdonavimus, pro nobis et
"hæredibus nostris, eisdem nunc Abbati et Conventui ejusdem
"loci, et eorum successoribus in perpetuum, pro advocacione
"ecclesiæ prædictæ, omne jus quod nos vel antecessores nostri
"hactenus habuimus, seu nos vel hæredes nostri de cætero
"habere poterimus, in nominatione, concessione, seu solutione
"hujusmodi pensionis alicui de clericis nostris, vel hæredum

¹ exacte in MS.

² Omitted in the text, but supplied
in the margin, in another hand.

³ permutate in MS.

⁴ comuni in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. " nostrorum, ratione novæ creationis alicujus Abbatis loci
 " supradicti; volentes et concedentes, pro nobis et hæredibus
 " nostris, quod prædictus Abbas nunc, seu Conventus ejusdem
 " loci, ratione novæ creationis ipsius Abbatis nunc, seu suc-
 " cessores sui, qui pro tempore erunt, ratione hujusmodi
 " novæ creationis alicujus futuri Abbatis domus prædictæ, de
 " pensione hujusmodi alicui clericorum ipsorum vel hæredum
 " nostrorum de cætero concedenda vel solvenda, nullatenus
 " onerentur; sed quod inde in perpetuum sint quieti, et peni-
 " tus exonerati; et quod ad rogatum nostrum, seu nomina-
 " tionem nostram, vel hæredum ipsorum, dicti Abbas et
 " Conventus, seu successores sui, hujusmodi pensionem, ratione
 " hujusmodi novæ creationis alicujus Abbatis loci prædicti,
 " cuicumque de clericis nostris, vel hæredum nostrorum, de
 " cætero concedere velolvere nullatenus teneantur. In cujus
 " rei testimonium, has Litteras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste
 " meipso, apud Westmonasterium, quinto die Maii, anno regni
 " nostri Angliæ vicesimo quarto, regni vero nostri Franciæ
 " undecimo."

*Charta Regis de perdonatione transgressionum, et
 licentia dimittendi ad firmam.*

Charter, granting pardon to the Abbot and Convent for making certain grants and leases, and enabling them to cultivate and let their waste lands, A.D. 1347. " Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, ¹ [et]
 " Dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentēs litteræ per-
 " venerint, salutem. Supplicarunt nobis dilecti nobis in Christo
 " Abbas et Conventus de Sancto Albano, ut cum ipsi, et qui-
 " dam prædecessorum suorum, diversas terras et tenementa
 " ejusdem Abbathiæ, cum pertinentiis, quibusdam tenentibus,
 " tam ad terminum vite quam alio modo, pro vero valore
 " eorundem, dictis Abbati et Conventui, et successoribus suis,
 " annuatim reddendo, concesserint et dimiserint, velimus trans-
 " gressiones in hac parte factas perdonare, et concessionēs ac
 " dimissiones per prædictos Abbatem et Conventum, et præde-
 " cessores suos, in hac parte factas, acceptare, ratificare, et
 " confirmare; necnon ulterius concedere, quod iidem Abbas
 " et Conventus, et successores sui prædicti, de vastis suis se
 " appruare, et vasta illa, necnon terras et tenementa dictæ
 " Abbathiæ, in manibus dictorum Abbatis et Conventus adhuc
 " existentia, tenentibus ea ab eis recipere volentibus, ad ter-

¹ Omitted in MS.

“minum vitæ, vel alio modo, pro vero valore dictis Abbati et
 “Conventui, et successoribus suis prædictis, annuatim inde
 “reddendo, concedere possint, et dimittere, ad maiorem utili-
 “tatem domus memoratæ:—Nos, pro eo quod per Inquisi-
 “tionem quam per dilectum et fidelem nostrum Johannem
 “de Coggeshale, Escaetorem nostrum in Comitatu Hertfordiæ,
 “fieri fecimus, est compertum quod non est ad damnum nec
 “præjudicium nostrum, aut aliorum, si supplicationi dictorum
 “Abbatis et Conventus annuamus in hac parte, pro eo quod
 “idem Abbas et Conventus mille marcas per Litteras nostras
 “Patentes nobis et hæredibus nostris solvere tenentur pro
 “qualibet vacatione Abbathiæ supradictæ, necnon pro decem
 “marcis quas præfati Abbas et Conventus nobis solvent,
 “transgressionem in hac parte factas perdonantes, concessionem
 “et dimissiones prædictas, sic per ipsos jam factas, quantum
 “in nobis est, acceptamus, ratificamus, et confirmamus.
 “Concessimus etiam, et licentiam dedimus, pro nobis et hære-
 “dibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, eisdem Abbati et
 “Conventui, quod ipsi de vastis suis prædictis se appruare,
 “et tam vasta illa quam alia terras et tenementa sua, in
 “manibus suis jam existentia, certis tenentibus ea ab eis
 “recipere volentibus pro vero valore inde eisdem Abbati et
 “Conventui, et successoribus suis prædictis, annuatim red-
 “dendo ad terminum vitæ, vel alio modo, prout eorundem
 “placuerit voluntati, concedere possint, et dimittere, pro
 “majori utilitate domus suæ supradictæ: et eisdem tenen-
 “tibus, quod ipsi vasta, terras, et tenementa hujusmodi, ab
 “eisdem Abbate et Conventu, et successoribus suis, recipere
 “possint, et tenere, in forma prædicta, sine occasione vel
 “impedimento nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum, Justiciariorum,
 “Escaetorum, Vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu
 “ministorum nostrorum quorumcunque. Ita tamen, quod
 “appruatio illa non fiat contra formam Statuti inde editi et
 “provisi; et salva semper nobis et hæredibus nostris custodia
 “terrarum et tenementorum per ipsos a tempore confectionis
 “litterarumstrarum prædictarum perquisitorum, si quæ
 “fuerint, necnon per ipsos et successores suos prædictos
 “exnunc perquirendorum, singulis vacationibus ejusdem Ab-
 “bathiæ, prout decet. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras
 “nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste Leonello, filio nostro
 “carissimo, Custode Angliæ, apud Redyng, vicesimo die
 “Martii, anno regni nostri Angliæ ¹vicesimo primo, regni
 “vero nostri Franciæ octavo.”

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 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.

¹ This document belongs to the time of Abbot Michael Mentmore.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. *Littera Regis de licentia firmandi Abbathiam, et*¹ [*ad*] *kernallandum.*

Licence granted to crenellate the Abbey of Saint Alban's, A.D. 1357. "Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos præsentēs litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali concessimus, et licentiam dedimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo Abbati et Conventui de Sancto Albano, quod ipsi mansum Abbathiæ prædictæ, sive eandem Abbathiam, muro de petra et calce firmare et kernellare, et mansum illud, sic firmatum et kernellatam, sive dictam Abbathiam, sic firmatam et kernellatam, tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum, aut ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque. In cuius rei testimonium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Wodestoke, septimo-decimo die Junii, anno regni nostri Angliæ tricesimo primo, regni vero nostri Franciæ decimo-octavo."

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Attempts of the Bishops of England to molest the exempts in their Dioceses.

Temporibus Abbatis Thomæ, de quo nunc agitur, Episcopi totius regni, qui proprias personas privilegiare vel eximere a suorum Archiepiscoporum jurisdictione non verentur, infesti præcipue locis exemptis, cum clerus concessisset subsidium quoddam Regi, decreverunt idem Episcopi infestare exemptos, vel molestare, qui in eorum² Diocesisibus extiterunt, et imponere eis jugum novum et insuetum, ut essent collectores subsidii supradicti; quod eis nullo modo licebat, inconsultis superioribus eorundem.

Henry le Spenser, Bishop of Norwich, attempts

Episcopus ergo Norwicensis, Dominus⁴ Henricus le Spenser, qui et junior erat, et effrenatior, in Priorem de Wymundham decrevit experiri vires suas, et eis imposuit onus tantæ sollicitudinis. Sed Abbas, ne

¹ Omitted in MS.

² *Eximere* is repeated before this word in the MS.

³ *Diocesisibus* in MS.

⁴ Bishop of Norwich, A.D. 1370-1406.

Episcopus suis gaudere posset inceptis, mox eundem Priorem ad Monasterium revocavit; Prior vero gaudenter jussis Abbatis paruit, et Monasterii Archidiaconus est effectus. Cujus nomen "Nicolaus de Rad-clif" fuerat; qui etiam in Theologia Doctor fuit.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.
—
to molest
the Prior
of Wy-
mundham.

*Quomodo Episcopus Norwycensis nitebatur facere
¹Priorem de Wymundham collectorem ¹decimarum; et de laudabili sollicitudine Abbatis,
Episcopi propositum enervantis.*

Facta quadam Convocatione Prælatorum et cleri Cantuariensis Provinciæ, in Ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniæ, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo, concessum erat quoddam subsidium ab eodem clero Regi nostro Ricardo, pro salvatione et defensione regni sui Angliæ, ac Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, de singulis personis ecclesiasticis, exemptis et non exemptis, taxatis beneficiis et non taxatis, et cætera, prout inferius plenius continetur. Idemque Rex et Dominus noster Litteras suas transmisit Patentes venerabili patri Episcopo Norwicenci, sicut et cæteris Prælati regni sui, quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero suæ ²Diocesis ad dictum subsidium levandum faceret assignari; sub eo, quo sequitur, tenore.—

Grant of a
subsidy by
the Clergy
of the Pro-
vince of
Canter-
bury to
King Ri-
chard II.,
A.D. 1380.

Breve Regis.

"Rex venerabili in Christo Patri, H[enrico,] eadem gratia, Letters
"Episcopo Norwicensi, salutem. Cum vos ac cæteri Prælati, Patent to
"et totus clerus, Cantuariensis Provinciæ, in ultima Convo- the Bishop
"catione cleri, in Ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniæ, die Mer- of Norwich,
"curii, videlicet, ultimo die Februarii ultimo præterito facta, the due

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in the margin, in another hand.

² Diocesis in MS.

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“ pro nostra regia benevolentia captanda et cætera — *juxta formam communem*. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestræ ¹Diocesis, pro quibus respondere volueritis, ad dictum subsidium in dicta vestra ¹Diocesi, juxta formam concessionis prædictæ levandum et colligendum, prout moris est, assignari faciatis; ipsos viros per eorum sacramenta districte onerantes ad fidem collectionem dicti subsidii, nemini parcendo, faciendum; ita quod de subsidio citra terminos prædictos, vel in eisdem terminis ad ultra, fideliter respondeatis; et vos Thesaurarium et Barones de Scaccario nostro de nominibus eorum quos ad hoc deputaveritis citra festum Sancti Gregorii proximo futurum distincte et aperte certificetis; et hoc, sicut nos et honorem nostrum, ac salvationem ecclesiæ et regni prædictorum, diligitis, nullatenus omitatis. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, et cætera.”

Continuatio.

The Bishop orders the Prior of Wymundham to make the collection.

Qui quidem Episcopus, vigore dicti brevis regii, Priorem Ecclesiæ de Wymundham ad dictum subsidium levandum et colligendum, infra Archidiaconatus suos Norwici et Northfolchiæ, per litteras suas patentes deputavit et assignavit, et nomen ejus Thesaurario et Baronibus de Scaccario certificavit.

The Abbot of St. Alban's removes the Prior from his office, and asserts that he is exempt from the Bishop's jurisdiction.

Primo termino solutionis adveniente, exivit unum “Distringas” Vicecomitis contra dictum Priorem, ad distringendum ipsum pro non-solutione dicti subsidii: et subsequenter religiosus vir, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, coram Magno Consilio Regis comparuit, suggerens quod dictum Priorem a Prioratu prædicto, ad libitum voluntatis suæ, juxta privilegia ei et suo Monasterio a Sede Apostolica indulta poterit ²amovere, et sic ³amobilis et dativus suus existit; et quod dictus Prior et Prioratus prædictus ab omni sua et alterius cujuscunque jurisdictione ordinaria penitus sunt exempti. Quare auctoritate dictorum privilegiorum ipsum

¹ *Diocesis, Diocesi*, in MS.

² *ammovere* in MS.

³ *ammobilis* in MS.

Priorem ad monasterium suum revocavit, et in Archidiaconatum suum præfecit et creavit.

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80th
Abbot,
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Et sic mota ex hiis inter dictas partes coram Consilio Regis controversia non modica, ac volens illustrissimus Dominus noster, Rex Angliæ Ricardus, de dicto subsidio suo, juxta concessionem prædictam, citra terminos prædictos, vel in eisdem, prout decet, ¹ responderi, misit litteras suas iterato, magis arctiores, prædicto Episcopo, pro dicto subsidio levando; sub eo, quo sequitur, tenore.—

The Bishop
is again
enjoined to
see that
due collec-
tion is
made of the
subsidy.

*Breve Regis secundum, directum Episcopo
Norwycensi.*

“ Rex venerabili in Christo patri, H[enrico], eadem gratia, A second
“ Episcopo Norwicensi, salutem. Cum sexto die Martii mandate to
“ proxime præterito per breve nostrum vobis mandaverimus the Bishop
“ quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestræ ² Diocesis, to that
“ pro quibus respondere ³ velitis, ad subsidium nobis per vos effect.
“ ac cæteros Prælatos, ac clerum Cantuariensis Provinciæ in
“ ultima Convocatione ejusdem, in Ecclesia Sancti Pauli
“ Londoniis facta, in auxilium expensarum quas circa salva-
“ tionem et defensionem regni nostri Angliæ, ac Ecclesiæ
“ Anglicanæ, necessario nos facere oportebit, concessum de
“ singulis personis ecclesiasticis, exemptis, videlicet, et non
“ exemptis, ac de beneficiis, taxatis et non taxatis, et de
“ advocatis, notariis, procuratoribus, et registrariis, dictæ
“ vestræ ⁴ Diocesis, levandum et colligendum; et nobis inde
“ ad festum Ascensionis Domini, et Nativitatis Sancti Jo-
“ hannis Baptistæ, extunc proximo sequens, juxta formam
“ concessionis ejusdem subsidii, fideliter respondendum, prout
“ fieri est consuetum, assignari faceretis; ac Thesaurarium
“ et Barones nostros de Scaccario de nominibus eorum quos
“ ad hoc deputaveritis citra certum terminum, jam præteri-
“ tum, certificaretis, prout in brevi nostro prædicto plenius
“ continetur. Et licet quamplures Abbates, Priores, et alii

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in the margin in another hand.

² Diocesis in MS.

³ velitis in MS.

⁴ Diocesis in MS.

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“ viri ecclesiastici, ad hoc in vestra ¹Diocesi satis sufficientes,
“ et vestræ jurisdictioni mere subjecti, fuerint, vos tamen,
“ illis omissis, Priorem Prioratus de Wymundham, qui est
“ dativus, et Oella Abbatis Sancti Albani, Curie Romanæ,
“ cum omnibus Cellis eidem pertinentibus, immediate sub-
“ jecti, et ab omni vestra et alia quacunque jurisdictione
“ ordinaria penitus exempti, loco vestri infra Comitatum
“ Norfolchiæ ad hoc deputastis; qui propter exemptionem
“ suam hujusmodi, ac pro eo quod dictus Abbas ipsum
“ Priorem a Prioratu suo prædicto jam revocavit, ac aliis
“ certis de causis, nihil de collectione et levatione prædictis
“ ad mandatum vestrum se intromittens, sicut nec potest vel
“ tenetur, ut dicitur, de partibus vestris totaliter recessit, et
“ in Abbathia Sancti Albani prædicta jam moratur; sic quod
“ subsidium prædictum in Comitatu prædicto remanet adhuc
“ non levatum sive collectum, in nostri grave damnum et
“ jacturam, et arduorum negotiorum nostrorum retardationem
“ manifestam; unde, nec immerito, miramur quamplurimum, et
“ movemur;—vobis igitur districtius quo poterimus, firmiter
“ injungendo, mandamus, quatinus si est ita, tunc aliquos
“ alios viros fidedignos de clero vestro prædicto, jurisdictioni
“ vestræ prædictæ subjectos, pro quibus respondere volueritis,
“ ad subsidium prædictum levandum et colligendum, ita
“ quod nobis inde citra festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis
“ Baptistæ, vel in eodem festo ad ultimum, respondeatur,
“ sine dilatione et difficultate quacunque assignari facias;
“ et dictos Thesaurarium et Barones nostros de nominibus
“ eorundem constari facias, seu alias subsidium prædictum
“ in dicta vestra ¹Diocesi per aliquos de vestris idoneos
“ et discretos integre levare, et nobis inde citra terminum
“ prædictum fideliter responderi, facias; scientes quod si
“ ob vestri defectum idem subsidium post dictum terminum
“ remanserit nobis non solutum, ad vos ex hac causa graviter
“ capiemus. Teste Rege, apud Westmonasterium, decimo die
“ Maii.”

Emananteque brevi prædicto a Cancellaria præfata
Episcopo Norwicensi, subsequenter etiam, ne Thesaura-
rius et Barones de Scaccario Regis dictum Priorem
Ecclesiæ de Wymundham, ratione non-solutionis primi
termini dicti subsidii, vigore dicti brevis “Distringas”
ulterius prosequeretur, ad instantiam dicti Domini

¹ *Diocesi* in MS.

Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, emanavit unum breve "Supersedeas" ad tempus inferius in tenore limitatum, in hæc verba,—

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Breve Supersedeas.

" Rex Thesaurario et Baronibus suis de Seacario, salutem. Writ of
" Cum venerabilis pater, Henricus, Episcopus Nowicensis, *Supersedeas*, en-
" prætextu cujusdam mandati nostri, sub data sexti diei joining
" Martii proximo præteriti, sibi directi, de eo quod aliquos that a Writ
" viros fidedignos de clero suæ ¹Diocesis, pro quibus re- of *Distrin-*
" spondere vellet, ac subsidium nobis per ipsum ac cæteros *gas* against
" Prælatos, et clerum, Cantuariensis Provinciæ, ultimo con- the Prior
" cessum, juxta formam concessionis ejusdem, levandum et of Wy-
" colligendum, et nobis ad festa Ascensionis Domini et Na- mundham
" tivitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ extunc proximo sequentia shall not
" fideliter respondendum, assignari faceret; ac vos de nomini be put in
" bus illorum quos ad hoc deputaret, ante certum terminum, force.
" jam præteritum, certificaret, prout in mandato nostro præ-
" dicto plenius continetur; idemque Episcopus, inter alios,
" Priorem Prioratus de Wymundham, qui est Prior dativus,
" et pro libito sui Abbatis ²amobilis, et Prioratus est Cella
" Abbathiæ Sancti Albani, Curiæ Romanæ, cum omnibus Cellis
" eidem pertinentibus, immediate subjectæ, et ab omni juris-
" dictione ordinaria penitus exemptæ, loco ipsius Episcopi,
" infra Comitatum Norffolchiæ levandum et colligendum, de-
" putaverit; unde præfatus Abbas nobis supplicavit, ut cum ipse
" prædictum Priorem a Prioratu prædicto ex certis et eviden-
" tius causis ³amoverit, et ad domum Abbathiæ prædictam re-
" vocaverit, ⁴velimus ipsum de levatione et collectione subsidii
" prædicti exonerari jubere; præfato Episcopo, districtius quo
" poterimus, firmiter injungendo, mandaverimus quod si ita
" esset, tunc aliquem alium idoneum de clero suo prædicto,
" jurisdictioni suæ subjectum, pro quo respondere voluerit,
" ad subsidium prædictum levandum et colligendum, ita quod
" nobis inde citra dictum festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis
" Baptistæ, vel in eodem festo ad ultimum, integre respon-
" deatur, sine dilatione vel excusatione quacunque assignari
" faceret, et vos de nomine ejusdem, sic assignandi, constari
" faceret; vobis mandamus quod districtioni quam sub nomine

¹ *Diocesis* in MS.

² *ammobilis* in MS.

³ *ammoverit* in MS.

⁴ *vellimus* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. "Prioris de Wymundham, collectoris ejusdem subsidii in Archidiaconatibus prædictis, ad faciendum visum compoti de primo termino solutionis subsidii prædicti facitis, usque ad quindenam Sanctæ Trinitatis proximo futuræ supersedeatis."

Allegatio Episcopi contra Abbatem et Priorem.

The Bishop alleges to the King's Council that the Prior is his obedientiary.

Qui quidem Episcopus Norwicensis prædictus per litteras suas patentes dicto Consilio Regis certificavit, quod ita non fuit secundum quod dictus Abbas coram eodem Consilio alias suggessit; allegans pro se, quod dictus Prior est ejus obedientiarius, et ad singula sua¹ Synoda tenetur de jure venire, habens per se Conventum et sigillum commune, quamplures acquisitiones terrarum et possessionum *et cætera*, prædecessores sui similiter fecerunt *et cætera*., diversasque causas et querelas in Curia Christianitatis et foro sæculari *et cætera*. Hæc omnia plenius apparebunt inferius, in tenore brevis.—

Replicatio Abbatis contra Episcopum.

The Abbot replies, asserting that the Prior is exempt.

Qui quidem Abbas replicavit coram dicto Consilio Regis, asserens dictos Priorem et Prioratum ab omni sua, et alterius cujuscunque, jurisdictione penitus exemptos, ac dictum Priorem ad nutum suum² amovendum, juxta privilegia ei, et eorum monasterio, a Sede Apostolica indulta.

A second Writ of *Distringas* issued against the Prior.

Ortisque hujusmodi contentionibus inter partes prædictas, quæ, ut Consilio Regis apparuit, in brevi verisimiliter non potuerunt terminari, ac volens idem Consilium de dicto subsidio infra terminum prædictum responderi, ac robore dicti brevis "Supersedeas" per lapsum temporis expirante, exivit unum aliud breve

¹ *Synoda* in MS.

| ² *amovendum* in MS.

"Distringas" Vicecomitis contra dictum Priorem, ratione non-solutionis dicti subsidii, et cætera.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Volens quare dictus Abbas hujusmodi malitiis hominum obviare, impetravit unum aliud breve "Super-sedeas," Thesaurario et Baronibus de Scaccario directum, quod omnino desisterent ab omnimoda prosecutione coram eis in dicto Scaccario, contra dictum Priorem ex causa prædicta facta, seu facienda; sub eo, quo sequitur, tenore verborum.—

Another
Writ of
Super-
sedeas is
obtained
by the
Abbot.

Breve Supersedeas omnino.

"Rex Thesaurario et Baronibus suis de Scaccario, salutem. Licet in certificatione venerabilis patris H[enrici], Episcopi Norwicensis, ad Scaccarium missa, inter alia contineatur quod idem Episcopus, loco sui, Priorem de Wy-mundham ad subsidium nobis per clerum nostrum regni Angliæ ultimo concessum, in Archidiaconatibus Norwici et Norfolchiæ in Episcopatu prædicto, ad opus nostrum levandum, assignaverit; quibusdam tamen certis de causis, coram Consilio nostro motis et propositis, de avisamento ejusdem Consilii, vobis mandamus, quod prædictum Priorem prætextu certificationis prædictæ, seu levationis subsidii prædicti, non molestetis in aliquo, seu gravetis; sed cuicumque processui coram vobis in dicto Scaccario contra prædictum Priorem, ex causa prædicta facto, seu faciendo, supersedeatis omnino. Mandavimus enim præfato Episcopo, quod de levatione subsidii prædicti hac vice disponat, ita quod vobis circa terminos in mandato nostro sibi porrecto limitatos respondeatur, ut est justum."

Tenor of
the Writ
of Super-
sedeas.

Cujus quidem mandati, sive brevis, dicto Norwicensi Episcopo sic, ut præmittitur, porrecti, tenor talis est.—

Breve Regis.

"Rex venerabili in Christo patri H[enrico], eadem gratia, Episcopo Norwicensi, salutem. Cum nuper vobis mandavimus quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestræ¹ Diocesis, pro quibus respondere velitis, assignari faceretis, ad subsidium, ad subsi-

A further
mandate to
the Bishop
of Nor-
wich,
A.D. 1380.

¹ Diocesis in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. —

“ dium nobis per vos ac cæteros Prælatos, et clerum, Can-
 “ tuariensis Provincia, in ultima Convocatione ejusdem cleri
 “ Londoniis facta, pro salvatione et defensione regni nostri
 “ Angliæ, et Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, contra inimicos nostros
 “ concessum, de singulis personis ecclesiasticis, exemptis,
 “ videlicet, et non exemptis, taxatisque beneficiis, et non
 “ taxatis, advocatis, procuratoribus, notariis, et registrariis,
 “ dictæ vestræ ¹Diocesis, levandum et colligendum, et nobis
 “ inde ad festa Ascensionis Domini et Nativitatis Sancti
 “ Johannis Baptistæ tunc proxime sequentia, juxta formam
 “ concessionis ejusdem, fideliter respondendum; et licet vir-
 “ tute mandati nostri prædicti Priorem Ecclesiæ de Wymund-
 “ ham infra Archidiaconatus vestros Norwici et Norfolchiæ
 “ ad hoc loco vestri per vestras litteras patentes deputaveritis
 “ et assignaveritis, et nomen ejus coram Thesaurario et Baro-
 “ nibus nostris de Scaccario significaveritis; pro eo tamen
 “ quod religiosus vir, Abbas Abbathiæ Sancti Albani, nobis
 “ dederit intelligi quod dictus Prior de Wymundham, qui est
 “ dativus, et ad nutum dicti Abbatis revocandus ab eodem,
 “ et Prioratus prædictus est Cella ejusdem Abbathiæ, ab omni
 “ vestra et alia quacunque jurisdictione ordinaria penitus
 “ exempta existant, sic quod idem Prior quicquid ad vestri
 “ mandatum, absque præjudicio exemptionum et privilegio-
 “ rum dictæ Abbathiæ, minime facere ² potest, ut dicitur, nec
 “ tenetur; vobis iterato mandaverimus quod si ita esset,
 “ tunc aliquos fidedignos de clero vestro prædicto, vestræ
 “ jurisdictioni subjectos, pro quibus respondere velitis, ad
 “ dictum subsidium levandum et colligendum, ita quod nobis
 “ inde citra festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ
 “ proximo futurum, vel in eodem festo ad ultimum, integre
 “ satisfaceret, sine dilatione et difficultate quibuscunque, assig-
 “ nare faceretis; vel alias subsidium illud in dicta vestra
 “ ³Diocesi per aliquos de vestris idoneos et discretos integre
 “ levare, et nobis integre citra terminum prædictum respon-
 “ deri, faceretis: sicut per inspectionem Rotulorum Cancel-
 “ lariæ nostræ nobis constat. Jamque pro parte vestra coram
 “ nobis et Consilio nostro allegatum existat, quod dictus Prior,
 “ qui vester obedientiarius, ut asseritis, existit, et ad singula
 “ vestra Synoda de jure venire tenetur, habens Conventum
 “ et sigillum commune per se, quamplures acquisitiones et
 “ emptiones terrarum et possessionum, sibi et successoribus
 “ suis, Prioribus loci prædicti, in perpetuum obtinendas, fecit,

¹ *Diocesis* in MS.² *pt* in MS.³ *Diocesi* in MS.

“ et prædecessores sui fecerunt ante hæc tempora, diversas-
 “ que causas et querelas in Curia Christianitatis et foro sæcu-
 “ lari, tam agendo quam defendendo, ante hæc tempora sub
 “ nomine Prioris, non nominando alicubi Abbatem suum præ-
 “ dictum, sustinuit et habuit, ac sustinet in præsentī, ut
 “ asseritis, satis liquet, sic quod idem Prior non est dativus
 “ nec ¹ amovendus ab eodem ad nutum Abbatis prædicti, nec
 “ alio modo nisi per viam privationis, si hoc meruerit. Dictus
 “ vero Abbas, per Consilium suum, contrario allegando, contra
 “ vos tunc ibidem asseruit dictum Priorem, et Prioratum
 “ suum prædictum, tanquam Cellam suam, ab omni jurisdic-
 “ tione vestra ordinaria penitus esse immunes, ac eundem
 “ Priorem dativum fore, et ² amovendum ad nutum suum,
 “ prout superius est dictum: sicut per Privilegia sua, quæ
 “ inde penes se habet, ut dicit, plenius poterit apparere; et
 “ nobis humiliter supplicaverit, ut pro conservatione privile-
 “ giorum ejusdem Abbatiæ, quæ de fundatione progenitorum
 “ nostrorum, Regum Angliæ, et nostro patronatu, existit,
 “ velimus in hac parte gratiose providere:—Nos tam jurisdic-
 “ tionem et dignitatem vestras Episcopales quasunque, quam
 “ privilegia et libertates Abbatiæ prædictæ illæsæ et in-
 “ offensa, in quantum poterimus, observare volentes, ut tene-
 “ mur,—nec est intentionis nostræ dictæ vestræ jurisdictioni,
 “ aut privilegiis ipsius Abbatis, in aliquo præjudicare,—ad-
 “ vertentesque quod si levatio et collectio subsidii prædicti,
 “ de quibus nullus adhuc effectualiter se intromittit, ut dicitur,
 “ usque ad finalem ³ discussionem præmissorum suspenderen-
 “ tur, quod absit, non solum in nostri damnum, verum etiam
 “ in retardationem arduorum negotiorum nostrorum, et regni
 “ nostri Angliæ, oederet manifeste. Vobis igitur mandamus,
 “ firmiter injungentes, quod tam urgenti necessitate nostra
 “ et arduitate negotiorum prædictorum debito libramine pon-
 “ deratis, subsidium prædictum per aliquos de vestris idoneos
 “ et discretos integre levare et colligi, et nobis citra termi-
 “ num prædictum responderi, faciatis; ita quod pro defectu
 “ solutionis subsidii prædicti negotia prædicta, quod, ut credi-
 “ mus, nolletis, infecta ⁴ [non] remaneant quovismodo; et hoc,
 “ sicut nos et honorem nostrum, et salvationem regni nostri
 “ Angliæ, ac Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, diligitis, nullatenus omittatis.
 “ Nolumus enim quod per hujusmodi collectionem et levationem
 “ per vestros sic faciendam, vestræ querelæ inde inter vos et
 “ præfatos Abbatem et Priorem, coram nobis et Consilio nostro

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1849-96.
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¹ amovendus in MS.

² amovendum in MS.

³ discutionem in MS.

⁴ Omitted in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. " sic pendenti, præjudicium generetur aliquale ; sed, dicta
 " vestra collectione non obstante, in statu quo nunc remaneat
 " eadem querela, quousque debite discuti poterit, et terminari,
 " nos de eo quod inde feceritis, quam citius poteritis, distincte
 " et aperte certificantes. Teste, *et cætera*, quinto die Junii, anno
 " regni nostri tertio."

The Bishop appears by counsel before the King's Council ; and then refuses to be bound by the arrangements of his counsel.

Qui quidem Episcopus sæpeditus misit consilium suum coram Consilio Regis, ad tractandum de præsentia materia. Facto ibidem de consiliis hinc inde diutius tractatu, misit idem Episcopus alias litteras, revocans in eisdem omnimodam potestatem consilio suo alias commissam ; protestans in eisdem quod si aliquid esset nomine suo per dictum consilium suum ordinatum, noluit eorum ordinationi quovismodo acquiescere ; advertensque dictum consilium quod hujusmodi dilationes ac excusationes voluntariæ, et minus sufficientes, in non solum sui damnum et gravamen, verum etiam retardationem arduorum negotiorum regni Angliæ tenderent manifestam.

Emanavit unum aliud breve, præfato Norwicensi Episcopo porrectum, de totius magni Consilii Regis avisa-mento, quod dictum subsidium citra terminum prædictum colligeret, colligere faceret, sub periculo quod incumbit ; in hæc verba.—

Breve Regis Episcopo.

A fourth mandate to the Bishop of Norwich, A.D. 1380.

" Rex venerabili in Christo patri, H[enrico,] eadem gratia,
 " Episcopo Norwicensi, salutem. Sciatis quod cum vobis,
 " sicut et cæteris Prælati regni nostri Angliæ, nuper man-
 " daverimus quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestræ
 " Diocesis, pro quibus respondere velitis, assignari faceretis,
 " ad subsidium nobis per vos ac cæteros Prælatos, et clerum,
 " Cantuariensis Provinciæ, in ultima Convocatione ejusdem
 " cleri Londoniis facta, pro salvatione et defensione regni
 " nostri Angliæ, et Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, concessum contra
 " inimicos nostros, de singulis personis ecclesiasticis, exemptis,
 " videlicet, et non exemptis, taxatisque beneficiis, et non taxa-

¹ *Diocesis in MS.*

"tis, advocatis, procuratoribus, notariis, ¹[et] registrariis,
 "dictæ vestræ Diocesis, levandum et colligendum; et nobis
 "inde ad festa Ascensionis Domini et Nativitatis Sancti Jo-
 "hannis Baptistæ proxime tunc sequentia, juxta formam con-
 "cessionis ejusdem, fideliter respondendum; et vos, colore
 "mandati nostri prædicti, Priorem Ecclesiæ de Wymundham
 "ad subsidium prædictum, infra Archidiaconatus vestros Nor-
 "wici et Norfolchiæ levandum et colligendum, ad opus nos-
 "trum, per vestras litteras deputaveritis et assignaveritis, et
 "nomen ejus Thesaurario et Baronibus nostris de Scaccario
 "significaveritis. Subsequenterque religiosus vir, Abbas Ab-
 "bathiæ Sancti Albani, nobis dederit intelligi, quod dictus
 "Prior a Prioratu prædicto ad voluntatem ipsius Abbatis
 "²amobilis, et dativus suus, existat, quodque idem Prior, et
 "Prioratus prædictus, tanquam Cella ejusdem Abbatis ab omni
 "vestra et alterius cujuscunque jurisdictione ordinaria penitus
 "sunt exempti. Ac nos postmodum, audito pro parte vestra
 "quod hujusmodi suggesta per præfatum Abbatem plenam
 "nou continent veritatem; et factis in hac parte tam pro
 "vobis quam pro prædicto Abbate, coram Consilio nostro,
 "rationibus quampluribus hinc inde, perpendentes materiam
 "illam discuti non posse finaliter infra breve, vobis pluries
 "et satis honeste mandaverimus, quod subsidium prædictum
 "per aliquos de vestris idoneos et discretos integre levari
 "et colligi, et nobis inde responderi, faceretis. Missis-
 "que super hoc nobis per vos quibusdam ³litteris excusa-
 "toriis, et eisdem litteris vestris coram magno Consilio
 "nostro lectis, rimatis, et matura deliberatione examinatis,
 "videtur eidem Consilio nostro excusationem vestram in hac
 "parte voluntariam et minus sufficientem fore.—Nos igitur,
 "nolentes excusationem vestram hujusmodi acceptare, seu
 "levationem et collectionem subsidii prædicti per controver-
 "sias et discordias, debata, et ⁴dissensiones inter vos et
 "prædictum Abbatem mota, aliquantulum retardari, assignavimus
 "vos ad dictum subsidium, juxta formam concessionis præ-
 "dictæ, in Archidiaconatibus prædictis levandum et colligen-
 "dum, et nobis inde, ad festum Sanctæ Margaretæ Virginis
 "proxime futurum, ad Scaccarium nostrum, vel alibi ubi
 "assignaverimus, respondendum. Et ideo vobis, districtius
 "quo poterimus injungendo, mandamus, sub periculo quod
 "incumbit, quod circa levationem et collectionem subsidii præ-
 "dicti cum omni diligentia et celeritate intendatis, et denarios

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.

¹ Omitted in MS.

² *amobilis* in MS.

³ *litteris* in MS.

⁴ *dissentiones* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1849-96.

" inde provenientes ad prædictum terminum sine ulteriori
 " dilatione ad Scaccarium nostrum habeatis, Thesaurario et
 " Camerario nostris ad opus nostrum ibidem liberandos;
 " taliter vos habentes in hac parte, ne per vestri defectum
 " ardua negotia nostra, et prædicti regni nostri, infecta re-
 " maneant; per quod materiam habeamus ad vos, tanquam
 " contemptorem mandatorum nostrorum, gravius capiendum.
 " In cujus rei *et cetera*. Teste Rege, apud Westmonasterium,
 " vicesimo quinto die ¹ Junii, anno regni nostri quarto.—Per
 " ipsum Regem et Consilium."²

*Privilegium concessum per Regem, quod Abbas Sancti
 Albani, nec Priores Cellarum suarum, fiant col-
 lectores alicujus subsidii seu decimarum.*

Privilege granted that neither the Abbot, nor the Priors of his Cells, shall be collectors or assessors of any grant or subsidy, A.D. 1380.

" Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
 " Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint,
 " salutem. Sciatis quod ob devotionem specialem, quam erga
 " Sanctum Albanum, Protomartyrem regni nostri Angliæ glo-
 " riosum, necnon ad ejus Monasterium, in villa Sancti Albani
 " situatum, quod de fundatione progenitorum nostrorum, quon-
 " dam Regum Angliæ, et nostro patronatu, existit, gerimus
 " et habemus, de gratia nostra speciali concessimus, pro nobis
 " et hæredibus nostris, dilecto nobis in Christo Thomæ de la
 " Mare, Abbati Monasterii prædicti, necnon Prioribus Cella-
 " rum eidem Monasterio subjectarum, quod iidem Abbas et
 " Priores, ac successores eorundem Abbatis et Priorum, in
 " perpetuum hanc habeant libertatem; videlicet, quod nullus
 " eorum fiat collector, taxator, assessor decimarum, quinta-
 " rum-decimarum, subsidii, collectæ, aut cujuscunque rei con-
 " cessæ, aut concedendæ, nobis seu hæredibus nostris, Regibus
 " Angliæ, per clerum aut communitatem regni nostri Angliæ,
 " nec receptor denariorum inde provenientium aliquo tempore
 " in futurum, contra suam, seu ipsorum, voluntatem; ut præfati
 " Abbas et Priores, ac etiam monachi in Monasterio et Cellis
 " prædictis morantes et moraturi, talibus non implicati nego-
 " tiis, Altissimo suum debitum impendere valeant quietius
 " famulatum. In cujus rei testimonium, has Literas nostras
 " fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Westmonas-
 " terium, vicesimo primo die Augusti, anno regni nostri
 " quarto."—Per breve de Privato Sigillo.

¹ The name of the month is prob-
 ably incorrect.

² This subject is again mentioned
 in a future page, but less in detail.

Thomas,
30th,
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Introductio processus materiæ subscriptæ.

Ut autem pateat post futuris, quanta caritate Dominus Thomas Abbas suos dilexerit, sciendum est quod sua laudabili diligentia mille marcæ quæ debebant Regi in qualibet vacatione, relaxatæ sunt per Regem et Consilium, ut annalis fieret Regi persolutio quinquaginta marcarum; quæ multo lenior et portabilior videbatur, quam tanta summa, in brevi tempore pariter persolvenda. Hic ergo ponenda est originalis hujus facti Supplicatio, ut innotescat ingenium, et discretio, hujus viri; quæ talis fuit.—

The thousandmarks, payable by the Abbey to the King of England on each vacation of the Abbacy, are redeemed for a yearly payment of fifty marks, A.D. 1380.

Supplicatio Domini Abbatis Domino Regi in materia præscripta.

" A tresnoble et tresdote Seigneur, nostre Seigneur le Roy, Supplication of the
" supplient voz Chapeleins, l'Abbe et Covent de Seint Auban, Abbot and
" que come le Priour et Covent de mesme le lieu paierent, Convent
" a vostre tresnoble Seignurie en chescun vacacion de dit for such
" Abbeie mil marcz, pur lour biens et temporaltes de vostre redemption.
" dit Abbeye, solom la forme gen les Lettres Patentz vostre
" noble tresaiel, le Roy Edward, Primere puis le Conquest,
" pleinement est continuz; et puis la confection des ditez
" lettres lez ditez biens et temporalites, par les pestilences,

[TRANSLATION.]

" To the most noble and most dread Lord, our Lord the
" King, supplicate your Chaplains, the Abbot and Convent
" of Saint Alban's, that whereas the Prior and Convent of the
" same place have paid unto your most noble Lordship on each
" vacation of the said Abbacy one thousand marks, for their
" goods and temporalities of your said Abbey, according to
" the form that in the Letters Patent of your noble grand-
" sire's grandsire, King Edward, after the Conquest the First,
" is fully contained; and since the making of the said letters
" as to the said goods and temporalities, through the pesti-

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“ tempestes, et plusours autres meschieves et perdes, queux
 “ sount avenuz, la value des dites biens et temporaltes taunt
 “ est en decries, qe present ils ne purrount suffire de paier
 “ la dite summe sanz destruction de vostre maison susdite;
 “ et come l'Abbe, qor est, et ses predecessours, ount purchasez
 “ certaines terres et tenements puis la graunt de vacacion sus-
 “ dite, par licence des vos nobles progenitours et due processe,
 “ queux terres et tenements, issint de novelle purchasez, en-
 “ semblément ove les aunciens possession, ne sont pas de tiel
 “ value com le possessions de dite Abbaye furent au temps
 “ de grant de dite vacacion;—qil plesse a vostre gracieuse
 “ Seignurie, pur lamour de Dieu, et en oeuvre de charite, et
 “ de vostre grace especial, de transmuter le paiement de
 “ mil marcz susditez en une easy summe, annuelment a paier.
 “ Et coment qe lez terres et tenementz issint de novelle
 “ purchasez, soient compris dedeyns le graunt de vacacion
 “ susdite, nientmeyns, pur eschuiere custages et travailles,
 “ en arerisement de vostre dit maison, a cause dez diversez
 “ opinions et interpretations dez dites Lettres Patentz de
 “ grant susdite, de lez perdoner locupacion des terres et
 “ tenementz issint de novelle purchasez par les predecessours

“ lences, tempests, and many other mischiefs and losses, which
 “ have happened, the value of the said goods and tempo-
 “ ralities has so greatly decreased, that at present they cannot
 “ suffice to pay the said sum, without destruction of your
 “ house aforesaid: and whereas the Abbot that now is, and
 “ his predecessors, have obtained certain lands and tenements
 “ since the grant of the vacation aforesaid, by licence of your
 “ noble progenitors and due process, the which lands and
 “ tenements, so newly acquired, together with the ancient pos-
 “ sessions, are not of such value as the possessions of the
 “ said Abbey were at the time of the grant of the said
 “ vacation;—may it please your most gracious Lordship, for
 “ the love of God, and as a work of charity, and of your
 “ especial grace, to change the payment of one thousand
 “ marks aforesaid into an easy sum, yearly to be paid.
 “ And although the lands and tenements so newly acquired,
 “ be comprised within the grant of the vacation aforesaid,
 “ nevertheless, for avoiding costs and trouble, to the im-
 “ poverishment of your said house, by reason of divers
 “ opinions upon and interpretations of the said Letters Patent
 “ of grant aforesaid, to pardon them for the occupation of
 “ the lands and tenements so newly acquired by the prede-

“ le dit Abbe qor est, et par le Priour et Covent de mesme
 “ le lieu, en temps passe, si bien en temps de vacacion come
 “ en autre temps; et releaser touz lez issuez et profitz pris
 “ dycelle, se ascuns vous en soient dues par celle cause; et
 “ graunter qe lez ditz terres et tenementz, issint de novelle
 “ purchasez, si bien par la dit Abbe qor est, come par ses
 “ predecessours, ensemblement ove les aunciens possessions
 “ de dit Abbeye, soient compris deyns la somme annuellement
 “ a paier; sanz estre autrement chargee par cause dascune
 “ voidaunce de la dyt Abbeye, par mort de Abbe, ou en
 “ autre manere, en temps a venir.”

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“ cessors of the said Abbot that now is, and by the Prior
 “ and Convent of the same place in time past, as well in
 “ time of vacation as at other time; and to release all the
 “ issues and profits taken therefrom, if any be due to you for
 “ such reason from the same; and to grant that the said lands
 “ and tenements, so newly acquired, as well by the said
 “ Abbot that now is, as by his predecessors, together with
 “ the ancient possessions of the said Abbey, may be com-
 “ prised in the sum yearly to be paid; without being other-
 “ wise charged by reason of any avoidance of the said Abbacy,
 “ by death of the Abbot, or in other manner, in time to
 “ come.”

Ista Supplicatio per bonam mediationem Domini
 Johannis, Ducis Lancastriæ, et Consilium, Rege con-
 sentiente, fuit expedita per Chartam quæ sequitur, in
 hæc verba.—

This Sup-
 plication is
 supported
 by John,
 Duke of
 Lancaster.

*Charta Domini Regis Monasterio Sancti Albani, de
 vacatione ejusdem, pro quinquaginta marcis.*

“ Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Charter
 “ Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint, releasing
 “ salutem. Sciatis quod cum Dominus Edwardus, quondam the Abbey
 “ Rex Angliæ, abavus noster, per Litteras suas Patentes, from pay-
 “ factas sub Magno Sigillo suo, vicesimo die Julii, anno regni ment of
 “ sui vicesimo nono, ob devotionem quam erga Sanctum Al- sand
 “ banum, gloriosum Christi Martyrem, gessit et habuit, et marks, on
 “ ut monachi Abbathiæ de Sancto Albano extunc possent quie- a yearly

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 payment of fifty marks, A.D. 1380.

“ tuis et tranquillius Altissimo famulari, concessisset, pro se
 “ et hæredibus suis, Abbati et Conventui Abbathie prædictæ,
 “ quod Prior et Conventus Abbathie ejusdem, et eorum suc-
 “ cessores, in singulis vacationibus Abbathie prædictæ, quo-
 “ tiens, videlicet, ipsam extunc vacare contingeret, haberent
 “ et tenerent custodiam Abbathie illius, et omnium tempo-
 “ raliū ejusdem, cum omnibus rebus et bonis ad Abbathiam
 “ illam qualitercunque spectantibus, adeo plene et integre,
 “ sicut aliquis Abbas ejusdem loci Abbathiam illam, et tempo-
 “ ralia, cum rebus et bonis prædictis, transactis antea tem-
 “ poribus habere et tenere consuevit. Ita quod ipsi Prior et
 “ Conventus de temporalibus, et bonis ac rebus illis, plenam
 “ et liberam administrationem haberent, et inde disponere et
 “ ordinare possent, prout eis melius et utilius videretur faci-
 “ endum; et prout Abbas dicti loci inde posset ordinare et
 “ disponere, sede plena. Salvis dicto abavo nostro, et hære-
 “ dibus suis, feodis militum tentis de Abbathia prædicta,
 “ et advocationibus ecclesiarum, cum acciderint temporibus
 “ vacationum prædictarum; ita tamen, quod omnes red-
 “ ditus et servitia annua de prædictis feodis in vacationibus
 “ illis provenientia, remanerent Priori et Conventui prædictis.
 “ Salvis etiam dicto abavo nostro, et hæredibus suis, escaetis
 “ quas accidere contingeret temporibus prædictis; quæ quidem
 “ escaetæ singulis hujusmodi vacationibus finitis, scilicet, post
 “ fidelitatem ipsius quem ibidem eligi, confirmari, seu præfici
 “ contigerit in Abbatem, dicto abavo nostro vel hæredibus
 “ suis factam, liberarentur et remanerent Abbati, Priori, et
 “ Conventui, et successoribus suis, dicti loci, sine occasione
 “ vel impedimento dicti abavi nostri, vel hæredum suorum
 “ quorumcunque:—reddendo eidem abavo nostro, et hæredibus
 “ suis, pro qualibet vacatione Abbathie prædictæ, sive du-
 “ raret per annum integrum, sive per minus tempus, mille
 “ marcas infra annum a tempore quo Abbathia illa vacare
 “ inciperet computandum, videlicet, quingentas marcas in fine
 “ primi dimidii anni illius, et quingentas marcas in fine
 “ ejusdem anni. Et si forte vacatio Abbathie illius duraret
 “ ultra annum, tunc prædicti Prior et Conventus pro proximo
 “ anno integro sequenti, si tanto tempore duraret, solverent
 “ dicto abavo nostro, et hæredibus suis, mille marcas, ad ter-
 “ minos prædictos, et sic pro quolibet anno integro post primum
 “ annum, durante vacatione prædicta, ad eosdem terminos
 “ mille marcas. Et si ultra annum integrum, vel annos in-
 “ tegros, duraret, minori tempore quam per annum, tunc pro

¹ *contingerit* in MS.

“ illo minori tempore de dictis mille marois minus, pro rata
 “ temporis illius, proportionaliter dicto abavo nostro solve-
 “ rent. Et voluisset et concessisset idem abavus noster, pro
 “ se et hæredibus suis, quod prædicti Prior et Conventus, et
 “ eorum successores in perpetuum, haberent et tenerent cus-
 “ todiam Abbathie prædictæ singulis temporibus vacationum
 “ ejusdem in forma prædicta; ita quod nullus Vicecomes,
 “ Escaetor, seu quicunque alius ballivus seu minister, dicti
 “ abavi nostri, vel hæredum suorum, de custodia Abbathie
 “ prædictæ, seu Cellarum suarum, maneriorum, aut aliarum
 “ rerum seu bonorum quorumcunque ad dictam Abbathiam,
 “ seu Cellas suas, spectantium, quoquo modo, ratione vaca-
 “ tionis illius, se in aliquo intromitteret. Hoc tamen excepto,
 “ quod Escaetor vel alius minister dicti abavi nostri, vel
 “ hæredum suorum, qui pro tempore foret, infra portas tan-
 “ tum Abbathie prædictæ, in principio cujuslibet vacationis
 “ ejusdem, quamdam simplicem seisinam, nomine domini
 “ regii dicti abavi nostri, caperet; et ea sic capta, statim
 “ exinde recederet, absque aliquo inde capiendo, seu etiam
 “ asportando; ita quod ultra unum diem, occasione seisinæ
 “ prædictæ, moram ibi non faceret, nec aliquem ibidem sub-
 “ stitueret loco sui. Voluisset insuper, et concessisset, dictus
 “ abavus noster, pro se et hæredibus suis, quod si forsan
 “ dictus abavus noster, vel hæredes sui, aliquo tempore va-
 “ cationis Abbathie prædictæ, exercitum suum facerent sum-
 “ moniri, prædicti Prior et Conventus, et successores sui, pro
 “ propriis et dominicis feodis militum Abbathie illius, in
 “ manibus dictorum Prioris et Conventus tunc existentibus,
 “ ad servitium cum eodem exercitu faciendum minime tene-
 “ rentur, nec occasione servitii illius molestarentur in aliquo,
 “ seu gravarentur, sed inde penitus essent quieti. Salvis
 “ tamen dicto abavo nostro, et hæredibus suis, servitiis feo-
 “ dorum militum, quæ tenerentur de Abbathia prædicta
 “ temporibus vacationum ejusdem, ad dictum abavum nos-
 “ trum, et hæredes suos, pertinentibus, ratione exercitus supra-
 “ dicti; prout in litteris prædictis plenius continetur.—Nos,
 “ ob specialem affectionem quam erga Beatum Albanum,
 “ Martyrem supradictum, et ad Abbathiam prædictam, affec-
 “ tionemque sinceram quam erga personam dilecti nobis in
 “ Christo Fratris Thomæ de la Mare, nunc Abbatis Abbathie
 “ prædictæ, gerimus et habemus, et ad supplicationem ejus-
 “ dem nunc Abbatis et Conventus ejusdem loci, de gratia
 “ nostra speciali, ex assensu Consilii nostri, concessimus,
 “ pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, eisdem Abbati et Conventui,
 “ quod Prior et Conventus Abbathie ejusdem, et eorum suc-

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“ cessores, in singulis vacationibus ejusdem Abbathie, quo-
 “ tiens, videlicet, ipsam exnunc vacare continget, habeant et
 “ teneant custodiam Abbathie illius, et omnium temporalium
 “ ejusdem, tam, videlicet, eorum que de dotatione et funda-
 “ tione dictæ Abbathie existunt, quam omnium aliorum
 “ temporalium eidem Abbathie per prædictos nunc Abbatem
 “ et Conventum, et prædecessores suos ¹legitime adquisi-
 “ torum; et etiam per eosdem Abbatem et Conventum,
 “ et successores suos, exnunc de licentia nostra, et hære-
 “ dum nostrorum, ¹legitime acquirendorum, una cum rebus
 “ et bonis ad Abbathiam illam temporibus futuris qua-
 “ litercunque spectantibus, vel spectaturis. Ita quod ipsi
 “ Prior et Conventus de temporalibus, et bonis et rebus illis,
 “ in singulis vacationibus prædictis, plenam et liberam ad-
 “ ministrationem habeant, et inde disponere et ordinare ²pos-
 “ sint, prout eis melius et utilius videbitur faciendum; et
 “ prout Abbas dicti loci, pro tempore existens, inde posset
 “ ordinare et disponere, sede plena. Salvis nobis, et hære-
 “ dibus nostris, feodis militum, qui tenentur de Abbathia
 “ prædicta, et advocacionibus ecclesiarum, cum acciderint
 “ temporibus vacationum prædictarum; ita tamen, quod
 “ omnes redditus et servitia annua de feodis prædictis in
 “ vacationibus illis provenientia, remaneant Priori et Con-
 “ ventui prædictis. Salvis etiam nobis, et hæredibus nostris,
 “ escaetis quas accidere contigerit temporibus prædictis;
 “ quæ quidem escaetæ, singulis hujusmodi vacationibus finitis,
 “ videlicet, post fidelitatem ipsius quem ibidem eligi, confir-
 “ mari, seu præfici, contigerit in Abbatem, nobis vel hæredi-
 “ bus nostris factam, liberentur et remaneant Abbati, Priori,
 “ et Conventui, et successoribus suis dicti loci, sine occasione
 “ vel impedimento nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum quorum-
 “ cunque; reddendo nobis, et hæredibus nostris, pro custodia
 “ Abbathie prædictæ, necnon omnium temporalium prædic-
 “ torum, tam de dotatione et fundatione dictæ Abbathie
 “ existentium, quam adquirendorum et acquirendorum in forma
 “ prænotata, una cum bonis et rebus prædictis per ipsos
 “ Priorem et Conventum, et eorum successores, in singulis
 “ vacationibus prædictis, ut præmittitur, habendis, necnon in
 “ recompensationem dictarum mille marcarum, et ratæ earun-
 “ dem, quinquaginta marcas sterlingorum, singulis annis ad
 “ Scaccarium nostrum, et hæredum nostrorum, ad Terminos
 “ Paschæ et Sancti Michaelis, per æquales portiones, primo

¹ legitime in MS.

| ² possent in MS.

“ Termino incipiente ad festum Paschæ proximo futurum, Thomas,
 “ per manus, videlicet, Abbatis pro tempore existentis loci 30th
 “ prædicti, sede plena, et per manus Prioris et Conventus Abbot,
 “ loci ejusdem, singulis temporibus vacationum Abbathie præ- A.D.
 “ dictæ, in perpetuum; volentes et concedentes, pro nobis et 1349-96,
 “ hæredibus nostris, quod iidem Abbas, Prior, et Conventus, —
 “ et eorum successores, necnon Abbathia prædicta, de præ-
 “ dictis mille marcis, et rata eorundem, exonerati penitus,
 “ et quieti, remaneant, erga nos et hæredes nostros in per-
 “ petuum, ex causa dictæ solutionis quinquaginta marcarum
 “ annuatim faciendæ, sicut prædictum est; et quod prædicti
 “ Prior et Conventus, et eorum successores, in singulis va-
 “ cationibus Abbathie prædictæ, in perpetuum habeant et
 “ teneant custodiam Abbathie prædictæ, et omnium tempo-
 “ raliū ejusdem, tam, videlicet, eorum quæ de dotatione et
 “ fundatione Abbathie prædictæ existunt, quam omnium ali-
 “ orum temporalium eidem Abbathie per prædictos Abbatem
 “ nunc, et Conventum, et prædecessores suos, ¹legitime ad-
 “ quisitorum; et etiam per eosdem Abbatem et Conventum,
 “ et successores suos, exnunc de licentia nostra, et hæredum
 “ nostrorum, ¹legitime acquirendorum; una cum rebus et
 “ bonis ad Abbathiam illam temporibus futuris in hujusmodi
 “ vacationibus qualitercunque spectantibus, vel spectaturis,
 “ absque aliquo nobis vel hæredibus nostris pro eadem cus-
 “ todia aliquibus temporibus futuris reddendo, ultra ²quin-
 “ quaginta marcas annuas antedictas; ita quod nullus Vice-
 “ comes, Escaetor, seu quicumque alius ballivus seu minister
 “ noster, vel hæredum nostrorum, de custodia Abbathie præ-
 “ dictæ, seu Cellarum suarum, maneriorum, aut aliarum pos-
 “ sessionum, rerum, seu bonorum quorumcunque, ad dictam
 “ Abbathiam, seu Cellas ejusdem, spectantium, vel spectatu-
 “ rorum, quoquo modo, ratione cujuscunque vacationis illius
 “ in futurum, se in aliquo intromittat. Hoc tamen excepto,
 “ quod Escaetor, vel alius minister noster, vel hæredum
 “ nostrorum, qui pro tempore fuerit, infra portas tantum Ab-
 “ bathie prædictæ, in principio cujuslibet vacationis ejusdem,
 “ quamdam simplicem seisinam nomine regii domini nostri,
 “ et hæredum nostrorum, capiat; et ea sic capta, statim exinde
 “ recedat, absque aliquo inde capiendo, seu etiam asportando;
 “ ita quod ultra unam diem, occasione seisinæ prædictæ, moram
 “ ibi non faciat, nec aliquem ibidem substituat loco sui.
 “ Volumus insuper, et concedimus, pro nobis et hæredibus

¹ legitime in MS.| ² quinquagintas in MS.

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“ nostris, quod si nos forsan, vel hæredes nostri, aliquo
 “ tempore vacationis Abbathie prædictæ, exercitum nostrum
 “ fecerimus summoniri, prædicti Prior et Conventus, et suc-
 “ cessores sui, pro propriis et dominicis feodis militum Ab-
 “ bathie illius, in manibus ipsorum Prioris et Conventus
 “ existentibus tunc, ad servitium in eodem exercitu facien-
 “ dum minime teneantur, nec occasione servitii illius moles-
 “ tentur in aliquo, seu graventur; sed inde penitus sint
 “ quieti. Salvis tamen nobis, et hæredibus nostris, servitiis
 “ feodorum militum quæ tenentur de Abbathia prædicta,
 “ temporibus vacationum ejusdem, ad nos pertinentibus ra-
 “ tione exercitus supradicti. Volumus insuper, et concedimus,
 “ pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, prædictis Abbati, Priori,
 “ et Conventui, quod ipsi, et eorum successores in perpetuum,
 “ sint quieti de quibuscunque decimis nobis, vel hæredibus
 “ nostris, in quibuscunque vacationibus futuris Abbathie
 “ prædictæ, per clerum regni nostri Angliæ, seu Cantuari-
 “ ensis Provincie, concedendis, nobis, vel dictis hæredibus
 “ nostris, solvendis, prout ante hæc tempora Abbas, Prior, et
 “ Conventus, loci prædicti, de decimis hujusmodi, post dictum
 “ vicesimum diem Julii dicto anno prædicti abavi nostri
 “ vicesimo nono, vacante Abbathia prædicta, per clerum dicti
 “ regni nostri progenitoribus nostris, seu alicui eorundem,
 “ concessis, quieti esse consueverunt. Volumus etiam, et de
 “ avisamento Consilii nostri ordinavimus, quod dictus reddi-
 “ tus quinquaginta marcarum annuarum Coronæ nostræ, et
 “ hæredum nostrorum Angliæ, remaneat annexus in perpetuum;
 “ absque eo quod aliqua remissio seu perdonatio ejusdem
 “ redditus in toto vel in parte, per nos, vel hæredes nostros,
 “ aut ipsorum aliquem, fiat aliquo tempore futuro Abbati,
 “ Priori, et Conventui, dictæ Abbathie, seu eorum aliquibus
 “ vel alicui; et absque eo quod per nos, vel hæredes nos-
 “ tros, aut ipsorum aliquem, redditus prædictus in toto vel
 “ in parte per remissionem et perdonationem hujusmodi, aut
 “ per alienationem, assignationem, seu dimissionem quamcun-
 “ que, a dicta Corona separaretur quomodolibet in futurum.
 “ Et si forte per Abbatem, Priorem, et Conventum, dictæ
 “ Abbathie, qui pro tempore fuerint, vel aliquos aut aliquem
 “ eorundem, aliqua remissio seu perdonatio dicti redditus, in
 “ toto vel in parte, a nobis, vel ab aliquo hæredum nostrorum,
 “ impetrata et acceptata fuerit, quod extunc præsens concessio
 “ nostra nullius sit roboris vel virtutis. In cujus rei testi-
 “ monium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste
 “ meipso, apud Westmonasterium, sexto die Septembris, anno
 “ regni nostri quarto.”

*Primus compotus de quinquaginta marcis pro
vacatione prenotata.*

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" Abbas, Prior, et Conventus, de Sancto Albano, Regi com- Formal
- " putant de quinquaginta marcis per annum, pro vacatione acquittance
" dictæ abbatihæ, per Litteras Regis Patentes sibi concessa. of the
" In quibus quidem litteris continetur, quod cum Dominus Abbot and
" Edwardus, quondam Rex Angliæ, abavus Regis hujus," et on pay-
" cetera, ut supra:— "sicut continetur in Originali de anno ment, for
" quarto in Thesaurario liberato per ipsum Abbatem. Et one year,
" quieti sunt." of such
fifty marks.

*Littera Regis Baronibus de Scaccario, de libertatibus
concessis per eosdem allocandis.*

" Rex Thesaurario et Baronibus suis de Scaccario, salutem. Royal
" Cum Dominus Edwardus, nuper Rex Angliæ, abavus noster, Letter to
" per Litteras suas Patentes concessisset " et cetera, ut supra, the Treas-
" prout in litteris dicti abavi nostri, quam nostris, plenius surer and
" continetur;—vobis mandamus, quod ipsos Abbatem, Priorem, Barons of
" et Conventum, necnon Abbathiam prædictam, de prædictis the Ex-
" mille marcis, et rata ¹ earundem, a prædicto sexto die chequer,
" Septembris ad idem Scaccarium erga nos, et hæredes nos- ordering
" tros, in perpetuum exonerari, et quietos esse, faciatis, et that the
" ipsos Priorem et Conventum, et eorum successores, in sin- from
" gulis vacationibus Abbathie prædictæ in perpetuum, cus- thence-
" todiam illius Abbathie, et omnium temporalium ejusdem, forth ex-
" tam, videlicet, eorum quæ de dotatione et fundatione Ab- payment
" bathie prædictæ existunt, quam omnium aliorum tempora- of such
" lium eidem Abbathie per prædictos nunc Abbatem et thousand
" Conventum, et prædecessores suos ² legitime, ut prædictum marks.
" est, adquisitionum, una cum rebus et bonis ad Abbathiam
" illam temporibus futuris in hujusmodi vacationibus quali-
" tercumque spectantibus, vel spectaturis, absque aliquo nobis,
" vel hæredibus nostris, pro eadem custodia aliquibus tem-
" poribus futuris reddendo, ultra quinquaginta marcas annuas
" antedictas, habere et tenere; et ipsos Abbatem, Priorem,
" et Conventum, et eorum successores, de quibuscunque de-
" cimis nobis, vel hæredibus nostris, in quibuscunque vaca-

¹ earundem in MS.

| ² legitime in MS.

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"tionibus futuris Abbathiæ prædictæ, per clerum regni nostri
"Angliæ, seu Cantuariensis Provinciæ, concedendis, in per-
"petuum quietos esse permittatis, prout Abbas, Prior, et
"Conventus, loci prædicti, ante hæc tempora de decimis
"hujusmodi, post dictum vicesimum diem Julii dicto anno
"prædicti abavi nostri vicesimo nono, vacante Abbathia præ-
"dicta, per clerum dicti regni nostri progenitoribus nostris,
"seu alicui eorundem, concessis, quieti esse consueverunt.
"Ipsosque Abbatem, Priorem, et Conventum, et eorum suc-
"cessores, omnibus et singulis libertatibus in dictis litteris
"contentis coram vobis in Scaccario prædicto uti et gau-
"dere permittatis, prout eis uti debent, ipsique et præde-
"cessores sui ibidem libertatibus prædictis, a tempore confec-
"tionis chartarum prædictarum, semper hactenus rationabiliter
"uti et gaudere consueverunt; ipsos, contra tenorem litte-
"rarumstrarum prædictarum, non molestantes in aliquo,
"seu gravantes. Proviso semper quod nobis de arreragiis
"dictarum mille marcarum, si quæ nobis ante prædictum
"sextum diem Septembris debebantur, ac etiam de dicta
"annua firma quinquaginta marcarum a prædicto sexto die
"Septembris, ac aliis ad nos in hac parte spectantibus, re-
"spondeatur, prout decet. Teste, et cætera."¹

*Breve Regis, pro Charta præscripta per Barones de
suo Scaccario citius allocanda.*

Allowance
of such
exemption
by the
Barons of
the Ex-
chequer.

"Ricardus, Dei gratia, et cætera, ut supra.
"Et super hoc venit hio prædictus Abbas, per Henricum
"Prestone, attornatum suum, et petit sibi fieri juxta tenorem
"brevis et Litterarum Regis Patentium prædictarum, quod
"Curia et cætera. Super quibus habita deliberatione, per
"Barones consideratum est, quod prædicti Abbas, Prior, et
"Conventus, necnon Abbathia prædicta, de prædictis mille
"marcis, et rata earundem, a sexto die Septembris supra-
"dicto exonerentur, et quieti existant. Et quod iidem
"Prior et Conventus, et eorum successores, habeant et
"teneant in singulis vacationibus Abbathiæ prædictæ in per-

¹ This is followed by the following lines, a pen having been run through the Rubric—"Recorda de Termino Hillarii, anno quinto Regis Ricardi Secundi. — Rex Thesaurario et

"Baronibus suis de Scaccario, et cætera; et tenorem Litterarum Patentium de quibus fit mentio in dicto brevi."

“petuum custodiam Abbathie illius, et omnium temporalium
 “ejusdem, tam, videlicet, eorum quæ de dotatione et libera-
 “tione prædictæ Abbathie existunt, quam omnium aliorum
 “temporalium eidem Abbathie per prædictos nunc Abbatem
 “et Conventum, et prædecessores suos, legitime, ut præ-
 “dictum est, adquisitorum; una cum rebus et bonis ad
 “Abbathiam illam temporibus futuris in hujusmodi vaca-
 “tionibus qualitercunque spectantibus, vel spectaturis, absque
 “aliquo Regi, vel hæredibus suis, pro eadem custodia ali-
 “quibus temporibus futuris reddendo, ultra quinquaginta
 “marcas annuas antedictas. Et quod ipsi Abbas, Prior, et
 “Conventus, et eorum successores, de quibuscunque decimis
 “Regi vel hæredibus suis, in quibuscunque vacationibus
 “futuris Abbathie prædictæ, per clerum regni Angliæ seu
 “Cantuariensis Provinciæ concedendis, in perpetuum sint
 “quieti, prout Abbas, Prior, et Conventus, loci prædicti, ante
 “hæc tempora de decimis hujusmodi, post vicesimum diem
 “Julii supradictum, vacante Abbathia prædicta, per clerum
 “dicti regni progenitoribus Regis, seu alicui eorundem,
 “concessis, quieti esse consueverunt; ipsique Abbas, Prior,
 “et Conventus, et eorum successores, omnibus et singulis
 “libertatibus in prædictis litteris contentis in Scaccario præ-
 “dicto utantur et gaudeant, prout eis uti debent, ipsique et
 “prædecessores sui ibidem libertatibus prædictis, a tempore
 “confectionis chartarum supradictarum semper hactenus ra-
 “tionabiliter uti et gaudere consueverunt; et quod ipsi contra
 “tenorem litterarum regiarum prædictarum non molestentur
 “in aliquo, nec graventur. Proviso semper, quod Regi de
 “arreragiis dictarum mille marcarum, si quæ Regi ante
 “prædictum sextum diem Septembris debebantur, ac etiam
 “de dicta firma annua quinquaginta marcarum, a prædicto
 “sexto die Septembris, ac aliis ad Regem in hac parte
 “spectantibus, respondeatur; et de eadem firma quinquaginta
 “marcarum ab eodem sexto die Septembris versus Regem
 “onerentur, prætextu præmissorum.”

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-56.

*Recorda de Termino Sancti Hillarii, anno quinto
 Regis Ricardi Secundi.*

“Abbas, Prior, et Conventus, de Sancto Albano, et succes-
 “sores sui, reddunt compotum de quinquaginta marcis per an-
 “num, in recompensationem mille marcarum, quas idem Prior
 “Formal acquittance of the Abbot and Convent,

¹ After this Rubric about three- fourths of a column is left vacant, (fol. 279 b).

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. — on payment, for one year, of fifty marks, part being paid to Queen Anne, A.D. 1382.

“ et Conventus Regi reddere solebant, pro vacatione Abbathie prædictæ, et omnium temporalium ejusdem, a sexto die Septembris, anno quarto Regis hujus, sibi, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, reddendo annuatim Regi, et hæredibus Regis, dictas quinquaginta marcas, ad Terminos Paschæ et Sancti Michaelis, per æquales portiones. Ita quod idem Abbas, Prior, et Conventus, et eorum successores, necnon Abbathia prædicta, de prædictis mille marcis, et rata earundem, exonerati penitus, et quieti, remaneant erga Regem et hæredes Regis in perpetuum, ex causa solutionis dictarum quinquaginta marcarum annuarum : sicut continetur in Rotulo quarto in Norffolchia—¹ In Thesauro viginti libras per ipsum Abbatem; et Annæ, Reginae Angliæ, cui Rex concessit firmam prædictam habendam in dotem, a die Coronationis ipsius Reginae, viginti marcas, per breve Regis allocatas eidem Reginae, in Rotulo quinto in Bristollia. Et quieti sunt.”²

³*Supplicatio pro confirmatione electi Sancti Albani in Anglia, et pro modificatione mille marcarum in quibuslibet vacationibus Abbathie Monasterii Sancti Albani Romanæ Curia persolutarum.*

Supplication addressed to the Pope, praying for remission as to a sum of money payable yearly, and personal attendance at Rome, exacted

“ Dudum, Pater Sanctissime, felicitis recordationis, Dominus “⁴ Honorius, Papa, Tertius, ob reverentiam Beati Albani, Anglorum Protomartyris, cujus corpus in Monasterio Sancti Albani, ad Romanam Curiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lyncolniensis Diocesis, requiescens innumerabilibus⁵ coruscavit, et indies coruscat, miraculis, ultra planam exemptionem per ipsum Honorium et prædecessores suos, Romanos Pontifices, Abbati et Conventui dicti loci, et successoribus eorum, concessam, quod dicti Monasterii electi pro tempore in Abbates munus benedictionis a quocunque Episcopo Catholico possent suscipere, voluit et concessit; quodque in signum exemptionis hujusmodi,

¹ *eorundem* in MS.

² This is followed by a Rubric,—*In Magno Rotulo de anno quinto Regis Ricardi Secundi, in Item Essexia*; after which a page (fol.280 a) is left vacant.

³ This Rubric is omitted in the

text, but is inserted, in an almost illegible hand, at the foot of the page (fol. 280 b).

⁴ Pope, A.D. 1216-1227.

⁵ *choruscavit choruscet*, in MS.

" et libertatis a Sede Apostolica sic perceptæ, dicti Abbas Thomas,
 " et Conventus, pro tempore, Sedi prædictæ unam unciam 30th
 " auri solverent annuatim; prout in Litteris Apostolicis, super Abbot,
 " hiis confectis, plenius continetur. Verum, Pater Beatissime, A.D.
 " cum dictum monasterium ab eadem Sede tam longe distare 1349-96.
 " noscatur, quod electi in Abbates ejusdem monasterii successe- from each
 " sive temporibus retroactis, et in posterum eligendi, sine new Abbot
 " magnis viarum periculis, et gravium expensarum onere, firmation.
 " nequiverunt, nec in futuro poterunt, pro habitis et habendis
 " suarum electionum confirmationibus, Sedem Apostolicam
 " visitare: ac visitatio hujusmodi ante hæc tempora, et alia
 " onera eidem monasterio incumbencia, bona ipsius monasterii
 " adeo exhausserunt, quod nisi per vestræ Sanctitatis clemen-
 " tiam in hac parte uberius succurratur, idem monasterium
 " irreparabiliter debere collabi verisimiliter formidatur; et, ut
 " creditur, devota et assidua monachorum ibidem Altissimo
 " servientium, precum oratio, divini præsidii imploratrix,
 " idem monasterium a collapsu hujusmodi hæctenus præserva-
 " vit. Eapropter, pro parte dictorum Abbatis et Conventus,
 " eidem vestræ Beatitudini cum omni devotione et humilitate
 " spiritus supplicatur, quatenus præmissis, et quod præfatum
 " Monasterium prope viam publicam, qua nulla in regno
 " Angliæ usitatio vix¹ existit, notorie situatum, in receptione
 " hospitem, præcipue procerum et magnatum, præ cæteris
 " dicti regni monasteriis excessivius oneratur, ac quod ejus-
 " dem monasterii facultates per epidemias hominum et
 " mortalitates bestiarum, casusque alios fortuitos, redditæ
 " sunt exiles, in vestræ Sanctitatis pectore pro libramine
 " ponderatis, ut omnes et singuli qui successive pro tempore
 " in Abbates dicti monasterii, cum vacabit, per ejusdem
 " monasterii Conventum canonice electi fuerint, statim eo
 " ipso, absque aliqua confirmatione, sint veri Abbates, et
 " pro talibus habeantur et censeantur, ac perinde administrare
 " et curam animarum gerere, et omnia et singula, quæ ad
 " curam, administrationem, et regimen, dicti monasterii
 " pertinent, libere facere et exercere possint, acsi per Sedem
 " Apostolicam legitime eorum electio confirmata foret. Et
 " quod tam hujusmodi Abbates, per dictum Conventum electi,
 " absque aliqua confirmatione, quam illi etiam quos per dictam
 " Sedem eidem Monasterio quocunque modo præfioi contigerit
 " in Abbates, libere ac licite a quocunque maluerint Antistite,
 " gratiam et communionem dictæ Sedis habente, valeant
 " benedici; non obstantibus quibuscunque Constitutionibus,

¹ *istit* only, in MS.

Thomas, "Litteris, seu Privilegiis Apostolicis; necnon Statutis et
30th "Consuetudinibus Monasterii et Ordinis prædictorum con-
Abbot, "trariis, juramento, auctoritate Apostolica, vel quacunque
A.D. "firmitate alia roboratis, dignetur eadem vestra Sanctitas,
1349-96. "ut a viarum periculis et expensarum oneribus releventur,
— "de speoiali gratia indulgere."

¹ *Supplicatio sub alia forma, in materia prænotata.*

Another "Dudum, Pater Sanctissime," et cætera, ut supra, usque verb-
Supplica- um "indulgere."—"Et quod Romana Ecclesia, absque ulte-
tion to a riori exactione, occasione cujuscunque census pro tempore
like effect. "vacationis dicti Monasterii, aliqua summa portabili, per ves-
tram Sanctitatem clementius moderanda, ipsi Romanæ Eccle-
siæ² annuatim persolvenda, futuris temporibus sit contenta,
"Constitutionibus, Consuetudinibus, et Statutis, in contrarium
"editis, non obstantibus quibuscunque."

³ *Supplicatio sub alia forma, in prædicta⁴ materia.*

A third "Dudum, Pater Sanctissime," et cætera, ut supra, usque verb-
Supplica- um "indulgere."—"Et quod Romana Ecclesia, absque aliqua
tion, to a ulteriori exactione, occasione cujuscunque census pro tem-
like effect. "pore vacationis dicti Monasterii, dicta auri⁵ uncia de qua
"præmittitur, futuris temporibus sit contenta, Constitutioni-
"bus, Consuetudinibus, et Statutis, in contrarium editis, non
"obstantibus quibuscunque."

⁶ *Suggestiones diversæ pro prædictis Supplicationibus
in Romana⁷ [Curia] feliciter expediendis.*

Various Summa taxæ omnium bonorum Abbatis et Conventus
sugges- Monasterii Sancti Albani, in regno Angliæ, mille liii.
tion for libræ, viii. solidi, vi. denarii, quadrans:—de quibus assig-
the envoys nantur ex ordinatione antiqua Abbati cccclxv. libræ, v.

¹ Omitted in the text, but supplied at the foot of the page, in an almost illegible hand.

² annatim in MS.

³ Omitted in the text, but supplied in the same hand, at the foot of the page.

⁴ A word follows this, but it is quite illegible.

⁵ uncea in MS.

⁶ Given at the foot of the page, in the hand previously mentioned.

⁷ Omitted in MS.

solidi, viii. denarii, obolus ; et ad prædictum Abbatem Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. pertinet susceptio hospitum nobilium, et aliorum quorumcunque sæcularium, placitorum prosecutio in diversis Curiis regni ; quæ ex eo quod sæculares viris ecclesiasticis plus solito sunt infesti, sunt magis sumptuosa quam solebant, et etiam frequentius eveniunt et contingunt. to Rome, on what grounds such Supplications should be supported. Small revenues of the Convent.

Item, Conventui per eandem ordinationem assignantur plxxxiv. libræ, ii. solidi, ix. denarii, obolus, quadrans ; de qua summa subtrahantur xli. libræ, x. solidi, v. denarii, assignatæ ad officium Sacristæ, pro onere ecclesiæ supportando ; et li. libræ, xi. solidi, iii. denarii, assignatæ officio Eleemosynarii, pro sustentatione diversorum ege- norum : et sic remanent, ad sustentationem Conventus, in quo sunt sexaginta monachi, cccxcv. libræ, xiii. denarii, obolus, quadrans.

Et si fiat objectio, quod ipsum Monasterium ratione The Cells, not an advantage, but a burden to it. Cellarum sibi subjectarum plurium melioratur, respondendum est, quod ratione hujusmodi Cellarum pejoratur ; ex eo quod Abbas dicti Monasterii ipsarum Cellarum negotia sumptibus suis multotiens prosequitur et defendit. Per sæculares etiam patriæ in qua Cellæ hujusmodi situantur, ad ipsum Monasterium frequentius accedentes, et ibidem diebus et noctibus commorantes, dictum Monasterium plurimum oneratur.

Item, Dominus Papa est informandus qualiter The extensive calls upon its hospitality. Monasterium Sancti Albani, prope Londonias, in qua Parliamenta Regis, Convocationes et concursus cleri et procerum regni, fiunt, situatur ; et proceres et magnates regni eundo et redeundo in dicto monasterio hospitantur ; ad ipsius monasterii magnum dispendium et jacturam.

Item, Dominus Rex, ¹Principissa, et ejus filius, The dear- ness of provisions, Princeps, Dux Lancastriæ, et alii magnates regni, prope

¹ The Princess Johanna, widow | her son, Prince Richard.
of Edward, Prince of Wales, and |

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1849-96.

caused by
its wealthy
neigh-
bours.

Its woods
nearly all
cut down,
to defray
payments
to the
Court of
Rome,
and the
King, on
vacations
of the Ab-
bacy.

ipsum monasterium, aliqui ex parte una, aliqui ex altera, quasi continue commorantur; quorum ministri blada, carnes, et alia victualia, pro ipsis dominis, et eorum familia, in ipsa patria capientes, et pro hujusmodi victualibus non ad verum valorem persolventes, dictum monasterium, et ipsius tenentes, destruunt et adnihilant.

Item, portio potissima Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani in nemoribus antiquitus consistebat; quæ nemora, ratione censuum Curiae Romanæ et Domino Regi ante hæc tempore vacationis solutorum, pene destruuntur; in tantum, quod residuum vix sufficit ad sustentationem et reparationem domorum in dicto monasterio, et maneriis et aliis locis eidem monasterio pertinentibus.

¹ *De summis pro expeditione præscriptarum Supplicationum in Romana Curia expendendis.*

Sums of
money to
be expend-
ed at
Rome, in
ensuring
the success
of the said
Supplica-
tions.

Memorandum, pro expeditione primæ Supplicationis, videlicet, quod electi in ² Abbates Monasterii Sancti Albani futuris temporibus, eo ipso quod sint electi, sint absque confirmatione veri Abbates, acsi essent a Sede Apostolica ³ legitime confirmati; sic tamen, quod in vacatione solvant tantum Curiae Romanæ sicut solvere consueverunt, videlicet, dicti monasterii primos fructus.—⁴ Expendantur in Domino Papa, et omnibus aliis istud negotium tangentibus, ad majus trecentæ libræ.

Item, pro expeditione secundæ Supplicationis, videlicet, quod electi in Abbates futuris temporibus prædicti monasterii, sint eo ipso veri Abbates, acsi essent

¹ This Rubric is inserted in another hand, at the foot of the page.

² *Abbat* in MS.

³ *legittime* in MS.

⁴ This passage gives directions how much money may be expended at the Court of Rome in gaining this point.

per Sedem Apostolicam confirmati; sic quod annuatim solvant ipsi Sedi ad majus viginti marcas, absque aliqua majori summa, in vacatione Monasterii prædicti. —¹ Expendantur ad majus mille marcæ.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Item, pro expeditione tertiæ Supplicationis, videlicet, quod electi in Abbates et cætera, sicut præmittitur, absque aliqua alia exactione in posterum vendicanda, ratione alicujus census tempore vacationis dicti monasterii, uncia auri persolvatur annuatim ipsi Curie Romanæ, sicut ex indulto Sedis Apostolicæ solvere consuevit ab antiquo. — Ad majus in omnibus expensis mille libræ.

Et si non poteritis cum præfatis summis istas Supplicationes expedire, rescribatur nobis a Curia Romana celerius quo poteritis, cum quibus summis ipsa negotia poteritis expedire.² —

Directions
to the en-
voys as to
the moneys
to be so
expended.

Supplicatio Regis directa Papæ pro vacatione prænotata.

“ Sanctissime Pater. — Affectantes summe augmentationem divini cultus in Monasteriis regni nostri Angliæ, et præsertim in illis quæ a nobis et nostris progenitoribus fundatæ hactenus extiterunt, et quæ in præsentī sunt de nostro patronatu; necnon eorum facultatum ampliacionem, quæ per diversorum temporum curricula, quid propter guerras, epidemias, et mortalitates, diversis vicibus contingentes, tum propter alia damna et jacturas quæ sustinuerunt multis temporibus retroactis: — hinc est, Pater Sanctissime, quod Monasterium Sancti Albani, infra dictum regnum nostrum situatum, Lincolnensi Diocesi, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjectum, et in honorem Sancti Albani, Protomartyris Angliæ, per nostros progenitores fundatum, cujus sanctissimum corpus infra dictum monasterium requiescit, et innumera³ mirabilibus³ coruscavit miraculis, et³ coruscat, sit temporibus vacationum dicti monasterii, propter visitationem Sedis

Supplication of the King, addressed to the Pope, in support of the prayer of the Abbot and Convent.

¹ See Note 4, p. 150.

² At this point, half a column is left vacant (fol. 281_a).

³ *choruscavit . . . choruscet*, in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96.

" Apostolicæ, pro confirmatione electionis, et munere benedictionis electis dicti monasterii, pro tempore impendendis, in facultatibus graviter diminutum, propter graves expensas quas oportuit electos dicti Monasterii facere, pro tempore vacationum, pro confirmatione hujusmodi obtinenda; cum dictum monasterium, in ultimis mundi partibus constitutum, et in possessionibus, respectu aliorum monasteriorum regni nostri nimis exiliter, ac etiam in loco sterili, sit dotatum. Cum igitur, Pater Sanctissime, in dicto monasterio præ cæteris dicti regni nostri monasteriis, viguit et viget summa devotio, disciplina regularis, receptio hospitum ad id indies confluentium, etsi artaretur quilibet electus pro tempore in qualibet vacatione Sedem Apostolicam visitare, illa occasione propter defectum facultatum numerus monachorum minueretur, et ex eo in magna parte cessaret cultus divinus, eorumque devotio tepesceret, nec hospitalitas debita servaretur: cui monasterio Princeps Walliæ illustris, cujus carnalis ¹ filius esse dinoscimur, et ejus mores sequi desideramus, ultra omnia monasteria regni Angliæ, propter sacræ conversationis observantias in eodem, in animo gerebat specialem. Nos etiam veraciter credimus quod dictum monasterium, propter onera eidem incurrentia, et diminutionem facultatum, hucusque minime perdurasset, nisi præsidium divinum impetrasset devota monachorum observantia Deo famulantium in eodem. Quare Sanctitati vestræ corditer supplicamus, quatenus cum Abbati et Conventui prædicti monasterii, et eorum successoribus, per diversos Romanos Pontifices plena exemptio sit concessa; et ulterius, Abbati dicti monasterii pro tempore, quod a quocunque Episcopo Catholico posset munus benedictionis recipere, per Sedem Apostolicam sit indultum, et quod, in signum exemptionis hujusmodi, et libertatis a Sede Apostolica sic perceptæ, Abbas et Conventus pro tempore Sedi Apostolicæ unam unciam auri solverent annuatim, prout in Litteris Apostolicis super præmissis confectis ² plenius continetur:—dignetur vestra Sanctitas Abbatem et Conventum Monasterii Sancti Albani prædicti, et eorum successoribus, dictam Bullam Honorii, prædecessoris vestri, de novo confirmare; ac ulterius clementer concedere, ut electi in Abbates dicti monasterii pro tempore, cum vacaverit, statim eo ipso, absque aliqua confirmatione, sint veri Abbates, et pro talibus habeantur, ac perinde administrare et curam animarum gerere, ac omnia et singula quæ ad curam animarum, administrationem et regimen dicti

¹ Written by King Richard II.; Edward, Prince of Wales.
who here alludes to his parent, ² plenius in MS.

“monasterii pertinent, possent facere et libere exercere, ac
 “munus benedictionis a quocunque Episcopo Catholico ex
 “abundanti recipere, aosi per Sedem Apostolicam esset eorum
 “electio ¹ legitime confirmata. Speramus indubie tantam gra-
 “tiam clementiæ vestræ in præsentī nostra petitione experiri,
 “quantam sanctæ memoriæ prædecessores vestri, Innocentius
 “Tertius et Urbanus Quintus, qui inter Romanos Pontifices a
 “multo tempore sanctiores fuerant reputati, in petitione con-
 “simili pro Monasterio Eveshamiæ, Wygorniensis ² Diocesis,
 “conscientia ducti, mero motu liberaliter indulserunt, prout
 “in Registro sanctæ memoriæ Urbani Quinti palam poterit
 “apparere: et in rei veritate, istud monasterium pro quo
 “vestræ Sanctitati humiliter supplicamus, multo exilius in
 “possessionibus sit dotatum, ac majori hospitalitate et diversis
 “aliis sumptibus prægravatum. Præmissa, Pater Sanctissime,
 “concedendo, possetis nobis non modicum complacere, et
 “quieti dictorum Abbatis et Conventus in hac parte pros-
 “picere, ut valeant in majori devotione Domino in perpetuum
 “famulari, ac pro vobis et universalis Ecclesiæ, reique pub-
 “licæ regimine, ad intercedendum devotis precibus in posterum
 “³ firmitus obligari.”

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.
 —

*Supplicatio Domini Regis Domino Papæ, sub alia
 forma, de materia præscripta.*

“Beatissime Pater. — ‘Humillima filiali recommendatione A like Sup-
 “præcedente, frequenter et assidue sollicitudinis ⁴ excitamur plication,
 “instantia Monasterio Sancti Albani, Licolniensis ⁵ Diocesis, on part of
 “Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjecto, et in honore ipsius the King,
 “Sancti Albani, Angliæ Protomartyris, per nostros progeni- under an-
 “tores pie fundato, in sui census relevamine nostras apponere other form.
 “manus efficaciter adjutrices. Cujus monasterii lapsum, dam-
 “num, et jacturam, per guerrarum, mortalitatum, et casuum
 “aliorum fortuitorum, discrimina, multipliciter pridem con-
 “tingentia, internis visceribus condolentes, venerabile monas-
 “terium illud, ubi sanctissimi Protomartyris præfati corpus,
 “innumerabilibus et continuis irradiatum miraculis, requiescit;
 “ubi monasticæ disciplinæ regula inviolabiliter observatur;
 “ubi summa viget devotio; ubi est hospitum illuc confluentium

¹ legitime in MS.

² Diocesis in MS.

³ firmitus in MS.

⁴ Humillima in MS.

⁵ excitamur in MS.

⁶ Diocesis in MS.

Thomas, 80th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. —

“ receptio honorifica; ubi maximæ fiunt itaque pauperibus
 “ eleemosynæ; de sinistra fortuna in dexteram, de adversita-
 “ tis miseria in prosperitatis amœnitatem, et de imminentis
 “ paupertatis penuria ad competentis sufficientiæ gradum, ex
 “ intimo cordis nostri desiderio cupimus respirare. Nec mi-
 “ rum,—cum nobilis Princeps Walliæ, pater noster illustris,
 “ cujus instari vestigia, Deo disponente, volumus, ut debe-
 “ mus, dicto monasterio, propter sanctæ conversationis ob-
 “ servantias, præ cunctis cæteris regni nostri monasteriis,
 “ affectionem gerebat singularem. Hinc est, Pater Beatis-
 “ sime, quod pro quibusdam gratiis, Abbati et Conventui dicti
 “ monasterii ex causis præmissis summe necessariis, a vestræ
 “ Sanctitatis clementia impetrandis, dilectum, utique fidelem,
 “ clericum nostrum, Magistrum J. H., quem multiplicata lit-
 “ terarum dignificat scientia, et virtutum extollunt merita
 “ cumlata, nuncium nostrum specialem Apostolicæ Dignitati
 “ destinamus; ¹ humillime ac devotissime totius nostri cordis
 “ affectu supplicantes, quatenus dictum clericum nostrum, de
 “ dicti monasterii negotiis, et gratiis petendis pro eodem, ut
 “ præfertur, per nos plenius informatum, specialiter habentes
 “ recommissum, ei benignum auditum et fidem certam in
 “ referendis vestræ Sanctitatis apici pro parte nostra, dictoque
 “ monasterio hujusmodi gratias sibi valde necessarias, nobisque
 “ corditer affectatas, gratiosa benignitate, sine difficultatis seu
 “ dilationis obstaculo, gratis concedere dignemini nostris pre-
 “ cibus et amore, juxta Supplicationis formam vestris sacra-
 “ tis manibus porrigendarum per eundem. Scientes, Pater
 “ Beatissime, quod si porrectis precibus exauditionis ostium
 “ per Apostolicas claves patefiat, opus valde meritorium, et
 “ Deo gratum, nobisque, filio vestro devotissimo, maximam
 “ complacentiam, vestra faciet Sanctitas memorata. Quam diu
 “ dirigat, et prospere, Filius Virginis gloriosæ ad universalis
 “ Ecclesiæ suæ regimen salutare.”

*Alia forma Supplicationis regiæ Summo Pontifici, in
 materia prænotata.*

A like Sup-
 plication,
 addressed “ ² Beatissime Pater. — Affectantes summe divini cultus
 “ augmentationem in Monasteriis et aliis piis locis regni
 “ Angliæ, et præsertim in illis quæ a progenitoribus in-

¹ *humillime* in MS.

² This Letter of entreaty proceeds

from the Princess Johanna, widow
 of the Black Prince.

" clytæ memoriæ domini mei et mariti, Domini Edwardi, Thomas,
 " Regis Angliæ illustris primogeniti, nuper Principis Walliæ, 30th
 " defuncti, fundata hactenus extiterint: et quæ idem domi- Abbot,
 " nus meus, dum ageret in humanis, affectione fovebat sin- A.D.
 " gulari; hinc est, Pater Sanctissime, quod ad Monasterium 1349-96.
 " Sancti Albani, infra regnum Angliæ situatum, Lincolnensis by the
 " Diocesis, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjectum, propter Princess
 " sanctas et singulares Ordinis monastici observantias inibi Johanna to
 " continuatas, affectionem gerimus specialem, cum in dicto the Pope.
 " monasterio, præ cæteris regni Angliæ Monasteriis, viguit et
 " viget summa devotio, disciplinæ regularis augmentatio,
 " hospitum ad id indies confluentium devota receptio, et
 " aliorum operum pietatis satis notoria exercitatio. Et si
 " artaretur quilibet electus pro tempore, in qualibet vacatione,
 " pro electionis suæ confirmatione Sedem Apostolicam visi-
 " tare, numerus monachorum minueretur, et ex eo in magna
 " parte cessaret divinus cultus, eorumque devotio tepesceret,
 " nec hospitalitas debita servaretur. Quare vestræ Sanctitati
 " corditer supplicamus, quatenus cum Abbate et Conventu
 " dicti monasterii, caritatis intuitu, nostris etiam precibus
 " devotis et amore, secundum tenorem cujusdam cedulae in
 " præsentibus nostris litteris interclusæ, indulgentiam facere
 " dignemini gratiosam, præmissam, Pater Sanctissime, Suppli-
 " cationem concedendo, possetis Omnipotenti Deo, ut veraciter
 " credimus, multipliciter complacere, et ex hoc merita vestra
 " clarius elucescerent apud Deum; cujus Matris intercessio
 " vestram Sanctitatem prospere protegat in agendis."

*Supplicatio matris Regis Angliæ Summo Pontifici, in
materia prænotata.*

" Supplicat Sanctitati vestræ devota filia vestra, Johanna, A like Sup-
 " Principissa Walliæ, mater Domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Regis plication,
 " Angliæ illustris, quod felicitis recordationis Honorius Papa, on part of
 " Tertius, prædecessorum suorum, Romanorum Pontifex, the Prin-
 " vestigiis inhærendo, ob reverentiam Beati Albani, Anglorum cress Jo-
 " Protomartyris, plenam exemptionem Abbati et Conventui under an-
 " Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincol- other form.
 " niensis ¹[Diocesis], in quo corpus gloriosi dicti Martyris

¹ Omitted in the MS.

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“ requiescit, et innumerabilibus ¹coruscavit miraculis, et co-
 “ ruscavit, ac eorum successoribus, duxerat concedendum, ulte-
 “ riusque, quod dicti monasterii electi pro tempore in Abbates
 “ possent munus benedictionis suscipere a quocunque episcopo
 “ Catholico; idem prædecessor vester voluit et concessit, quod
 “ in signum exemptionis huiusmodi, et libertatis a Sede Apo-
 “ stolica sic perceptæ, Abbas et Conventus, pro tempore, Sedi
 “ Apostolicæ unam unciam auri solverent annuatim; prout in
 “ Litteris Apostolicis, super præmissis confectis, plenius con-
 “ tinetur. Cum autem, Pater Sanctissime, dictum monasterium,
 “ ut præmittitur, immediate Sedi Apostolicæ sit subjectum, et
 “ in ultimis mundi partibus constitutum, sic quod electus pro
 “ tempore in Abbatem dicti monasterii non possit sine mag-
 “ nis discrimine viarum et periculis, graviumque expensarum
 “ onere, Sedem Apostolicam visitare; propter quæ, ante hæc
 “ tempora contingentia, dictum monasterium fuit, et est, in
 “ facultatibus multipliciter diminutum, et creditur verisimi-
 “ liter de collapsu dicti monasterii propter inopiam facultatum,
 “ nisi eidem per vestram clementiam in hac parte de uberiori
 “ gratia succurratur. Quare eidem Sanctitati vestræ supplicat
 “ præfata Johanna Principissa humiliter et devote, quatenus
 “ cum præfatum monasterium prope viam publicam, totius
 “ regni Angliæ magis usitatam, notorie situatum, in receptione
 “ hospitum, præcipue nobilium et magnatum, cæteris dicti
 “ regni monasteriis excessivius prægravetur, ipsiusque mo-
 “ nasterii fructus, redditus, et proventus, per epidemias homi-
 “ num, et mortalitates bestiarum, casusque alios fortuitos,
 “ quosdam eorum insolitos, reddantur plurimum diminuti; ut
 “ electi in Abbates pro tempore dicti monasterii, cum vaca-
 “ verit, statim eo ipso, sine aliqua confirmatione, sint veri
 “ Abbates, et pro talibus habeantur, ac proinde administrare,
 “ et curam animarum gerere, ac omnia alia et singula quæ
 “ ad curam animarum, administrationem, et regimen dicti mo-
 “ nasterii, pertinent, possent facere et libere exercere, ac
 “ munus benedictionis a quocunque Episcopo Catholico ex
 “ abundanti recipere, acsi per Sedem Apostolicam esset eorum
 “ electio legitime confirmata, dignemini, de benignitate Sedis
 “ Apostolicæ, indulgere, Constitutionibus, Consuetudinibus, et
 “ Statutis, in contrarium editis, non obstantibus quibuscunque.”

¹ *choruscavit* *choruscat*, in MS.

Littera supplicatoria Ducis Lancastriæ Summo Pontifici, in materia prænotata.

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"¹ Sanctissime in Christo Pater, et Domine, reverentia
" filiali, humilique ² recommendatione, præmissa, cum venera-
" bilis pater, et religiosi viri, Abbas et Conventus Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensis ³ Dioc-
" cesis, ad Sedem Apostolicam, nullo medio, pertinentis, ves-
" træ Sanctitati supplicent in hæc verba—'Dudum' " *et cætera*,
ut *'supra, usque verbum—'* "indulgere";—"ego, qui honorem
" et bonum statum dictorum monasterii, Abbatis, et Conventus,
" ob dicti Sancti reverentiam, et honorem, et elegantiam meri-
" torum et vitæ monachorum inibi degentium, non immerito
" desidero augeri; Sanctitatem vestram precibus iteratis hu-
" militer supplico, quatenus eorum Supplicationi favorabiliter
" annuentes, ea quæ super præmissis rationabiliter postulent,
" dignemini gratiosius indulgere; potissime cum per nonnullos
" vestræ ⁴ Sanctitatis prædecessores cuidam alii monasterio
" Angliæ simili gratia reperiat fore concessa. Sanctitatem
" vestram conservet ⁵ [*et cætera*]."

A like Sup-
plication,
addressed
by John,
Duke of
Lancaster,
to the
Pope.

*Littera supplicatoria ⁷ Archiepiscopi Cantuariæ, in
materia prænotata.*

" Sanctissimo in Christo Patri ac Domino, Domino Urbano, A like
" divina Providentia, Sacrosanctæ Romanæ ac universalis Ec-
" clesie Summo Pontifici, devota pedum oscula beatorum. Supplica-
" Beatissime Pater, intellexi quod illustrissimus dominus meus, tion, ad-
" Dominus Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et inclytus dominus meus, dressed by
" Dominus Johannes, Rex Castellæ et Legionis, ac Dux Lan- the Arch-
" castriæ, pro expeditione quorundam negotiorum religiosos bishop of
" viros, Abbatem et Conventum Monasterii Sancti Albani, Canterbury
" Lincolnensis ⁸ Diocesis, concernentium, Sanctitati vestræ to the
" specialiter scribunt. Et quia, Beatissime Pater, expeditio Pope.

¹ From John of Gaunt, Duke of
Lancaster.

² *recommendatione* in MS.

³ *Diocesis* in MS.

⁴ See page 146 *ante*.

⁵ *Sanctitates* in MS.

⁶ Omitted in the MS., but evi-
dently required, to complete the
context.

⁷ Simon Sudbury, murdered in
1381.

⁸ *Diocesis* in MS.

Thomas, " ipsorum negotiorum mihi meritoria videbatur, eidem Sancti-
 30th " titati vestræ humiliter supplico, quatenus ipsius Sanctitatis
 Abbot, " vestræ clementia dictos religiosos viros sic dignetur caritatis
 A.D. " intuitu habere recommendatos, ut has preces in eisdem
 1349-96. " sibi sentiant efficaces. Ad universalis Sanctæ Ecclesiæ regi-
 — " men, Sanctitatem vestram diu et feliciter conservet in
 " prosperis Trinitas increata."

*Litteræ missæ dominis et amicis in Curia Romana,
 pro supplicatione et negotii præscripti feliciter
 expeditione.*

Form of " Treschier et graunt amy.—Nous vous mercioms molt de
 letter, com- " la grande diligence et travaille que vous avetz touz ditz
 mending " pur nous, et pur les noz ; en priantz de vostre bone conti-
 the suit of " nuance. Et treschier amy, pur ceo que nous avoms escript,
 the Abbot " et prietz a nostre tresseint Piere le Pape, pur noz treschiers
 and Con- " en Dieux l'Abbe et Covent de le meason de Seint Albons,
 vent to " nous vous prioms treschierement et de coer, qen lour pur-
 friends at " suit vous les vuilletz estre eidaunt et conseillaunt devers
 Rome. " nostre tresseint Piere le Pape, au graciouse exploit dycelles,
 " par toutz les bonez voiez que vous purretz ou savez, pur
 " lamour de nous ; et nostre Seignur, treschier et grant
 " amy, vous ettroie bone vie et longe. Escrip a nostre
 " manoir de Bussheye, le dis-sept jour de Febrier."

[TRANSLATION.]

" Very dear and great friend.—We do thank you much for
 " the great diligence and trouble that you have always for us,
 " and for ours ; praying your good continuance thereof. And
 " very dear friend, whereas we have written, and prayed our
 " most Holy Father the Pope, for our very dear in God the Ab-
 " bot and Convent of the house of Saint Alban's, we do pray
 " you very dearly and with all our heart, that in their suit you
 " will be aiding and counselling them as towards our most holy
 " Father the Pope, for the gracious fulfilment thereof, in all
 " the good ways that you may or shall know, for the love of
 " us ; and may our Lord, very dear and great friend, grant
 " you good life and long. Written at our manor of Bussheye,
 " the seventeenth day of February."

*Continuatio processus prosecutionis et materiæ
prænotatæ.*

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Præmissis igitur litteris et aliis ad amicos in Curia directis, licet cum difficultate et expensarum non modica effusione obtentis, ¹præfato tamen ²Johanne Bokedene ad iter suum versus Curiam prædictam non plene parato, venit interim quidam Magister Robertus Prees, clericus, in itinerando versus Curiam in negotiis Domini Regis promovendis; et ante suum recessum, ad sui devotam instantiam, in fraternitatem Capituli susceptus, ex procuratione fidissimi amici præsentis monasterii, Magistri Johannis de Barnet, Curie Cantuariæ Officialis. Qui quidem Magister Robertus, ob specialem affectionem quam ipse asseruit se gerere et habere erga præsens monasterium, et monachos Deo famulantes in eodem, præfato Domino Abbati, et suis confratribus, eorum Supplicationem in dicto negotio conceptam Sanctitati Domino Papæ porrigere, dictum negotium attentare, et in eo procedere, expensas in dicti negotii prosecutione necessarias, usque adventum dicti Fratris Johannis Bokedene, de proprio effundere, libere promisit.

Master
Robert
Prees, the
King's
Ambassa-
dor, pro-
mises the
Abbot and
Convent to
present the
Supplica-
tion to the
Pope, he
preceding
John Boke-
dene, their
envoy.

Sperans idem Dominus Abbas ipsum Magistrum Robertum plus aliis in hujusmodi negotio proficere, pro eo quod ipse Ambassiator Regis extiterat, habens secum litteras Domini Regis pro negotiis suis promovendis, quarum occasione ad præsentiam Domini Papæ, cum sibi liberet, verisimilius perveniret, ex deliberato consilio suo omnes dictas litteras deprecatorias eidem Magistro Roberto tradidit, Sanctitati Domini Papæ, et aliis, prout intuentibus easdem poterit liquere, porrigendas; dando etiam eidem Magistro Roberto specialiter in mandatis, quatenus alias litteras Domino Laurentio,

Injunctions
given by
the Abbot,
together
with the
Supplica-
tions, to
Robert
Prees.

¹ He has not been previously named as an intended envoy to | Rome.
² Johanni in MS.

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—

Papæ Pœnitentiaro, et Magistro Adæ de ¹Fenrother, clerico, procuratoribus suis alias constitutis, directas, quam cito ad Curiam perveniret, omnino traderet, et omnia alia et singula secum nomine suo delata eisdem exhiberet; et quicquid pro dicti negotii sui expeditione in dicta Curia attentaret, id de consilio dictorum Laurentii et Adæ communicato faceret omnino; eosdem Laurentium et Adam in dictis litteris sibi directis deprecans cum instantia, quatenus quod in prosecutione dicti negotii actum, gestum, seu attentatum fuerit ibidem, id sibi litteratorie intimarent.

John Bokedene is to follow, with other letters in support of the Supplication.

Dictus vero Magister Robertus, pro dictis negotiis regis, de consilio ejusdem Regis taliter acceleratus, quod, dicto Fratre Johanne Bokedene minime expectato, iter suum, cum dictis litteris, versus Curiam arripuit; præfato Fratre Johanne litteras Domini nostri Regis, nondum impetratas, et litteras dictæ Domine Principissæ, Dominorum Ducis Lancæstriæ et Cantuariæ Archiepiscopi, sub posteriori data, cum clausula "Pre-cibus iteratis" inserenda in eisdem, ac etiam propter Bullas exemptionis de Evesham, et Privilegium Honorii Tertii, de quibus fit in litteris et Supplicationibus prænotatis, seu transumptis eorum, sub sigillo autentico, vel instrumento publico, in prædicto negotio, pro earum exhibitione summe necessariis, diutius expectante. Circa quarum impetrationem Dominus Abbas, ut subscribitur, ² feliciter laboravit.

Continuatio materiæ præscriptæ.

Application to the Abbot of Evesham for a copy of his Bull of exemption.

Primo enim misit Domino Abbati Eveshamiæ, suggerens eidem quod pro quibusdam arduis negotiis, monasterii sui utilitatem maximam concernentibus, in Curia Romana promovendis, transumptum Bullæ

¹ Fenroth only in the MS., erroneously.

² felicite in MS.

suae, sub sigillo Domini Cantuariæ Archiepiscopi, erat summe necessarium, paternitati suæ instantissime supplicans, quatenus cum aliquibus monachis suis, vel clericis sibi fidis, dictam Bullam suam Londoniis, ad præsentiam Domini Archiepiscopi, pro transumpto inde faciundo, suis sumptibus transmitteret.

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Qui, cum Conventu suo diutius tractatu præhabito, sibi demum rescripsit, quod, Conventus sui obstante diasensu, præfatam Bullam extra monasterium suum nulla ratione posset emitte. Quo responso eidem transmisso, iterum scripsit Dominus Abbas eidem, quatenus pati dignaretur, ut Dominus Officialis Curiae de Arcubus, ad monasterium suum personaliter accedens, de Bulla sua prædicta ibidem transumptum componeret. Quo tandem, licet cum difficultate, obtento, prædictus Officialis, ad sui instantiam, illuc personaliter accedens, de Bulla prædicta, sub signis Notariorum, una cum appositione sigilli sui, transumptum triplicatum sibi composuit.

The Abbot
refuses to
let the Bull
be taken
out of his
Abbey to
be copied;
but allows
it to be
copied
there.

Et quia Bullam Honorii prædictam, de qua supra in litteris fit mentio, non habuit duplicatam, scripsit idem Dominus Abbas prædicto Archiepiscopo Domino, quatenus, pro quibusdam negotiis suis in Romana Curia promovendis, placeret paternitati suæ Bullam suam prædictam Honorii, sub sigillo suo, transumere; qui, petitioni suæ favorabiliter annuens in hac parte, de dicta Bulla sub sigillo suo transumptum triplicatum eidem composuit, sub forma sequente.—

A formal
transcript
of the Bull
of Pope
Honorius
III. is sanc-
tioned by
the Arch-
bishop of
Canter-
bury.

Transumptum Bullæ Honorii Papæ, Tertii.

“ Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsentem
“ litteræ, sive præsens transumptum, pervenerint, seu perve-
“ nerit, Simon, permissione divina, Cantuariæ Archiepiscopus,
“ totius Angliæ Primas, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legatus, salutem
“ in omnium Salvatore. Cum pro parte venerabilium et reli-
“ giosorum virorum, Dominorum Abbatis et Conventus Monas-
“ terii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensis

Form of
such per-
mission,
granted by
the Arch-
bishop,
A.D. 1381.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

"¹ Diœcesis, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjecti, in Capella
" nostra de Lamethe, Wyntoniensis ¹ Diœcesis, nobis, pro tribu-
" nali sedentibus, porrecta petitio continebat, ut nos quasdam
" Litteras Apostolicas felicis recordationis Honorii Papæ, Tertii,
" ejus vera bulla plumbea, cum filis sericis, more Romanæ
" Curia bullatas, cum subscriptionibus dicti Domini Papæ
" et Cardinalium subscribentium se eisdem, ac data earundem
" litterarum post subscriptiones hujusmodi subscripta, nobis
" ibidem pro parte eorundem religiosorum virorum, Abbatis
" et Conventus Monasterii Sancti Albani, judicialiter exhibitas,
" quas in longinquis et remotis partibus, ut asserebatur, pro
" negotiis eorundem religiosorum virorum benignius expedien-
" dis, prædictos Abbatem et Conventum oporteat exhibere, quæ
" propter viarum discrimina, et alia pericula quæ ratione dela-
" tionis earum, si easdem originales ad partes hujusmodi
" deferri contingeret, ² possent de facili evenire, verisimiliter
" deperirent, inspicere, et ipsas inspectas auctoritate nostra
" per Notarium Publicum infrascriptum, transumi, exemplari,
" subscribi, et in formam publicam ³ redigi, mandare et præ-
" cipere curaremus, ad omnem juris effectum, qui inde sequi
" poterit; et hujusmodi transumpto, sicut litteris originalibus
" antedictis, fides indubia valeat adhiberi.

Subscriptiones Cardinalium in ⁴ Bulla prænotata.

Subscrip-
tions of the
Pope and
Cardinals
to the ori-
ginal Bull
of Pope
Honorius
III., granted
to the
Abbey of
St. Alban's,
A.D. 1218.

" Tenores vero subscriptionum, de quibus præmittitur, et
" legi possunt, (subscriptione unius Cardinalis duntaxat ex-
" cepta, cujus subscriptionis tantum remanent ista verba,—
" 'Ego frater;' alia verba adeo casualiter sunt deleta, quod
" legi non possunt), ⁵ sequuntur in hunc modum.—Subscriptio
" vero Domini Papæ, in quodam rotundo charactere circu-
" lari, talis est:—'Sanctus Petrus, Sanctus Paulus, Honorius
" 'Papa Tertius.' In circumferentia ejusdem characteris hæc
" verba scribuntur;—⁶ 'Perfice gressus meos in semitis ⁷ tuis;'
" et postmodum ⁵ sequuntur hæc verba;—'Ego, Honorius,
" 'Catholicæ Ecclesiæ Episcopus.' Subscriptiones autem
" Cardinalium tales sunt;—'Ego Guido, Prænestinus Epi-
" scopus. Ego Conradus, Portuensis et Sanctæ Rufinæ Epi-
" scopus. Ego Leo, titulo Sanctæ Crucis in Ierusalem

¹ Diœcesis in MS.

² possent in MS.

³ redegi in MS.

⁴ Bulla in MS.

⁵ sequuntur in MS.

⁶ Psalm xxv. 4.

⁷ Originally written "meis," which
has expunctory marks beneath it,
and "tuis" written in the margin.

“ ‘Presbyter Cardinalis. Ego Stephanus, Basilicæ Duodecim
 “ ‘Apostolorum Presbyter Cardinalis. Ego Gregorius, titulo
 “ ‘Sanctæ Anastasiæ Presbyter Cardinalis. Ego Thomas,
 “ ‘titulo Sanctæ Sabinæ Presbyter Cardinalis. Ego Guido,
 “ ‘Sancti Nicolai in Carcere Tulliano Diaconus Cardinalis.
 “ ‘Ego ¹Octavianus, Sanctorum Sergii et ²Bacchi Diaconus
 “ ‘Cardinalis. Ego Gregorius, Sancti Theodori Diaconus
 “ ‘Cardinalis. Ego Stephanus, Sancti Adriani Diaconus Car-
 “ ‘dinalis.’ Tenor vero datæ dictarum Litterarum Apostoli-
 “ ‘carum, scriptæ post litteras et subscriptiones hujusmodi, ut
 “ ‘præfertur, talis est,—‘Datum Laterani, per manum Ranerii,
 “ ‘Sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ Vice-Cancellarii, decimo Kalendas
 “ ‘Martii, Indictione sexta, Incarnationis Dominicæ anno
 “ ‘millesimo ducentesimo octavo-decimo, Pontificatus vero
 “ ‘Domini Honorii Papæ, Tertii, anno tertio.’ Nos igitur,
 “ ‘Simon, Archiepiscopus memoratus, attendentes supplica-
 “ ‘tionem hujusmodi consonam fore juri, Litteras Apostolicas
 “ ‘prædictas, ut præmittitur, bullatas, cum subscriptionibus et
 “ ‘data antedictis, in notariorum et testium subscriptorum
 “ ‘præsentia, recepimus, inspeximus, vidimus, perlegique et
 “ ‘examinari fecimus diligenter, et eas ad omnem juris effectum,
 “ ‘qui inde sequi poterit, nostris auctoritate et decreto publi-
 “ ‘cavimus, ac ipsas per Magistrum Nicolaum de Hadleye,
 “ ‘notarium publicum, et scribam nostrum infrascriptum, tran-
 “ ‘sumi, exemplari, subscribi, et in hanc publicam formam
 “ ‘redigi, mandavimus, ipsiusque signo consueto signari. Cui
 “ ‘etiam transumpto, in formam publicam sic redacto, sicut
 “ ‘originalibus earundem Litterarum Apostolicarum, fidem plen-
 “ ‘nam adhibendam fore in posterum, in quantum de jure
 “ ‘possumus, decrevimus ubilibet in agendis. In quorum
 “ ‘omnium testimonium, præsentī publico instrumento, sive
 “ ‘transumpto, sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Data
 “ ‘et acta sunt hæc, ut superius recitantur, in Capella nostra
 “ ‘de Lamethe prædicta, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo
 “ ‘octogesimo, Indictione quarta, Pontificatus Sanctissimi
 “ ‘in Christo patris et domini nostri, Domini Urbani, divina
 “ ‘Providentia Papæ, Sexti, anno tertio, mense ³Martii, die
 “ ‘vicesima tertia, præsentibus, Magistro Johanne Barnet,
 “ ‘Officiali Curie nostræ Cantuariensis, Magistro Wilhelmo de
 “ ‘Burcote, Notario Publico, et Johannes Brokman, Clerico,
 “ ‘Lincolniæ et Cantuariæ ⁴Diocesum, et aliis testibus ad præ-
 “ ‘missa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis.

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.

¹ Oct' in MS.

² Bachi in MS.

³ March 1381, according to the

modern reckoning.

⁴ Diocesum in MS.

Subscriptiones ¹ *Notariorum in transcripto prænотato.*

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. —
 Subscription of Notaries Public to the Copy of the said Bull of Pope Honorius III.

“ Et ego, Nicolaus Hadleye, clericus Middelsexiæ, Diœcesis ² [Londoniensis], Publicus auctoritate Apostolica Notarius, ac prædicti Reverendi Patris, Domini Simonis, Archiepiscopi supradicti, actorum scriba et registrarius, prædictarum Litterarum Apostolicarum præsentationi, lectioni et inspectioni, transumptioni et exemplificationi, decreto, necnon omnibus aliis, dum sic, ut præmittitur, per dictum Reverendum Patrem, et coram eo, agerentur et fierent, sub anno, Indictione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, supradictis, una cum Magistro Willelmo Burkote, Notario publico subscripto, et aliis testibus superius nominatis, præsens interfui; eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audiui; et quia illud transumptum cum ipsis litteris originalibus, post diligentem et fidelem collationem per me factam, repperi per omnia, ut præmittitur, concordare huic transumpto, per alium scripto, me aliis negotiis occupato; signumque meum consuetum apposui, meque hic propria manu subscripsi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, de mandato dicti Reverendi Patris, et per partem dictorum religiosorum virorum requisitus, in fidem et testimonium omnium præmissorum. Et ego, Willelmus de Burcote, Clericus Lincolnensis Diœcesis publicus, auctoritate Apostolica et Imperiali Notarius, omnibus et singulis, prout supra scribuntur et recitantur, dum sic, ut præmittitur, sub anno, Indictione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prænotatis, per dictum Venerabilem Patrem, Dominum Archiepiscopum prædictum, agerentur et fierent, coram eodem, una cum Magistro Nicolao de Hadleye, Notario Publico suprascripto, et testibus suprascriptis, præsens interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audiui. Ideoque de mandato dicti Venerabilis Patris, hic me subscripsi; signumque meum consuetum præsentis transumpto apposui, rogatus, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum.”

Transumptum Privilegii Eveshamiæ.

Attestation by John Barnet, —

“ Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsentēs litteræ, sive præsens transumptum, pervenerint, seu pervenerit, Johannes Barnet, Officialis Curie Cantuariæ, sa-

¹ *Notorium* in MS.| ² Omitted in the text.

"litem in Domino sempiternam. Cum pro parte venera- Thomas,
 "bilitum et religiosorum virorum, Dominorum Abbatis et 30th
 "Conventus Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Bene- Abbot,
 "dicti, Lyncolniensis ¹Diocesis, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate A.D.
 "subjecti, nuper nobis in Ecclesia Conventuali Monasterii 1349-96.
 "Eveshamiæ, dicti Ordinis, Wygorniensis ¹Diocesis, etiam Official of
 "dictæ Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjecti, in loco Consis- the Court
 "toriali ejusdem monasterii de Evesham, petita per nos a of Canter-
 "venerabili et religioso viro, Fratrem Rogero, Abbate dicti bury, of
 "Monasterii Eveshamiæ, primitus in hac parte licentia, pariter the Copy
 "et obtenta, ac de consensu ipsius Fratris Rogeri, Abbatis, of the
 "expresso, pro tribunali sedentibus, porrecta petitio contine- Privilege
 "bat, ut nos quasdam Litteras Apostolicas felicitis recor- granted to
 "dationis Urbani Papæ, Quinti, vera bulla plumbea, cum filis the Abbey
 "sericis, more Romanæ Curie, bullatas, nobis ibidem pro of Eves-
 "parte dictorum religiosorum virorum, Abbatis et Conventus ham,
 "Monasterii Sancti Albani, judicialiter exhibitas; quas in A.D. 1381.
 "longinquis et remotis mundi partibus, ut asserebatur, pro ne-
 "gotiis eorundem religiosorum virorum, Abbatis et Conventus
 "præfati monasterii Sancti Albani, benignius expediendis,
 "eisdem Abbati et Conventui foret expediens exhiberi;
 "quæ, propter viarum discrimina, et alia pericula, quæ
 "ratione delationis illarum, si easdem originales ad partes
 "hujusmodi deferri contingeret, possent de facili evenire,
 "verisimiliter deperirent, inspicere, et ipsas inspectas auctori-
 "tate nostra per Notarium Publicum infrascriptum transumi,
 "exemplari, subscribi, et in formam publicam redigi, mandare
 "et præcipere curaremus, ad omnem juris effectum, qui inde
 "sequi poterit; et hujusmodi transumpto, sicut litteris origi-
 "nalibus antedictis, fides indubia valeat adhiberi. Quarum vero
 "Litterarum Apostolicarum tenor sequitur, in hæc verba.—

Privilegium Eveshamiæ.

"Urbanus Episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Privilege
 "Abbati et Conventui Monasterii Eveshamiæ, ad Romanam granted to
 "Curiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, the Abbey
 "Wygorniensis ²Diocesis, salutem et Apostolicam bene- of Evesham
 "dictionem. Sinceræ devotionis affectus, quem ad nos et by Pope
 "Romanam geritis Ecclesiam, promeretur ut petitionibus Urban V.,
 "A.D. 1363.

¹ *Diocesis* in MS.

² *dicti* in MS.

³ *Diocesis* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1849-96. —

“ vestris, in hiis præsertim quæ vestra et monasterii vestri
 “ commoda et necessitates respiciunt, favorabiliter annuamus.
 “ Exhibita siquidem nobis pro parte vestra petitio continebat,
 “ quod licet felicitis recordationis Innocentius Papa, Tertius,
 “ prædecessor noster, vobis inter cætera duxerit indulgendum,
 “ ut Abbas vestri monasterii de novo electus, ¹ absque omni
 “ confirmatione, a quocunque mallet, posset Episcopo benedici,
 “ tamen, quia ipsius prædecessoris litteræ super hoc, et aliis
 “ ab eodem prædecessore vobis indultis, confectæ, quarum tenor
 “ in Registro prædecessoris ejusdem plenius continetur, a
 “ diurno tempore casualiter sunt amissæ; et quia etiam in
 “ registratione tenoris ejusdem apparet evidenter erratum,
 “ videlicet, in ea parte ubi in ipso Registro dicatur ‘absque
 “ ‘omni electione,’ cum debuerit esse scriptum ‘absque omni
 “ ‘confirmatione,’ timetis ne de indulto hujusmodi valeat
 “ hæsitari. Quare pro parte vestra fuit humiliter supplicatum,
 “ ut cum vos sitis Romanæ Ecclesiæ immediate subjecti, et
 “ in ultimis mundi partibus constituti, adeo quod sine magnis
 “ periculis et expensis facile non potestis Sedem Apostolicam
 “ visitare, providere vobis super hiis de benignitate Apostolica
 “ dignaremur:—Nos itaque, vestris in hac parte supplicationi-
 “ bus inclinati, vobis, ut omnes et singuli qui successive pro
 “ tempore in Abbates vestri monasterii, cum vacabit, per vos,
 “ filii Conventus, canonice electi fuerint, ita ut a viarum
 “ periculis et expensarum oneribus releventur, statim, eo
 “ ipso, absque confirmatione aliqua, sint veri Abbates, et pro
 “ talibus habeantur, et etiam censeantur, ac proinde adminis-
 “ trare, et curam animarum gerere, et omnia et singuli quæ
 “ ad curam, administrationem, et regimen, dicti monasterii
 “ pertinent, libere facere et exercere possint, acsi per Sedem
 “ Apostolicam ² legitime eorum electio confirmata foret; et
 “ quod tam hujusmodi Abbates per vos, Conventus, electi,
 “ absque aliqua confirmatione, quam illi etiam quos per
 “ dictam Sedem eidem Monasterio quocunque modo præfici
 “ contigerit in Abbates, libere ac licite a quocunque maluerint
 “ Antistite, gratiam et communionem dictæ Sedis habente,
 “ valeant benedici, non obstantibus quibusdam Constitutioni-
 “ bus, Litteris, seu Privilegiis Apostolicis, necnon Statutis et
 “ Consuetudinibus Monasterii et Ordinis prædictorum, con-
 “ trariis, juramento, confirmatione Apostolica, vel quacunque
 “ firmitate alia roboratis, auctoritate Apostolica de gratia
 “ speciali indulgemus. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat

¹ *ab* in the text; *absque* inserted
 in the margin.

² *Qy.* if not “*diutino*”?

³ *legittime* in MS.

“ hanc paginam infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Thomas,
 “ Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem 30th
 “ Omnipotentis Dei, et Beatorum Petri et Pauli, Aposto- Abbot,
 “ rum ejus, se noverit incursum. Datum Avinione, A.D.
 “ secundo Kalendas Septembris, Pontificatus nostri anno 1349-96.
 “ primo.” —

“ Nos igitur, Johannes Barnet, Officialis prædictus, Continuation of the
 “ attendentes Supplicationem hujusmodi consonam fore juri, attestation
 “ Litteras Apostolicas prædictas, ut præmittitur, bullatas, by John
 “ in notariorum et testium infrascriptorum præsentia, rece- Barnet.
 “ pimus, inspeximus, vidimus, perlegique et examinari
 “ fecimus diligenter, et eas ad omnem juris effectum, qui
 “ inde sequi poterit, nostris auctoritate et decreto publicavimus;
 “ ac ipsas per Johannem Harold, Notarium Publicum infra-
 “ scriptum, transumi, exemplari, subscribi, et in hanc publi-
 “ cam formam redigi, mandavimus, ipsiusque signo consueto
 “ signari. Cui etiam transumpto, in formam publicam sic
 “ redacto, sicut originalibus earundem Litterarum Apostolica-
 “ rum, fidem plenam adhibendam fore in posterum, in
 “ quantum de jure possumus, decrevimus, videlicet, ¹ ubilibet
 “ in agendis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentì publico
 “ instrumento, sive transumpto, sigillum officii nostri duximus
 “ apponendum. Data et acta sunt hæc, ut superius recitantur,
 “ in Ecclesia Conventuali de Evesham prædicta, in loco
 “ consistoriali ejusdem, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo
 “ octogesimo, Indictione quarta, Pontificatus Sanctissimi in
 “ Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Urbani, Divina
 “ Providentia, Papæ, Sexti, anno tertio, mense Februarii, die
 “ vicesima sexta, præsentibus venerabilibus, religiosis, et
 “ discretis viris, præfato Rogero, Abbate, Fratribus Nicolao
 “ de Hereford, Priore, Ricardo Willenhale, Suppriori, Thoma
 “ Westone, Sacrista, et aliis monachis dicti monasterii
 “ Eveshamiæ; necnon Magistro Roberto More, Archidiacono
 “ in Ecclesia Landavensi, Johanne Cliftone, domicello,
 “ et aliis testibus, ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et
 “ rogatis.

Subscriptio ² Notarii.

“ Et ego, Johannes Harolde, Clericus ³ Sarisburiensis Diocesis, Subscrip-
 “ Publicus auctoritate Apostolica Notarius, prædictis licentiæ, tion of a
 “ petitioni, ejusdem concessioni, Litterarum Apostolicarum Notary
 “ Public.

¹ Omitted in the text, but supplied
 in the margin, in another hand.

² *Notarii* in MS.

³ *Saren'* in MS.

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“ exhibitioni, earumque lecturæ, publicationi, mandato, decreto, et aliis supradictis, dum sic, ut præmittitur, sub anno, Indictione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prænotatis, per dictum Officialem, et coram eo, agerentur et fierent, una cum Magistro Willelmo de Burcote, Notario Publico subscripto, et testibus supradictis, præsens interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi, audivi, veramque collationem et examinationem præsentis transumpti, cum litteris originalibus antedictis, de mandato ejusdem Domini Officialis, feci. Ideoque, et quia, facta collatione hujusmodi, præsentem copiam, sive præsens transumptum, cum ejus originalibus memoratis in tenore verborum inveni in omnibus concordare, nil addito seu diminuto, quod vitaret intellectum, seu facti substantiam immutaret, eandem copiam, sive transumptum, scripsi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, signumque meum et nomen mea consueta apposui, rogatus, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum.

Subscriptio ³ Notarii.

Subscription by a second Notary Public.

“ Et ego, Willelmus de Burkote, Clericus Lincolniensis
 “ ² Diocesis, Publicus, auctoritate Apostolica et Imperiali, Notarius, omnibus et singulis, dum sic, ut præmittitur, sub anno, Indictione, Pontificatu, mense, die, et loco, prænotatis, per dictum Dominum Officialem, et coram eo, agerentur et fierent, una cum Magistro Johanne Harold, Notario Publico superscripto, et testibus supradictis, præsens interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi. Ideoque, et de mandato ejusdem Domini Officialis, hic me subscripsi, signumque meum consuetum apposui, rogatus, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum.”

Continuatio processus et materiæ prænotatæ.

John Bokedene, having obtained the requisite transcripts and letters, is about to leave for Rome;

Cum quibus transumptis, tam Honorii quam Eveshamiæ, non absque difficultate et expensarum effusione sic adeptis, Dominus Johannes Bokedene, ultima hebdomada Quadragesimæ, anno Domini supradicto, ac etiam cum litteris Domini Regis, tunc primo impetratis, et litteris Domini Principissæ, Dominorum Ducis Lancastriæ et Cantuariæ Archiepiscopi, sub posteriori

¹ Sic in MS., apparently to agree with *signum* and *nomen*.

² *Notarii* in MS.

³ *diocesis* in MS.

data, et clausula "Precibus iteratis" inserta in eisdem, (cujus causa dictus Johannes Bokedene diu expectavit,) versus Curiam iter arripuisset; nisi litteræ Willelmi Strete, amici sui fidissimi, Domini Laurentii, monachi de Bello, Papæ Pœnitentarii, et Magistri Adæ de Fenrother, clerici, procuratorum suorum ad hoc deputatorum, per Magistrum Johannem Maidenhithe sibi tertio die Aprilis anno supradicto, apud Sanctum Albanum, præsentatæ, de tam celeri expeditione negotiorum suorum prædictorum, secundum formam Supplicationis in litteris Domini Willelmi Strete inclusæ, et per eundem Magistrum Johannem Maidenhithe sibi præsentatæ, firmam spem sibi contulissent. Quarum vero litterarum, et dictæ Supplicationis, sic inclusæ, tenores sequuntur seriatim, in hæc verba.—

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when favourable letters are received, through Master John Maidenhithe, from the procurators of the Abbey at Rome.

Littera prima Willelmi Strete, in materia prænotata.

"Tresreverent Piere en Dieux, et mon treshonure Seignour. First letter
"—Jeo me recommant a vous en tant com jeo sai ou puisse, from William Strete,
"et tresvolenters oieroy bones nouvelles de vostre estat; le quele at Rome.
"moy serroit grant ease a coer, le quele Dieux voille
"longement mayntener. Et pur ceo que Mestre Adam Fenrother moi ad parle du certains materes touchant vostre
"Abbeie, et sur ceo il mad bailly certains Supplicacions; et
"auxi Dan Laurence, le Penitancier, moi ad parle de ceste
"matiere; le quele Supplicacion jai baille a un certain amy,

[TRANSLATION.]

"Very Reverend Father in God, and my much honoured
"Lord.—I commend myself unto you so much as I know or
"may, and very willingly would hear news of your well-being;
"the which would be unto me great gladness at heart, [and]
"the which may God for long uphold. And whereas Master
"Adam Fenrother has spoken to me of certain matters touching
"your Abbacy, and thereupon has delivered unto me certain
"Supplications; and also, ¹Dan Laurence, the Penancer, has
"spoken to me of this matter; the same Supplication I have

¹ The English form of expression for "*Dominus*" or "*Dompnus*," the title of ecclesiastics below the rank

of Master. It has been made familiar to us in the works of Chaucer.

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

“ le quel mad promys que serra exploite. Et sur ceolle con-
 “ dicioun, nous avoms mys en depos, en les mayns des suffi-
 “ sauntz persones, la summe de quatre mille floryns, sur tielle
 “ condicion que les Bulles soient grantez sur mesme la forme
 “ en la dite Supplicacioun, que la dite summe dargent luy serra
 “ deliveree, et ne mie autrement: la copie du quele Suppli-
 “ cacioun jeo vous envoie deinz cestez. De quele summe jai
 “ aprompte de Mestre Johan Maidenhithe, portour dycestes, la
 “ summe de ccxv. livres, x. soldes, desterlinges, pur vous luy
 “ payer un moys apres la veue du cestes lettres a vous monstres;
 “ et en droit de le remensaut, jeo serra devers vous si easi
 “ que vous serretz bien content. Sur quoi vous pri oherement,
 “ que le dit Mestre Johan Maidenhithe soit prestement paie
 “ de la dite summe, com vous vuilletz salver mon honneur;
 “ coment que jeo lai feist pur honneur de vous, et profit de
 “ vostre Abbeye. Et si Dieux plect deinz celle moys desuis
 “ dit, que vous paierez le dit argent au dit Mestre Johan,
 “ vous averetz voz Bulles en ceste matiere, ou autrement le
 “ dit argent que vous envoie, par la Compaignie des Albertins.
 “ Et jeo su en espoire a la fesaunce de cestes, que la bosoigne

“ delivered to a certain friend, who has promised me that it
 “ shall be brought about. And on this condition, we have
 “ placed in deposit, in the hands of sufficient persons, the sum
 “ of four thousand florins, upon condition that [if] the Bulls
 “ shall be granted in the same form as in the said Supplication,
 “ then the said sum of money shall be delivered to him, and
 “ not otherwise: the copy of which Supplication I send unto
 “ you herein. Of which sum I have borrowed of Master John
 “ Maidenhithe, bearer hereof, the sum of 215 pounds, 10 shil-
 “ lings, sterling, for you to pay him one month after sight of
 “ these letters shown to you; and as regards the remainder, I
 “ will be towards you so complaisant that you will be well
 “ content. Wherefore I pray you dearly, that the said Master
 “ John Maidenhithe be promptly paid the said sum, as you
 “ would save my honour; seeing that I have done it for the
 “ honour of you, and the profit of your Abbey. And if it
 “ please God within this month aforesaid, that you pay the
 “ said money to the said Master John, you shall have your
 “ Bulls in this matter, or otherwise the said money that you
 “ send, by the ¹ Company of the Albertini. And I am in hope
 “ at the making hereof, that the business will come to a good

¹ One of the numerous Companies of Italian Merchants, no doubt.

" vendra au bon fyn; mes jeo ne sai mye le certain, pur ceo
 " que le Pape est bien merveillous. Mes je mettera ma
 " diligence a tout mon power. Et vous plesse assavoir, que
 " Mestre Robert Prees nad riens exploite depuis sa venue
 " ycy, nunques le Pape list lettre qil porta ycy. Et
 " veuillez savoir que voz bosoignz ne purrout ycy estre
 " exploitez par lettres de nully, mes soulement par argent.
 " Et vous conseille que toutes choses que vous veuillez aver
 " exploitez en cestre Court, soient featez par lavisement del
 " dit Dan Laurence, le Penitauncer; car il est bien conuz et
 " amez ove les Cardinalx et touz les grandez de la Court,
 " et en bone volunte de vous feare service. Et moy veuillez
 " avoir recommaunde a tout vostre Covent. Le Seint Espirit
 " vous eit en sa garde. Escripte a Rome, le vint quatrieme
 " jour de Januere."

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" end; but I do not know it at all for certain, seeing that the
 " Pope is very capricious. But I will use my diligence with
 " all my power. And may it please you to know, that
 " Master Robert Prees has carried out nothing since his
 " coming here, nor has the Pope ever read a letter that he has
 " brought here. And be pleased to know that your business
 " cannot be carried out here through letters from any one,
 " but only through¹ money. And I counsel you that all
 " things that you wish to have carried out in this Court,
 " must be done by the advice of the said Dan Laurence,
 " the Penancer; for he is well known and loved by the
 " Cardinals and all the great of the Court, and of good
 " inclination to do you service. And be pleased to have me
 " commended to all your Convent. May the Holy Spirit
 " have you in its keeping. Written at Rome, the twenty-
 " fourth day of January."

*Supplicatio porrecta Domino Papæ per Willelmum
 Strete præscriptum, in materia prænotata.*

" Exponitur Sanctitati vestræ, pro parte devotorum oratorum, Supplica-
 " Abbatis et Conventus Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis tion pre-
 " Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensis ² Diocesis, ad Romanam sented to
 " Curiam nullo medio pertinentis, in quo gloriosum corpus the Pope,
 by William
 Strete.

¹ So Juvenal, more than a thou- | *Cum pretio*," Sat. iii. l. 183.
 sand years before,—"*Omnia Romæ* | ² *Diocesis* in MS.

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—

“ Beati Albani, Anglorum Protomartyris, requiescit, ac in-
 “ numerabilibus ¹coruscavit miraculis, et coruscat, quod cum
 “ dictum monasterium a Sede Apostolica tam longe distare
 “ noscatur, quod electi in Abbates ipsius successive tempo-
 “ ribus retroactis, et in posterum eligendi, sine magnis
 “ viarum periculis, et gravium expensarum onere, nequiverunt,
 “ nec in futurum poterunt, pro habitis et habendis suarum elec-
 “ tionum confirmationibus, Sedem Apostolicam visitare; ac
 “ visitatio hujusmodi ante hæc tempora, et alia onera eidem
 “ monasterio incumbencia, bona ipsius monasterii adeo ex-
 “ hauserunt, quod nisi per Sanctitatem vestram eidem mo-
 “ nasterio in hac parte uberius succurratur, irreparabiliter
 “ collabi formidatur. Ideirco pro parte dictorum religiosorum
 “ virorum, Sedi Apostolicæ immediate subjectorum, Sanctitati
 “ vestræ humiliter supplicatur, quatenus præmissis, et aliis
 “ pluribus incommodis dicti monasterii, ²attendatis, ut omnes
 “ et singuli qui successive pro tempore in Abbates dicti mo-
 “ nasterii, cum vacabit, per ipsius monasterii Conventum
 “ canonice electi fuerint, eo ipso, absque aliqua confirmatione,
 “ sint veri Abbates, et pro talibus habeantur, ac proinde ad-
 “ ministrare et curam animarum gerere, ac omnia et singula
 “ quæ ad curam et administrationem, ac regimen, dicti mo-
 “ nasterii, pertinent, libere facere et exercere possint, acsi
 “ per Sedem Apostolicam eorum electio confirmata foret, et a
 “ quocunque maluerint Antistite, gratiam et communionem
 “ dictæ Sedis habente, valeant benedici; necnon solutioni pri-
 “ morum fructuum temporibus vacationum dicti monasterii,
 “ ratione confirmationis electorum ejusdem Cameræ Apostolicæ
 “ debitorum, ad summam viginti florenorum eidem Cameræ
 “ quolibet triennio futuris perpetuis temporibus, pro quacun-
 “ que præstatione occasione prædicta solvenda; et quod ad
 “ ulteriorem solutionem occasione hujusmodi de cætero minime
 “ teneantur, misericorditer moderare et concedere dignemini
 “ gratiose, quibuscunque Constitutionibus et reservationibus
 “ Apostolicis, in contrarium editis, non obstantibus, cum clau-
 “ sulis necessariis et optimis; ut in forma.”

Continuatio processus et materiæ prænotatæ.

Ex quibus quidem litteris, et aliis litteris per dictum
 Dominum Laurentium, Domini Papæ Pœnitentiarium,

¹ *choruscavit choruscavit* in MS. | ² *attenti* in MS.

et Magistrum Adam Fenrother, procuratores prædictos, de eadem materia conformiter destinatis, et ex aliis per dictum Magistrum Johannem Maidenhithe oretenus relatis, Dominus Abbas et omnes sui, nimium exhilarati, hoc factum, tam miraculosum et insperatum, solummodo Spiritui Sancto, qui cui vult ad benefaciendum inspirat, ascribentes; et maxime, cum nullæ preces aut præmia præcesserant, fraternitate Capituli duntaxat excepta, quæ dictum Willelmum Strete ad tanta beneficia huic monasterio procuranda aequaliter obligarent, sed suo mero motu caritatis, et pietatis instinctu, onera dicti monasterii tam gravia et importabilia diligentius considerans affectu compassivo, absque ulla dicti Abbatis vel alterius, ut præmittitur, procuracione prævia, dictum negotium ita assidue est prosecutus, ut de celeri et finali expeditione eorundem prædictæ litteræ suæ et aliorum dicto Domino Abbati firmam spem ministrarent. Nolens quare Dominus Abbas de ingratitude argui, nec expensis parcere dictorum negotiorum, expeditione tam celeri imminente, dictam summam pecuniæ dicto Magistro Johanni infra tempus in litteris prædictis limitatum, sine ulteriori dilatione, solvere maturavit; assignando eidem Magistro Johanni vicesimum quintum diem mensis Aprilis ad recipiendum summam prædictam.

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Abbot
Thomas
congratu-
lates him-
self upon
the good
offices of
William
Strete and
other
friends at
Rome.

He pro-
mises to
pay the
money that
has been
borrowed
by Strete,
in behalf of
the Abbey,
before it is
due.

Quo die, habita interim examinatione de credulitate et sufficientia status et personæ prædicti Magistri Johannis, cum melioribus de consilio suo, solvit eidem Magistro Johanni summam in dictis litteris contentam, et de eadem acquietanciam recepit sigillatam. De quibus quidem litteris et pecuniæ solutione dictis Willelmo Strete et Domino Laurentio, Papæ Pœnitentiario, litteratorie certificavit, de eorum diligentia gratissima, circa dictorum negotiorum expeditionem adhibita, multimode regratians in eisdem; omnimoda affectione deprecans eosdem, et exorans, quatenus, ne effectu tantæ spei, per litteras suas prædictas sibi ministratæ, quod

The money
is duly
paid.

The Abbot
exhorts his
friends at
Rome to
continue
their good
offices.

Thomas, absit, defraudetur, eorum diligentiam inchoatam con-
 30th tinuarent; prout in hujusmodi litteris dicti Domini
 Abbot, Abbatis dictis Willelmo Strete, Domino Laurentio, et
 A.D. Magistro Adæ de Fenrother, clerico Curie, transmissis,
 1349-96. plenius continetur. Quarum litterarum, sic transmissa-
 rum, et acquietancie de solutione, tenores sequuntur
 seriatim, in hac forma verborum.—

Scriptum Magistri Johannis Maydenhithe super ducentis quindecim libris, decem solidis, novem denariis, pro expeditione negotiorum prædictorum a præfato Abbate receptis.

Acknowledgment by Master John Maydenhithe of repayment of the sum borrowed of him by William Strete. A.D. 1381.

“ A touz ceux qui cestes lettres endentes verrount ou orrount,
 “ Johan Maidenhithe, Clerk, salut en Dieux. Com William
 “ Strete rescut de moy dens centz quinsze livers, diz soldes,
 “ neof deners, desterlinges, pur certains bosoignes touchaunts
 “ le honorable Piere en Dieux, Thomas, Abbe de Saint Au-
 “ ban, et le Covent de mesme le lieux, a exploiter en la Court
 “ de Rome; sur qui le dit William manda ses lettres au dit
 “ Abbe par moy, luy certiffaunt de la receyte avantdite, en la
 “ manere com est continuz en les dites lettres; et que le
 “ dit Abbe moi ferroit le paiement de la dit summe; quelles
 “ lettres jai delivrees au dit Abbe, en l'Abbeye de Saint Albane.
 “ —Sachiez moi avoir receu de le dit Abbe, le jour de la

[TRANSLATION.]

“ To all those who these letters indented shall see or hear,
 “ John Maidenhithe, Clerk, greeting in God. Whereas William
 “ Strete received of me two hundred and fifteen pounds, ten
 “ shillings, nine pence, sterling, for certain business touching
 “ the honourable Father in God, Thomas, Abbot of Saint
 “ Alban's, and the Convent of the same place, to be carried out
 “ in the Court of Rome; upon which the said William sent
 “ his letters to the said Abbot by me, certifying him of the
 “ receipt aforesaid, in manner as is contained in the said
 “ letters; and to the effect that the said Abbot should make
 “ payment to me of the said sum; the which letters I have
 “ delivered to the said Abbot, in the Abbey of Saint Alban's.
 “ —Know that I have received from the said Abbot, the day

" fesaunce dycestes, en la dit Abbeye, deux cents quinsze
 " livers, dys soldes, et neof deners, desterlinges, en plein paie-
 " ment de la dit summe, quelle jeo deliverai a dit William
 " Strete, com est avantdit, al oeps le dit Abbe, en mesme la
 " manere com les lettres le dit William purportent. De quele
 " summe de deus centz quinsze livers, dys soldes, et neoff
 " deners, ayauntдитеz, jeo moi connusse estre pleinement
 " payez par le ditz Abbe. En tesmoignance du quele chose,
 " a lune partie de cestes endentures, demurrauntz devers le dit
 " Abbe, ai mys mon seal, et le dit Abbe a lautre partie du
 " cestes endentures, demurrauntz devers moy, ad mys¹ soun
 " seal. Doun a la ville de Seint Albon, en la dit Abbeye,
 " la vintisme quinte jour d'Aprille, lan ¹del regne nostre
 " Seignour le Roy Richard, le Secund puis le Conqueste,
 " quarte."

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*Littera prædicta Abbatis præfato Willelmo Strete, de
 solutione pecuniæ.*

" Mon tresdevote frere en Dieux, et mon tresentier amy,
 " jeo me recomante a vous, et vous mercie si enterment com
 " jeo puisse plus penser, de les bonez et naturelles lettres a

" of the making hereof, in the said Abbey, two hundred and
 " fifteen pounds, ten shillings, and nine pence, sterling, in
 " full payment of the said sum, which I delivered to the said
 " William Strete, as is before stated, to the use of the said
 " Abbot, in the same manner as the letters of the said William
 " purport. As to which sum of two hundred and fifteen pounds,
 " ten shillings, and nine pence, aforesaid, I acknowledge my-
 " self to be fully paid by the said Abbot. In witness of which
 " thing, to the one part of these indentures, remaining with
 " the said Abbot, I have set my seal, and the said Abbot to
 " the other part of these indentures, remaining with me, has set
 " his seal. Given at the town of Saint Alban's, in the said
 " Abbey, the twenty-fifth day of April, the fourth year of
 " the reign of our Lord King Richard, since the Conquest
 " the Second."

" My most devout brother in God, and my most entire
 " friend, I commend myself unto you, and thank you as
 " fully as I may the best think how to do, for the good and

¹ *doi* in MS.

Thomas, " moy maundez par Mestre Johan Maidenhithe, queux jeo
 30th " receu de luy le tierce jour d'Aprille darrein passe; en les
 Abbot, " queux vous facez mencion, que vous avez mys en depos en
 A.D. " mayns des suffisautes persones la summe de quatre mille
 1349-96. " floryns; sur tielle condicioun, que si les Bulles soient grauntez
 ——— " et ¹effectuellement esploitez sur la fourme dun Supplicacioun
 " que vous avetz baille a un certain vostre amy, le quel
 " vous ad promys qil serra exploite, (la copie du quele Sup-
 " plicacioun fust enclos deinz voz dites lettres, quelle me
 " ²plaie tresbien, car il est tresbien conceu pur avantage et
 " profit de nostre Abbeye); et featz mencion qen complise-
 " ment de la summe des floryns susdites avez apprompte de
 " Mestre Johan Maidenhithe deus centz quinsze livers, dys
 " soldes, neof deners, desterlinges, et me charges que jeo
 " paie la dit summe dedyns un moys apres la vewe de voz
 " lettres: et endroit le remenant, vous serrez devers moy si
 " easi que jeo me tendra bien content. Certes, trescher amy,
 " pur cestes besoignez, et a vostre bone et naturele diligence
 " queux vous avez fait entour lesloit des dites bosoignez,

" kindly letters sent to me through Master John Maidenhithe,
 " which I received from him the third day of April last past;
 " in the which you make mention, that you have placed in
 " deposit in the hands of sufficient persons the sum of four
 " thousand florins; on such condition, that if the Bulls are
 " granted and effectually carried out after the form of a Sup-
 " plication which you have delivered to a certain friend of
 " yours, the which has promised you that it shall be carried
 " out, (the copy of which Supplication was enclosed in your
 " said letters, the which pleases me very much, for it is
 " very well conceived for the advantage and profit of our
 " Abbey); and make mention that in completion of the sum
 " of florins aforesaid you have borrowed of Master John
 " Maidenhithe two hundred and fifteen pounds, ten shillings,
 " nine pence, sterling, and charge me that I shall pay the
 " said sum within one month after sight of your letters:
 " and that as regards the remainder, you will be towards me
 " so complaisant that I shall hold myself well content there-
 " with. Certes, most dear friend, for this business, and by
 " reason of your good and kindly diligence which you have
 " exercised about the carrying out of the said business, I am

¹ *effectuelment* in MS.

| ² *paie* in MS.

“ vous su plus tenuz que jeo ne sai penser. Et endroit de
 “ la summe due a dit Mestre Johan Maidenhithe, jeo lui
 “ paiai dedins le moys que jeo receu voz lettres, cest assavoir,
 “ deus centz quinsze livers, dys soldes, neof deners, solom le
 “ purport de voz lettres; com appiert pleinement en une acqui-
 “ tance que jai devers moi, ensealle de seal du dit Mestre
 “ Johan. Et trescher amy, mentenant que javoie vew voz
 “ lettres, jentrai nostre Chapitre, et fesoie lire voz ditez let-
 “ tres devant mon Covent; et fesoie injunctioun as tous, qilz
 “ vous avoient especialment recomendez par noun en touz
 “ lours devotionz, com vous avetz tremblement deservi; et
 “ touz furent si leez de les bonez nouvelles, qils vous donerent
 “ meintez benicionz; et pluit averai Dieux que vous eussez
 “ vew et oi que fuist feat pur vous, et parle des touz, jeo sai
 “ bien que vous les dussetz le plus amer touz les jours de
 “ vostre vie. Et endroit de le remenant de la summe sus-
 “ dite due a vous, tut fu jeo en purpos daver despendu a plus
 “ haut cynk centz marcz entour lesloit des ditez bosoigneuz,
 “ vous verrez bien mesmez, ov leide de Dieux, que jeo frai
 “ satisfaction a vous solom vostre ordinance demesne, saunz
 “ aucune excusacioun. Et outre, tresfiable amy, moy et touz

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“ more beholden to you than I can think. And as regards
 “ the sum due to the said Master John Maidenhithe, I paid
 “ him within the month that I received your letters, that is
 “ to say, two hundred and fifteen pounds, ten shillings, nine
 “ pence, according to the purport of your letters; as appears
 “ fully in an acquittance which I hold in my possession, sealed
 “ with the seal of the said Master John. And most dear
 “ friend, forthwith when I had seen your letters, I entered our
 “ Chapter-house, and caused your said letters to be read before
 “ my Convent; and made injunction to all, that they should
 “ have you especially commended by name in all their devo-
 “ tions, as you have most nobly deserved; and all were so
 “ glad at the good news, that they gave you many benisons;
 “ and had it pleased God that you had seen and heard what
 “ was done for you, and spoken by all, I know well that you
 “ would the more have loved them all the days of your
 “ life. And as regards the remainder of the sum aforesaid
 “ due to you, although I had purposed to have expended at
 “ the very highest five hundred marks about the carrying out
 “ of the said business, you will well see for yourself, with
 “ the help of God, that I will make satisfaction to you
 “ according to your own disposition, without any excuse. And

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“ les moigneiz de la profession de Saint Auban, qui sont en
 “ present, et qui serrount en temps avener, sumes obligez de
 “ preier pur vous en vostre vivaunt, et pur vostre alme en
 “ vostre moriaunt, touz jours perpetuelment, cum vous avetz
 “ gracieusement le deservi; et moi et touz voz freres nous
 “ recomandons a vous, et vous mandons la benure benice-
 “ oun de Dieux, et de nostre Dame Seinte Marie, et de touz
 “ les Seintes du ceel. Dieux, par sa seinte mercie, vous otroie
 “ bone vie, a longe durer, et vous amene en sauverte a meason,
 “ solom vostre propre desir; et vous doint gracieusement es-
 “ ploiter ceo que vous avetz comence, al honour de Dieux, et
 “ en amendement de nostre Abbeie. Escript a Saint Alban, le
 “ neofisme jour dAprille.”

“ further, most trusty friend, I and all the monks of the pro-
 “ fession of Saint Alban, who are at present, and who shall
 “ be in time to come, are bound to pray for you while you are
 “ living, and for your soul on your dying, always for ever, as
 “ you have graciously deserved it; and I and all your brethren
 “ commend ourselves unto you, and send you the blessing
 “ [and] benison of God, and of our Lady Saint Mary, and of
 “ all the Saints of heaven. God, of his holy mercy, grant you
 “ good life, long to last, and bring you in safety home,
 “ according to your own desire; and give you graciously to
 “ fulfil that which you have begun, to the honour of God, and
 “ for the amendment of our Abbey. Written at Saint Alban’s,
 “ the ninth day of April.”

Continuatio processus materie prelatulati.

The Abbot writes letters also to his procurators at Rome.

Et alias litteras sub consimili forma de eadem materia et sub una data scripsit Dominus Abbas eodem tempore Domino Laurentio, Papæ Pœnitentiaro, et Magistro Adæ de Fenrother, clerico, procuratoribus suis ad hoc constitutis, de dicta solutione dicto Magistro Johanni facta, et aliis articulis in prædicta littera contentis, eisdem intimando.

Et subsequenter, lapso notorii temporis intervallo, videlicet, quintodecimo die Julii extunc proximo sequente, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo

primo, regni vero Regis Ricardi, Secundi a Conquæstu, quinto, quo, videlicet, anno communitates diversorum Comitatum regni Angliæ, et quasi omnes, contra Regem, et regni procures et magnates, insurrexerunt, et plura damna, ut ¹ alibi titulatur, commiserunt, ipso Rege in præsentī monasterio Sancti Albani per septimanam residente, et dictos rebelles, propter eorum rebellionem, in ipsum et ecclesiam suam Sancti Albani commissam, rigide puniente, recepit Dominus Abbas litteras consolatorias dictorum Willelmi Strete, Domini Laurentii, et Magistri Adæ de Fenrother, clerici, per quemdam Capellanum dicti Magistri Adæ, sibi eorum nomine præsentatas, et de dictorum negotiorum finali expeditione expressam mentionem facientes. Quæ quidem litteræ eidem Domino Abbati, et cunctis suis confratribus et amicis, variis tribulationibus et angustiis de hujusmodi insurrectione tunc depressis, summum solatium conferebant, præfatas tribulationes et angustias penitus convincendo. Quarum quidem litterarum tenores sequuntur seriatim, in hæc verba.—

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The Abbot receives letters, in July 1381, at the time of King Richard's visit to the Monastery, from William Strete, Laurence, the Pope's Penancer, and Master Adam de Fenrother.

*Littera confortatoria Willelmi Strete, super expeditione
Supplicationis prænotatæ.*

“ Tresreverent Piere en Dieux, et moun treshonoure Seignour.—Veuillez estre de bon confort et mercier Dieux, ² et feare priere pour l'alme de Roi Edward que darrein murrust, que Dieux assoille. Les bosoignes que touchant vostre

A second letter from William Strete, at Rome.

[TRANSLATION.]

“ Most reverend Father in God, and my most honoured Lord.
“ — Be pleased to be of good comfort and thank God, and make
“ prayer for the soul of King Edward who lately died, whom
“ may God assoil. As to the business which touches your Abbey,

¹ In allusion, probably, to the account of the Insurrection given in the sequel (p. 285), in this narrative.

² Repeated in MS.

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" estoit a vous envoiez devaunt ses heures le copie. Ele estoit
" assigne le vi. jour de May, ove graunt peyne et custages.
" Et vuillez crere de certeyn, jeo nestoy unkes si leez de
" nulle chose que jeo fesai en ma vie. En bref temps vendra
" Mestre Adam Fenrother, et un de meyns, ove les Bulles,
" mez qil soit tenuz Consail unquore. Escripte de ma mayn
" malvyse, a Rome, le xiiii. jour de May."

" the Pope has granted the Supplication fully, as was sent to
" you heretofore the copy thereof. It was signed the sixth day
" of May, with great trouble and outlay. And be pleased to
" believe for certain, I never was so glad of anything that I
" did in my life. In a short time will come Master Adam
" Fenrother, and one of my people, with the Bulls, after
" Council has been held once more. Written with my ¹bad
" hand, at Rome, the fourteenth day of May."

Continuatio processus præscripti.

Adam de
Fenrother
arrives in
September,
but without
the pro-
mised
Bulls.

The com-
pletion of
them hin-
dered, in
the first in-
stance, by
dissensions
between
the Pope
and the
brother of
the King of
Hungary.

Die etiam vicesimo octavo mensis Septembris extunc
proximo sequente, videlicet, in Vigilia Sancti Michaelis,
anno Domini supradicto, accessit Magister Adam de
Fenrother prædictus, deferens secum litteras dicti Wil-
helmi Strete Domino Abbati. Bullas tamen non detulit
aliquales: unde a dicto Domino Abbate requisitus,
quare Bullas de negotii prædicti expeditione, sæpius
et certitudinaliter, ut præscribitur, promissas, non ap-
portasset, respondit se et alios prædicti negotii prose-
cutores fuisse multipliciter impeditos, quod expedi-
tionem ejusdem, ut promiserant, accelerare non valebant.
Primo quidem, per ²dissensionem maximam inter Do-
minum Papam et Karolum de Pace, fratrem Regis
Hungariæ, et in regem ³Apuliæ, sive Neapolis, corona-

¹ Qy. as to the meaning of this;
whether not an apology only for his
bad writing.

² *dissentionem* in MS.

³ *Appulie* in MS.

tum, qui prædicta negotia penes Dominum Papam promovenda suscepit, dispendiose subortam, et per maximam partem unius quarterii anni terribiliter continuatam, sic quod per idem tempus expeditio dicti negotii et aliorum quamplurium dispendiose deferrebantur.

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Sed tandem sedata perturbatione prædicta per suorum amicorum mediationem, ad instantiam dicti Karoli et cujusdam Johannis de Neapoli, qui magnus in oculis Domini Papæ habebatur, fuerat Supplicatio præscripta de manibus Domini Papæ per—¹ “Fiat B.” signata. Apposuit etiam idem Dominus Papa numerum quinarium ad summam viginti florenorum in eadem scriptam; et pro verbo—“Sine alia confirmatione” ibidem scripsit—“Sine alia electione,” cæteris omnibus in dicta supplicatione contentis, ut præscribitur, permanentibus.

This impediment removed, the Pope gives his assent; but in a qualified form.

Et quia, ut dictus Magister Adam asseruit, duplex est assignatio Domini Papæ modernis temporibus, videlicet,—“Fiat ut petitur,” et—“Fiat B.,” sic quod Supplicatio de manibus Domini Papæ per—“Fiat ut petitur” signata, si per Cancellariam transeat, secundum contenta in ² eadem pleniter expeditur: Supplicatio vero signata per—“Fiat B.” nequaquam, sed solummodo per Cameram, nisi maximæ expensæ interveniant; sed tantum unus articulus bullatur, quem Cancellarius duxerit eligendum; dicti procuratores, pro majoribus expensis evitandis, eandem Supplicationem per Cameram Domini Papæ expedire nitebantur. Sed quia ab aliquibus de eorum consilio dicebatur, quod sive per solum Papam, sive per Cameram solummodo expedita, robur perpetuitatis non obtineret, nisi consensus Collegii et Cancellariæ interveniret, prædictus Willelmus, nullis parcens expensis, dummodo dictum negotium debitum sortiretur effectum, Cardinalem Gradensem, cujus nutui et voluntati cæteri Cardinales communiter

Quibbles and fresh delays arise therefrom.

By payment of 400 florins, William Strete secures the good offices of a Cardinal of great influence.

¹ Meaning “Fiat Bulla.”

| ² eodem in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. intendebant, quadringentis florenis mediantibus, ad consensum allexit.

The matter is again retarded, through the sudden death of the Cardinal.

Qui etiam, ut dicta Supplicatio, consensu Collegii, et auctoritate Cancellariæ, robur perpetuæ firmitatis indelibiliter obtineret infra certum tempus inter eosdem limitatum, absque omni hæsitatione firmissime promisit; qui etiam, ut firmiter sperabatur, effectui mancipasset, nisi mors, quæ omne pactum præsentis sæculi dissolvit, ejusdem negotii expeditionem, fortuna novercante, præcidisset, ad ipsius negotii nimiam retardationem, et ipsius Willelmi Strete, propter tot sumptus et labores circa illud appositos, non modicam desolationem.

Wat Tyler's Insurrection being heard of at Rome, it is supposed that the Abbot has been slain.

Quo etiam tempore, ad cumulum ipsius doloris, accreverat relatio perturbationis communitatis Anglicanæ, per litteras Lumbardorum in Curia in certum divulgata. In quibus litteris continebatur, quod minores Angliæ contra majores insurrexerant, ac Dominum Archiepiscopum Cantuariæ, et alios regni majores, quorum nomina non expresserant, interfecerant. Credens quare Dominum Abbatem ¹Sancti Albani, qui de majoribus regni extiterat, per dictam communitatem fuisse interfectum, præfatum Magistrum Adam ad partes acceleravit, supplicans eundem quatenus iter electi Monasterii Sancti Albani, loco Domini Abbatis moderni, quem extinctum putabant, omnino dissuaderet, negotio prædicto in Curia Romana sic se habente; ne per adventum ejusdem negotium impediretur. Et si dictum Dominum Abbatem superstitem inveniret, litteras suas consolatorias eidem deferret, affirmans quod dictum negotium, adversitatibus et expensis præscriptis non obstantibus, sic prosequeretur, quod effectu debito infra breve tempus non careret.

William Strete sends Adam de Fenrother, to dissuade the Abbot's presumed successor from coming to Rome.

The Abbot is requested to have 2,000 florins in

Illud etiam idem Magister Adam vice sua affirmabat, referens etiam eidem Domino Abbati, vice dicti Willelmi, et propria, quatenus duo millia florenorum

¹ Omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

contra festum Omnium Sanctorum ex tunc proximo sequens paratos haberet; certo Lumbardo, videlicet, Jacobo Fysy, dictas Bullas secum deferenti, persolvenda. Quarum quidem litterarum consolatoriarum, per dictum Magistrum Adam presentatarum, tenor sequitur, in hæc verba.—

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readiness,
against the
arrival of
the Bulls.

Littera tertia Willelmi Strete de expeditione Supplicationis et materie prenotata.

" Tresreverent Piere en Dieux, et mon treshonure Seignour. A third
" —Jeo me recomante a vous, et endroit de voz bosoignes ycy, letter from
" vuillez savoir que le Pape ad assigne vostre Supplicaoioun, William
" le quelle le Penitauncer, Dan Laurence, le vit et lit. Mes Strete, at
" unquore nest exploitee tout a point; et le cause est, que le Rome.
" Cardinel Gradence avoit enpris de parformer le dit matiere,
" et dedeins le tierce jour qil me avoit promis de feare fyn
" de ceste matere, il morrust, a graunt desease de moy.
" Nient mayns jeo moy conuse aver receu de Johan Maiden-
" hithe, Clerk, mille cccclxxvii. florenes, pur enpartie du paye-
" ment pur performer les dites bosoignes. Et en cas que le
" dite bosoigne ne soit exploite par moi, jeo me conuse estre
" tenuz al Abbe et Covent de Seint Auban; moi, mes heires
" et executours, a paier le dit summe de mille cccclxxvii.

[TRANSLATION.]

" Most Reverend Father in God, and my most honoured Lord.
" —I commend myself to you, and as regards your business
" here, be pleased to know that the Pope has signed your
" Supplication, the which the Penancer, Dan Laurence, saw
" and read. But still it is not entirely carried out; and the
" cause is, that the Cardinal Gradientius had undertaken to
" accomplish the said matter, and within the third day after
" he had promised me to make an end of this matter, he died,
" to my great dismay. Nevertheless I acknowledge that I
" have received of John Maidenhithe, Clerk, one thousand three
" hundred and seventy-seven florins, in part payment for per-
" forming the said business. And in case that the said business
" shall not be carried out by me, I acknowledge that I am
" bound to the Abbey and Convent of Saint Alban's, myself,
" my heirs and executors, to pay the said sum of one thousand

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“ florenes, sanz plus delay, en bone foi. Jeo navoie unques, de
 “ puy mon venue ycy, autre bosoigne de nulle autre creature
 “ que me tenoit si fortement a coer. En verite, jeo usse de-
 “ party lendemayn du Pasche, si ceste matiere nust estee,
 “ com Dieux le seit ; et ne departera sanz bone exploite, si
 “ Dieux plest. En la foi que jeo dei a nostre Seigneur Jesu
 “ Crist, il na chose terrene qe jeo verra si voluntiers a com-
 “ plier. Et jeo quide qil na qui poise en la Court, qui
 “ ferra pluis a ceste matere que moi ; coment que Adam
 “ Feurother vous savera dire du ceste matiere pluis que ne
 “ sai escrire. Et coment que le dite bosoigne ne soit es-
 “ ploite a present par Bulle, vuillez savoir que des grauntez
 “ bosoignez sont exploitez en la Court, il serra le primer, si
 “ Dieu plest. En tesmoignaunce du ceste matiere et moun
 “ lettre, jeo lai escripte de ma mayn, le tiorce jour d’Augst,
 “ en Rome. La Bulle envoiera par Jacob Fysy.”¹

“ three hundred and seventy-seven florins, in good faith, with-
 “ out more delay. I never had, since my coming here, any
 “ business of any other creature which touched me so
 “ strongly at heart. In truth, I should have departed on the
 “ morrow of Easter, if there had not been this matter, as
 “ God knoweth it; and I shall not depart without good
 “ completion thereof, please God. In the faith which I owe
 “ unto our Lord Jesus Christ, there is no earthly thing which
 “ I shall so willingly see fulfilled. And I think that there
 “ is no one who has weight in the Court, who will do more
 “ in this matter than myself; although Adam Fenrother will
 “ know how to tell you about this matter more than I know
 “ how to write. And although the said business is not com-
 “ pleted at present by Bull, be pleased to know that of great
 “ matters that are brought to completion in the Court, this
 “ shall be the first, if it please God. In witness of this
 “ matter and my letter, I have written it with my hand, the
 “ third day of August, at Rome. The Bull I will send by
 “ Jacob Fysy.”

¹ At this point, three pages (fols. | the sequel of the narrative is not
 287, 288) are left vacant; and | stated.

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¹ Iste quoque Dominus Thomas Abbas, velut unum ex ² animalibus quod plenum erat oculis ante et retro, respiciens retro præterita tempora, et futura prospiciens, libransque damna quæ domus sua pertulerat per villanos contigue commorantes muro Abbathiæ, excogitavit remedium ³ apponere detrimento.

Abbot
Thomas
thinks of a
remedy for
the nuisance
of
houses near
the Abbey
walls.

Nempe quondam murata fuit Abbathia versus villam muro continuo lapideo, ab ostio ecclesiæ Occidentali usque ad januam de Haliwelle, juxta pontem. Sed supervenerunt tenentes, qui ceperunt de officiariis Monasterii certas placeas ante dictum murum, quas ædificaverunt usque ad murum, et in locis quibusdam imposuerunt ædificia super murum. Non tamen permissi sunt murum perforare, vel fenestras ullas facere versus Abbathiam, donec, sublati de medio senibus officiariis, qui ista bene noverant, loco illorum alii successerunt, qui quantum periculum posset emergere ⁴ non noverant.

A wall formerly from the Western door of the church to Haliwelle Gate; but generally built against by the tenants of the adjoining yards.

Videntes autem tenentes laxatam curam quam dudum senes habuerant pro salvando muro, suisque redditibus, nullumque, uti fuere soliti, venire ad videndum qualiter se res haberet, cœperunt murum facere sibi pervium, et fenestras in domibus suis versus ecclesiam aperiendas, ita ut, contra honestatem, nonnulli viri, cum mulieribus, intrare pro votis præsumerent ⁵ hortum Sacristæ. Quidam vero, quibus mens erat fraudulentior, ipsas placeas quas ceperant pro certo redditu annuo de Conventu, ausi sunt vendere, tenendas in feodo; et sic fiebat magna incuria Monasterio. Igitur Abbas, volens

Some tenants at length make windows in the wall, and make entrance into the Sacrist's garden; others sell their tenements as fee simple.

¹ This passage (fol. 288 b.) down to —“*Ecclesiæ nocumentum*” (p. 186), is a somewhat later insertion, and apparently in another hand.

² *Revelations*, iv. 6.

³ *appone* in MS.

⁴ These two words are omitted in the text, but are supplied in the margin, in another hand.

⁵ *ortum* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. occurere tantæ malitiæ, cum conniventia sui consilii, adhibitis sibi Senescallo suo, Johanne de Middeltone, et Magistro Henrico ¹Yevelee de Londoniis, lathomus, metiri fecit universa loca prædicta per circuitum, et

The Abbot causes a survey to be made, and a clay wall to be built between their houses and the Sacrist's garden.

permittens eisdem tenentibus certum spatium pro curtillagiis, quod etiam fecerat mensurari, deinde ad excludendum eos omnino, fecit fieri murum luteum inter eosdem et Sacristam, omni anno per Sacristam supervidendum, ne præsumerent ædificare prope murum, sicut prius, ad ecclesiæ nocumentum.

Dimensio terræ adjacentis muro, et le Vinezerd, quondam dicto ²Cœmeterii.

Statement of the mode in which Abbot Thomas carried out his object of so excluding the tenants from the Sacrist's garden; with the measurement, in length and depth, of the tenements adjacent to the new wall.

Memorandum est quod Thomas, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, fecit quemdam murum terreum, pro quadam placea vocata "Le Vinezerd," apud villam de Sancto Albano, juxta Monasterium ibidem, includenda,—a quodam antiquo muro terreo vocato "Syentrieswalle," ex parte Australi, usque ad quamdam placeam prædicti Abbatibus, quam Johannes Couper tenet, versus Orientem; et extendit se inde versus Occidentem a dicto tenemento, quod prædictus Johannes Couper tenet, usque ad viam quæ ducit de Monasterio versus Le Wexursgate, extra quem murum est de terra prædicti monasterii infra ³antiquum murum lapideum, per ⁴quem prædicta placea de La Vinezerd nuper includebatur; qui quidem ⁵antiquus murus in pluribus locis prosternitur. Quædam placea terræ quæ continet, cum latitudine prædicti veteris muri lapidei ad partem Australem, videlicet, ad finem inter tenementum nuper Johannis Swanbourne et præ-

¹ Or Yeveley; he was Master Mason to King Edward the Third. He possessed property in Horseydowne (Horsley Down), and was buried in the Church of St. Magnus, London Bridge. See also a mention

of him in the *Memorials of London* etc., p. 445.

² *Cimiterii* in MS.

³ *antiquum* in MS.

⁴ *que* in MS.

⁵ *antiquus* in MS.

dictum novum murum, in fundo octodecim pedes. Et memorandum, quod Johannes Swanbourne ædificavit quemdam *jete* super terram prædicti Abbatis. In loco ubi prædictus autem murus situatur, continet in longitudine duodecim pedes, et in latitudine, ad finem versus Austrum, duos pedes, in medio unum pedem et dimidium, et ad finem, versus Boream, unum pedem *et cætera*. Pro qua terra non ¹ satisfecit domino.

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Memorandum etiam, quod prædictus Johannes Swanbourne ædificavit quamdam latrinam, distantem a prædicto *jete* per viginti quinque pedes et dimidium in longitudine; et continet in longitudine sex pedes, et ad utrumque finem unum pedem; et inter prædictum novum murum et exteriorem partem prædicti veteris muri lapidei septemdecim pedes, præter duos pollices.

Et quidam Thomas Carter ædificavit domum suam in loco ubi antiquus murus *et cætera*, distantem a prædicta latrina per triginta unum pedes in longitudine. Quæ quidem domus ædificatur super terra prædicti Abbatis, in longitudine quadraginta unum pedes, et in parte versus Austrum unum pedem et dimidium, et ad partem versus Boream unum dimidium pedem, et in medio in latere novem pollices; et continet in latitudine a prædicto novo muro usque ad exteriorem partem muri lapidei, ad finem versus Austrum, sexdecim pedes, exceptis pollicibus duobus, et ad finem Borealem, quatuordecim pedes et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod duo stillicidia tenementi Thomæ Carter extendunt se, videlicet, opus mererium, per dimidium pedem, et opus plumbeum per unum pedem; et continentur a prædicto novo muro, inter tenementum Willelmi Nunny, juxta prædictum tenementum Thomæ Carter, et extra partem prædicti muri lapidei, quatuordecim pedes.

¹ *sat' dno* in MS.

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Et memorandum, quod tenementum Monialium de La
¹ Celle situatur in latitudine super murum antiquum
lapideum prædicti monasterii unum pedem et dimidium;
et continet in longitudine a dicto novo muro usque ad
exteriorem partem muri lapidei prædicti duodecim
pedes; et idem tenementum continet de terra dicti
monasterii in longitudine septemdecim pedes.

Et memorandum, quod exterior pars dicti muri lapi-
dei distat a dicto novo muro ad finem versus ² Boream
novem pedes.

Et memorandum, quod inter finem veteris muri
lapidei versus Austrum, et finem prædicti novi muri
versus ³ Boream, sunt quindecim *perches* et tresdecim
pedes in longitudine; et continet pertica sexdecim
pedes et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter finem prædicti novi
muri versus ² Boream, et tenementum prædicti monas-
terii quod Johannes Sandrugge tenet, ædificavit versus
stratam. Ad finem ejusdem novi muri, versus Occi-
dentem, sunt in longitudine duo *perches* et quatuorde-
cim pedes; et continet in latitudine tenementum
prædicti monasterii, quod idem Johannes Sandrugge
tenet, viginti quatuor pedes.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
monasterii junctum tenemento ³ Johannis Sandrugge,
quod Robertus Cook tenet, et novum murum præ-
dictum, sunt in longitudine duo *perches* et quatuordecim
pedes versus Austrum et ² Boream, et in latitudine viginti
tres pedes.

Et memorandum, quod tenementum prædicti monas-
terii quod Johannes Madbroc tenet, junctum tenemento
quod prædictus Robertus Cook tenet, versus easdem
partes, continet in longitudine duos *perches*, duodecim
pedes, et in latitudine viginti unum pedes.

¹ Or Markyate (now Market
Street), near Luton.

² *Boriam* in MS.

³ *Johanni* in MS.

Et memorandum, quod tenementum prædicti monasterii quod Johannes Barbour tenet, junctum tenemento quod Johannes Madbrok tenet, continet in longitudine ¹duas *perches* et duodecim pedes, et in latitudine viginti quatuor pedes.

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Et memorandum, quod tenementum prædicti monasterii quod Johannes Drye tenet, junctum tenemento quod Johannes Barbour tenet, continet in longitudine, inter prædictum novum murum versus Austrum, et tenementum prædicti Abbatis versus stratam, duas *perches* et decem pedes, et in latitudine viginti quinque pedes. Et est in tenemento quod prædictus Johannes Drye tenet, unum *botras*, continens in spissitudine septem pedes, et in latitudine, ex utraque parte, octo pedes.

Et memorandum, quod tenementum prædicti monasterii junctum tenemento quod Johannes Drye tenet, quod quidem tenementum Johannes Bower modo tenet, continet inter murum prædictum novum et tenementum prædicti monasterii versus stratam, ²continet in longitudine duas perticas et decem pedes, et in latitudine undecim pedes.

Et memorandum, quod tenementum quod Ricardus Bower tenet, junctum tenemento quod Johannes Bower tenet, continet inter novum murum prædictum et tenementum versus stratam, in longitudine duas perticas et decem pedes, et in latitudine undecim et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum Ricardi Chapman, versus stratam, et prædictum novum murum, ex parte versus Austrum, sunt duæ perticæ et decem pedes in longitudine, et in latitudine undecim pedes; et prædictum tenementum situatur juxta Wexursgate.

Et memorandum, quod a fine novi dicti muri versus Orientem, usque ad finem ejusdem novi muri versus

¹ Sic in MS., in the feminine.

| ² Sic in MS., repeated.

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Et memorandum, quod ex parte Occidentali de Wexursgate, inter tenementum Monasterii, versus stratam, quod Johannes Pykebon tenet, et prædictum novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ septem pedes, et in latitudine versus ¹Boream undecim pedes et dimidium, et versus Austrum quinque pedes.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum Johannis Taverner, versus stratam, et prædictum novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ septem pedes, et in latitudine duodecim pedes et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter Monasterium versus stratam, annexum tenementum Johannis Taverner, et prædictum novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ septem pedes, et in latitudine tresdecim et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum Ricardi Merstone de Barnet, versus stratam, annexum tenemento Monasterii quod Henricus Fleccher modo tenet, et prædictum novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ, septem pedes, et dimidium, et in latitudine undecim pedes.

Et memorandum, quod inter quamdam vacuam placeam, annexam tenemento Ricardi Merstone, quæ quidem tenementum et placeam Willelmus Tornour modo tenet, et prædictum murum novum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ, septem pedes, et dimidium, et in latitudine decem pedes.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum Ricardi Walyngforde, versus stratam, annexum predictæ vacuæ placeæ, ad novum murum prædictum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ octo pedes, et in latitudine duodecim pedes.

¹ Boream in MS.

Memorandum, quod inter tenementum Ricardi Balde-
wyn, annexum tenemento Ricardi Walingford, quæ
¹ modo vacant, et novum murum prædictum, sunt in
longitudine duæ perticæ octo pedes, et in latitudine
undecim pedes et tres pollices.

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Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
monasterii, annexum tenemento Ricardi Walyngford,
in quo ² quidem fons situatur, quod Rogerus Miles
modo tenet, et prædictum novum murum, sunt duæ
perticæ et octo pedes in longitudine, et in latitudine
viginti quatuor pedes.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
monasterii, dicto tenemento in quo fons situatur an-
nexum, quod Sabina Peny modo tenet, et prædictum
novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ septem
pedes, et in latitudine quindecim pedes et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
monasterii, annexum tenemento quod dicta Sabina tenet,
versus stratam, et prædictum novum murum, sunt in
longitudine duæ perticæ septem pedes, et in latitudine
quindecim pedes et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
monasterii, annexum tenemento ejusdem monasterii
quod Willelmus Netmaker modo tenet, versus stratam,
et prædictum novum murum, sunt in latitudine quad-
raginta tres pedes, et in longitudine duæ perticæ, sep-
tem pedes, et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum Monialium
de Cella, annexum tenemento prædicti monasterii quod
Ricardus Lokyer tenet, et prædictum novum murum,
sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ septem pedes, et in
latitudine triginta novem pedes et dimidium.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum Johannis
Birtone, annexum tenemento Monialium de Cella, quod
Thomas Skynner tenet, et prædictum novum murum,

¹ modo in MS.

| ² Sic in MS., probably for "*quidam*."

Thomas, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ septem pedes, et in
30th latitudine duodecim pedes.
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A.D. Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
1349-96. Johannis de Birtone, annexum tenemento prædicti
Johannis de Birtone, quod Johannes Smyth de Ab-
bathia tenet, et novum murum prædictum, sunt in
longitudine duæ perticæ, septem pedes, et dimidium,
et murus lapideus ibidem continet duos pedes in
spissitudine.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
Johannis ¹Burtone, annexum prædicto tenemento quod
prædictus Johannes Smyth tenet, et prædictum novum
murum, sunt duæ perticæ, septem pedes, et dimidium,
et murus lapideus continet duos pedes.

Et memorandum, quod inter duo tenementa prædicti
Johannes Birtone, [quorum quidem duorum tenemen-
torum Agnes Scolemaister tenet utrumque gardinum,
et novum murum prædictum, sunt in longitudine
duæ perticæ, septem pedes, et dimidium; et domus præ-
dictæ situantur super murum lapideum uno pede et
dimidio.

Et memorandum, quod inter tenementum prædicti
Johannis Birtone, quod Agnes Scolemaister tenet, quod
quidem tenementum est Monialium de Cella, et præ-
dictum novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ
octo pedes, et in latitudine septemdecim pedes; et situ-
atur totaliter super murum lapideum; quod tenemen-
tum quondam fuit Stephani Hattere. Et inter quamdam
vacuam placeam monasterio prædicto annexam, tenemen-
tum quod quondam fuit Stephani Hattere, et prædictum
novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ octo
pedes, et in latitudine sexdecim pedes. Et inter tene-
mentum prædicti monasterii annexum prædictæ vacuæ
placeæ, quod tenementum Ricardus Cook tenet, sunt
in longitudine duæ perticæ octo pedes, et in latitudine

¹ So varied in the MS.

sexdecim pedes. Et inter tenementum prædicti monasterii, annexum prædicto tenemento quod Ricardus Cook tenet, et prædictum novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ unus pes, et in latitudine septemdecim pedes. Et inter tenementum prædicti monasterii, annexum uni vacuæ placie prædicti monasterii, et prædictum novum murum, sunt in longitudine duæ perticæ, exceptis tribus pedibus, et in latitudine quatuordecim pedes. Et inter quamdam vacuum placeam prædicti monasterii, extendentem se directe ad murum versus Roumelond, sunt in longitudine septem perticæ et septem pedes, et in latitudine in parte illius placie versus Occidentem, quindecim pedes, et in fine illius placie versus Orientem, una pertica tresdecim pedes.

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Et memorandum, quod murus terreus extendens se a muro lapideo qui ducit ad Wexursgate usque ad Roumelande, continet in longitudine triginta perticas: et continet pertica per totum sexdecim pedes et dimidium.

Introductio materiæ subscriptæ.

Compotus Escaetoris de una tofta in Stopplesle, et uno mesuagio et una acra terræ in Le Briggefild de Lutone, pro quibus Abbas attachiatus fuit ad respondendum Regi per factionem ¹ malevolorum.—

Processus cujusdam Inquisitionis, coram Escaetore Bedfordiæ, contra Abbatem prænotatum, per quosdam ² malevolos præsentatæ. Irrotulatur in Memorandis de anno quadragesimo octavo Regis Edwardi Tertii, inter Recorda de Termino Sancti Michaelis, Rotulo duodecimo.

“Compertum est in Rotulo Compoti de Escaetis, in
“compoto, videlicet, Johannis de Olneye, nuper Escae-
False charge made

¹ *malivolorum* in MS.

| ² *malivolos* in MS.

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 against the Abbot, of having taken unlawful possession of land in Stoppesley, and in the Briggfeld of Lutone; and finding of an Inquisition in the Abbot's favour thereon, A.D. 1374-76.

" toris in Comitatibus Bedfordiæ et Bukenhamiæ,
 " Cantabrigiæ, et Huntindoniæ, a primo die Decembris
 " anno quadragesimo quarto Regis nunc usque ad
 " quintum diem Decembris anno quadragesimo quinto,
 " quod idem Escaetor respondet inter cætera de duo-
 " decim ¹denariis de exitibus unius tofti continentis
 " unam acram terræ in Stoppesley, ac unius mesuagii
 " et unius acræ terræ in Le Bryggefeld de Luytone,
 " quæ ad tres solidos sex denarios extendunt per
 " annum, a quarto die Octobris dicto anno quadra-
 " gesimo quinto; quo die idem Escaetor toftum,
 " mesuagium, et terram, cum pertinentiis, cepit in
 " manum Regis, pro eo quod ad tunc primo constabat
 " eidem Escaetori, quod Ricardus atte More, natus
 " Abbatis de Sancto Albano, eadem toftum, mesuagium,
 " et terram, cum pertinentiis, circiter duos annos
 " tunc proximo elapsos perquisivit, et pro eo quod
 " idem Abbas de Sancto Albano ea in manum suam
 " seysivit, usque prædictum quintum diem Decembris
 " proximo sequentem. Quo die idem Escaetor toftum,
 " mesuagium, et terram, prædicta, cum pertinentiis,
 " una cum omnibus aliis terris et tenementis in manu
 " Regis in prædicto Comitatu Bedfordiæ remanentibus,
 " Thomæ Sewale per indenturam, prætextu brevis
 " Regis, liberavit. Et quod de exitibus dictorum tofti,
 " mesuagii, et terræ, cum pertinentiis, a tempore
 " alienationis eorundem, videlicet, per duos annos
 " proximo elapsos ante prædictum quartum diem
 " Octobris anno quadragesimo quinto, quo die capta
 " fuerunt in manum Regis, idem Escaetor non re-
 " spondet, eo quod prædictus Abbas toftum, mesuagium,
 " et terram, prædicta, cum pertinentiis, per idem
 " tempus occupavit, et exitus et proficua inde pro-
 " venientia percepit et habuit, et inde est Regi respon-
 " surus. Per quod præfatus Abbas attachiatus fuit
 " essendi hic in crastino Sancti Michaelis hoc Terminò,

¹ Repeated in the MS., thus, *d. den*'.

“ ad reddendum Regi compotum de exitibus tofti,
 “ mesuagii, et terrarum, prædictorum, de tempore quo
 “ ea occupavit, et exitus inde provenientes percepit et
 “ habuit, et inde nondum computavit.

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“ Et ad prædictum crastinum idem Abbas non venit;
 “ sed postmodum, videlicet, in Octabis Sancti Martini
 “ hoc Termino, idem Abbas venit, per Willelmum
 “ Hamelyn, attornatum suum, et protestando dicit
 “ quod ipse non cognovit quod prædictus Ricardus
 “ atte More perquisivit prædicta mesuagium, toftum,
 “ et terram. Dicit etiam quod ipse non occupavit
 “ toftum, mesuagium, et terram, prædicta, prout per
 “ compotum prædicti Escaetoris supponitur; et hoc
 “ paratus est verificare, *et cætera*.

“ Ad quod dictum est pro Rege, quod præfatus
 “ Abbas occupavit toftum, mesuagium, et terram, præ-
 “ dicta, prout per compotum prædicti Escaetoris
 “ supponitur. Et hoc petitur pro Domino Rege quod
 “ inquiratur per patriam. Et præfatus Abbas petit
 “ similiter. Ideo fiat inde Inquisitio. Et præceptum
 “ est Vicecomiti Bedfordiæ quod venire faceret hic
 “ in Octabis Sancti Hillarii octodecim *et cætera*, de
 “ visneto de Stoppesleye et Lutone, quorum quilibet
 “ *et cætera*, per quos *et cætera*, et qui nulla affinitate
 “ *et cætera*, ad recognoscendum *et cætera*. Et idem dies
 “ datus est præfato Abbati, ad audiendum et faciendum,
 “ *et cætera*.

“ Ad quem diem prædictus Abbas venit, per dictum
 “ attornatum suum; et Vicecomes non retornavit breve.
 “ Ideo præceptum est ei, sicut pluries, ita *et cætera*,
 “ a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim dies. Et idem
 “ dies datus est præfato Abbati, ad audiendum et fa-
 “ ciendum quod *et cætera*.

“ Ad quem diem prædictus Abbas venit, per dictum
 “ attornatum suum; et Vicecomes non retornavit breve.
 “ Ideo præceptum est ei, sicut pluries, ita *et cætera*,
 “ a die Sancti Michaelis in quindecim dies. Et idem

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“ dies datus est præfato Abbati, ad audiendum et faciendum quod, *et cætera*.

“ Ad quem diem prædictus Abbas venit, per dictum attornatum suum; et Vicecomes retornavit breve cum pannello de nominibus Juratorum; et ipsi non venerunt. Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti quod distingat ipsos Juratores per terras *et cætera*, ita *et cætera*, a die Sancti Hillarii in quindecim dies. Et idem dies datus est præfato Abbati, ad audiendum et faciendum quod *et cætera*.

“ Et continuato processu isto per præfictionem dierum, tam versus dictum Abbatem quam versus dictos Juratores in præmissis, usque a die Sanctæ Trinitatis anno quinquagesimo Regis nunc in quindecim dies. Quo die prædictus Abbas venit, per dictum attornatum suum: et Vicecomes retornavit breve, et mandavit quod Juratores districti sunt, et exitus *et cætera*. Et idem Juratores, videlicet, Willelmus Abbot, Willelmus Fullere, Ricardus Clerc, et alii Juratores, quorum nomina omittuntur in pannello brevis, quod est inter brevia executi pro Rege de Termino Sanctæ Trinitatis, dicto anno quinquagesimo Regis nunc, similiter venerunt. Qui quidem Juratores, electi, triati, et jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus Abbas non occupavit toftum, terram, ¹ [et] mesuagium, prædicta, cum pertinentiis, per duos annos proxime elapsos ante quartum diem Octobris anno quadragesimo quinto Regis nunc, nec aliqua exitus sive proficua inde provenientia percepit nec habuit, neque in manum suam seysivit. Requisiti dicti Juratores quis vel qui toftum, mesuagium, et terram, prædicta, per tempus prædictum occupavit, vel occuparunt, vel quid et quantum eadem toftum, mesuagium, et terra, valent per annum in omnibus exitibus suis, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod Ricardus atte More occupavit dictum toftum, continens unam acram terræ

¹ Omitted in MS.

“ in Stoppesleye, per tempus prædictum, quæ valet
 “ per annum quatuor denarios; et dictum mesuagium
 “ in Luytone, quod valet per annum sexdecim denarios;
 “ et dictam acram terræ in Briggefild et Luytone, quæ
 “ valet per annum quatuor denarios in omnibus exiti-
 “ bus suis.”¹

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² *Introductio materiæ subscriptæ.*

Hujus Abbatis vix ullum tempus transiit sine tenta-
 tione, quin ubi destiterunt turbationes motæ per ex-
 traneos, succreverunt sui tenentes et proximi, qui tri-
 bulationem et dolorem invenerunt, ³ anxerunt eidem;
 ut patet per Inquisitionem captam, et subsequenter
 hic exaratam.—

*De quibusdam articulis in Inquisitione subscripta,
 coram Escastore Regis, per quosdam ⁴ malevolos
 in derogationem Monasterii Sancti Albani ne-
 quiter præsentatis.*

“ Inquisitio capta apud Sanctum Albanum, die Mercurii
 “ proxima ante festum Sanctæ Margaretæ Virginis, anno Regis
 “ Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, quadragesimo nono,
 “ coram Rogero Keteriche, Escastore Domini Regis in Comi-
 “ tatu Hertfordiæ, virtute officii sui, per sacramentum Adæ
 “ Raulyn, Ricardi Walyngforde, Thomæ Bedelle, Johannis
 “ Gombard, Hugonis Sheyntone, Johannis Eversholte, Walteri
 “ Smyth, Willelmi Herberde, Willelmi Shoveler, Rogeri
 “ Robyn, Ricardi Bizondenhethe, et Johannis Bernewelle, Ju-
 “ ratorum. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quædam
 “ Alicia Wrichecolle, quæ fatua et ⁵ idiota existit et fuit toto
 “ tempore post nativitatem suam, tenet in dominico suo, ut
 “ de feodo, duo cotagia, cum terra adjacente, in villa de Sancto

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 an Inquisi-
 tion as to
 alleged
 entries and
 seizures
 made by
 the Abbot,
 in deroga-
 tion of the
 rights of
 the crown,
 A.D. 1375.

¹ At this point half a column (fol. 290 b.) is left vacant, and a passage of twelve lines has been erased with a knife.

² Before this Rubric is written “*Exemplificatio totius placiti prænotati*,” evidently by mistake, and

probably intended for the matter which was to have filled the space that is left vacant.

³ *anxerunt* in MS.

⁴ *malivolos* in MS.

⁵ *ydiota* in MS.

- Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96.
- " Albano: et valent per annum sex solidos, octo denarios.
 " Et dicunt quod Willelmus Nonny exitus et proficua cotagi-
 " orum et terræ prædictorum per duodecim annos ante diem
 " captionis Inquisitionis hujus percepit et habuit.
 " Et dicunt quod Willelmus Slape, natus Abbatis de
 " Sancto Albano, perquisivit sibi et hæredibus suis quatuor
 " acras terræ, cum pertinentiis, in Slape, decem annis elapsis;
 " et quod prædictus Abbas terram prædictam, cito post dic-
 " tam perquisitionem factam, intravit, clamando eam ad opus
 " ecclesiæ suæ, sine licentia Regis. Et dicunt quod terræ
 " prædictæ valent per annum sexdecim denarios.
 " Et dicunt quod quidam Alexander Slape, natus prædicti
 " Abbatis, perquisivit sibi et hæredibus suis unum toftum,
 " et quamdam peciam terræ in Slape, vocatam 'Hontefeld,'
 " sibi et hæredibus suis. Et quod dictus Abbas toftum et
 " terram prædictam intravit viginti annis elapsis, clamando ea
 " ut jus ecclesiæ suæ, sine licentia Regis; et exitus et profi-
 " cua inde percepit per prædictos viginti annos. Et dicunt
 " quod prædictus Alexander perquisivit quatuor acras terræ
 " in villa de Slape sibi et hæredibus suis, quinque annis
 " elapsis, et quod dictus Abbas terram prædictam, cito post
 " dictam perquisitionem factam, intravit, et eam doinceps
 " occupavit; et quod valet per annum sexdecim denarios.
 " Et dicunt quod Johannes Otewy levavit quamdam domum
 " super solum Regis, in regia strata sua, in villa de Sancto
 " Albano, viginti annis elapsis, per licentiam Abbatis de
 " Sancto Albano, et sine licentia Regis; et quod dictus Abbas
 " exitus et proficua domus prædictæ per prædictos viginti
 " annos percepit et habuit.
 " Et dicunt quod Johannes Potter, de Slape, indictatus de
 " feloniam, pro qua se retraxit, habuit die feloniam factæ bona et
 " catalla pretii quadraginta solidorum; quæ ad manus dicti
 " Abbatis devenerunt. Et quod Willelmus Irmonger, de
 " Watford, fugit pro feloniam. Habuit die quo fugit bona et
 " catalla ad valentiam triginta solidorum; quæ ad manus
 " prædicti Abbatis devenerunt.
 " Et dicunt quod Galfridus Flemyng, de Watford, fugit pro
 " feloniam. Habuit die quo fugit bona et catalla ad valentiam
 " quadraginta solidorum; quæ ad manus ejusdem Abbatis de-
 " venerunt.
 " Et dicunt quod prædicti Willelmus Irmonger et Galfridus
 " nulla terras neque tenementa tenuerunt de prædicto Abbate,
 " diebus quibus fugam fecerunt. In cujus rei et cætera."

¹ Omitted in the context; but inserted in the margin in another hand.

¹ *Introductio materiæ subscriptæ.*

De Recordo et placito feloniam, et indictamento, Ricardi Pereres, Militis, et ²manerio de Wrobele ea occasione ad Abbatem præfatum per escast jure devoluto.

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Placita coram Domino Rege, apud Westmonasterium, de Termino Paschæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi Tertii tricesimo tertio, Rotulo vicesimo.—

Dominus Rex mandavit Willelmo de Nortone breve suum clausum, in hæc verba.—

“Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus of record
“Hiberniæ, dilecto et fideli suo, Willelmo de Nortone, salu- and process
“tem. Quia in recordo et processu, ac etiam in promulga- as to the
“tione utlagariæ in Ricardum de Perers, *Chivaler*, in Comitatu outlawry of
“Hertfordiæ promulgatæ, et coram vobis et sociis vestris, Richard
“Justiciariis nostris ad ³diversas felonias et transgressiones the Elder,
“in Comitatu prædicto audiendas et terminandas assignatis, on the
“retornatis, error intervenit manifestus, ad grave damnum complaint
“Ricardi de Perers, filii et hæredis ipsius Ricardi de Perers, of Richard,
“*Chivaler*, sicut ex querela sua accepimus:—Nos errorem, si his son and
“quis fuerit, modo debito corrigi, et eidem Ricardo filio heir,
“Ricardi plenam justitiam fieri volentes in hac parte, vobis A.D. 1359.
“mandamus quod recordum et processum ⁴utlariæ prædictæ,
“cum omnibus eam tangentibus, nobis sub sigillo vestro dis-
“tinote et aperte mittatis, et hoc breve; ita quod ea habea-
“mus a die Paschæ in quindecim dies, ubicunque tunc fueri-
“mus in Anglia; ut, hiis inspectis, uberius inde fieri faciamus
“quod de jure et secundum legem et consuetudinem regni
“nostri Angliæ fuerit faciendum. Teste meipso, apud West-
“monasterium, vicesimo tertio die Februarii, anno regni
“nostri Angliæ tricesimo tertio, regni vero nostri Franciæ
“vicesimo.”

Recordum et processus de quibus in brevi prædicto fit mentio, sequitur in hæc verba.—

¹ After these words, three fourths of a column (fol. 291 a.) are left vacant.

² *manerii* in MS., but corrected

in the margin in another hand.

³ *diversos* in MS.

⁴ Sic in MS.

- Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. —
- Record and process, on charge of felony, against Richard de Perers, Knight, A.D. 1350.
- “ Placita apud Baldok, coram Waltero de Manny, Willelmo de Nortone, et sociis suis, Justiciariis Domini Regis ad diversas transgressiones et felonias in Comitatu Hertford illatas audiendas et terminandas assignatis, die Lunæ proxima post festum Sancti Jacobi Apostoli, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, vicesimo quarto.—
- “ Juratores præsentant quod die Dominica proxima post festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, vicesimo tertio, Ricardus de Perers, *Chivaler*, et sui, quorum nomina ignorantur, felonice fregerunt carcerem et castrum Episcopi Londoniensis apud Storteforde; et quod prædictus Ricardus de Perers, post feloniam illam factam usque in hunc diem, apud Chesthunte receptatus est, ad domum Johannis Lucas de Chesthunte, scientis ipsum Ricardum feloniam illam fecisse.
- “ Item, præsentant quod mense Junii ultimo præterito idem Ricardus in regia via in Chesthunte insultum fecit Willelmo Somter, servienti Episcopi Londoniensis; sed impeditus erat per homines circumstantes, ita quod ipse tunc non multum læsit dictum Willelmum; sed minabatur illum verberare et vulnerare, cum eum attingere poterit. Et est communis malefactor.
- “ Et ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod capiat prædictum Ricardum de Perers, ubicunque *et cætera*; ita quod eum habeat coram præfatis Justiciariis apud Asshewelle, die Martis in festo Sanctorum Septem Dormientium proximo futuro, ad respondendum Domino Regi de diversis felonis, unde coram præfatis Justiciariis indictatus est, *et cætera*.
- “ Placita apud Asshewelle, coram Gilberto Ellesfeld et Willelmo de Nortone, Justiciariis Domini Regis ad diversas felonias et maleficia, et ad quædam alia in Litteris Patentibus Domini Regis inde confectis

“ contenta, simul cum Waltero Mannay, Hugone Fitz-Simond, Ricardo de Wylughby, Henrico de Grene, et Johanne Aignelle, in Comitatu Hertford illata, audienda et terminanda assignatis, die Martis in festo Sanctorum Septem Dormientium, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, vicesimo quarto.—

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“ Præceptum fuit Vicecomiti alias quod caperet Ricardum de Perers, *Chivaler*, ita quod eum haberet coram præfatis Justiciariis hic ad hunc diem, ad respondendum Domino Regi de diversis felonis unde coram præfatis Justiciariis indictatus fuit. Et idem Vicecomes modo mandat quod prædictus Ricardus non est inventus in balliva sua, ita quod eum ad hunc diem habere non potest *et cætera*.

“ Ideo præceptum est Vicecomiti, quod exigi faceret eum de Comitatu in Comitatum, quousque secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ utlagetur, si non comparuerit. Et si comparuerit, tunc eum capiat *et cætera*; ita quod eum habeat coram præfatis Justiciariis, apud Chesthunte, die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Nicolai nunc proximo futurum, ad respondendum Domino Regi de felonis prædictis, *et cætera*.

“ Placita apud Chesthunte, die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Nicolai, coram Hugone Fitz-Simond, Ricardo de Wylughby, Gilberto de Ellesfeld, Henrico de Grene, et Willelmo de Nortone, Justiciariis Domini Regis ad diversa homicidia, felonias, transgressiones, et maleficia, et ad quædam alia in Litteris Patentibus Domini Regis inde confectis contenta, simul cum *et cætera*, audienda et terminanda assignatis, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, vicesimo quarto.—

“ Præceptum fuit alias Vicecomiti, quod exigi faceret Ricardum de Perers, *Chivaler*, de Comitatu in Comitatum, quousque secundum legem et consuetu-

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“ dinem regni Angliæ utlagaretur, si non comparuerit.
“ Et si comparuerit, tunc eum caperet; ita quod haberet eum coram præfatis Justiciariis hic ad hunc diem, ad respondendum Domino Regi de diversis feloniiis per ipsum in Comitatu Hertford perpetratis, unde coram præfatis Justiciariis indictatus fuit.

“ Et Vicecomes modo mandat, quod ad Comitatum Hertfordiæ tentum apud Hertfordiam, die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula, anno regni Regis Edwardi, ¹ [Tertii] post Conquæstum, vicesimo quarto, Ricardus de Perers, *Chivaler*, primo exactus fuit, virtute mandati Domini Regis prædicti; et non comparuit.

“ Et ad Comitatum Hertfordiæ, tentum ibidem die Jovis proxima post ² festum Decollationis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, anno supradicto, idem Ricardus de Perers exactus fuit secundo, virtute mandati Domini Regis prædicti; et non comparuit.

“ Et ad Comitatum Hertfordiæ tentum apud Chesthunte, die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Michaelis, anno supradicto, idem Ricardus de Perers exactus fuit tertio, virtute mandati Domini Regis prædicti; et non comparuit.

“ Et ad Comitatum Hertfordiæ tentum apud Hertfordiam, die Jovis in festo Apostolorum Simonis et Judæ, anno supradicto, idem Ricardus de Perers quarto exactus fuit, virtute mandati Domini Regis prædicti; et non comparuit.

Non-appearance of Richard de Perers, and sentence of outlawry against him.

“ Et ad Comitatum Hertfordiæ tentum ibidem die Jovis in festo Sanctæ Katerinæ Virginis, anno supradicto, idem Ricardus de Perers exactus fuit quinto; et non comparuit.

“ Ideo, per considerationem utlagatus fuit: per quod, inquiratur de terris et catallis suis.”

¹ Omitted in MS.

² Omitted in the text, but sup-

plied in the margin, in another hand.

Et super hoc Dominus Rex mandavit Willelmo de Schareshulle, et sociis suis, Justiciariis hic, breve suum clausum, in hæc verba.—

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Breve Regis in materia prænotata.

“Edwardus, Dei grati, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Hiberniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Willelmo de Schareshulle, et sociis suis, Justiciariis ad placita coram nobis tenenda assignatis, salutem. Quia in recordo et processu nuper factis coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris Waltero de Manny, et sociis suis, Justiciariis ad diversas felonias et transgressiones in Comitatu Hertfordiæ audiendas et terminandas assignatis, super quibusdam felonis et transgressionibus in Comitatu prædicto factis, unde Ricardus de Perers, *Chivaler*, indictatus est; ac etiam in promulgatione utlagariæ in ipsum Ricardum in Comitatu prædicto occasione prædicta promulgatæ, ¹et coram præfatis Justiciariis postmodum retornata, errores intervenere manifesti, ad damnum Ricardi, filii et hæredis ipsius Ricardi, sicut ex querela sua accepimus:—Nos errores, si qui fuerint, in hac parte modo debito corrigi, et eidem Ricardo, filio Ricardi, in præmissis plenam et celerem justitiam exhiberi, volentes, vobis mandamus quod, visis indictamentis utlagariæ, si annullanda sit, faciatis quod de jure et secundum legem, et regni nostri Angliæ ²[consuetudinem], fuerit faciendum. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, sexto-decimo die Maii, anno regni nostri Angliæ tricesimo ²[tertio,] regni vero nostri Franciæ vicesimo.”

“Et modo, scilicet, in crastino Ascensionis Domini, isto eodem Terminò, coram Domino Rege, apud Westmonasterium, venit prædictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi, in propria persona sua. Et dicit quod utlagaria prædicta in præfatum Ricardum de Perers, *Chivaler*, erronee extitit promulgata. Dicit enim, quod ipse tempore promulgationis utlagariæ prædictæ, diu ante et post, tanquam convictus, fuit in prisa Episcopi Londoniensis, apud Storteforde, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, detentus; videlicet, a die Dominica proxima

¹ Repeated in MS.

| ² Omitted in the context.

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" post quindenam Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis
 " nunc ¹ vicesimo quarto, usque ad festum Natalis
 " Domini tunc proximo sequens. Et hoc paratus est
 " verificare per patriam *et cætera*.
 " Et quia prædictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi, ulterius
 " non prosequitur *et cætera*, ideo nihil inde actum est
 " *et cætera*."
 Postea Dominus Rex mandavit Justiciariis hic breve suum clausum, in hæc verba.—

Breve Regis in processu prænotato.

Writ again issued for inspection of the indictment, record, and process, as to the outlawry of Richard de Perers the Elder, on the complaint of Richard, his son and heir, A.D. 1375.

" Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Hiberniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Johanni Cavendissh, et sociis suis, Justiciariis ad placita coram nobis tenenda assignatis, salutem. Quia in recordo et processu nuper habitis coram Waltero Manny et sociis suis, Justiciariis nostris ad diversas felonias et transgressiones in Comitatu Hertfordiæ audiendas et terminandas assignatis, super quibusdam feloniiis et transgressionibus in Comitatu prædicto factis, unde Ricardus de Perers, *Chivaler*, indictatus fuit, ac etiam in promulgatione utlagariæ, in ipsum Ricardum in Comitatu prædicto occasione prædicta promulgatæ, et coram præfatis nuper Justiciariis postmodum retornatæ, errores intervenere manifesti, ad grave damnum Ricardi, filii et hæredis ipsius Ricardi de Perers, sicut ex querela sua accepimus:—Nos errores, si qui fuerint in hac parte, modo debito corrigi, et eidem Ricardo, filio Ricardi, in præmissis plenam et celerem justitiam fieri volentes, vobis mandamus quod, visis indictamento, ac recordo et processu prædictis, coram vobis, ut dicitur, residentibus, errores, si qui fuerint in hac parte, faciatis modo debito corrigi et emendari, et dictam utlagariam, si annullanda sit, annullari; et ulterius in præmissis faciendum, prout de jure et secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ fuerit faciendum. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, octavo die Julii, anno regni nostri Angliæ quadragesimo nono, regni vero nostri Franciæ tricesimo sexto."

¹ *vicosimo* in MS.

Continuatio processus prætitulati.

- " Postea, scilicet, Termino Sancti Hillarii, anno regni
 " Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquæstum Angliæ, quin-
 " quagesimo, coram Domino Rege, apud Westmonas-
 " terium, venit Ricardus filius et hæres Ricardi de
 " Perers, *Chivaler*, asserens in recordo et processu
 " utlagariæ in dictum Ricardum de Perers, *Chivaler*,
 " patrem suum, promulgatæ, errores intervenisse, ad
 " grave damnum prædicti Ricardi, filii et hæredis præ-
 " dicti Ricardi; unde idem Ricardus, filius Ricardi,
 " petiit breve Domini Regis ad præmuniendum dominos
 " mediatos et immediatos, ac tenentes, terrarum et
 " tenementorum quæ fuerunt prædicti Ricardi de Perers,
 " *Chivaler*, quod essent coram Domino Rege in quin-
 " dena Paschæ tunc proximo sequente, ubicunque *et*
 " cætera, ad ostendendum *et cætera*, si quid *et cætera*
 " haberent vel dicere scirent, quare utlagaria prædicta
 " annullari non debeat.
 " Ad quem diem *et cætera*, Vicecomes retornavit, quod
 " fecit ¹retornum brevis prædicti ballivus Abbatis de
 " Sancto Albano; qui breve prædictum retornavit minus
 " sufficiens. Per quod præceptum fuit Vicecomiti, quod
 " non omitteret, propter libertatem prædictam, quin
 " per probos *et cætera* scire faceret dominos mediatos
 " et immediatos, ac tenentes, terrarum et tenementorum
 " quæ fuere prædicti Ricardi de Perers, *Chivaler*,
 " essendi coram Domino Rege ad hunc diem, scilicet,
 " in crastino Ascensionis Domini, ubicunque *et cætera*,
 " ad ostendendum in forma prædicta *et cætera*.
 " Ad quem diem coram Domino Rege venit præ-
 " dictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi; et Vicecomes retorna-
 " vit quod scire fecit Thomæ Abbati de Sancto Albano,
 " domino immediato, et tenenti, terrarum et tenemen-

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Richard de
Perers, the
Younger,
again ap-
pears, and
pleads for
reversal of
the out-
lawry.

The Abbot
of Saint
Alban's
appears, as
superior
lord, and

¹ A vacant space is left before this word in the MS.

- Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1849-96.
- tenant of the lands that had belonged to the out-lawed man.
- Argument of the Abbot against reversal of the out-lawry.
- "torum quæ fuerunt Ricardi de Perers, *Chivaler*, es-
 "sendi coram Domino Rege ad præfatum terminum,
 "ad ostendendum et faciendum in forma prædicta, per
 "Ricardum Martyn et Johannem Wilkyn. Qui quidem
 "Abbas ad diem prædictum per Symonem de Keg-
 "worthe, attornatum suum, venit.
 "Et prædictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi, dicit quod in
 "promulgatione utlagariæ in prædictum Ricardum,
 "patrem suum, manifeste est erratum; quia dicit quod
 "tempore promulgationis utlagariæ prædictæ, prædic-
 "tus Ricardus de Perers, *Chivaler*, diu ante et post,
 "fuit in prisiona Episcopi Londoniensis, apud Storte-
 "forde, ut clericus convictus; et obtulit probare per
 "litteras Episcopi de purgatione ipsius Ricardi, et aliter
 "qualitercunque Curia consideraverit.
 "Et prædictus Abbas dicit quod utlagaria prædicta
 "per hoc quod superius allegatum est annullari non
 "debet; quia dicit quod prædictus Ricardus de Perers,
 "*Chivaler*, fuit in prisiona de Storteforde, ut clericus
 "convictus, ut præmittitur. Qui postea prisonam
 "illam die Dominica proxima post festum Purificatio-
 "nis Beatæ Mariæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii
 "post Conquæstum, vicesimo tertio, felonice fregit; de
 "qua quidem felonia idem Ricardus coram Waltero de
 "Manny et sociis suis, nuper Justiciariis Domini Regis
 "ad diversas felonias, transgressiones, et alia maleficia,
 "in Comitatu prædicto audienda et trianda assignatis,
 "extitit indietatus; et per processum super hoc habi-
 "tum coram præfatis Justiciariis in Exigenda positus
 "fuit ad utlagandum; prout per processum hujus-
 "modi superius expressatum plenius continetur.
 "Et postea, processu prædicto pendente, idem Ricar-
 "dus de Perers, *Chivaler*, in Comitatu Hertford, apud
 "Brantefeld, Northawe, et Chesthunte, sæpius lati-
 "tando, discurrendo, et maleficia perpetrando et conti-
 "nuando, cessare non curavit. Insuperque prædictus
 "Ricardus de Perers, *Chivaler*, percipiens se occasione

“ felonie prædictæ in Exigenda positum, et ad qua-
 “ tuor Comitatus in pleno Comitatu solemniter exac-
 “ tum fuisse; per quod ipse machinans fraudulenter
 “ de exhæredatione sua in hac parte præcavere, spon-
 “ tanea sua voluntate reddidit se custodi prædicti
 “ carceris de Storteforde, et in prisonam prædictam
 “ gratis se reposuit; ubi ipse ad largum fuit, et potuit
 “ se reddidisse Vicecomiti Comitatus prædicti, et ipsum
 “ de utlagaria prædicta se omnino salvasse, si voluisset;
 “ et hoc paratus est verificare, *et cætera*; unde petit
 “ iudicium, si prædictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi, utla-
 “ garie prædictæ virtute imprisonmenti prædicti, per
 “ assensum et voluntatem suam propriam in ipsum sic
 “ facti, annullari debeat. Et super hoc datus est dies
 “ partibus prædictis coram Domino Rege a die Sanctæ
 “ Trinitatis in quindecim dies, ubicunque *et cætera*,
 “ in statu quo nunc *et cætera*.

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“ Ad quem diem, coram Domino Rege, apud West-
 “ monasterium, venit prædictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi,
 “ in propria persona sua; et prædictus Abbas per
 “ attornatum suum similiter venit. Et prædictus Ri-
 “ cardus, filius Ricardi, dicit quod prædictus ¹ Ricardus
 “ de Perers, *Chivaler*, captus fuit apud Chesthunt, in
 “ Comitatu prædicto, die Lunæ proxima post festum
 “ Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Domini Regis nunc
 “ Angliæ vicesimo quarto, per Thomam de Swyntone,
 “ Capellanum, contra voluntatem suam, et usque priso-
 “ nam Episcopi Londoniensis de Storteford ductus, et
 “ in eadem prisoa positus, contra voluntatem suam,
 “ et ibidem detentus tempore quo utlagaria præ-
 “ dicta in ipsum Ricardum Perers ² extitit promul-
 “ gata, et diu ante et post; absque hoc, quod idem
 “ Ricardus, spontanea et mera voluntate sua, reddidit

Reply of
 Richard de
 Perers the
 Younger
 thereto.

¹ Omitted in the text, but sup- | hand.
 plied in the margin, in another

² extitit in MS.

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" illam gratis et per covinam se reposuit, sicut præ-
" dictus Abbas superius allegavit. Et hoc petit quod
" inquiratur per patriam.

Rejoinder of the Abbot, against reversal of the outlawry. " Et prædictus Abbas dicit quod prædictus Ricardus Perers, *Chivaler*, spontanea ¹ voluntate sua red-
" didit se custodi carceris prædicti, et in prisonam
" prædictam per covinam suam propriam gratis se
" reposuit, sicut ipse superius allegavit. Et ² [de] hoc
" ponit se super patriam; et prædictus Ricardus, filius
" Ricardi, similiter. Ideo veniat inde Jurata, coram
" Domino Rege, in Octabis Sancti Michaelis, ubicunque
" *et cætera*, et qui nec *et cætera*, ad recognoscendum
" *et cætera*. Quia tam *et cætera*. Idem dies datus est
" *partibus et cætera*.

A Jury being duly empanelled thereon, Richard Perers the Younger fails to appear, and his complaint is dismissed, A.D. 1377. " Et postea, continuato inde processu inter partes
" prædictas per Juratam positam in respectum usque a
" die Sancti Hillarii in quindecim dies, anno regni Do-
" mini Regis nunc quinquagesimo primo; ad quem diem
" coram Domino Rege, apud Westmonasterium, venit
" prædictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi, in propria persona
" sua. Et prædictus Abbas per attornatum suum,
" venit similiter; et Juratores similiter venerunt; qui
" ex consensu partium prædictarum ad hoc electi, triati,
" et jurati; et postea, cum parati fuissent ad veredic-
" tum suum dicendum, prædictus Ricardus, filius Ri-
" cardi, solemniter vocatus, non venit. Ideo conside-
" ratum est, quod prædictus Ricardus, filius Ricardi,
" nihil capiat per breve suum, et quod prædictus
" Abbas eat inde sine die.

¹ Omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

² Omitted in the MS.

¹ *Pro Pascha* ² [*anno*] *tricesimo tertio, Rotulo vicesimo, ut infra.*

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A.D.
1349-96.

" Memorandum, quod die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Thomæ Apostoli, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quinquagesimo, Ricardus de Perers, Miles, clericus convictus, purgatus fuit apud Storteforde." ³

Official memorandum, as to the alleged purgation of Richard de Perers, as a clerk convict.

Continuatio processus placiti prænotati.

Et memorandum, quod licet Ricardus Perers, Miles, pater Ricardi Perers de Chesthunt, propter diversas felonias et roberias per ipsum commissas, ac etiam propter fracturam castri Episcopi Londoniensis apud Storteforde, fuerit coram Justiciariis Domini Regis indictatus, exactus, et utlagatus, antequam se spontanee dicto carceri reddidisset; ratione cujus utlagariæ terræ suæ in Wrobley ad Dominum Abbatem de Sancto Albano per escaetum devenissent, prout in recordo præscripto plenius apparet; nihilominus, Ricardus Perers, filius ejusdem Ricardi, eandem utlagariam nitebatur annullare, asserens quod pater suus prædictus contra suam voluntatem captus fuerat, et in prisonam prædicti Episcopi detentus, tempore quo dicta utlagaria in ipsum fuerat promulgata; proferens fallaciter quoddam scriptum, sigillo cujusdam Bartholomæi Kere, tunc ballivi de Storteforde, et Johannis Prentys, qui de eodem verisimiliter notitiam habuissent plenior, ut dicit, sigillatum, quod hoc testatur; cum tamen de eorum scientia seu voluntate minime processisset, prout in ⁴sequentibus plenius apparet.—"A lur tres honorable,"

Alleged attempt by Richard de Perers the Younger, to support his case against the Abbot by false evidence, A.D. 1384.

¹ This word resembles "*Per*" in the MS.

² Omitted in MS.

³ At this point (fol. 293 a.) half a column is left vacant.

⁴ See page 213 post.

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Abbot,
A.D.
1849-96.

The Abbot
requests
the Bishop
of London
to enquire
into this
alleged
evidence.

et cætera, ut infra; cujus formam Dominus Abbas multum admirabatur, pro eo quod idem Bartholomæus et Johannes contrarium prædicto scripto coram pluribus multotiens ¹testificati fuissent. Unde supplicavit Domino Roberto Braybrok, Episcopo Londoniensi, quatenus prædictos Bartholomæum et Johannem ad suam præsentiam arcessiret, et de præmissis diligenter inquireret, ipsumque per suas litteras super hoc certificaret. Cujus supplicationis effectum idem reverendus Pater gratanter adimplevit, prout in litteris subsequentibus luculenter apparet; quarum tenor talis est.—

Littera responsalis Episcopi Londoniensis in materia prædicta.

Answer of
the Bishop,
after in-
quisition
held by
him, in
support of
the Abbot's
argument,
upholding
the out-
lawry;
and ex-
posing the
falsity of
the evi-
dence relied
upon by
Richard de
Perers the
Younger.

“ Reverende Domine.—Super recessu Ricardi Perers, Mi-
litis, olim clerici convicti, de carcere nostro de Storteford,
“ necnon spontaneo vel invito regressu ejusdem ad carcerem
“ memoratum, super quibus, ut canunt litteræ vestræ nobis
“ missæ, affectatis nimium effici certiores, cupientes semper
“ pro viribus votis vestris annuere cum effectu, inquisitionem,
“ juxta formam litterarum prædictarum, cepimus diligentem,
“ ac infrascriptos viros, utique fidedignos, de veritate dicenda
“ in hac parte fide media in manus nostras præstita, promit-
“ tentes, in propria nostra persona, examinavimus juxta
“ formam et materiam subsequentes.
“ In primis, Bartholomæus Kere et Johannes Prentys, de
“ Storteforde, requisiti et interrogati per nos super præmis-
“ sis, dicunt, et alter eorum dicit, per ipsius bonam fidem,
“ quod præfatus Ricardus Perers, Miles, fuit eorum temporari-
“ bus clericus convictus, et in carcere de Storteforde memo-
“ rato per biennium diræ carcerali custodiæ mancipatus, ad
“ libitum custodis carceris prælibati. Quodque idem Ricardus
“ carcerem hujusmodi fregit, pariter et exivit; stetitque extra
“ eundem carcerem, sic evasus, per certum tempus. Tandem
“ contigit postea, quod dictus Ricardus revenit, non ligatus,
“ sed solus, cum uno proprio familiari suo, et uno alio ho-
“ mine, ad villam de Storteforde supradictam, et se dicto
“ carceri obtulit et reddidit, pluribus dictæ villæ cohabita-
“ toribus hoc videntibus; qui tunc in carcerem hujusmodi
“ admissus fuit, pariter et receptus.

¹ *testificati* in MS.

"Item, Robertus Kere, Ricardus ¹Jardewyle, et Nicolaus Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1849-96.
 "Hopkyn de Storteforde, concordant in omnibus cum præmissis; hoc addito, quod dicunt se vidiſſe tunc temporis prædictum Ricardum, Militem, venientem de Londoniis ad dictam villam de Storteforde, ac eum intrantem cum uno familiari suo, et uno alio homine, qui omnes tres cum ensibus et parmis fuerant circumcincti. Et dicunt quod præſatus Ricardus, Miles, sponte se reddidit carceri antedicto. Dicunt etiam prædicti Bartholomæus Kere et Johannes Prentys, quod quicquid alias eorum nominibus in hac materia scriptum fuerat, vel certificatum, præmissis eorum dictis repugnantibus vel contradicentibus, tacite vel expresse, quod id de eorum certis scientiis nullatenus processit; nec unquam intentionis eorum aliud scribere vel certificare in præſenti negotio, nisi quod, et prout per eos superius est detectum. Quæ omnia Reverentiæ vestræ innotescimus harum clausurarum serie litterarum; quam diu conservet ad vota Deitatis increata. Scriptum in Parco nostro de Storteforde, undecimo die mensis Augusti."

Litteræ testimoniales in materia prænotata.

Litteræ etiam prædictorum Bartholomæi Kere et Johannis Prentys, super hoc confectæ, sequuntur, in hæc verba.—

"A touz ceaux qui cestez lettres verrount ou orrount, Bartholomew Kere, Robert Kere, Johan Prentys de Storteforde, et Johan de ²B., salutæ en Dieux.—Pur ceo que graunt Richard de Perers the Elder.
 "awer est as plusours disconuz, si Monsire Richard Perers, Chivaler, avaunt le temps qil fust utlage fuist mesme a prison de Storteforde per force et duresce, et encontre son

[TRANSLATION.]

"To all those who these letters shall see or hear, Bartholomew Kere, Robert Kere, John Prentys of Storteforde, and John de B., greeting in God.—Forasmuch as there is great doubt among many unknown, if Messire Richard Perers, Knight, before the time that he was outlawed, was brought to the prison of Storteforde by force and duress, and against

¹ The name of this man occurs, as a witness in Newgate, A.D. 1387, in the *Memorials of London etc.*, | p. 491.

² This surname is not given in full.

Thomas, " gre et bon volunte, par Monsire Thomas Swynartone, et
 30th " eusi tenuz en prison illeoques tanque il fuist utlage, ou s'il
 Abbot, " venist et soi rendist au dit prison de son bon gre et volunte;
 A.D. " — nous, avaunt ditz Bartholomew, Robert, Johan, et Johan,
 1349-96. " tesmoignons et faceons assavoir as touz gentz, qentours le
 " Fest et cætera, le dit Monsire Richart vient noetauntree a
 " la measone de dit Bartolomew a Storteforde, et illeoques, en
 " presence de ditz Johan Prentys et Robert, le dit Monsire
 " Richard Perers dissoit a dit Bartholomeu qil estoit venuz
 " de soi rendre a prison; et dissoit que bien savoit qil ne re-
 " menderoit illeoques en prison si non poi de temps; et a
 " donques ils envoyerount pur le dit Johan de B., a donques
 " gaioler del prison de Storteforde suysdite. Et quant le dit
 " Johan estoit venuz, il luy rescent a prison; et a mesme le
 " noet et a temps que le dit Monsire Richarde estoit venuz,
 " ne a temps qil alast a la gaiole, navoit ove luy Viscounte,
 " bailliff, ne nulle ministre; ne nulle manere de force, ne
 " de duresoe, fuit fait ne monstre a dit Monsire Richarde,
 " nentour luy; mes il estoit tout a large et a sa voluntee de
 " son corps, nient liecz de maynz ne des pees, ne a force
 " mesne illeoques par Monsire ¹Robert Swynartone ne nulle

" his wish and good will, by Messire Thomas Swynartone,
 " and also kept in prison there until he was outlawed, or if
 " he came and surrendered himself to the said prison of his
 " own good will and accord;—we, the aforesaid Bartholomew,
 " Robert, John, and John, do testify and make known unto
 " all persons, that about the Feast, etc., the said Messire
 " Richard came by night to the house of the said Bartholomew
 " at Storteforde, and there, in presence of the said John
 " Prentys and Robert, the said Messire Richard Perers said
 " to the said Bartholomew that he was come to surrender
 " himself to prison; and said that he well knew that he should
 " remain there in prison only a little time; and then they
 " sent for the said John de B., then gaoler of the prison of
 " Storteforde aforesaid. And when the said John was come,
 " he received him to prison; and neither on the same night
 " and at the time when the said Messire Richard was come,
 " nor at the time when he went to the gaol, had he with him
 " Sheriff, bailiff, or any officer; nor was any manner of force,
 " or of duress, done or shown to the said Messire Richard, or
 " about him; but he was wholly at large and of his own [free]
 " will as to his body, being bound neither hand nor foot, nor
 " brought by force there by Messire Robert Swynartone or

¹ Given as " Thomas " above.

" autre persone queconques, a taunt come les ditz Bartholo-
 " mew, Robert, Johan Prentys, et Johan de B., visrout
 " et saverount a ceole temps. Et quant il estoit resceu a
 " prison, un chambre fuist assigne pur luy, et alast a large
 " quant et quele heure que luy pluist; et alast, purviez ove
 " son arche, as les champes, bois, et aillours, ou luy vint a
 " gree, ne nulle manere de garde fuist mys sur luy. Et en le
 " mesme temps qil estoit ensi en prison, il dissoit meyne-
 " foitz a dit Johan de B., gaioler, qil ben savoit qil ne de-
 " murra longement illeoques; et avoit graunt merveille de
 " ceo qil noiaist nulle nouvelle depart sez amys, queux luy
 " promistrount esider de sa deliveraunce.
 " Et outre ceo, coment les dites Bartholomew et Johan Prentys
 " eiount ensealle un fait, de quele le tenour ensuyt.—

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 —

Littera testimonialis super processu practacto.

" A lur treshonourable Sire en Dieux, l'Abbe de Seynt
 " Alban, les seons humbles Bartholomeu Keyre, bayllif de la
 " ville de Storteforde, et Johan Prentys, de mesme la ville,
 " soi recomendout humblement, od honours et toute manere
 " de reverence, eom ils osent; et conuz soit a dit treshonour-

The pur-
 port of the
 signed
 paper, con-
 taining the
 alleged
 false evi-
 dence.

" any other person whatsoever, so far as the said Bartholomew,
 " Robert, John Prentys, and John de B., saw and knew at
 " that time. And when he was received into prison, a chamber
 " was assigned for him, and he went at large when and at
 " what hour he pleased; and he went, provided with his bow,
 " to the fields, woods, and elsewhere, wherever he chose of
 " his own accord, and no manner of guard was set over him.
 " And at the same time that he was so in prison, he said
 " oftentimes to the said John de B., the gaoler, that he well
 " knew that he should not remain long there; and he greatly
 " wondered that he did not hear any news from his friends,
 " who promised to help him in his deliverance.
 " And besides this, how that the said Bartholomew and John
 " Prentiz have sealed a deed, the tenor of which follows.—

" To their most honourable Lord in God, the Abbot of
 " Saint Alban's, his humble Bartholomew Keyre, bailiff of
 " the town of Storteforde, and John Prentys, of the same
 " town, commend themselves humbly, with honour and all
 " manner of reverence, so far as they dare; and be it known

Thomas, "able Sire en Dieux, et as touz autres, que les ditez Bar-
 30th "tholomeu et Johan tesmoignount, et tesmoigner toutditz
 Abbot, "voillount, que apres ceo que Monsire Richard Perers,
 A.D. "Chivaler, fuist echapiez hors de la prisoun de dite ville de
 1349-96. "Storteforde, il fuist remesnez par la force de Marie de
 — "Seint Paul, jadys Countesse de Pennebroke, et de Monsire
 "Thomas de Swynartone, encountre la gree et volunte de dit
 "Monsire Richard Perers. Et en tesmoignaunce de quele
 "chose les ditez Bartholomeu et Johan a ceste lettre patente
 "ount mys leurs seals. Done a Storteforde suysdite, quinte
 "jour de May, lan du regne le Roy Richarde, Seconde apres
 "le Conquest, septisme."

Continuatio.

Avowal by "De quele fait evidence poet estre pris. A la contraire
 the parties "de cestes, les dites Bartholomeu et Johan Preyntys diount,
 who signed "que un Johan Halstede vint a ceaux ove le dit fait, et
 such false "leur priast densealler; et promist a ceaux que ceo ne
 evidence. "greveroit a nulle persone de mounde, ne serroit encontre
 "leur estat ne honour densealler le dit fait. Et par affiaunce

"to the said most honourable Lord in God, and to all others;
 "that the said Bartholomew and John do testify, and do wish
 "at all times to testify, that after that Messire Richard Perers,
 "Knight, had escaped out of the prison of the said town of
 "Storteforde, he was brought back by the retainers of Mary de
 "Saint Paul, late Countess of ¹Pennebroke, and of Messire
 "Thomas de Swynartone, against the wish and will of the
 "said Messire Richard Perers. And in witness of this thing,
 "the said Bartholomew and John to this letter patent have
 "set their seals. Given at Storteforde aforesaid, the fifth day
 "of May, in the seventh year of the reign of King Richard,
 "after the Conquest the Second."

"Of which deed evidence may be taken. To the contrary
 "hereof, the said Bartholomew and John Prentys say, that
 "one John Halstede came to them with the said deed, and
 "begged them to seal it; and promised them that this would
 "aggrieve no person in the world, nor would it be against
 "their well-being or honour to seal the said deed. And by

¹ Pembroke.

" qils avoient en luy, ils enseallerount le dit fait, et unques
 " noierount leu devant eaus; et issint en lour affiaunce fuirount
 " deceux. Pur quei les dites Bartholomeu et Johan Preyn-
 " teys, ore pluis pleinement enfourmez de ceo que fuist
 " escripte en le dit fait, celle fait disavouount ¹ quantiques en
 " ceaux est, et voillount que desoremes le dit fait ne soit
 " monstre, ne mays en evidence a nulle persone, mes tenuz
 " pur nulle. Qar les ditez Bartholomeu et Johan Prentys
 " diount qils fuirount deceuz en mettaunt lour seals a ceole
 " fait en lour affiaunce, come desuys est dit. Et le dit Robert
 " Kere dit que le dit Johan Halstede luy priast daver ensealle
 " un autre fait; et quant il estoit apperceu de la matiere, il
 " dissoit que noun ferroit, mesqes luy vorroit doner cent
 " livres."

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" reason of the confidence which they had in him, they
 " sealed the said deed, and never heard it read before them;
 " and so in their confidence were deceived. Wherefore the
 " said Bartholomew and John Preyntys, being now more
 " fully informed as to what was written in the said deed, do
 " disavow this deed so far as in them is, and do wish that
 " from henceforth the said deed shall not be shown, or put
 " in evidence to any person, but held as null. For the said
 " Bartholomew and John Prentys say that they were deceived
 " in setting their seals to this deed in their confidence, as is
 " above said. And the said Robert Kere says that the said
 " John Halstede begged him to have sealed another deed;
 " and when he had perceived the ² matter, he said that he
 " would not do it, even if he would give him a hundred
 " pounds."

Continuatio processus præscripti.

Perpendens itaque prædictus Ricardus fallaciam suam, A fresh
 ut præmittitur, fore perceptam, aliud genus decipiendi device of
 fallaciter adinvenit, clamans prædictas terras per Richard de
 quamdam talliam, diu ante indictamentum seu utla- Perers the
 gariam prædictam, factam per patrem suum præno- Younger,
 for carry-
 ing out his
 object.

¹ q^{ntiq}.

² The right translation of this | passage is perhaps somewhat doubt-
ful.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. tatum; cujus tenor sequitur, in hæc verba, "Sciant " præsentēs, et cætera." Quæ quidem charta facta fuit per prædictum Ricardum Perers, Militem, Stephano Swynertone et aliis, de terris et tenementis quæ idem Ricardus habuit in Wrobbeley, sub data diei Sabbati proximi post Octabas Sancti Hillarii, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii a Conquæstu, vicesimo quinto.¹

² *Introductio materiæ subscriptæ.*

Processus prosecutionis ratione cujusdam scæpis, seu clausuræ, per Comitissam Herfordiæ de præfato Abbate inter Borveue et Enefelde injuste vendicata.

Claim by the Warden of Enefelde, that the Abbot shall make an enclosure between the park of Enefelde and the wood of Bereveue. Feat a remembrer, dune chalange comence par Johan Wrothe, Gardeyn de Enefelde, dun closure parentre le parc de Enefelde et le boys del labbe de Seynt Alban quest appelle ³ "Bereveue," et est parcelle de boys de Northawe, quelle chalange unges ne fuist feat devaunt le temps de dit Johan; pur quelle chalange declarer, fuit pris un jour en le temps le Counte de Hereforde

[TRANSLATION.]

Be it remembered, as to a ⁴ challenge commenced by John Wrothe, Warden of Enefelde, about an enclosure between the park of Enefelde and the wood of the Abbot of St. Alban's, that is called "Bereveue," and is parcel of the wood of Northawe, which challenge never was made before the time of the said John; for the which challenge to set forth, a day was taken in the time of the ⁵ Earl of Hereforde

¹ This subject breaks off here, and we are left uninformed as to the success or otherwise of this new device of Richard Perers the Younger.

² After this Rubric (fol. 294 a.) nearly a whole column is left vacant.

³ Or perhaps, "Berevenue," or "Berenne."

⁴ Or claim against.

⁵ Humphrey de Bohun. He died A.D. 1372, when the Earldom became extinct.

qui mort est, que Dieux assoile. A quelle jour Johan Wrothe amesna ovesques lui son cosyn, qui fuist appelle "Johan Wrothe," Henry Frowik, et Johan de Chertesey, depart la Counte ; et depart l'abbe vindront le Priour, Adam de Seynt Alban, ¹ Daunz Johan Mote, Celerer de mesme le lieu, et Johan de Whitewelle, gestoit Seneschalle de Seynt Alban al heure. A quelle jour fuist demaunde par Johan de Whitewelle par quelle cause Johan Wrothe duyst chalanger un tiel closure estre feat par l'abbe de Seynt Alban parentre le parc de Enefeld et ² le boys de Bereveue.

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Et le cosyn de dit Johan Wrothe respondi, que par un servise des terres queux le dit Abbe tient de le dit Counte en le Counte de Middelsex. Et puis Johan de Whitewelle luy demaunda sil vorroit chalanger la fesure de dit clos par celle cause, et nulle autre ; et

Alleged
ground of
the claim.

who is dead, whom may God ³ assoil. On which day John Wrothe brought with him his cousin, who was called "John Wrothe," Henry Frowik, and John de Chertesey, on part of the Earl ; and on part of the Abbot came the Prior, Adam de Saint Alban's, Dans John Mote, Cellarer of the same place, and John de Whitewelle, who was Seneschal of Saint Alban's at the time. Upon which day it was demanded by John de Whitewelle for what reason John Wrothe should challenge such an enclosure to be made by the Abbot of Saint Alban's between the park of Enefelde and the wood of Bereveue.

And the cousin of the said John Wrothe answered, by a service for the lands which the said Abbot holds of the said Earl in the County of Middlesex. And then John de Whitewelle asked him if he wished to challenge the making of the said close for that cause, and no other ; and

¹ The plural of "Dan," the English form of the Latin title "*Dominus*" or "*Dompnus*," applied to clergy of the lower rank, and equivalent to

the title "Sir." See p. 169 *ante*, Note 1.

² *de* in MS., by mistake.

³ Or, absolve.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. dissoit que par celle cause il le chalangea, et par nulle autre. Et adonques le dit Johan de Whitewelle monstra un relees dun Humfreye de 'Boun, Counte de Hereforde et de Essex, par quelle relees le dit Abbe fuist quitez des totes maneres servises, forques orisouns. Quelle relees est ycy souz escript.—

he said that for that cause he challenged it, and through no other. And then the said John de Whitewelle shewed a release from one Humfreye de Boun, Earl of Hereforde and of Essex, by which release the said Abbot was acquitted of all manner of services, except prayers. Which release is hereunder written.—

Release by Humphrey de Bohun, a former Earl of Hereford and Essex, and owner of the park of Enefelde, to the Abbot and Convent of Saint Alban's, of all claims of service against them, save only their prayers, A.D. 1305.

"Pateat universis per præsentes, quod cum nos, Humfridus de Boun, Comes Herefordiæ et Essexiæ, ac Constabularius Angliæ, quemdam annum redditum unius denarii petivissimus de Abbate et Conventu de Sancto Albano, et iidem Abbas et Conventus dictum redditum et omne aliud servitium dedicebant, præter orationes quas ipse Abbas et Conventus suus nobis debent pro possessionibus quas de nobis tenent, consideratis factis antecessorum nostrorum, et jure ipsius monasterii, dictum redditum, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, præfatis Abbati et Conventui, et eorum successoribus, remittimus et quietum ²clamamus per præsentes; et volentes, et per præsentes expresse concedentes, quod nec nos, nec hæredes nostri, dictum redditum, vel aliud quodcunque servitium, præter orationes quas nobis debent, sicut prædicitur, ³de prædictis Abbate et Conventu, et eorum successoribus, aliquo modo de cætero exigere poterimus, vel vindicare. Ita tamen, quod dicti Abbas et Conventus, et successores sui, fossatum inter parcum nostrum de Enefelde et boscum suum de Barnet, qui vocatur 'Monkefrith,' facient et sustinebunt ad defensionem dicti parci nostri, sicut charta bonæ memoriæ Humfridi, quondam Comitæ Herefordiæ et Essexiæ, rationabiliter testatur. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum Londoniis, in festo Annunciationis Dominicæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, tricesimo tertio."⁴

¹ Or "*Bohun*."

² *clamamus* in MS., by inadvertence.

³ *do* in MS. by inadvertence.

⁴ A.D. 1305.

Et quant le dit relees fuist overtement lieu entree
eaux, le dit Johan et ses compaignons furount tout
estonys, et souparleront de coste bien longement; et
puis revyndrent, et fesoient lour chalange per autre
voia, encontre Dieu et droiture, et disoient que les
Abbes de Seint Auban avoient fait la dite closure de
temps dount memoire ne court: et a celle jour ¹ ne
fuist pluis feat.

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On this re-
lease being
produced,
the Warden
alters his
form of
claim.

Et depuis celle jour, le dit Abbe ad serchee en le
Tour de Londres, ou les Memorandes nostre Seignour
le Roy gisont, et ad trove quant le dit boys de Bere-
vue fuist primes assarte hors de boys de Northawe
et le parc de Enefelde, forsques une pale feat par le
Counte de Hereforde et de Essex; quelle pale est en
le Counte de Middelsex, et tout le Northawe en le

The
result of
researches
afterwards
made by
the Abbot,
in the
King's
Remem-
brances in
the Tower.

[TRANSLATION.]

And when the said release was openly read among them,
the said John and his companions were quite astonished,
and spoke in an under tone aside for a very long time;
and then came back, and made their challenge in another
way, against God and right, and said that the Abbots of
Saint Alban's had made the said enclosure time out of
memory: and upon that day no more was done.

And since that day, the said Abbot has searched in the
Tower of London, where the Remembrances of our Lord
the King lie, and has found when the said wood of Bere-
vue was first ²assarted from out of the park of Northawe
and the park of Enefelde, except a ³pale made by the
Earl of Hereforde and of Essex; which pale is in the
County of Middlesex, and all Northawe in the County

¹ The words "*la dit Abbe*" are
inserted here in the MS., with ex-
punctory marks and a line beneath
them.

² Cleared of trees and underwood.

³ This may mean either a foss
or a barrier of palings; probably
the former.

Thomas, Counte de Hertforde; et unqore apiert le merche, ou
 30th le dit pale estoit. Et aprover que le dit closure nad
 Abbot, pas este fait par les Abbes de Seint Alban de temps
 A.D. dont memorie ne court, come suys est aleggee par
 1349-96. Johan Wrothe, apiert outrement par le recorde nostre
 Seignour le Roy, exemplifie desouz soun Grande Seal
 de la Chaunserie; le tenure de quele ¹ensuyt.—

of Hertforde; and the mark still appears, where the said
 pale was. And in proof that the said enclosure has not been
 made by the Abbots of Saint Alban's time out of memory,
 as is above alleged by John Wrothe, it appears clearly by
 the record of our Lord the King, exemplified under his
 Great Seal of the Chancery; the tenor of which follows.—

Exemplification by King Richard II. (A.D. 1378), of the record and process of an Assize, A.D. 1223, ascertain- the rights of the Abbot of Saint Alban's as to the wood of Northawe.

“ Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
 “ Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentēs litteræ pervenerint,
 “ salutem. Inspeximus recorda et processus quorundam Assi-
 “ sarum apud Westmonasterium, in Octabis Sancti Hilarii,
 “ anno regni Regis Henrici, filii Regis Johannis, septimo
 “ arramatarum, per Thesaurarium et Camerarium in Cancel-
 “ lariam nostram de mandato nostro missa, in hæc verba.—
 “ ‘ Placita apud Westmonasterium, in Octabis Sancti Hillarii,
 “ ‘ anno regni Regis Henrici, filii Regis Johannis, septimo.—
 “ ‘ Hertforde.—Ricardus de Wymundham, et Martinus filius
 “ ‘ Michaelis, qui tulerunt Assisam Novæ Disseisinæ versus
 “ ‘ Priorissam de Wirmelle, et alios homines Comit̃s Brytanniæ
 “ ‘ de communa pasturæ in Cestrehunt, venerunt et retraxerunt,
 “ ‘ se, et posuerunt se in misericordia per dictum præceptum
 “ ‘ Justiciariorum. Robertus Russel, Johannes Clericus, Gil-
 “ ‘ bertus le Flesscher, et Philippus le Heroun, eodem modo
 “ ‘ retrahunt se, et cætera. Philippus de Cestrehunt, Henricus
 “ ‘ de Kersebrok, Willelmus filius Ricardi, Ricardus de Cruce,
 “ ‘ et Prior de Cathalle, Henricus de Wirmelle, qui tulerunt
 “ ‘ Assisam super Abbatem de Sancto Albano, et homines ejus,
 “ ‘ de pastura de Northawe, venerunt, et eodem modo retra-
 “ ‘ hunt se; et per licentiam Capitalis Justiciarii convenit

¹ ensuyt in MS.

“ ‘ inter omnes liberos homines ejusdem Comititis in Cestrehunt
 “ ‘ per Iolanum Balu, Senescallum ejusdem Comititis, qui Thomas,
 “ ‘ præsens fuit, et concordiam ex parte Comititis concessit, et 30th
 “ ‘ homines ejusdem Abbatis de Northawe, præsente ipso Abbot,
 “ ‘ Abbate, et concordiam illam concedente, quod omnes terræ A.D.
 “ ‘ quas idem Comes et homines sui assartaverunt de bosco 1349-96.
 “ ‘ de Cestrehunte, et omnes terræ quas idem Abbas et
 “ ‘ homines sui assartaverunt de bosco de Northawe, de qua
 “ ‘ hæc concordia facta fuit, remaneant de cætero terræ ara-
 “ ‘ biles. Et Abbas faciat relevare ecclesiam et domos quæ
 “ ‘ prostatas fuerunt. Et prædictus Iolanus et prædicti
 “ ‘ homines Comititis concesserunt quod idem Abbas sine im-
 “ ‘ pedimento posset assartare vel claudere centum sexaginta
 “ ‘ acras terræ de bosco suo de Northawe, per perticas viginti
 “ ‘ pedum; scilicet, de bosco inter viam de Wautham et
 “ ‘ parcum de Enefeld; ita quod incipiet ad caput assarti ad
 “ ‘ Capellam, et ita versus Burgate usque ad parcum. Et
 “ ‘ omnes prædicti homines concesserunt hanc concordiam;
 “ ‘ et nullus eorum de cætero de prædictis boscis de Chestre-
 “ ‘ hunt et de Northawe aliquid poterit assartare sine com-
 “ ‘ muni consensu. Et sciendum quod assartum ante portam
 “ ‘ de Cathalle [remanet communis, sicut Prior eam recupe-
 “ ‘ ravit. Et dictum est Senescallo Comititis, quod faciat
 “ ‘ venire omnes liberos homines qui communiam clamant,
 “ ‘ ad concordiam illam concedendam. Post venit Willelmus
 “ ‘ filius Sacerdotis de Northawe, et concessit concordiam
 “ ‘ illam.’ Nos autem recorda et processus prædicta, ad re-
 “ ‘ quisitionem Michaelis ¹ Mentemore, qui quamdam parcellam
 “ ‘ tenementorum prædictorum jam tenet, ut dicitur, tenore
 “ ‘ præsentium duximus exemplificanda. In cujus rei testi-
 “ ‘ monium, has Litteras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipao,
 “ ‘ apud Westmonasterium, sexto-decimo die Martii, anno reg-
 “ ‘ norum nostrorum primo.”

¹ A relative probably of the former Abbot of that name.

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Continuatio processus materie prænotatae.

En quel exemplificacioun apiert que le dit bois del Abbe, qest dit "Bereveue," fuist assarte lan le Roy Henry, le filz Johan, septieme; et conu chose est que tot le temps de celluy Roi Henry, et le temps de soun piere, Johan, et le temps le Roi Richard, friere au dit Roy Johan, est temps de memorie; issint que le chalange feat par le dit Johan Wrothe nest pas veritable.

Et puis, apres un parlance estoit feat de mesme celle matier entre le dit Abbe en manere qensuyt.—

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In which exemplification it appears that the said wood of the Abbot, which is called Bereveue, was assarted in the seventh year of King Henry, son of John; and it is a known thing that all the time of this same King Henry, and the time of his father, John, and the time of King Richard, brother of the said King John, is time ¹within memory; so that the challenge made by the said John Wrothe is not true.

And then, after an imparlance it was done as to this same matter with the said Abbot in manner as follows:—

Memorandum super quibusdam gestis in materia prælibata.

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dum of
agreement
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"Feat a remembrer, que come une cleyrn ad este feat par
"les Gardeynez del parc la tresexcellente et treshonoure
"Dame Countesse de Hereforde de Enefelde, vers l'Abbe

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"Be it remembered, that whereas a claim has been made
"by the Wardens of the park of Enefelde of the most excel-
"lent and most honourable Lady the Countess of Hereforde,

¹ Time of legal memory, beginning 1 Richard I., A.D. 1189.

" Seynt Alban qoreest, dun clos quelle les dites Gardeynez
 " de part de la dite dame chalangent de estre feat par mesme
 " Labbe par entre le boys de dit Abbe de Berevenue, quest
 " parcelle de soun bois de Northawe, et le parco de Enefelde
 " susdite; quelle close unques ne fut feat par le dit Abbe, ne
 " nul dez sez predecessours, a cause del encloisture de dit
 " parco de Enefelde; mes le clos qad este feat par le dit Abbe
 " et sez predecessours devant sez heures, ad este feat en le
 " soil de dit Abbe de soun boys de Berevenue, qest pres de
 " park de Enefelde; por salvacioun de soun dite bois, quant
 " ventes ont este feat en ycelle par luy et Abbes qont estees
 " devant; et pur nulle autre cause.—Por qoy une parlaunce
 " estoit feat par entre Johan Wrothe et le dit Abbe, le Sa-
 " mady prochen devant le jour Seint Andreu, lan de 'regne
 " Roy Richard primere; qui pur tant que le dit Abbe voleit
 " comencer de fenre son dite clos pur salvacion de soun dite
 " boys de Berevenue, en le quelle bois le dit Abbe bie de
 " feare vente de bois pur soun avantage de mesme, sil le purroit
 " feare sans prejudice de luy; le dit Johan, consideraunt

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 ment of the
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" against the Abbot of Saint Alban's that now is, of a close
 " which the said Wardens on part of the said lady challenge
 " to have been made by the same Abbot between the wood of
 " Berevenue of the said Abbot, which is parcel of his wood
 " of Northawe, and the park of Enefelde aforesaid; the which
 " close was never made by the said Abbot, or any of his
 " predecessors, because of the enclosure of the said park of
 " Enefelde; but the close which has been made by the said
 " Abbot and his predecessors heretofore, has been made upon
 " the soil of the said Abbot from his wood of Berevenue,
 " which is near to the park of Enefelde; for the saving of his
 " said wood, when sales have been made in the same by him
 " and the Abbots who have been before; and for no other
 " reason.—Therefore an imparlance was made between John
 " Wroth and the said Abbot, the Saturday next before the
 " day of Saint Andrew, in the first year of the reign of King
 " Richard; and forasmuch as the said Abbot wished to begin
 " to make his said close for the saving of his said wood of
 " Berevenue, in the which wood the Abbot intends to make
 " sale of wood for his advantage therefrom, if he can so do
 " without prejudice to himself; the said John, considering that

¹ *rogue* in MS., by inadvertence.

Thomas, " que le dite clos serroit ease et avantage a dite dame, et
 30th " nul prejudice au dit Abbe, promist de part le dit dame au
 Abbot, " dit Abbe, que une note serroit feat par Johan de Middel-
 A.D. " tone et une autre, qui sount de conseil de la dit dame,
 1349-96. " endentee parentre la dit dame et l'Abbe; quelle note serra
 " ensealle depart la dit dame et l'Abbe entrechangeable-
 " ment; en evidence que nul tiel cleyrn, com devaunt est dit,
 " autre foitz soit demaunde du dit Abbe, ou dez sez succes-
 " sours, par colour ou cause de la fisure de dite clos, feat
 " en souz propre soil seulement pur salvacion de son bois
 " avantnome, et avantage de mesme; et que lez amerci-
 " mentz qont este featz devant sez heures en le Court la dit
 " dame de Enefelde, torcenousement par cause de dit clos, ne
 " serront levez dez tenantz de dit Abbe; et ceux que sont
 " levez en le temps de dit dame serront restituz."

" the said close would be an easement and advantage to the
 " said lady, and not to the prejudice of the said Abbot, pro-
 " mised on part of the said lady to the said Abbot, that a
 " note indented should be made by John de Middeltone and
 " another, who are of counsel of the said lady, between
 " the said lady and the Abbot; the which note shall be sealed
 " on part of the said lady and the Abbot interchangeably; in
 " evidence that no such claim, as is aforesaid, shall at another
 " time be urged against the said Abbot, or his successors, by
 " colour or cause of the making of the said close, made on
 " his own soil only for the saving of his wood before-named,
 " and the advantage of the same; and that the amercements
 " that have been made heretofore in the Court of the said
 " lady at Enefelde, tortiously by reason of the said close,
 " shall not be levied from the tenants of the said Abbot; and
 " those which have been levied in the time of the said lady
 " shall be restored."

En assurance de quelle trete, le dit Abbe fist la dite closure a celle temps, et auxi un autre foitz; sur lenseurement desouz escritz.—

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In assurance of which treaty, the said Abbot made the said enclosure at this time, and also another time; upon the security under-written.—

Indentura partium præscriptarum in materia prænotata.

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" Ceste endenture, fait parentre la noble Dame Johanne,
" Countesse de Hereforde, d'Essex, et de Norhamptone, dun
" part, et Thomas, Abbe de Seint Alban, dautre part, tes- Indenture
" moigne que com un debat estoit mewe par entre la dite finally exe-
" Contesse et le dit Abbe, de ceo quele chalangeast que le cuted for
" dite Abbe duist feare la enclosure de son parc de Enefelde, the esta-
" cestassavoir, entre le dit parc et le bois de dit Abbe, bishment
" appelle 'Berevenue.'—Sur qoy, le dit Abbe, a la reverence of the Ab-
" del treshonure Seigneur le Duc de Gloucestre, et a la bot's rights
" reverence la dite Countesse, fesaunt protestacion qil nest in the soil
" tenuz de feare nulle enclosure illeokes par nulle cause, of Bere-
" graunte de sa propre volunte, sanz cohercioun ou chalange venue,
" de nully, qa ceste un foitz il voet faire un hay sur son soil A.D. 1386.
" demeane, et a son ease et profit demeane, en son dit bois
" de Berevenue, en salvacion dicelle, et nemye a cest entent
" que cest hai soit enclosure a la dit parc, come la dite
" Countesse lad chalange; ne que ceste enclosure, a ceste un
" foitz fait, turne en prejudice le dit Abbe, ne de ses suc-

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" This indenture, made between the noble Lady Johanna,
" Countess of Hereforde, of Essex, and of Norhamptone, of
" the one part, and Thomas, Abbot of St. Alban's, of the
" other part, witnesseth that whereas a dispute was moved
" between the said Countess and the said Abbot, for that she
" challenged the right of the said Abbot to make enclosure
" of her park at Enefelde, that is to say, between the said
" park and the wood of the said Abbot, called 'Berevenue.'—
" Therefore, the said Abbot, from reverence for the most
" honourable Lord the Duke of Gloucestre, and from reverence
" for the said Countess, making protest that he is not bound
" to make any enclosure there for any reason, grants of his
" own will, without coercion or challenge from any one, that
" this one time he will make a hedge upon his own proper
" soil, and for his own proper easement and profit, in his
" said wood of Berevenue, for the saving thereof, and not to
" the intent that this hedge shall be an enclosure to the said
" park, as the said Countess has challenged; nor that this
" enclosure, this one time made, shall turn to the prejudice
" of the said Abbot, or of his successors, or as evidence in

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“ cessours, ne en evidence en temps avenir. Et sur ceste
 “ condicioun, que dedeyns un an proschien apres la date
 “ dicestes, un fyn final soit fait, par lavys des conseil le dit
 “ tresnoble Seignour de Gloucestre, le Counte de ¹Derbeye,
 “ la dite Countesse, et le conseil de dit Abbe, de le debat et
 “ chalange avant ditz. Et la dite Countesse conuste par
 “ ycestes, que la dite closure est fait a ceste foitz sanz
 “ cohercioun ou duressse, et soulement a la reverence de dit
 “ treshonour Seignour, Duc de Gloucestre, et a la reverence
 “ de luy; purvez que la fesaunce de dite closure a ceste
 “ foitz, com dit est, ne riens qest compris en ceste endenture,
 “ tourne en prejudice ne en evidence encontre, la dite Coun-
 “ tessse, ne les heires le noble Counte de Hereforde, que
 “ Dieux assoille, as queux la revercioun de dit parke appent,
 “ apres la mort la dite Countesse; ne a dit Abbe, ne a sez
 “ successeurs a temps a venir. En tesmoignaunce de quele
 “ chose, les sealx des dite Countesse et Abbe sont entre-
 “ changeablement mys a cestes endentures. Done a West-
 “ mestre, le vintisme jour de May, lan du regne le Roy
 “ Richard, Seconde puis le Conquest dEngleterre, noefisme.”

“ time to come. And on this condition, that within one year
 “ next after the date hereof, a final conclusion shall be made,
 “ by the advice of the counsel of the said most noble Lord
 “ of Gloucestre, the Earl of Derbye, the said Countess, and
 “ the counsel of the said Abbot, of the dispnte and challenge
 “ aforessaid. And the said Countess acknowledgeth hereby,
 “ that the said enclosure is made at this time without coercion
 “ or duress, and only from reverence for the said most
 “ honourable Lord, the Duke of Gloucestre, and from reverence
 “ for herself; it being provided that the making of the said
 “ enclosure at this time, as is said, nor anything that is
 “ comprised in this indenture, shall turn to the prejudice
 “ of, or as evidence against, the said Countess, or the heirs
 “ of the noble ²Earl of Hereford, whom may God assoil, unto
 “ whom the reversion of the said park belongs, after the
 “ death of the said Countess; nor to the said Abbot, or to his
 “ successors in time to come. In witnes of which thing, the
 “ seals of the said Countess and Abbot are interchangeably
 “ set to these indentures. Given at Westmestre, the twentieth
 “ day of May, in the ninth year of the reign of King Richard,
 “ since the Conquest of England the Second.”

¹ *Derbeya* apparently in MS.

{ ² See page 216 *ante*, Note 5.

Introductio processus et materiæ prænotatæ.

In diebus hujus Abbatis multa sunt adquisita prædia, vel donata; inter quæ, collata sunt ecclesiæ in Kyngesbury, Childewikishay, et Sandrugge, unum mesuagium, sex tofta, duæ carucatæ terræ, tres acræ bosci, tres solidati redditus; quæ Johannes de Whitewelle, Senescallus Monasterii Sancti Albani, vir pius et benevolus, fidelis et devotus, eidem monasterio, prius sibi et matri suæ, Johannæ, de Margareta, relicta Willelmi Wottone, adquisierat. Idemque adquisivit de Johanne Stoke, et executoribus Ricardi de Ecleshale et Clementiæ, uxoris ejusdem, in Watforde et Oxey Walround, quinque tofta, duas carucas terras, viginti acras prati, sex acras pasturæ, octo acras bosci, medietatem unius molendini, et annuum redditum sexaginta solidorum, octo denariorum, et unius oboli. Quæ omnia prædicto monasterio Sancti Albani, post mortem suam, et matris suæ, assignavit perpetuo possidenda.

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Various acquisitions of mesuages and land, made by the Abbot in the time of Abbot Thomas.

Qui quidem Johannes, ad maximum damnum ejus monasterii, morte nimis præmatura sublatus est, præmissis omnibus penes matrem suam remanentibus. Quæ quidem piam filii sui voluntatem diligenter adimplevit: prout per chartas inde confectas, penes prædictum monasterium remanentes, ac etiam memorandum subscriptum, plenius apparet.

Munificence shown to the Abbey by John de Whitewelle, and his mother.

Sed tamen pro terris in Oxeye prædictis multa damna postea, multasque vexationes, sustinuit Thomas Abbas, tali occasione.—

De placito inter præfatum Abbatem, Thomam Fitzjon, Willelmum et Johannem Wyndesshore, et Aliciam¹ Perreys, et eorum feofatos, super medietate manerii de

¹ An error, probably, on part of the transcriber, for "*Perrers*." This Alice Perers is known in English

history as the mistress of King Edward III. in his declining years.

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Deed of feoffment of certain lands in Watforde and Oxeye Walleronde, made to the Abbey by Johanna, widow of John de Whitewelle the Elder, A.D. 1374. Memorandum, quod die Martis in festo Translationis Sancti Martini, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii a Conquæstu, quadragesimo octavo, videlicet, quarto die mensis Julii anno prædicto, Johanna, quæ fuit uxor Johannis de Whittewelle, fecit chartam feoffamenti Abbati et Conventui Monasterii Sancti Albani, de omnibus terris, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, redditibus, et servitiis, quæ eadem Johanna habuit in Watforde, Caysho, Oxey Walleronde, et Oxheye Richard; et quæ nuper fuerunt Ricardi de Eccleshale et Clementiæ, uxoris suæ, per chartam Regis deliberando seisinam præfatis Abbati et Conventui de omnibus terris supradictis, cum omnibus eorum pertinentiis, ¹per Robertum Laurence, dictum "Hundreder," et Robertum Spanneby, conjunctim et divisim. Qui quidem Robertus et Robertus prædicto die Martis posuerunt eosdem Abbatem et Conventum in plenam et pacificam seisinam de omnibus superius nominatis, secundum vim et effectum chartæ prædictæ, præsentibus R[oberto] Chestan, Cellarario, Johanne Hakun de Watforde, Thoma Stout, Willelmo Page, Willelmo de Bury, cive et piscenariorum Londoniarum, Henrico de Whitewelle, Ricardo Toucetree, et multis aliis.

Thomas Fitz-John asserts his right to the said tenements, and enters into possession; whereupon re-entry is made by the Abbot. Subsequente vero die, videlicet, quinto die mensis ²Julii anno prædicto, venit Thomas Fitz-Johan, cum aliis, et intravit tenementa prædicta in loco vocato "Whithynhalle," super possessione dictorum Abbatis et Conventus, dicta tenementa, ut jus et hæreditatem suam, vendicando post mortem Clementiæ, uxoris prædicti Ricardi, cujus hæres ipse est. Et die Veneris tunc proximo sequente, videlicet, septimo die mensis

¹ Omitted in the text, but inserted in the margin, in another hand.

² *Junii* in MS. by mistake.

prædicti, dictus Abbas et Conventus reintrarunt omnia tenementa prædicta, cum omnibus eorum pertinentiis, post horam nonam, per Robertum Chestan, tunc Cellerarium. Et fuerunt ibidem chartæ Regis, dictæ—
 “¹ Ad quod damnum,” et charta dictæ Johannæ, lectæ publice et ostensæ, in præsentia Domini Johannis Rodelond, rectoris de Totydone, Richardi Bromwich, Johannis Hakun de Watforde, Ricardi Scriveyn, Thomæ Boteler, Johannis Porel, Thomæ Eyden, Thomæ Grenforde, et aliorum. Et eodem die et die Sabbati sequente attornaverunt omnes tenentes medietatis manerii de Oxheye, et Ricardi de Bromwich, qui habuit dictam medietatem ad firmam de dimissione Johannis, filii Johannis de Whitewelle, et Johannæ, matris ejusdem. Attornavit dicto Abbati et Conventui, et cepit dictam medietatem, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, redditibus, et servitiis, exceptis de eisdem Abbate et Conventu ad firmam.

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Et die Dominica tunc proximo sequente, videlicet, nono die mensis Julii, revenit dictus Thomas Fitz-Johan, cum Henrico de Wedone, Roberto de Warewik, Adam Sperlynge, Johanne Ruddestone, Ricardo le Carpenter, Johanne le Bayly de Busseheye, cum aliis, et reintravit tenementa prædicta, et disseisivit prædictos Abbatem et Conventum de terris et tenementis prædictis. Et eodem die fecit chartam feoffamenti de eisdem terris et tenementis prædictis, ut creditur, Dominæ Aliciæ Pereres, et aliis contentis in eadem charta; sed nullus tenentium eisdem attornavit eodem die.

Thomas
Fitz-John
re-enters,
and makes
feoffment,
it is be-
lieved, to
Alice Pe-
rers and
others.

Eodem die Robertus de Warwik, Senescallus Dominæ Aliciæ, dixit, in absentia tenentis medietatem manerii de Oxheye, quod ipsi venirent ad Burnehalle die Jovis tunc proximo sequente, ad attornandum dominæ suæ et aliis feoffatis. Quæ quidem Alicia de Perers fuit

The tenants
are directed
to attorn to
Alice Pe-
rers.

¹ A writ for Inquisition as to whether a gift of lands in mortmain to a religious house will be to the injury of the sovereign or others.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. tantæ potestatis et eminentiæ illis diebus, quod nullus audebat prosequi jus suum contra eam. Et ideo per omnes illos de consilio Abbatis existentes fuerat consultum pro meliori, quod Abbas a prosecutione juris sui contra eam desisteret; et expectaret quousque sibi fortuna felicior arrideret.

The Abbot, dreading her influence, desists for a time from prosecuting his claim. Postea, die Jovis proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, videlicet, tertio die Julii, anno regni Regis Edwardi, Tertii post Conquestum, quinquagesimo, reintraverunt prædicti Abbas et Conventus super feofatos prædicti Thomæ Fitz-Johan, et continuarunt seisinam suam in possessione pacifica; et infra tempus illius seisinæ, per judicium Parlamenti tenti apud Westmonasterium in crastino Sancti Lucæ Evangelistæ, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi a Conquestu, primo, Alicia de Pereres fuit bannita, et forisfecit omnia quæ habuit, tam terras et tenementa, quam alias possessiones in manibus suis existentes, quam in manibus aliorum ad opus suum perquisitorum. Cujus judicii, sive Statuti, tenor sequitur, in hæc verba.—

The Abbot re-enters, A.D. 1376. Alice Pereres is banished by order of Parliament, A.D. 1377.

Form of the Ordinance, or Statute, so made.

“ Item, fut fait en ceo present Parlement une certeyne Ordinaunce, de femmes pursuauntz bosoignes en Courtes nostre Seignour le Roy, en la forme que sensuit.—
 “ Pur ceo que plante est fait al Roi, que auscunes femmes ount pursues en les Courtes le Roy diverses bosoignes et quereles, par voy de meynテナunce, et pur lower et part avoir; quele chose despleist al Roy, et le Roy defende que

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“ Also, there was made in this present Parliament a certain Ordinance, as to women pursuing business in Courts of our Lord the King, in the form that follows.—
 “ Forasmuch as complaint is made to the King, that some women have pursued divers business and quarrels in the Courts of the King, by way of maintenance, and for pay and having part; the which thing is displeasing to the King, and the King forbids that from henceforth any

“ desoremes nulle femme le face; et par especial, Alice Pereres, sur peyne de quantque la dite Alice purra forfaire; et destre bannutz hors de roialme.

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“ Et pur ceo que trova est qele est coupable des Articles continus en mesme lempoement, et les Seignours du Parlement, qui furent au Parlement quant la dite Ordinaunce fuit fait, recordount que leurs entencions fuist que mesmé l'Ordinaunce serroit Estatut, et porteroit force de Estatut, et que les generales paroles, ‘Quant qele purra forfaire,’ se tendrerount si bien al forfaiture des terres et tenementz come biens et chateux, et totes autres possessions, consideres les damages et vileneyes par luy faites au Roi et au roialme, par quele cause la dit Ordinaunce ce fist en punice-ment, de restrendre et punir la dite Alice soulement. Par qei est agarde en ceste present Parlement, que la dite Ordinaunce teyne force et effecte solons l'entente avaunt dite, et qele soit bannutz hors du roialme, et ses terres et chateux, tenementz, et ses possessions, sibien en demene come en reversion, soient forfaites au Roy, et seisez en sa mayn. Et est l'entencion du Roy, et des Seignours, et ore ordeyne et asseintuz en mesme le Parlement, que totes les

“ woman shall so do; and in especial, Alice Pereres, on pain of so much as the said Alice may forfeit; and of being banished out of the realm.

“ And forasmuch as it is found that she is guilty of the Articles contained in the same impeachment, and the Lords of Parliament, who were in Parliament when the said Ordinance was made, record that it was their intention that the same Ordinance should be a Statute, and should carry the force of a Statute, and that the general words, ‘So much as she may forfeit,’ shall extend as well to the forfeiture of lands and tenements as goods and chattels, and all other possessions, considering the damages and iniquities by her committed against the King and the realm, therefore the said Ordinance was made by way of punishment, for restraining and punishing the said Alice only. Wherefore it is awarded in this present Parliament, that the said Ordinance shall hold force and effect according to the intent aforesaid, and that she shall be banished out of the realm, and her lands and chattels, tenements, and her possessions, as well in demesne as in reversion, shall be forfeited unto the King, and seized in his hand. And it is the intention of the King, and of the Lords, and it is now ordained and assented to in the same Parliament, that all the lands of

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“ terres de queux autres sount enfeoffetz, purchases a soun
 “ oeps, et des queux ele prest les profite, ou fist la bargayne
 “ a soun profit demene, ¹ soient forfaitz, au cause de la fraude
 “ et deceyt que poet estre presume, de ceo qele estoit pluis
 “ enbaude par ² celle cause de mesfaire, soient forfaitz au
 “ Roi, et seisetz come les autres. Et nest pas lentencion du
 “ Roy, ne des Seignours, qe ceste Ordinaunce ne agarde, faite
 “ pur si odieuse chose en ceste cas especial, ce tendount
 “ au nulle autre persone, nen nulle autre cas pris ensample.
 “ Item, ordeyne est et assentuz, que nient contresteaunt la
 “ dite forfaiture, si ele purchasa ascunes terres ou posses-
 “ sions par force ou duresce, soit y par fyn, ou par fait en
 “ pays, ou enrolle par fait ou autrement, que celle purchase
 “ soit pur nulle. Et eyount les parties qui soi sentount
 “ grevez lour recoverer par processe en la Chauncellerie; et
 “ par avys des grandes du Conseil soit droit fait as parties,
 “ et restitucioun fait, solonc ce que le cas demande; yssint
 “ que les purchases faitez en bone foy, ne soient pas anyentez.”

“ which others are enfeoffed, purchased to her use, and of
 “ which she took the profits, or made bargain to her own
 “ profit, by reason of the fraud and deceit that may be
 “ presumed, from the fact that she was the more emboldened
 “ by this reason to misdo, shall be forfeited unto the King,
 “ and seized like the others. And it is not the intention of
 “ the King, or of the Lords, that this Ordinance or award,
 “ made for so odious a thing in this especial case, shall extend
 “ to any other person, or taken as example in any other case.
 “ Also, it is ordained and assented to, that notwithstanding
 “ the said forfeiture, if she has acquired any lands or pos-
 “ sessions by force or duress, be it by fine, or by deed *en pays*,
 “ or enrolled by deed or otherwise, such acquisition shall be
 “ held as null. And the parties who feel themselves aggrieved
 “ may have their recovery by process in the Chancery; and
 “ by advice of the great men of the Council let right be
 “ done unto the parties, and restitution made, according to
 “ that which the case demands; so that purchases made in
 “ good faith, may not be of no effect.”

¹ This and the following word are
 superfluous, being repeated from
 above.

² The fact of there being a secret

trust. On this matter, see more at
 length the *Rotuli Parl.* Vol. III. pp.
 13, 14.

Virtute cujus iudicii et forisfacturæ, Dominus Rex seisivit omnia terras et tenementa, reversiones et possessiones, quæ fuerunt dictæ Aliciæ in Comitatu Hertfordiæ et aliis Comitatibus, tempore iudicii prædicti; prout per brevia sua et inquisitiones diversas, consequenter subscriptas, evidenter apparet.—

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The King
seizes the
possessions
of Alice
Perers.

Breve Regis.

“ Rex dilecto sibi Rogero Keterich, Escaetori suo in Comitatibus Hertfordiæ et Essexiæ, salutem. Quia quibusdam mesurionibus per Aliciam Pereres perpetratis, unde in præsentem Parlamento nostro convicta extitit, consideratum est in eodem Parlamento quod omnia ¹terræ et tenementa, bona et catalla, ac omnes possessiones, ipsius Aliciæ, tam in dominico quam in reversione, necnon omnia terræ et tenementa ad opus ipsius Aliciæ ²adquisita, et in quibus eadem Alicia fecit alios feoffari, et exitus et proficua inde provenientia cepit, ubicunque extiterint, in manum nostram, tanquam nobis forisfacta, capiantur; tibi præcipimus quod omnia terras et tenementa, et omnes possessiones, ipsius Aliciæ, tam in dominico et in reversione, quam illa in quibus alii feoffati existunt, et unde eadem Alicia, ut præmittitur, exitus et proficua inde provenientia percepit, una cum omnibus bonis et catallis ipsius Aliciæ, ubicunque extiterint in balliva tua, tam infra libertates quam extra, sine dilatione capias in manum nostram, et ea salvo custodiri facias ad opus nostrum; ita quod de exitibus terrarum et tenementorum prædictorum, ac de bonis et catallis prædictis, nobis respondeas. Nos vero de huiusmodi terris et tenementis, ac de bonis et catallis prædictis, et quæ et cuiusmodi fuerint, ac de vero valore eorundem, in Cancellaria nostra sub sigillo tuo distincte et aperte sine dilatione reddas certiores, hoc breve nobis remittentes. Teste Rege, apud Westmonasterium, tertio die Decembris, per considerationem in Parlamento et cætera.”

Writ to the
King's Es-
cheator in
the Coun-
ties of
Hertford
and Essex,
command-
ing him to
seize the
possessions
of Alice
Perers,
A.D. 1377.

Super quo brevi facta fuit Inquisitio; in qua Inquisitione multa fuit mentio de terris et tenementis de Oxheye, superius prænotatis.

Inquisition
thereon.

¹ terras in MS.

| ² adquisita in MS.

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The King
grants to
Sir Wil-
liam
Wynde-
shore, hus-
band of
Alice, all
her posses-
sions for-
feited to
him,
A.D. 1380.
The lands
at Oxeye
are men-
tioned in
the grant;
but the
Abbot re-
mains in
possession
till July
1381.

In that
month,
forcible
possession
is taken of
the land, in
behalf of
Sir William
Wynde-
shore.

Which is
alleged to
have been
done in
virtue of a
Writ di-
rected to
the King's
Escheator.

Continuatio.

Deinde Dominus Rex Ricardus quinto-decimo die Martii, anno regni sui tertio, per Litteras suas Patentes concessit Willelmo Wyndeshore, Militi, tunc viro dictæ Aliciæ, omnia terras et tenementa, possessiones et reversiones, quæ prædicta Alicia forisfecit virtute iudicii prædicti, quæ in manus ipsius Regis ea de causa fuerunt seisata, tenenda sub certis conditionibus, prout patet per easdem litteras. In quibus quidem litteris expressa fit mentio, quod terræ et tenementa de Oxhaye prænotata fuerunt forisfacta, simul cum aliis terris ejusdem Aliciæ, et in manus Domini Regis seisata ex ea causa; licet de virtute rei nunquam fuerunt seisata nec seisienda, pro eo quod prædictus Abbas, diu ante iudicium prædictum, in tenemento prædicto intravit, et possessionem suam pacificam continuavit de eisdem, usque ad ultimum diem Julii, anno regni Regis Ricardi prædicti quinto.

Quo die, Johannes Crokeslee, Ricardus Stout, Willelmus ¹ Megge, Ricardus Daye de Bussheye, Johannes Totenhale de eadem, Nicolaus Martyn de eadem, Ricardus Broun de eadem, Adam Sperlynge, Rogerus Taylor de Bussheye, Johannes Wastel, Willelmus Edrop, Johannes Cawode, Thomas Daye de Watforde, cum multis aliis, venerunt ad terras et tenementa de Oxeye prædicta, et in eadem vi armata, nomine dicti Willelmi Wyndeshore, intraverunt; pace in regno nondum reformata, quia insurrectio communium regni versus Dominum Regem nondum fuit cessata; sed omni jure amoto et fortiore prævalente, regni consuetudinibus aut legibus locus non fuerat. Sed prædicti deseisitores, suum maleficium et injuriam colorantes, dicebant se hoc fecisse virtute cujusdam brevis Domini Regis, Escaetori suo in dicto Comitatu Hertfordiæ directi, ad

¹ *Megg* in MS.

seisinam deliberandum prædicto Willelmo de omnibus terris et tenementis in ¹ dicto Comitatu Hertfordiæ existentibus, juxta tenorem et effectum dictarum Litterarum Domini Regis Patentium.

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Prædictus vero Willelmus Wyndeshore, dictam de seisinam et injuriam ratam habens, omnia redditus et servitia prædicta, terris et tenementis de Oxeye pertinentia, levavit, diversa blada super easdem terras tempore dictæ deseisinæ ² messuit et asportavit; molidinum dicto tenemento de Oxeye pertinens, et boscum super easdem crescentem, vastando; videlicet, in La Longefeld quinque acras frumenti, in La Hochecroft septem acras frumenti, in Pittecroft duas acras frumenti, in Hausexdone novem acras frumenti, pretii cujuslibet acræ octo solidorum. Item, in Cobbecroft octo acras avenarum, in Borwefelde septem acras avenarum, in Millefeld duas acras et dimidium ³ hordei. Item, in Wygenhale Wyke dimidium acræ ³ hordei. Item, in Wygenhale Croft unam acram et dimidium ³ hordei; pretii cujuslibet acræ ³ hordei sex solidorum octo denariorum. Item, in Millefeld decem acras avenarum, pretii cujuslibet acræ avenarum quatuor solidorum. Item, octodecim acras prati, pretii cujuslibet acræ quadraginta denariorum.

Sir William Wyndeshore takes possession of, and wastes, the growing crops.

Forma vero concessionis Regis prædicto Willelmo Wyndeshore, ut præmittitur, facta, virtute cujus præmissa fuerant attentata, in pertinentibus huic materiæ deductis, sequitur in hæc verba.—

Breve Regis in materia prædicta.

“ Rex omnibus ad quos et cætera, salutem. Sciatis quod cum Alicia Perers, quam dilectus et fidelis noster Willelmus de Wyndeshore duxit in uxorem, nuper dum sola fuit, adquisivisset, ac quamplures alii ad opus ejusdem Aliciæ

Form of the grant so made to Sir William Wyndeshore.

¹ dicta in MS.

² messuit in MS.

³ ordeï in MS.

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“adquisivissent, diversa terras et tenementa, cum pertinentiis et *cætera*, et manerium de Bournehalle, et certas terras et tenementa, prata, pasturas, boscos, redditus, et servitia, cum pertinentiis, quæ fuerunt Ricardi Eccleshale, et Clementiæ, uxoris suæ, in Bissheye, Oxheye, Watforde, Herteshewed, et Crokesleigrene, cum pertinentiis, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ; quæ quidem maneria, terræ, tenementa, prata, pasturæ, bosci, redditus, servitia, advocaciones, et reversiones, per forisfacturam dictæ Aliciæ de Perers, virtute iudicii nuper contra ipsam in Parlamento nostro redditæ, ad manus nostras devenerunt:—Nos, de gratia nostra speciali, et pro bono servitio quod dictus Willelmus de Wyndeshore nuper impendit, et impendet in futuro, ac pro eo quod idem Willelmus, qui, virtute cujusdam indenturæ inter nos et ipsum factæ, penes nos est moratus in obsequium nostrum cum ducentis hominibus ad arma, et ducentis sagittariis de retinentia sua, in comitiva carissimi avunculi nostri, Thomæ, Comitis Bokynghamiæ, in quodam viagio, cum Dei adiutorio, ad partes Britannię et Franciæ super expeditione guerræ nostræ faciendæ profecturus, centum homines ad arma ducentis hominibus ad arma prædictis in dicto obsequio nostro per medietatem unius anni, ad proprios custus ipsius Willelmi de Wyndeshore, in forma in dicta indentura contenta, invenire assumpsit; dedimus et concessimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, de assensu Consilii nostri, præfato Willelmo Wyndeshore, omnia prædicta maneria, terras, tenementa, prata, pasturas, boscos, redditus, et servitia, cum pertinentiis, et advocacionem capellæ prædictæ, necnon reversiones prædictas, una cum feodis militum, advocacionibus ecclesiarum et capellarum prædictis; habendum et tenendum, videlicet, ea quæ per dictam Aliciam, seu per dictos alios adquirentes ad opus ejusdem, sibi et hæredibus suis adquisita fuerunt, ut præmittitur, eidem Willelmo de Wyndeshore, et hæredibus suis in perpetuum; necnon dictum manerium de Rodestone, cum pertinentiis, eidem Willelmo de Wyndeshore, ad terminum vitæ ejusdem Aliciæ, et dictum manerium de Bixe, cum pertinentiis, eidem Willelmo de Wyndeshore, ad terminum vitæ ¹dictorum Amitæ, Willelmi de la More, et *cætera*, forisfactura et iudicio prædictis non obstantibus. In cujus rei et *cætera*. Teste, et *cætera*, quinto-decimo die Martii, anno tertio et *cætera*.”

¹ Probably in reference to previous recitals in the Writ; which in the preceding page are stated to be omitted, as being irrelevant.

Perpendens itaque Dominus Abbas jus suum taliter deperire, tulit Assisam Disseisinæ Novæ contra Willelmum et disseisitores prænotatos. Et quia credebatur eos verisimiliter posse morte præveniri, qui de eodem notitiam habuerunt jure, pleniorum fecit super eos notitiam juris sui prædicti coram gravibus et fidedignis personis examinari, eorumque examinationem in scripto redigi, et sigillis eorum communiri; sub eo quo sequitur tenore verborum.—

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The Abbot
levies an
Assize of
Novel Dis-
seisin
against Sir
William
Wynde-
shore.

Littera testimonialis in materia prætitulata.

“ A touz ceaux qui cestes lettres verrount ou orrount, Mon-
sire Loys Clyfford, Monsire Johan Worthe, et Monsire
Thomas Morewelle, Chivalers, salutz en Dieux. Pur ceo
que le Reverent Piere en Dieux l'Abbe de Seynt Auban ad
feat graunt compleynt a nous, come a ses amys en queux
il ad graunt affiaunce, et en ses deseases espoir de socour,
dun graunt tort feat a luy et a sa meason par Monsire
William de Wyndeshore, at Alice, sa femme; cestassavoir,
de ceo que les dites Monsire William et Alice ount disseises
le dit Abbe de diverses terres et tenementz queux jadya
furount a Clemence Eccleshale, en Oxheye en le Counte de
Hertforde, et cele tort et disseisine continuount, a graunt
damage de dit Abbe, en arerisement de sa meason avaunt dite :

Testimony
formally
perpetuated
in support
of the Ab-
bot's title,
A.D. 1384.

[TRANSLATION.]

“ To all those who these letters shall see or hear, Messire
Louis Clifford, Messire John Worthe, and Messire Thomas
Morewelle, Knights, greeting in God. Forasmuch as the Re-
verend Father in God the Abbot of Saint Alban's has made
great complaint unto us, as being his friends in whom he
has great trust, and in his hardships hope of succour, as to
a great wrong done unto him and to his house by Messire
William de Wyndeshore, and Alice, his wife; that is to say,
for that the said Messire William and Alice have disseised
the said Abbot of divers lands and tenements which formerly
belonged to Clementia Eccleshale, in Oxheye in the County
of Hertforde, and do this wrong and disseisin continue, to
the great damage of the said Abbot, in impoverishment
of his house aforesaid: and thereupon has declared unto us

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“ et sur ceo declara a nous tout son droit pleynement; et auxi
 “ il monstra que les dites Monsire William et Alice clame-
 “ rount les dites terres et tenementz a cause queux fuirount
 “ donez par la dite Clemence as certeyns persones sur certeyn
 “ condicion; cestassavoir, queaux dessent estre amortiz pur
 “ susteyner une perpetuel Chaunterie des quatres Chapeleyns.
 “ Et pur ceo que la dite condicion ne fuist mye parforny,
 “ le droit heir Clemence entra en ycelles, qi estat les dites
 “ Monsire William et Alice soi diount avoir en mesmes les
 “ terres et tenements. Et sur ceo, le dit Reverent Piere en
 “ Dieux, pur prover plus overtement devaunt nous son droit,
 “ et a destrure le clayme de les dites Monsire William et
 “ Alice, si fist vener devaunt nous a Seint Albon, le sisme
 “ jour de Juyn, lan del regne nostre Seignour le Roi Richard,
 “ le Secunde puy le Conquest, septisme, diverses persones,
 “ cest assavoir, un Roger Hakedone, persone del esglise de
 “ Brantfelde, cosyn a Richard Eccleshale, jadyz mary a dite
 “ Clemence, un de eaux qui fuist enfeoffe en les terres et
 “ tenementz avaunditz, et un autre, Henry Berneveyle, Se-
 “ neschal del houstel de dit Clemence, et un autre, Johan
 “ Crokesley de Watforde, Chaumbirleyn a dit Clemence; les

“ all his right in full; and also he has shown that the said
 “ Messire William and Alice did claim the said lands and
 “ tenements because that they were given by the said Cle-
 “ mentia to certain persons on a certain condition; that is to
 “ say, that they were to be ¹amortised to support a perpetual
 “ Chantry of four Chaplains. And because that the said con-
 “ dition was not fulfilled, the right heir of Clementia entered
 “ upon the same, whose estate the said Messire William and
 “ Alice say that they have in the same lands and tenements.
 “ And thereupon, the said Reverend Father in God, to prove
 “ more openly before us his right, and to destroy the claim
 “ of the said Messire William and Alice, caused to come
 “ before us at Saint Alban's, the sixth day of June, in the
 “ seventh year of the reign of our Lord the King Richard,
 “ after the Conquest the Second, divers persons, that is to
 “ say, one Roger Hakedone, parson of the church of Brant-
 “ felde, cousin to Richard Eccleshale, formerly husband of the
 “ said Clementia, one of those who was enfeoffed in the lands
 “ and tenements aforesaid, and another, Henry Berneveyle,
 “ Seneschal of the hostel of the said Clementia, and another,
 “ John Crokesley of Watforde, Chamberlain to the said Cle-

¹ I.e., aliened in mortmain, due permission being obtained.

" queux Roger, Henry, et Johan Crokesleye, jureront de-
 " vaunt nous a jour et lieux avaundites, que la dite Cle-
 " mence donast les terres et tenementz avaundites, et touz
 " les autres terres et tenementz queux ele avoit en les
 " Countes de Hertforde, Middelsexe, et Bukenham, a dit
 " Roger et a autres persônes, en fee simple, sanz nulle condi-
 " cion, par diverses chartres de fee simple ent featz; e auxint,
 " le dit Reverent Piere en Dieux a jour et lieux avaundites
 " fist venir devaunt nous Johan Wheolare de Watforde, et
 " Roger Robyn de mesme la ville, queux jureront en nostre
 " presence illeokes, queux fuiront a la liverie de la seisine
 " de tenementz en Watforde, a temps quant une Robert Hun-
 " drededer, par force dune garraunt dattournes feat a luy par
 " le dite Clemence, deliverast seisine de tenementz en Wat-
 " forde a une Johan Stoke en soun noun et dautres nommes
 " en mesme la chartre, en noun de touz les terres et tene-
 " mentz queux ele avoit en le Counte de Hertforde, par force
 " dune chartre de fee symple, sanz nulle condicion compris
 " deynez ycelle, ou en le garraunt dattorne. Et que rien ne
 " fuist parlee de nulle condicion a temps que le livere fuist
 " fait; quele liverree fuist fait en la vie de dit Clemence,

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" mentia; the which Roger, Henry, and John Crokesleye,
 " swore before us on the day and at the place aforesaid, that
 " the said Clementia gave the lands and tenements aforesaid,
 " and all other the lands and tenements which she had in the
 " Counties of Hertforde, Middelsexe, and Bukenham, to the
 " said Roger and to other persons, in fee simple, without any
 " condition, by divers charters of fee simple made thereupon;
 " and also, the said Reverend Father in God the day and
 " place aforesaid caused to come before us John Wheolare of
 " Watforde, and Roger Robyn of the same town, who swore
 " in our presence there, that they were at the livery of
 " seisin of the tenements in Watforde, at the time when one
 " Robert Hundreder, by force of a warrant of attorney made
 " to him by the said Clementia, delivered seisin of the
 " tenements in Watforde to one John Stoke in his name
 " and in other names in the same charter, in name of all
 " the lands and tenements which she had in the County of
 " Hertforde, by force of a charter of fee simple, without any
 " condition being comprised therein, or in the warrant of at-
 " torney. And that nothing was said of any condition at the
 " time when the livery was made; which livery was made in

¹ Omitted in the context; but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

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“ a hoere de Vespres, quaunt mesme la Clemence murrust
 “ a temps de la mye noet proschien adonqs ensuaunt. Et
 “ outre ceo, les avaundites Roger Hakedone, Henry Berne-
 “ vyle, et Johan Crokesley, disoient par lour sermentz, que
 “ la dit Clemence declarast sa volunte a ceaux qui fuiront
 “ enfeoffes en ses terres et tenementz, en la manere com
 “ ensuyt; cestassavoir, que le manoir de Bournhalle, ses
 “ tenementz en la ville de Seint Alban, et ses tenementz en
 “ la ville de Stony Stratforde, serroient amortys pur sus-
 “ teyner une Chaunterie perpetuel de quatres Chapeleyns;
 “ et que le manoir de Herefelde en le Counte de Mid-
 “ delsexe, le manoir de Walhale, et les dites terres et tene-
 “ mentz en Oxhei, serroient venduz pur feare laamortisement
 “ en la manere avaundite, et pur feare fyn de la compte de
 “ dit Richard, jadyz mary de dit Clemence, de temps qil
 “ fuist tresorer le Roy Edward Tierce, aiel nostre Seignour
 “ le Roy qore est, en la ville de Caleyse. Et en tesmoig-
 “ naunce que touz les choses desouz escriptz fuisrout
 “ monstrez et declarez devaunt nous en manere et fourme
 “ avaundites, a ycestes nous presentes lettres nous avoms mys

“ the life of the said Clementia, at the hour of Vespers,
 “ when the same Clementia died at the time of midnight
 “ then next ensuing. And besides this, the aforesaid Roger
 “ Hakedone, Henry Bernevyle, and John Crokesley, said on
 “ their oaths, that the said Clementia declared her will to
 “ those who were enfeoffed in her lands and tenements, in
 “ manner as follows; that is to say, that the manor of Bourn-
 “ halle, her tenements in the town of Saint Alban's, and her
 “ tenements in the town of Stony Stratforde, should be
 “ amortised to support a perpetual Chantry of four Chap-
 “ lains; and that the manor of Herefelde in the County of
 “ Middelsex, the manor of Walhale, and the said lands and
 “ tenements in Oxhei, should be sold to ¹ make the amortise-
 “ ment in the manner aforesaid, and to make an end of the ac-
 “ count of the said Richard, late husband of the said Clementia,
 “ for the time that he was treasurer of King Edward the
 “ Third, grandsire of our Lord the King that now is, in the
 “ town of Caleyse. And in witness that all the things under
 “ written were shown and declared before us in manner and
 “ form aforesaid, to these our present letters we have set our

¹ I.e., to pay the expenses of procuring licence to alien in mortmain.

"nostres seals. Done a la ville de Seint Auban, le sisme Thomas,
 "jour de Juyn, lan del regne nostre Seignour le Roy 30th
 "Richard, le Secunde puy le Conquest, septisme." Abbot,
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"seals. Given at the town of Saint Alban's, the sixth day of
 "June, in the seventh year of the reign of our Lord King
 "Richard, after the Conquest the Second."

Continuatio processus.

Hiis igitur sic se habentibus, Willelmus Wyndesore Sir
 prænотatus morte quasi repentina sublatu est, consti- William
 tuens suum hæredem Johannem Wyndesore, nepotem Wynde-
 suum, virum utique superbum et protervum, qui pos- shore
 sessionem suam in prædictis terris manu forti continu- dying, his
 avit, donec per Assisam specialem, per Supplicationem nephew,
 Domini Abbatis a Domino Rege, Duce Lancastriæ John
 mediante, concessam, fuisset impeditus. Cujus Suppli- Wynde-
 cationis tenor sequitur, in hæc verba.— shore, con-
 tines to
 hold pos-
 session of
 the lands.

Supplicatio Abbatis.

"A lour tresdoute et tresexcellent Seignour, lour Seignour Supplica-
 "le Roy, suppliount ses povres Chapelleyns, l'Abbe et Covent tion of the
 "de Seint Alban, que luy please, pur Dieu, et en 'oepre de Abbot, that
 "charite, de sa grace especial grauntier a dit Abbe une espe- he may be
 "cial Assise envers a et cætera, et autres anomers par le dit Assize, for
 "Abbe, de certeyns tenementz en tiel ville el Counte de the estab-
 lishment of
 his right.

[TRANSLATION.]

"Unto their most dread and most excellent Lord, their Lord
 "the King, pray his poor Chaplains, the Abbot and Convent
 "of Saint Alban's, that it may please him, for God, and as a
 "work of charity, of his especial grace to grant unto the said
 "Abbot an especial Assize against etc., and others to be
 "named by the said Abbot, as to certain tenements in such

¹ Sic in MS.

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Abbot,
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" Hertforde, queux sont del droit de vostre esglise de Seint
" Alban, et dont vous dites povres Chapelleyne furent longe
" temps en 'possible possessioun, tanques ils furent torcini-
" ouement ent oustez et disseisez a force par Monsire Wil-
" liam Wyndesore, qui mort est, le dit Abbe *et cetera*, et
" autres; et dont en la vie le dit Monsire William, pur di-
" verses malementz, feoffementes, et autres delaies, ils ne
" poioint a nulle fyn ent avoir a tendre, coment qils de jour
" en autre en la vie le dit Monsire William furent en pursu-
" ant. Et que vos Lettres Patentes pur la dit Assize prendre,
" purront estre directes a Monsire Robert Bealknappe, Mon-
" sire William de Skipwith, et autres, sil bosoigne, ove une
" brief, '*Si non omnes*;' et outre, en caas que la dit Assise
" seit abatu par noun tenir ²contenance, ou par autres dela-
" tories, qe vous please, de vostre treshaute et tresgraciously
" Seignourie, comandere a vostre Chauncellere, que le dit
" Abbe purra avoir une autre Assize especial de mesme la
" nature, et de mesmes les tenementz, envers les tenauntz et
" disseisours dicelles, a ceo de temps en temps, tanques le

" town in the County of Hertforde, which are of the right of
" your church of Saint Alban's, and of which your said poor
" Chaplains were for a long time in peaceable possession, until
" they were tortiously ousted therefrom and disseised by force
" by Messire William Wyndesore, who is [now] dead, the
" said Abbot etc., and others; and as to which in the life of
" the said Messire William, through divers mishaps, feoff-
" ments, and other delays, they could not attain any conclu-
" sion, although they from one day to another in the life of
" the said Messire William were suing for the same. And
" that your Letters Patent for taking the said Assize, may be
" directed unto Messire Robert Bealknappe, Messire William
" de Skipwith, and others, if needed, with a writ of '*Si non*
" '*omnes*;' and further, in case that the said Assize be abated
" by not holding continuance thereof, or by other delays,
" that it may please you, of your most high and most gracious
" Lordship, to command your Chancellor, that the said Abbot
" may have another especial Assize of the same nature, and
" as to the same tenements, against the tenants and disseisors
" thereof, and this from time to time, until the right to the

¹ An error evidently for *paisible*,
"peaceable."

² *iontenuance* in MS.

"droit de ditz tenementz soit pleynement discuse; saunz
 "grauntier briefs ou lettres desouz vostres seals, par queux
 "la seute le dit Abbe ent purroit estre delaye ou tarie en
 "ascune manere. Et que vous ditez povres Chapelleyns
 "poiont avoir vous dites Lettres Patentes et briefs dAssise,
 "de vostre grace especiale, sanz fyn ent faire; pur Dieux, et
 "en oevre de charite."

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"said tenements shall have been fully discussed; without
 "granting writs or letters under your seals, by which the suit
 "of the said Abbot therein might be delayed or stopped in any
 "manner. And that your said poor Chaplains may have your
 "said Letters Patent and writs of Assize, of your especial
 "grace, without making fine for the same; for God, and as
 "a work of charity."

Super cujus concessione emanavit breve commissio-
 narium de Cancellaria certis Justiciariis directum, in hæc
 verba.—

Breve Regis.

"Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Com-
 "Hiberniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Roberto Bealknappe, mission to
 "Willelmo Skipwith, Johanni Holte, David Hannemere, Wil- certain
 "lelmo de Burghe, Johanni de Monte Acuto, Willelmo Croy- Justiciars,
 "ser, Johanni Charletone, Johanni Chartesey, Johanni Her- to hold an
 "vey, et Johanni Brettone, salutem. Sciatis quod constitui Assize of
 "mus vos Justiciarios nostros, una cum hiis quos vobis asso- Novel
 "ciavimus, ad Assisam Novæ Disseisinæ capiendum, quam Disseisin
 "Abbas de Sancto Albano arramabit coram vobis, per breve thereon,
 "nostrum, versus Willelmum Cary, et alios in brevi nostro A.D. 1385.
 "originali contentos, de tenementis in Oxeheye Walround et
 "Rikemersworthe. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos
 "diem et locum, quos ad hoc provideritis, Assisam illam capi-
 "atis, facturi inde quod ad justitiam pertinet, secundum
 "legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ, salvis nobis
 "amerciamentis inde provenientibus. Mandamus enim Vice-
 "comiti nostro Hertfordiæ, quod ad certos diem et locum,
 "quos ei scire faciat, Assisam illam coram vobis venire
 "faciat. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras nostras fieri
 "fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium,
 "septimo-decimo die ¹Februarii, anno regni nostri octavo."

¹ Omitted in the text; but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

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John
Wynde-
shore ob-
tains a
protection
under the
Great Seal,
in delay of
the Assize.

Supplica-
tion of the
Abbot to
the King,
that the
Assize may
be forth-
with taken,
notwith-
standing.

Cujus concessionis effectum, prædictus Johannes Wyndesore per quamdam protectionem, contra jura regni Angliæ, fallaciter optentam, diutius protelavit; qua de causa, prædictus Dominus Abbas Domino Regi supplicavit pro remedio obtinendo, sub forma quæ sequitur.—

Supplicatio Abbatis.

“ A nostre treshonoure et tresdoute Seignour, nostre Seig-
“ nour le Roy, monstre son povre Chapelyn, labbe de
“ Seynt Alban, que com vous, de vostre tresgraciouse seig-
“ nourie, a la priere de vostre treschier unole Duc de Lan-
“ castre, grauntastes a dit Abbe un especial Assize de Nouvelle
“ Disseisine devaunt Robert Bealknappe et autres vos Jus-
“ tices, envers William Cary, Johan de Wyndesore, et autres,
“ de tenemenz de Oxhey Walrounde et Rikmersworth el
“ Counte de Hertforde, lad le dit Johan de Wyndesore ore
“ tarde purchase une protection souz vostre Graunt Seal, en
“ delay de la dite Assize; en quele protection est contenuz
“ que le dite Johan duist estre quites tanques a le Fest de
“ Pasche proschien a venir de totes maneres plees et queeles,
“ si bien de Assises de Nouvelle Disseisine, come de autres
“ plees quecumques;—qe please a vostre treshaute et tresgra-
“ ciouse Seignourie, pur Dieux, et en oeuvre de charite, graun-

[TRANSLATION.]

“ To our most honoured and most dread Lord, our Lord
“ the King, sheweth his poor Chaplain, the Abbot of Saint
“ Alban's, that whereas you, of your most gracious lordship,
“ at the prayer of your most dear uncle the Duke of Lan-
“ caster, granted unto the said Abbot an especial Assize of
“ Novel Disseisin, before Robert Bealknappe and others your
“ Justices, against William Cary, John de Wyndesore, and
“ others, as to tenements of Oxhey Walrounde and Rikmers-
“ worth in the County of Hertforde, the said John de Wynde-
“ sore has now of late obtained a protection under your Great
“ Seal, in delay of the said Assize; in which protection it is
“ contained that the said John must be quit until the Feast
“ of Easter next to come of all manner of pleas and complaints,
“ as well of Assizes of Novel Disseisin, as of other pleas
“ whatsoever;—may it please your most high and most gra-
“ cious Lordship, for God, and as a work of charity, to grant

“ tier une brief souz vostre Graunt Seal, directe a les dites
 “ Justices, qils puissent aler avaunt a la dite Assise prendre, Thomas,
 “ et jugement ent solonc la ley de vostre terre rendre, nient 30th
 “ contresteaunt la dite protection, coment qele soit mys Abbot,
 “ avaunt ou alegge devaunt eux en delay de Assise susdite. A.D.
 “ Et outre ceo, que nulle protection, prorogacioun, nautre 1349-96.
 “ lettre, soit graunte pur le dite Johan, ne pur nulle autre
 “ nommee en la dite Assise, qele purra turner en delay de
 “ mesme lAssise.”

“ a writ under your Great Seal, directed to the said Justices,
 “ that they may proceed to take the said Assize, and to render
 “ judgment therein according to the law of your land, not-
 “ withstanding the said protection, although it may be put
 “ forward or alleged before them in delay of the Assize afore-
 “ said. And besides this, that no protection, prorogation, or
 “ other letter, shall be granted for the said John, or for any
 “ other named in the said Assize, that may turn to the delay
 “ of the same Assize.”

Super cujus concessione obtinuit breve de proce-
 dendo, non obstante protectione. Cujus tenor talis
 est—

Breve Regis.

“ Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Writ, en-
 “ Hiberniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Roberto Bealknappe, joining that
 “ et sociis suis, Justiciariis nostris ad Assisam Novæ Dis- the said
 “ seisinæ inter Abbatem de Sancto Albano et Willelmum Assize be
 “ Cary, Johannem Wyndesore, et alios, de tenementis in forthwith
 “ Oxhey Walround et Rikmersworthe, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, proceeded
 “ capiendum assignatis, salutem. Cum vicesimo die Januarii with, the
 “ proximo præterito, per Litteras nostras Patentes, usque ad protection-
 “ festum Paschæ proximo futurum duraturas, suscepimus to John
 “ protectionem et defensionem nostram præfatum Johannem, shore not-
 “ gentes, famulos, et servientes suos quoscunque, ac omnia withstand-
 “ eorum terras et tenementa, bona et catalla; et licet inter ing,
 “ cætera voluerimus quod ipsi interim essent quieti de omni A.D. 1386.
 “ modis placitis et querelis, tam Assisis Novæ Disseisinæ
 “ quam aliis placitis quibuscunque; nolentes tamen quod dicta
 “ Assisa Novæ Disseisinæ, quam prædictus Abbas arramavit
 “ coram nobis per breve nostrum versus præfatos Willelmum
 “ et Johannem, et alios prædictos, de tenementis prædictis,
 “ colore aliqujus protectionis nostræ differatur, maxime cum

Thomas, " Assisa illa de gratia nostra speciali ter processit; de avisa-
 30th " mento Consilii nostri, et ad rogatum carissimi avunculi
 Abbot, " nostri, Johannis, Regis Castellæ et Legionis, Ducis Lan-
 A.D. " castræ, concessimus, et vobis mandamus, quod in Assisa
 1349-56. " prædicta, cum ea celeritate qua 'commode poteritis, pro-
 — " cedatis, et partibus prædictis plenam et celerem justitiam
 " faciatis, secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri;
 " dicta protectione nostra, quanquam in dilationem Assisæ
 " prædictæ coram vobis allegata fuerit, seu alio mandato
 " nostro, non obstante. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium,
 " vicesimo tertio die Martii, anno regni nostri nono."

Through
mediators,
an agree-
ment is
finally
made be-
tween the
Abbot and
John
Wynde-
shore.

Partibus altercantibus tandem amicis alterutrum
 intervenientibus, et maxime pro parte Domini Abbatis,
 Ducibus Lancastriæ et Gloucestriæ, et Domino Thoma
 Percy, exhortantibus simul et cogentibus, concordatum
 fuit inter partes prædictas sub forma quæ sequitur.—

Concordia partium subscriptarum.

Form of " Ceste acorde fait par entre le honorable Piere en Dieu
 the agree- " l'Abbe de Seynt Auban, dun part, et Johan Wyndesore,
 ment so " d'autre part;—cestassavoir, que come une debat estoit moeve
 made; the " entre l'Abbe de Seint Alban et le dit Johan de diverses
 Assize to " terres et tenemenz en Oxheye en le Counte de Hertforde,
 be duly " dount le Abbe seuyt une Assise vers le dit Johan et
 held, and " autres: de quele debat le dit Johan soy submist destier a
 the Abbot's " la garde et ordinaunce de les treshonores et tresdoutes
 right to the " Seignours le Duk de Lancastre et le Duc de Gloucestre;
 land con-
firmed.

[TRANSLATION.]

" This agreement made between the honourable Father in
 " God the Abbot of Saint Alban's, of the one part, and John
 " Wyndesore, of the other part;—that is to say, that whereas
 " a dispute was moved between the Abbot of Saint Alban's
 " and the said John as to divers lands and tenements in
 " Oxheye in the County of Hertforde, as to the which the
 " Abbot sued an Assize against the said John and others:
 " upon which dispute the said John submitted himself to stand
 " by the award and ordinance of the most honourable and
 " most dread Lords the Duke of Lancaster and the Duke of

¹ comode in MS.

" les queux agarderount que le dit Abbe duist estre auxi
 " seur de les dites terres et tenemens com le ¹conseil le dit
 " Abbe savoroit par ley et reason ordiner; et que le dit
 " Johan ne ferroit nulle debat ne defense, ne nulle autre
 " chose, en delay de mesme la suyt. Et qapres cestez choses
 " featz et parfournys, le dit Johan averoit cinkaunt livres
 " de sterlinges de dit Abbe. Sur quoi, le conseil le dit Abbe
 " ad ordigne qe le dit Abbe sewerait avaut la dite Assise,
 " que est pendaunt vers le dit Johan et autres, de les dites
 " terres et tenemens. Et le dit Johan graunte par ycestes
 " qil ou son attourne, fait de recorde, qui eit pleyn poair de
 " perdre ou gayner en la dite Assise, appiergera devaunt les
 " Justices de dite Assise, pur feare ceo que a luy appartient
 " affeare en cele partie, solonc lagarde susdite, as coustages
 " le dit Abbe; ensy totefoitz, que le dit Abbe face son
 " devoir per feare la dite Assise passer sanz delay; et qapres
 " le jugement renduz en la dite Assise, execucioun ent sueez,
 " en cas que le jugement soit done pur le avanttdit Abbe,
 " le dit Johan releassera a dit Abbe, et a ses successors, tout

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" Gloucester; the which awarded that the said Abbot should
 " be as sure of the said lands and tenements as the counsel
 " of the said Abbot should know how by law and reason to
 " ordain; and that the said John should make no dispute or
 " defence, or any other thing, in delay of the same suit.
 " And that after these things done and performed, the said
 " John should have fifty pounds sterling from the said Abbot.
 " Wherefore, the counsel of the said Abbot has ordained
 " that the said Abbot should proceed with the said Assize, which
 " is pending against the said John and others, as to the said
 " lands and tenements. And the said John grants hereby
 " that he or his attorney, made of record, who shall have
 " full power to lose or to gain in the said Assize, shall appear
 " before the Justices of the said Assize, to do that which
 " unto him pertains to do in this behalf, according to the
 " award aforesaid, at the costs of the said Abbot; so always,
 " that the said Abbot shall do his duty by making the said
 " Assize to be taken without delay; and that after judgment
 " rendered in the said Assize, execution being sued thereon,
 " in case judgment shall be given for the aforesaid Abbot,
 " the said John shall release unto the said Abbot, and to his

¹ conseil in MS.

Thomas, " son droit en les dites terres et tenemenz, par son relees
 30th " fait par avys del consayl de dit Abbe, saunz clause de
 Abbot, " garauntie; quele reles serra enrollee en la Chauncellerie
 A.D. " nostre Seignour le Roy, as coustages de dit Abbe, et livre
 1349-96. " a soun consail par le dit Johan. Et en cas que le jugement
 " soit rendu en la dite Assise encontre le dite Abbe, le dit
 " Johan voet et graunte que le dit Abbe, ou autres tielx
 " com il vorra nommer, poient entrer en les dites terres et
 " tenemenz; as queux, apres lentre, le dit Johan releassera
 " tout son droit, et les terres et tenemenz avaunt dites,
 " saunz clause de garrauntie; la quele reles serra enrollee
 " en la Chancellerie nostre Seignour le Roi, as coustages le
 " dit Abbe, et livreee a soun consayl par le dit Johan. Et
 " com les dites Thomas Cherletone *et cætera*."

" successors, all his right in the said lands and tenements,
 " by his release made by advice of the counsel of the said
 " Abbot, without clause of warranty; which release shall
 " be enrolled in the Chancery of our Lord the King, at the
 " costs of the said Abbot, and delivered to his counsel by the
 " said John. And in case that judgment shall be rendered in
 " the said Assize against the said Abbot, the said John doth
 " will and grant that the said Abbot, or others such as he
 " shall wish to name, may enter upon the said lands and
 " tenements; to whom, after entry, the said John shall
 " release all his right, and the lands and tenements afore-
 " said, without clause of warranty; the which release shall
 " be enrolled in the Chancery of our Lord the King, at the
 " costs of the said Abbot, and delivered to his counsel by the
 " said John. And as the said Thomas Cherletone etc."

The Assize is held, and John Wyndeshore appears by attorney. Habita igitur Assisa apud Hertfordiam, coram Domino Johanne Holte, Willelmo Thernyng, et aliis per breve regium superius deputatis, misit illuc idem Johannes suum attornatum, virtute cujusdam litteræ patentis, sigillo ipsius et Majoris Londoniarum signatæ. Cujus tenor talis est.—

Litteræ attornatoria Johannis Wyndeshore.

Letter of attorney, so signed by " Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris, Johannes de Wyndesore, salutem in Domino. Noveritis me assignasse, fecisse, et loco meo posuisse, dilectum mihi Nicolaum de

“ Braystones attornatum meum ad lucrandum vel perdendum, Thomas, 30th
 “ in quadam Assisa Novæ Disseisinæ, per Thomam Abbatem Abbot,
 “ Sancti Albani versus me, et alios in brevi dictæ Assisæ A.D.
 “ nominatos, arramata, de diversis terris et tenementis in 1349-96.
 “ Oxheye, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ; ratum et gratum habiturum —
 “ quicquid prædictus Nicolaus nomine meo fecerit in præ John
 “ missis. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsentī scripto Wynde-
 “ sigillum meum apposui. Et quia sigillum meum pluribus shore,
 “ est incognitum, sigillum Majoritatus Londoniarum huic scripto A.D. 1386.
 “ apponi procuravi. Datum Londoniis, primo die Aprilis,
 “ anno regni Regis Ricardi Secundi nono.”

Et quia dicta littera per Justiciarios prædictos insuf- The Justi-
 ficens judicabatur, pro eo quod patens erat, attornatum ciars re-
 suum prædictum admittere noluerunt, sed in dicta fuse to
 Assisa processerunt. Cujus processus, sub Magno Sigillo admit the
 Regis exemplificatus, sequitur, in hæc verba.— attorney,
 and pro-
 ceed with
 the Assise.

Breve Regis.

“ Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Anglia et Franciæ, et Dominus Exempli-
 “ Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentēs litteræ pervenerint, cation,
 “ salutem. Inspeximus tenorem recordi et processus ejus- under the
 “ dam Assisæ Novæ Disseisinæ, quam dilectus nobis in Christo Great Seal,
 “ Abbas de Sancto Albano arramavit coram dilectis fidelibus of the said
 “ nostris Johanne Holte et Johanne Hervy, nuper Justiciariis Assize of
 “ nostris ad Assisam illam, una cum Roberto Bealknappe, Novel
 “ Willelmo Skipwith, David Hannemere, Willelmo Burge, Disseisin.
 “ Johanne de Monte Acuto Juniore, Willelmo Croyser, Jo-
 “ hanne Charletone, Johanne Charteseye, et Johanne Bretton,
 “ capiendum assignatis per breve nostrum, versus Willelmum
 “ Cary, Johannem Hanney clericum, Nicolaum Bonney cleri-
 “ cum, Johannem Brethby clericum, Willelmum Moreys, *Chi-
 “ valer*, et Cristianam, uxorem ejus, Johannem Duket, et Mar-
 “ geriam, uxorem ejus, Isabellam de Wyndesore, Aliciam quæ
 “ fuit uxor Willelmi de Wyndesore, *Chivaler*, Robertum de
 “ Wyndesore, Johannem de Wyndesore, Willelmum Meg,
 “ Rogerum Daye de Busshey, Johannem Totenhale de Buss-
 “ eye, Ricardum Broun de Busshey, Adam Sperlyng, Jo-
 “ hannem Cawode, et Thomam Aylwarde, de tenementis in
 “ Oxeye Walrounde et Rikemersworth; quem coram nobis in
 “ Cancellaria nostra venire fecimus, in hæc verba.—‘Dominus

¹ Omitted in the text; but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

Thomas, " " Rex mandavit dilectis et fidelibus suis, Roberto Bealknappe,
 30th " " Willelmo Skipwith, Johanni Holte, David Hannemere, Wil-
 Abbot, " " lelmo de Burgh, Johanni de Monte Acuto Juniori, Willelmo
 A.D. " " Croyser, Johanni Charletone, Johanni Charteseye, Johanni
 1349-96. " " Hervy, et Johanni Brettone, Litteras suas Patentes, in hæc
 ——— " " verba."—

Breve Regis¹ de procedendo in placito prædicto.

Recital of the original Commission to certain Justiciars, to hold an Assize of Novel Disseisin. " Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
 " Hiberniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Roberto Bealknappe,
 " Willelmo Skipwith, Johanni Holte, David Hannemere, Wil-
 " lelmo de Burgh, Johanni de Monte Acuto Juniori, Willelmo
 " Croyser, Johanni Charletone, Johanni Charteseye, Johanni
 " Hervey, et Johanni Brettone, salutem. Sciatis quod con-
 " stituimus vos Justiciarios nostros, una cum hiis quos vobis
 " associavimus, ad Assisam Novæ Disseisinæ capiendum, quam
 " Abbas de Sancto Albano arramabit coram vobis, per breve
 " nostrum, versus Willelmum Cary, et alios in brevi nostro
 " originali contentos, de tenementis in Oxheye Wolrond et
 " Rikemersworthe. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos
 " diem et locum, quos ad hoc provideritis, Assisam illam ca-
 " piatis, facturi inde quod ad justitiam pertinet, secundum
 " legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ, salvis nobis
 " amerciamentis inde provenientibus. Mandamus enim Vice-
 " comiti nostro Hertfordiæ, quod ad certos diem et locum, quos
 " ei scire faciatis, Assisam illam coram vobis venire faciat. In
 " cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus
 " Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, decimo-
 " septimo die Februarii, anno regnorum nostrorum octavo."

Precept to the Sheriff of Hertford, to take steps for holding the Assize. ² Quarum litterarum prætextu, præceptum fuit Vice-
 comiti Hertfordiæ, quod venire faceret coram præfatis
 Justiciariis, apud Hertforde, die ³ Mercurii in quarta
 septimana Quadragesimæ, anno regnorum Domini Regis
 nunc nono, breve originale Assisæ prædictæ, cum
 adminiculis suis quibuscunque, et in omnibus secun-
 dum vim, formam, et effectum ejusdem, arraiatum et
 executum; proviso semper quod athhachiamantum

¹ in in the text, but corrected in the margin.

² The substance of the Exemplification is here given in continua-

tion; it being formally resumed in page 252.

³ Mercurie in MS.

fieret per quindecim dies ante prædictum diem Mercurii.
Et Vicecomes inde fecit executionem, et cætera.

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Continuatio placiti.

Placitum Assisæ prædictæ, apud Hertford, coram Opening of
Johanne Holte et Johanne Hery, Justiciariis Domini the said
Regis ad Assisam illam, una cum Roberto Bealknappe, Assize,
Willelmo Skipwith, David Hannemere, Willelmo de A.D. 1386.
Burgh, Johanne de Monte Acuto Juniore, Willelmo Croyser, Johanne Charletone, Johanne Cherteseye, et Johanne Brettone, capiendum assignatis, die Mercurii in quarta septimana Quadragesimæ, anno regnorum Ricardi Regis Angliæ et Franciæ nono; præsentia prædictorum Roberti, Willelmi Skipwith, David, Willelmi de Burgh, Johannis de Monte Acuto, Willelmi Croyser, Johannis Charletone, Johannis Cherteseye, et Johannis Brettone, non expectata, virtute brevis Domini Regis, — "Si non omnes," quod sequitur, in hæc verba.—

Breve Regis.

"Bicardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Writ of
"Hiberniæ, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Roberto Bealknappe, "Si non
"Willelmo Skipwith, Johanni Holte, ¹ David Hannemere, "omnes,"
"Willelmo de Burgh, Johanni de Monte Acuto Juniori, Wil- addressed
"lelmo Croyser, Johanni Charletone, Johanni Charteseye, to the
"Johanni Hery, et Johanni Brettone, salutem. Cum Justiciars.
"stituerimus vos Justiciarios nostros ad Assisam Novæ
"Disseisinæ capiendum, quam Abbas de Sancto Albano
"arramabit coram vobis per breve nostrum versus Willel-
"mum Cary et alios, in brevi nostro originali contentos, de
"tenementis in Oxheye Walrond et Rikemersworth, vobis
"mandamus quod si vos omnes captioni illius Assisæ ² com-
"mode interesse non possitis, tunc decem, novem, octo, sep-
"tem, sex, quinque, quatuor, tres, vel duo, vestrum, quorum
"aliquem vestrum, vos præfate Roberte, Willelme Skipwith,

¹ Duid in MS.

| ² comode in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. " ¹ Johannes Holte, David, et Willelme de Burgh, unum esse volumus, quos præsentes esse contigerit, ad captionem illius Assisæ, secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri Angliæ, procedatis. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, decimo-septimo die Februarii, anno regnorum nostrorum octavo."

Continuation of the Exemplification of the said Assize of Novel Disseisin, held at Hertford, A.D. 1386. " Hertford.—Assisa venit, recognoscere si Willelmus Cary, Johannes Hanneye clericus, Nicolaus Bonneye clericus, Johannes Bretby clericus, Willelmus Moreys, *Chivaler*, et Cristina, uxor ejus, Johannes Duket, et Margeria, uxor ejus, Isabella de Wyndesore, Alicia quæ fuit uxor Willelmi de Wyndesore, *Chivaler*, Robertus de Wyndesore, Johannes de Wyndesore, Willelmus Meg, Rogerus Daye de Busshye, Johannes Totenhale de Busshye, Ricardus Broun de Busshye, Adam Sperlyng, Johannes Cawode, et Thomas Aylwarde, injuste *et cætera* disseiserunt Abbatem de Sancto Albano de libero tenemento suo in Oxheye Walrond in Rikemers-worthe, post primam *et cætera*.

Continuatio placiti.

" Et unde idem Abbas, per Willelmum Wakfeld, *attornatum* suum, queritur quod disseiserunt eum de quinque toftis, duabus carucatis, triginta et quatuor acris, terræ, viginti acris prati, sex acris pasturæ, decem acris bosci, et sexaginta solidatis et decem denariatis et una obolata redditus, et medietate unius molendini aquatici, cum pertinentiis *et cætera*. Et dicit quod prædictus redditus est redditus servitii *et cætera*. Et prædictus Willelmus Cary et omnes alii non venerunt. Et Vicecomes mandavit quod prædictus Johannes de Wyndesore attachiatus est per Johannem Attewelle et Rogerum Robyn. Ideo ipsi in misericordia. Et de omnibus aliis mandavit idem Vicecomes quod non sunt inventi, nec habent in balliva sua aliquid *et cætera*, per quod possint attachiari. Ideo Assisa prædicta capiatur tam versus eos quam prædictum Johannem de Wyndesore per defaultam, *et cætera*.

" Et super hoc recognitores exacti veniunt, qui, ex assensu prædicti Abbatis, ad hoc electi, triati, et jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod quædam Clementia, quæ fuit uxor Ricardi de Eccleshale, quondam fuit seisisa de prædictis tenementis, cum pertinentiis, in eorum visu positis, et red-

¹ *Johanne* in MS.

² Omitted in the text; but sup-

plied in the margin, in another hand.

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“ditu prædicto in querela prædicti Abbatis declarato, in domino suo, ut de feodo; et tenementa illa, ac redditum prædictum, cum pertinentiis, per quamdam chartam suam dedit ¹[et] concessit quibusdam Rogero Hakedone, personæ ecclesiæ de Brantefeld, Petro Knotteshale, et Johanni Stoke, habendum et tenendum sibi et eorum hæredibus ac assignatis in perpetuum, absque conditione aliquali; et quasdam litteras de attornato fecit cuidam Roberto Hundereder, ad liberandum nomine suo eisdem Rogero, Petro, et Johanni Stoke, seisinam de tenementis et redditu prædictis, juxta formam, vim, et effectum, chartæ prædictæ.

“Qui quidem Robertus, virtute litterarum prædictarum de attornato, et chartæ prædictæ, præfatis Rogero, Petro, et Johanni Stoke, plenarie seisinam de tenementis ¹[et] redditu prædictis liberavit; tenendum eis, et eorum hæredibus ac assignatis, in feodo simplici in perpetuum, juxta formam chartæ prædictæ, absque conditione aliquali. Virtute cujus feoffamenti, idem Rogerus, Petrus, et Johannes Stoke, inde seisisi fuerunt; et tenentes tenementorum unde prædictus redditus provenit, ipsis attornarunt.

“Et postea, idem Rogerus et Petrus per quoddam scriptum suum remiserunt, et omnino de se et hæredibus suis in perpetuum quietum-clamarunt, præfato Johanni Stoke, hæredibus ac assignatis suis, in perpetuum, totum jus suum et clameum quæ habuerunt in triginta et quatuor acris terræ, et duabus acris bosci, cum pertinentiis, de prædictis tenementis in eorum visu positis. Et postmodum præfatus Petrus, per quoddam scriptum suum, ipsis recognitoribus in evidentiam ²liberatum, cujus data est apud Watford die Jovis in festo Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, anno regni Domini Edwardi, nuper Regis Angliæ, avi Domini Regis nunc, tricesimo septimo, remisit, relaxavit, et omnino pro se et hæredibus suis in perpetuum quietum-clamavit, præfatis Rogero et Johanni Stoke, et eorum hæredibus ac assignatis in perpetuum, totum jus et clameum quæ habuit in tenementis et redditu prædictis, cum pertinentiis. Et postea idem Johannes Stoke, per quoddam scriptum indentatum, ipsis recognitoribus similiter in evidentiam ²liberatum, cujus data est apud Watford, primo die Martii, anno regni prædicti Edwardi Regis, avi Domini Regis nunc, tricesimo septimo, concessit et dimisit quibusdam Johannæ, quæ fuit uxor Johannis Whitewelle, Johanni filio ejusdem Johannis, Johanni Bolond, et Roberto Laurence, omnia tenementa in eorum

¹ Omitted in MS.

| ² *liberatum* in MS.

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" visu posita, et redditum prædictum, exceptis prædictis tri-
" ginta et quatuor acris terræ et duabus acris bosci, quas præ-
" dicti Rogerus et Petrus eidem Johanni Stoke prius relaxa-
" runt; habendum et tenendum eisdem Johanne, Johanni filio
" Johannis, Johanni Roland, et Roberto, et eorum hæredibus
" ac assignatis, a prædicto primo die Martii usque ad finem
" trium annorum tunc proximo sequentium, reddendo inde an-
" nuatim octo libras durante termino prædicto. Et postea, tene-
" mentis et redditu prædictis sic in seisinâ ipsorum Johanne,
" Johannis filii Johannis, Johannis Rolond, et Roberti, exis-
" tentibus, idem Johannes Stoke per quoddam scriptum suum,
" in Curia hic prolatum, et ipsis recognitoribus in evidentiam
" liberatum, cujus data est apud Watford, sexto die Martii,
" anno regni prædicti Edwardi Regis, avi Domini Regis nunc,
" tricesimo septimo, remisit, relaxavit, et omnino de se et hæ-
" redibus suis in perpetuum quietum-clamavit, eidem Johan-
" ne, Johanni filio Johannis, Johanni Rolond, et Roberto, et
" eorum hæredibus ac assignatis in perpetuum, totum jus et
" clameum quæ habuit, seu quovismodo habere potuit, in om-
" nibus tenementis ¹ et redditu supradictis, in querela prædicti
" Abbatis specificatis, exceptis prædictis triginta et quatuor
" acris terræ, et duabus acris bosci, quas prædicti Rogerus
" et Petrus eidem Johanni Stoke prius relaxarunt. Et postmo-
" dum tenementis et redditu prædictis sic in seisinâ ipsorum
" Johanne, Johannis filii Johannis, Johannis Rolond, et Ro-
" berti, remanentibus, præfatus Rogerus Hakedone per quod-
" dam scriptum suum, eisdem recognitoribus in evidentiam
" liberatum, cujus data est apud villam de Sancto Albano,
" primo die Octobris, anno regni prædicti Edwardi Regis, avi
" Domini Regis nunc, quadregesimo tertio, remisit, relaxavit,
" et omnino pro se et hæredibus suis in perpetuum quietum-
" clamavit, eisdem Johanne, Johanni filio Johannis, Johanni
" Rolond, et Roberto, et eorum hæredibus ac assignatis in
" perpetuum, totum jus suum et clameum quæ habuit, seu
" quovismodo habere potuit, in tenementis et redditu prædic-
" tis, cum pertinentiis.

" Et postea, prædictus Johannes filius Johannis obiit, et
" postmodum tenementis et redditu prædictis in seisinâ prædic-
" torum Johanne, Johannis Rolond, et Roberti, in forma
" prædicta remanentibus, idem Johannes Rolond et Robertus,
" per quoddam scriptum suum, in Curia hic prolatum, et ipsis
" recognitoribus in evidentiam liberatum, de data apud villam
" de Sancto Albano tertio die mensis Julii, anno regni præ-

¹ Repeated in MS.

“dicti Edwardi Regis, avi Domini Regis nunc, quadragésimo octavo, remiserunt, relaxarunt, et omnino pro se et hæredibus suis in perpetuum quietum-clamarunt, præfatæ Johannæ, et hæredibus ac assignatis suis in perpetuum, totum jus et clameum quæ habuerunt, vel quovismodo habere potuerunt, in tenementis et redditu supradictis.

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“Et dicunt quod præfata Johanna postmodum, per quamdam chartam suam, in Curia hic prolatam, et, ipsis recognoscentibus, in evidentiam liberatam, sub data apud Oxheye Walrond, quinto die mensis Julii, anno regni prædicti Edwardi Regis, avi Domini Regis nunc, quadragésimo octavo, concessit et confirmavit prædicto nunc Abbati, et ejusdem loci Conventui, et eorum successoribus in perpetuum, quinque tofta, duas carucatas terræ, viginti acras prati, sex acras pasturæ, octo acras bosci, et medietatem unius molendini aquatici, cum pertinentiis, de tenementis in eorum visu positis, et totum redditum prædictum in querela prædicti Abbatis specificatum, licentia Domini Edwardi, nuper Regis Angliæ, avi Domini Regis nunc, per Litteras suas Patentes prius ad hoc inter alia faciendum obtenta. Quarum quidem Litterarum de Licentia prædictarum Curis hic exhibitarum, et, ipsis recognoscentibus, in evidentia liberatarum, data est apud Westmonasterium, duodecimo die Octobris, anno regni prædicti Edwardi Regis, avi Domini Regis nunc, quadragésimo sexto.

“Virtute cujus doni eidem nunc Abbati, et Conventui suo, de prædictis quinque toftis, duabus carucatis terræ, viginti acris prati, sex acris pasturæ, octo acris bosci, sexaginta solidatis, decem denariatis, et una obolata redditus, cum pertinentiis, per præfatam Johannam, ex licentia prædicti Regis, avi, in forma supradicta facti, idem nunc Abbas inde seisis fuit, ut de libero tenemento, quousque prædicti Alicia, Willelmus Mege, Rogerus Daye, Johannes Totenhale, Ricardus Broun, Adam Sperlyng, et Johannes Cawode, ipsum Abbatem inde injuste et sine judicio, et vi et armis, disseiserunt.

“Et quoad prædictas triginta quatuor acras terræ, et duas acras bosci residuas, idem recognitores dicunt quod præfatus Johannes Stoke fuit inde seisis in dominico suo, ut de feodo, et illas tenuit de prædicto nunc Abbate, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, per homagium et fidelitatem, et per servitium quatuor solidorum et decem denariorum per annum; qui quidem Johannes Stoke de eisdem triginta et quatuor acris terræ, et duabus acris

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“ bosci, seisisus obiit in dominico suo, ut de feodo, sine
 “ herede. Post cujus mortem, idem nunc Abbas intravit in
 “ easdem triginta et quatuor acras terræ, et duas acras
 “ bosci residuas, ut in escaetam suam, occasione præmissa;
 “ et inde, ut de libero tenemento, seisisus fuit, quousque
 “ prædicta Alicia, Willelmus Mege, Rogerus Daye, Johannes
 “ Totenhale, Ricardus Broun, Adam Sperlyng, et Johannes
 “ Cawode, ipsum inde injuste et sine iudicio, et vi et armis
 “ disseiserunt; et assident damna prædicti Abbatis, occasione
 “ disseisinæ prædictæ, quoad omnia tenementa supradicta
 “ in eorum visu posita, et redditum prædictum, ad centum
 “ marcas.
 “ Et dicunt quod prædictus Willelmus Cary, et alii in brevi
 “ nominati, non interfuerunt disseisinæ prædictæ, quoad ali-
 “ quam parcellam tenementorum et redditus supra dictorum.
 “ Recognitores quæsiti qualis redditus prædictus existit, et
 “ qualiter disseisina prædicta de eodem redditu facta fuit,
 “ dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus reddi-
 “ tus est redditus servitii, et quod prædictus Abbas fuit
 “ seisisus de redditu illo, ut de libero tenemento; et quod
 “ prædicti Alicia, Willelmus Mege, Rogerus Daye, Johannes
 “ Totenhale, Ricardus Broun, Adam Sperlyng, et Johannes
 “ Cawode, vi et armis¹ destruxerunt tenentes tenementorum
 “ unde prædictus redditus provenit, ad solvendum redditum
 “ prædictum; et redditum illum de eisdem tenentibus per
 “ districtionem levaverunt; et ita eundem Abbatem de eodem
 “ redditu vi et armis disseiserunt.
 “ Et super hoc prædictus Abbas dicit quod præfata Alicia
 “ et alii, qui comperti sunt disseisitores, non sunt sufficientes
 “ ad damna prædicta solvendum; et petit per statutum *et*
 “ *cætera*, quod inquiratur per recognitores Assisæ prædictæ,
 “ qui fuerunt tenentes tenementorum et redditus prædictorum,
 “ post disseisinam prædictam, et quantum tempus elababatur
 “ a tempore disseisinæ prædictæ factæ.
 “ Qui quidam recognitores dicunt, super sacramentum suum,
 “ quod disseisina prædicta facta fuit jam quinque annis elapsis,
 “ et quod prædicta Alicia et alii, qui comperti sunt disseisitores,
 “ non sunt sufficientes ad solvendum, nisi tantum viginti
 “ marcas de damnis prædictis. Et dicunt quod prædictus
 “ Johannes de Wyndesore modo est, et per longum tempus
 “ extitit, tenens tenementorum et redditus prædictorum,
 “ et proficua inde percepit. Et quod prædicta tenementa,

¹ Probably an error for *distrinzerunt*.

" præter redditum prædictum, valent per annum septem Thomas,
 " libras, secundum verum valorem eorundem. 30th
 " Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas recuperet Abbot,
 " seisinam suam de prædictis tenementis et redditu, cum A.D.
 " pertinentiis, per visum recognitorum Assisæ prædictæ; et 1349-96.
 " versus prædictos Aliciam, Willelmum Mege, Rogerum Daye, Award of
 " Johannem Totenhale, Ricardum, Adam, et Johannem Cawode, the Assize
 " damna sua prædicta, superius ad centum marcas assessa, si of Novel
 " aliquid habeant, unde damna illa levare possint; et si in favour
 " non habeant unde damna illa integre fieri et levare possint, of the
 " tunc recuperent versus prædictum Johannem de Wyndesore, Abbot.
 " tenentem tenementorum et redditus prædictorum, quater-
 " viginti marcas de damnis prædictis pro occupatione eorun-
 " dem. Et prædicti Alicia, Willelmus Mege, Rogerus Daye,
 " Johannes Totenhale, Ricardus, Adam, et Johannes Cawode,
 " capiantur pro disseisina prædicta. Et similiter, prædictus
 " Abbas in misericordia pro falso clamio suo versus prædictum
 " Willelmum Cary et alios in brevi nominatos, qui acquietati
 " sunt de disseisina prædicta; et ipsi eant inde sine die et
 " cætera.
 " Nos autem tenorem recordi et processus prædictorum, ad
 " requisitionem præfati Abbatis, tenore præsentium duximus
 " exemplandum. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras
 " nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud W[est-
 " monasterium], septimo-decimo die Junii, anno regni nostri
 " decimo."

*Introductio litis et concordie subsequens, ratione
 Bruera de Redburne, inter prædictum Abbatem
 et Comitem Warwici diutius agitata.*

Laudis titulo hujus Abbatis est ascribendum, quod Dissension
² dissensionem motam pro Bruera de Redburna inter with the
 Abbatem hujus ecclesiæ et Comites Warwici, videlicet, Earls of
 Thomam de Bello Campo, patrem, et postea Thomam Warwick,
 de Bello Campo, ³ filium, iste prudentia sua sedavit. as to the
 Fuerat nempe eo periculosior, quanto uterque Comes Redburne,
 this Abbot.

¹ Omitted in the text, but sup-
 plied in the margin, in another
 hand.

² *dissencionem* in MS.

³ *filio* in MS., by mistake.

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All building on the heath formerly forbidden by the bondmen of Flamstede.

Acts of malice committed by them against those connected with the Abbey of Saint Alban's.

The Prior of Redburne purchases of the commoners there a road for the safe carriage of food for his monks.

erat vel gloriosior, vel, ut ita dicam, superbior, et tanto ad flectendum difficilior. Ut autem pateat posteris quantum illa ¹ dissensio nocuerat nostris antecessoribus, sciendum quod malitia nativorum de Flamstede non permisit quemquam domum construere super brueram, vel juxta illam, quin in visu franciplegii illam detrahere, cum omni turba rusticorum, niterentur.

Sensit hoc Thomas Bedel sæpius, qui, pro domo quam ædificaverat juxta viam et stratam regiam in Redburna, frequentius occurrit eorum malitiæ, avertens eos nunc quidem pretio, nunc vero prece; amplius ipsorum ² malevolentia protulerant, ita ut, contra omnem juris colorem, caperent carectam Prioratus, cum equis et victualibus monachorum, et traherent in manerium de Flamstede, asseverantes solum brueræ fore separabile illius soli. Nonnulli vero de præpositis dicti manerii jurantes affirmarunt se velle, in contemptum Abbatis et Conventus, furcas erigere ante forinsecam januam Prioratus, juxta brueram; et hæc omnia, tam propria ducti malitia, quam dominorum eos manutenentium fulti fiducia, audaciter perpetrasse voluerunt, si non impediti fuissent.

Cernens autem bonæ memoriæ J. Woderove, Prior de Redburna, rusticos illos omnia contra jura moliri, nec esse qui posset illos ea vice compescere, timore Comitidis, ne ulterius in manus immanissimorum prædonum sua devenirent victualia, emit de ³ communibus de Redburna quamdam viam a molendino de Betlespol usque ad venellam vocatam "Heybryggelane," habentem in latitudine viginti pedes, per quam tutius afferri possent victualia monachorum. Hæc autem scripsi, ut noscant posteris quantum malitia temporis nobis obfuit ea vice.

¹ *dissensio* in MS.

² *malivolentia* in MS.

³ *communibus* in MS.

Tandem cum manerium de Flamstede devolutum fuisset ad Dominum Thomam de Bello Campo, Juniorem, Comitem de Warwico, et ¹ dissensio continuata fuisset ejus tempore, sicut patris, Abbas Thomas sua diligentia id effecit, ut Comes, visis jure nostro et rationibus, condescenderet æquitati, sub sigillo suo renunciando clamori quem ipse et antecessores sui clamaverant in bruera; sub compositione, quæ talis est.—

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Thomas
de Beau-
champ, the
Younger,
Earl of
Warwick,
renounces
his claim to
the heath.

*Indentura super ² dissensione, et concordie ratione
communis Brueræ inter partes præscriptas diu-
tius continuata.*

“ Hæc indentura facta inter Thomam de Bello Campo, Comitem Warrici, ex una parte, et religiosos viros, Thomam, permissione divina, Abbatem Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventum, ex altera, testatur quod cum contentio orta sit inter dictum Comitem et prædictos religiosos viros Abbatem et Conventum, de eo quod dictus Comes aliquando clamavit proprietatem et dominium soli cujusdam bruera vocatæ ‘Redburnesheth,’ in villa de Redburne existentis, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ, et aliquam communam pasturæ et turbariæ, fodiationem ³ argilli et arenæ in eadem bruera; quæ omnia et singula, ut prædictum est, prædictus Comes clamavit pertinere ad manerium suum de Flamstede in dicto Comitatu, ut parcellam et jus manerii sui prædicti: prænominati vero Abbas et Conventus proprietatem et dominium soli dictæ bruera sibi et monasterio suo prædicto pertinere, ac hactenus pertinuisse, et illud solum dictæ bruera erga omnes homines, præter homines et tenentes de Redburne, ut suum separale, tenere et habere, tenuisse et habuisse, asseruerunt, a tempore quo non extat memoria, tanquam jus suum, et ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, ut parcellam manerii eorundem Abbatis et Conventus de Redburne in Comitatu prædicto; et quod dictus Comes nullum jus habet, nec aliquo tempore habuit, in hiis quæ in dicta bruera, virtute clamei sui prædicti, exegit et clamavit; nec aliqui

Indenture
to that
effect, made
between
the Earl
and the
Abbot,
A.D. 1383.

¹ dissensio in MS.

² dissensione in MS. This passage is evidently incomplete.

³ Sic in MS.; probably for “ar-

“gille,” potter’s clay.

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“ antecessores sui, domini de Flamstede prædicta, in hujus-
 “ modi rebus seu juribus exigendis in eadem bruera aliquem
 “ juris titulum unquam habuerunt.—Tandem longo habito
 “ tractatu inter consilium dicti Comit̃is et consilium prædic-
 “ torum Abbatis et Conventus, certo die ad hoc statuto,
 “ convenerunt in bruera prædicta, ut visus bruerae prædicta,
 “ et limitum ejusdem, majorem et certiozem pro jure ipsius
 “ Comit̃is, vel jure ipsius Abbatis et Conventus, præberent
 “ evidentiam, et ut ad diem illum prædicti Abbas et Con-
 “ ventus monstrarent scripta, evidencias, et munimenta sua, si
 “ quæ haberent, per quæ dictum Comit̃em a clameo prædicto,
 “ per ipsum facto, possent excludere. Ad quem diem tam
 “ consilium dicti Comit̃is quam consilium prædictorum Ab-
 “ batis et Conventus in bruera convenerunt, et brueram illam,
 “ et limites ejusdem, undique viderunt, et evidencias dictorum
 “ Abbatis et Conventus bona deliberatione examinarunt, et,
 “ omnibus visis et auditis, et diligenter examinatis, quæ ad
 “ probationem intentionis ipsius Comit̃is et ipsorum Abbatis
 “ et Conventus tunc ibidem fuerunt dicta et allegata, videbatur
 “ expresse consilio ipsius Comit̃is probationes juris ipsorum
 “ Abbatis et Conventus, et ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, suis
 “ prævalere, considerato præcipue quod bruera prædicta est
 “ omnino ex omni parte circumclusa tenura ipsorum Abbatis
 “ et Conventus, videlicet, dominica terra ipsorum Abbatis et
 “ Conventus, et terra liberorum tenentium et tenentium
 “ eorundem per virgam; et infra limites et metas manerii
 “ prædictorum Abbatis et Conventus de Redburne, et infra
 “ libertatem prædictorum Abbatis et Conventus. Considerato
 “ insuper, quod Sanctus Amphibalus, ¹ Martyr, inventus fuit in
 “ dicta bruera, post cujus Translationem tunc Abbas Monas-
 “ terii prædicti quamdam partem bruerae prædictæ, quasi
 “ tertiam, claudi fecit undique sepibus et fossatis, et infra
 “ clausum prædictum in honorem ² Martyris prædicti quam-
 “ dam Cellam, quæ usque nunc ‘Prioratus de Redburne’
 “ nuncupatur, fieri et construi ordinavit; quæ omnia et singula
 “ dicto Comiti per suum consilium fuerant plenarie relata.
 “ Quapropter prædictus Comes, nolens hujusmodi controversiam
 “ temporibus futuris per se vel hæredes suos renovari, nec
 “ monasterium prædictum ex causa prædicta in posterum in-
 “ quietari, sed præmissorum consideratione, et aliarum eviden-
 “ tiarum pro jure ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus, et ecclesiæ
 “ suæ Sancti Albani, in hac parte monstratarum, et antiquæ
 “ et continuæ possessionis eorundem Abbatis et Conventus,

¹ *Martir* in MS.

| ² *Martiris* in MS.

“ qua ipsi et prædecessores sui in proprietate et dominio soli
 “ dictæ bruerae usi sunt totis temporibus retroactis, contro-
 “ versiam prædictam juxta juris exigentiam fine debito ter-
 “ minare cupiens cum effectu, renunciavit palam et expresse
 “ per præsentis toto clameo prædicto per ipsum facto; et
 “ fatebatur se nullum jus habere, nec habere debere, in com-
 “ muna pasturæ, turbariæ, fodiatione argilli nec arenæ, in
 “ bruera prædicta, nec in solo bruera prædictæ, sed clameum
 “ prædictum per quorundam ministrorum suorum excitationem
 “ fecisse, et informationem minus veram. Et remisit et re-
 “ laxavit per præsentis prædictis Abbati et Conventui, et suc-
 “ cessoribus suis, totum jus et clameum quod habuit, seu
 “ quovismodo habere potuit, in communia pasturæ, turbariæ,
 “ fodiatione argilli et arenæ, in bruera prædicta, et in solo
 “ ejusdem bruerae, pro se et hæredibus suis in perpetuum.
 “ Præterea, prædicti Abbas et Conventus concesserunt, pro se
 “ et successoribus suis, quod bene licebit prædicto Comiti, et
 “ hæredibus suis, et omnibus tenentibus suis, et eorum hære-
 “ dibus, de dicto manerio suo de Flamstede, tam liberis quam
 “ nativis, quotiens et quando eis, vel alicui eorum, placuerit,
 “ omnimoda animalia sua ultra brueram prædictam fugare et
 “ refugare ad mercatum vel alibi, ad libitum suum; dum
 “ tamen non voluntarie pascant animalia sua in bruera præ-
 “ dicta, nisi fugando et refugando, absque alia mora in dicta
 “ bruera cum animalibus suis facienda, nisi tantummodo omni
 “ anno a Die Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis usque ad Diem Sancti
 “ Jacobi Apostoli; infra quos dies si prædictus Comes, vel
 “ hæredes sui, vel tenentes, vel eorum hæredes, manerii sui
 “ de Flamstede, liberi vel nativi, fugaverunt oves suas alicubi
 “ ad lavandum ultra brueram prædictam, vel refugaverunt a
 “ lavatione, quod extunc prædicti Comes, hæredes sui, et
 “ omnes tenentes, et eorum hæredes, manerii sui de Flamstede,
 “ liberi et nativi, possent libere moram facere cum ovibus
 “ suis in bruera prædicta utraque vice, scilicet, fugando ad
 “ lavationem et refugando a lavatione, per spatium duarum
 “ horarum diei, et non ultra. Salvo semper prædictis Abbati
 “ et Conventui, et successoribus suis, quod si aliqua animalia
 “ prædicti Comitum, vel aliquorum tenentium suorum, vene-
 “ rint in bruera prædicta de voluntate custodis animalium,
 “ vel voluntate ejus vel eorum, cujus vel quorum fuerint, ut
 “ ibidem pascantur, vel moram faciant, vel si oves prædicti
 “ Comitum, hæredum vel tenentium suorum, vel eorum hære-
 “ dum, fecerint moram in bruera prædicta ultra spatium duarum
 “ horarum diei, ut prædicatur, quando fugantur ad lavandum, vel
 “ refugantur a lavatione; et hoc a dicto Die Inventionis Sanctæ

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“ Crucis usque ad Diem Sancti Jacobi Apostoli, ut prædicitur, quod extunc prædicti Abbas et Conventus, et successores sui, animalia illa et oves imparcabunt, et emendas competentes pro hujusmodi transgressione capiant et percipient. Et prædicti Abbas et Conventus concesserunt, quod si aliqua animalia prædicti Comitis, hæredum, seu tenentium suorum, vel eorum hæredum, liberorum vel nativorum, de Flamstede, aliquo tempore venerint in brueram prædictam, per evasionem, et non de voluntate custodis animalium ejus vel eorum, cujus vel quorum animalia illa fuerint, quod extunc prædicti Abbas et Conventus, et successores eorum, animalia illa imparcabunt, et ea deliberabunt ei vel eis, cujus vel quorum animalia illa fuerint, absque aliquibus emendis pro hujusmodi transgressione capiendis. In cujus rei testimonium, parti hujus indenturæ penes prædictos Abbatem et Conventum remanenti prædictus Comes sigillum suum apposuit. Alteri vero parti hujus indenturæ, penes prædictum Comitem remanenti, prædicti Abbas et Conventus sigillum suum commune apposuerunt. Datum apud villam de Sancto Albano, quinto-decimo die Novembris, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi post Conquestum, septimo.”

Super lite et concordia inter præfatum Abbatem et Priorem de Assherug, super quibusdam limitibus, cum bundis, inter Redburne et Hemelhamstede diutius continuata.

Abbot Thomas makes a concession to the Rector and Brethren of Assherugge; after which, it is found that they had no right in the matter claimed.

Ejus quoque tempore Rector et Fratres de Assherugge clamaverunt habere jus in medietatem viarum inter Redburne et Hemelhamstede, a Portdelle usque ad Crucem Lapideam quæ stat in quadrivio, et ab illo loco viæ, versus Boream, usque ad Chalkdelle, et deinde usque ad Holtesmere. Quorum clamori Abbas dans fidem, hujusmodi compositioni consensit, ut dicitur, minus caute; quia postquam compositio fuit ex utraque parte firmata sigillo communi, inventum est per antiquas evidencias illas vias fuisse nostras semper ex integro. Sed nihilominus fratres gavisii sunt suo dolo. Videant ergo futuri, si in hac parte jura ecclesiæ suæ quovismodo teneantur perdita revocare.

Compositio fit in hæc verba.—

Scriptum inter partes præscriptas, super ¹ ceditione discordiæ prænotatæ.

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Form of
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“ Hæc indentura testatur, quod cum Thomas, Abbas Mo-
“ nasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, et omnes
“ prædecessores sui, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria ho-
“ minum non existit, habuerunt et tenuerunt manerium suum
“ de Redburne, cum suis pertinentiis, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ;
“ cujus quidem manerii quædam parcelle sunt, et a tempore
“ supradicto extiterant, infra villam de Hemlamstede, vocatæ
“ ‘Coteleslond’ et ‘Spencereslond,’ et prædicti Abbas et omnes
“ prædecessores sui prænominati, a tempore supradicto, infra
“ præcinctum manerii sui prædicti, et omnibus terris et tenuris
“ ejusdem, plures libertates, tam per Coronatorem suum pro-
“ prium de hiis quæ ad officium Coronatoris pertinent, quam
“ returnum omnium brevium Domini Regis, et executionem
“ eorum, faciendum, visum franciplegii, et omnia quæ ad
“ visum pertinent, *wayef* et *stray*, et plures alias libertates
“ et proficua inde provenientia; prout tam per præscriptio-
“ nem, quam per diversas chartas Regum Angliæ, super
“ confectione præsentium examinatas, plenius testatur, habue-
“ runt. Et cum Radulphus, Rector de Assherugge, et Fratres
“ ibidem, et prædecessores sui, et illi quorum statum prædicti
“ Rector et Fratres habent in manerio suo de Hemelhamstede,
“ in Comitatu prædicto, habuerunt et tenuerunt manerium
“ suum de Hemelhamstede, cum suis pertinentiis, a toto
“ tempore supradicto, et ibidem habuerunt consimiles liber-
“ tates infra præcinctum manerii sui prædicti, et terris et
“ tenuris ejusdem, prout prædicti Abbas et prædecessores sui
“ habuerunt infra præcinctum manerii sui prædicti de Red-
“ burne. Quæ quidem duo maneria sunt ita contigua, quod
“ plures viæ et semitæ a toto tempore supradicto extiterunt
“ metæ et divisæ inter maneria prædicta. Quarum divisarum
“ quædam incipit versus Orientem, a quodam loco vocato ‘Le
“ ‘Portdelle,’ et sic extendit se inde per regiam stratam, sive
“ viam, versus Occidentem, usque ad quamdam Crucem lapi-
“ deam quæ stat in quodam quadrivio ibidem; et a dicto quad-
“ rivio extendit se directe versus Boream per quamdam viam
“ ibidem usque Le Chalkdelle, et deinde usque ad Holtesmere,
“ versus Flamstede. Quarum quidem viarum et semitarum
“ ² metæ et divisæ existentium, ut prædicitur, prædicti Abbas

¹ Sic in MS., probably for “*scditione*.” | ² Sic in MS.

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“ et prædecessores sui a tempore prædicto habuerunt, tam in
 “ latitudine quam in longitudine, æqualiter medietatem pro-
 “ pinquius ad villam de Redburne adjacentem, cum omnibus
 “ libertatibus supradictis, simul cum communia pasturæ, pro
 “ se et hominibus et tenentibus suis, infra prædictum mane-
 “ rium de Redburne, ad communandum cum omnibus averiis
 “ suis in prædictis viis et semitis in illa medietate prædicta-
 “ rum viarum et semitarum prædictorum Rectoris et Fratrum
 “ de Assherugge, in prædicto manerio suo de Hemelhamstede.
 “ Et similiter, prædicti Rector et fratres, et prædecessores sui,
 “ et illi quorum statum habent, a toto tempore supradicto
 “ habuerunt alteram medietatem prædictarum viarum et semi-
 “ tarum, ¹ metæ et divisæ inter prædicta duo maneria exis-
 “ tentium, tam in longitudine quam in latitudine, videlicet,
 “ illam medietatem propinquiorem ad villam de Hemelham-
 “ stede, cum omnibus libertatibus suis supradictis, simul cum
 “ communia pasturæ pro se et hominibus et tenentibus suis
 “ infra prædictum manerium de Hemelhamstede, ad commu-
 “ nandum cum omnimodis averiis suis in prædictis viis et
 “ semitis in illa medietate prædictarum viarum et semitarum
 “ prædictorum Abbatis et Conventus in prædicto manerio suo
 “ de Redburne. Ac cum maxima pars discretorum tenentium
 “ prædictorum maneriorum, qui de maneriis prædictis, et
 “ eorum metis et divisis, et libertatibus, meliorem notitiam
 “ habuerunt, in diversis pestilentiis jam obiit, ne lites et
 “ discordiæ, ob defectum notitiæ prædictarum metarum et
 “ divisarum, inter prædictos Abbatem et Rectorem, vel suc-
 “ cessores suos in posterum, super metis et divisis, liber-
 “ tatibus et communis, vel aliis libertatibus vel proficiis
 “ supradictis, orirentur, omnibus evidentiis inter eos exami-
 “ natis, ut perpetua memoria inde habeatur, ita concordatum
 “ est:—quod prædicti Abbas et Conventus, pro se et succes-
 “ soribus suis, medietatem omnium prædictarum viarum et
 “ semitarum, quæ sunt metæ et divisæ, ut prædicitur, vide-
 “ licet, illam medietatem propinquiorem villæ de Hemelham-
 “ stede prædictæ, quam quidem medietatem prædicti Rector
 “ et Fratres prius habuerunt; quæ quidem medietas viarum
 “ et semitarum extendit se in latitudine a sepibus sive fossa-
 “ tis de Hemelhamstede usque ad medium prædictarum via-
 “ rum et semitarum; simul cum communia pasturæ ad omni-
 “ moda averia prædictorum Rectoris et Fratrum, et successo-
 “ rum suorum, hominum et tenentium prædicti manerii sui de
 “ Hemelhamstede, et hæredum sive successorum suorum, ha-

¹ Sic in MS.

" bondum in perpetuum in altera medietate prædictarum
 " viarum et semitarum penes prædictos Abbatem et Conven-
 " tum remanente. Et prædicti Rector et Fratres, pro se et
 " successoribus suis, pro præsentibus concedunt, ratificant, et
 " confirmant, prædictis Abbati et Conventui, et successoribus
 " suis, medietatem omnium prædictarum viarum et semitarum,
 " quæ sunt metæ et divisæ, ut prædicitur, videlicet, illam
 " medietatem propinquiorem villæ de Redburne prædictæ,
 " quam quidem medietatem prædicti Abbas et Conventus, et
 " prædecessores sui, prius habuerunt; quæ quidem medietas
 " viarum et semitarum extendit se in latitudine a sepibus sive
 " fossatis de Redburne usque ad medium prædictarum viarum
 " et semitarum, simul cum communia pasturæ ad omnimoda
 " averia prædictorum Abbatis et Conventus, et successorum
 " suorum, hominum et tenentium suorum prædicti manerii
 " sui de Redburne, et hæredum et successorum suorum, ha-
 " bendum in perpetuum in altera medietate prædictarum via-
 " rum et semitarum penes prædictum Rectorem et Fratres
 " remanente. Concordatum est etiam, quod omnia proficua,
 " quæcunque fuerint, quæ in posterum prædicti Abbas et
 " Conventus, et successores sui, et prædicti Rector et Fratres,
 " et successores sui, in omnibus prædictis viis et semitis, ra-
 " tione visus franciplegii, *wayef* et *stray*, sive cujuscunque
 " alterius libertatis fuerint, separatim sive conjunctim, per se
 " vel per officarios suos percepturi, æqualiter inter ipsos et
 " successores suos in posterum dividuntur: ita quod prædicti
 " Abbas et Conventus, et successores sui, habeant inde unam
 " medietatem, et prædicti Rector et Fratres, et successores sui,
 " alteram medietatem, in perpetuum; et quod ballivi prædic-
 " torum Abbatis et Conventus, et successorum suorum, faciant
 " executionem de omnibus hujusmodi proficuis accidentibus in
 " illa medietate prædictarum viarum et semitarum propinqui-
 " ori Redburnæ, in perpetuum; et similiter, ballivi prædic-
 " torum Rectoris et Fratrum, et successorum suorum, faciant
 " executionem de omnibus hujusmodi proficuis accidentibus in
 " illa medietate prædictarum viarum et semitarum propin-
 " quiori Hamelhamstede, in perpetuum. Et ad hæc omnia et
 " singula, in præsentibus contenta, fideliter ex parte sua tenenda,
 " adimplenda, et restituenda, prædicti Abbas et Conventus
 " obligant se et successores suos prædictis Rectori et Fratribus,
 " et successoribus suis in perpetuum. Et etiam ad omnia et
 " singula in præsentibus contenta fideliter ex parte sua tenenda,
 " adimplenda, et restituenda, prædicti Rector et Fratres obli-
 " gant se et successores suos prædictis Abbati et Conventui,
 " et successoribus suis, in perpetuum. In cujus rei testimo-

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Thomas, "nium, partes prædictæ sigilla sua communia alternatim
 30th "præsentibus apposuerunt. Datum, quoad appositionem sigil-
 Abbot, "lorum Abbatis et Conventus prædictorum, apud Sanctum
 A.D. "Albanum, in Domo sua Capitulari, sexto Kalendas Octobris,
 1349-96. "anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo; et quoad
 — "appositionem sigillorum prædictorum Rectoris et Fratrum,
 "apud Assherugge, in Domo sua Capitulari, quarto Kalendas
 "Octobris, anno Domini supradicto."¹

*Introductio litis et concordie, inter memoratum Ab-
 batem et Dominum la Zouche diutius agitatae.*

Release by "As touz ceaux qui cestes lettres verrount ou orrount, William
 William la "la Zouche, Seignour de Totteney, et de Haryngworthe, salutz
 Zouche of "en Dieux. Com debat ad estee mew devaunt ses heures par
 certain "entre l'Abbe de Seint Auban et moy sur certeyns chalanges
 claims "gount estee featz par mes baillif et ministres a mon manoir
 against the "de Thornebury, en le Counte de Bedeforde, deynz la Paroche
 the Abbot in "de dit Abbe en Houghtone, demandauntz de dit Abbe argent
 of the Parish "appelle 'gloveselver,' en Augst pur mon dit baillif et autres
 of Hough- "servauntz de mon dit manoir, et un dyner le jour de le
 tone, "graunt *Bederipe* illecoques, et auxint viaunde, appelle 'Wake-
 A.D. 1382. "mete,' pur le veillour de mes bledz les nuytes en Augst;

[TRANSLATION.]

"To all those who these letters shall see or hear, William
 "la Zouche, Lord of Totteney and of Haryngworth, greeting
 "in God. Whereas there has been a dispute moved heretofore
 "between the Abbot of Saint Alban's and myself as to certain
 "claims which have been made by my bailiff and servants at
 "my manor of Thornebury, in the County of Bedeforde, in the
 "Parish of the said Abbot in Houghtone, they demanding of
 "the said Abbot money called 'glove selver,' in August for
 "my said bailiff and other servants of my said manor, and a
 "dinner on the day of the great *Bederip* there, and also meat,
 "called 'Wakemeat,' for the watcher of my corn the nights

¹ At this point (fol. 302 b.) half a column is left vacant, the intended continuation of the context being only denoted by an illuminated initial, P.

² "*Bederipa*" were days of work by the customary tenants of a manor, at the bidding of their superior lord.

" sur qui trete et parlaunce y avoit parentre nous a Londres, Thomas,
 " en presence de William ¹ Witlesheye, adonqs Evesque de Wir- 30th
 " cestre, et puy Archevesque de Canterbire, l'Abbe de Ley- Abbot,
 " cestre, Monsire Robert Thorpe, et Monsire Henry Grene, A.D.
 " Justices, et plusours autres sages; et illeoques les reasons 1349-96.
 " et le dit matiere oyes dambepartz.—Et pur ceo que le dit
 " Abbe nad illeoques riens forsque le mansion de la rectorie
 " et dismes, et ceo en perpetual almoigne, sembleroit as tous
 " que le dit Abbe et ses successours sount, et de droit ser-
 " roient, des tielles demandes outrement deschargees; et pur
 " tannt que par bon avys et deliberation fuist acordee illeo-
 " ques que tielles chalanges mes ne serroient featez:—sachient
 " totez gentz moy, le dit William, eyaunt consideratioun, al
 " acord, et bon avys, et deliberatioun de touz les sages sus-
 " ditez, pur moy et pur mes heires, avoir relese et quit-
 " clayme au dit Abbe, et ses successours as touz jours, touz
 " les chalanges avaunt ditez, conisaunt bien que les dites
 " chalanges fuissent a tort chalangietz, ²purceo que dismes

" in August; upon which there was treaty and imparlance
 " between us at London, in presence of William ¹ Willeseheye,
 " then Bishop of Wircestre, and afterwards Archbishop of
 " Canterbire, the Abbot of Leycestre, Messire Robert Thorpe,
 " and Messire Henry Grene, Justices, and many other wise
 " men; and there the reasons and the said matter were heard
 " on either side.—And whereas the said Abbot has nothing
 " there save only the mansion of the rectory and the tithes,
 " and that in perpetual alms, it would seem unto all that the
 " said Abbot and his successors are, and of right should be,
 " wholly discharged from such demands; and forasmuch as by
 " good advice and deliberation it was there agreed that such
 " claims should not from thenceforth be made:—let all men
 " know that I, the said William, having consideration thereto,
 " by the agreement, and good advice, and deliberation of all
 " the wise men aforesaid, for myself and for my heirs, have
 " released and quitclaimed unto the said Abbot, and his suc-
 " cessors for ever, all the demands aforesaid, acknowledging fully
 " that the said demands were wrongfully preferred, seeing that

¹ More correctly "Whittleseye;"
 he had been Bishop of Worcester,
 and was made Archbishop of Can-
 terbury in 1368.

² This and the next three words
 are omitted in the text, but are in-
 serted in the margin, in another
 hand.

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" tithes belonging to Holy Church, and such spiritual things, " ought to be quit and discharged. And if aught was done " to the contrary thereof, the same was by duress on part of " the servants there, and for their own advantage and covetousness, and not of right. And I do will and grant for me " and for my heirs, that the said Abbot and his successors " shall not by us, or by any of our servants, be aggrieved " or molested from henceforth for the causes aforesaid; but " that we shall from all such claims and demands be foreclosed " for ever, as right and reason demand. In witness of which " things, unto these I have set my seal. Given at my manor " of Haryngworthe, the fifteenth day of March, in the fifth " year of the reign of our Lord King Richard, since the Conquest the Second."

Introductio materiæ ² subscriptæ.

The Abbot recovers the heath of Amisheth from Sir John de Montacute, the Younger, making a pecuniary compensation. Contra Dominum Johannem de Monte Acuto, Militem, Juniores, pro Le Amisheth placita movere compulsus est etiam Thomas Abbas, virum certe effrenem et capitosum, et qui verebatur quam maxime cadere in causa sua, cujuscunque qualitatis existeret. Contra quem recuperavit per Assisam dictam brueram, datis clam eidem militi viginti libris, ut defaultam faceret in Assisa.

¹ This and the next word are omitted, but are inserted in the margin, in another hand.

² *præscriptæ* in MS., by inadvertence.

Scriptum super et subsequenter ¹ *inter præfatum Abbatem et Dominum Johannem de Monte Acuto.*

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Placita Assisæ apud Hertforde, coram Roberto Belknappe et Waltero Cloptone, Justiciariis Domini Regis ad Assisas in Comitatu Hertfordiæ capiendum assignatis, die Lunæ proximo post festum Sancti Nicolai, anno regnorum Ricardi, Regis Angliæ et Franciæ, septimo.—

Verdict given by an Assize in favour of the Abbot, claiming land in Tydenhangre, against Sir John de Montacute, the Younger, and others, A.D. 1383.

Assisa venit recognitura si Johannes de Monte Acuto, Miles, Junior, et Matilidis, uxor ejus, Johannes North, et Johannes Tailleur, injuste *et cætera*, disseiserunt Thomam, Abbatem de Sancto Albano, de libero tenemento suo in Tydenhangre, post primam ² *et cætera*. Et unde queritur quod disseiserunt eum de octo acris bosci, cum pertinentiis, *et cætera*. Et prædicti Johannes, Matilidis, Johannes, et Johannes, non venerunt; et iidem Johannes de Monte Acuto et Matilidis fuerunt attachiati per Adam Elyot et Hugonem Mayhew; et prædictus Johannes North per Ricardum Mondegome et Henricum Fowcher; et prædictus Johannes Tailleur per Hugonem Frere et Ricardum Manye. Ideo ipsi in misericordia. Et Assisa prædicta capiatur versus eos per defaultam *et cætera*.

Recognitores veniunt, qui, de consensu prædicti Abbatiss, ad hoc electi, triati, et jurati, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædictus Abbas fuit seisitus de prædictis octo acris bosci, cum pertinentiis, in eorum visu positis, ut de libero tenemento, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, quousque prædicti Johannes, Matilidis, Johannes, et Johannes, ipsum inde injuste et sine judicio disseiserunt, ad

¹ This word is preceded (fol. 303 a.) by the word "*cōt*" with an erasure at the end of it. The whole seems to have been intended for a

Rubric for some other matter than that which follows.

² "*transfretationem Regis in Aquitanniam*," is understood.

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damnum ipsius Abbatis sex solidorum et octo denariorum. Recognitores quæsitæ quale jus habet præfatus Abbas in prædictis octo acris bosci, et si sit aliqua fraus sive collusio inter prædictum Abbatem et præfatos Johannem de Monte Acuto et Matilldem, et alios in brevi in hac parte ¹ prælocuta, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod eadem octo acræ bosci sunt de antiquo jure ecclesiæ prædicti Abbatis Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, et nuper fuerunt parcella quorundam tenementorum, quæ Stephanus Ame, nuper natus ipsius Abbatis de manerio suo de Tydenhangre, nuper tenuit in bondagio, ut de jure ejusdem ecclesiæ, et ad voluntatem Abbatis ecclesiæ illius; et quod idem nunc Abbas, et omnes prædecessores sui, de eisdem octo acris bosci seisisit fuerunt a tempore quo non extat memoria, ut de antiquo jure ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, quousque idem nunc Abbas inde per prædictos Johannem, Matilldem, Johannem, et Johannem, disseisitus fuit, ut prædicitur. Et dicunt quod non est aliqua fraus sive collusio inter prædictum nunc Abbatem et præfatos Johannem, Matilldem, Johannem, et Johannem, in præmissis prælocuta.

Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas recuperet seisinam suam de prædictis octo acris bosci, cum pertinentiis, per visum recognitorum Assisæ prædictæ; et damna sua prædicta, superius ad sex solidos et octo denarios assessa. Et idem Johannes, Matilldis, Johannes, et Johannes, in misericordia.

Introductio materiæ litis et concordie subscriptarum.

The Abbot
recovers
certain
rights of
his church
against

Contra Ricardum Parker de Childerne Langley, vendicantem dominicum bladum suum molere ad molendinum Abbatis, vocatum "Asshemulle," libere sine tolneto, et quamdam piscariam ibidem, idem Abbas recuperavit

¹ Sic in MS.

jus ecclesiæ suæ per indenturam factam per feoffatos, et quamdam indenturam factam et ratificatam per dictum Ricardum, una cum relaxatione; quæ omnia hic sub-
scribuntur.--

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Richard
Parker, of
Childerne
Langley.

Scriptum concordie super lite inter præfatum Abbatem et Ricardum Parker, super libera multura et ¹ cursu piscaria aqua apud Langley, diutius agitata.

"Hæc indentura facta inter Thomam, permissione divina, Renuncia-
"Abbatem Monasterii Sancti Albani, ex parte una, et Johan- tion of
"nem Rolond, clericum, Willelmum Cosby, clericum, Johannem claim of
"atte Grove, et Willelmum Corvyser, ex altera, testatur, and pis- multure
"quod cum quædam controversia mota fuisset inter partes cary, as
"prædictas, de eo, videlicet, quod prædicti Johannes Rolond, against the
"Willelmus Cosseby, Johannes atte Grove, et Willelmus Cor- Abbot, by
"vyser, clamabant suum dominicum bladum molere ad molen- the holders
"dinum prædicti Abbatis, vocatum 'Asshemulle,' situatum in of certain
"villa de Abbotes Langley, libere sine tolneto pro multura freeholds
"dicti bladi reddendo, et non impediri molere blada sua præ- in Chil-
"dicta ibidem pro multura alterius cujuscunque; necnon totam derne
"piscariam cursus aquæ, in latitudine inter terram prædicti Langley,
"Abbatis et terram prædictorum Johannis Rolond, Willelmi A.D. 1384.
"Cosseby, Johannis atte Grove, et Willelmi Corveyser, et in
"longitudine incipiendo, unum ²caput, videlicet, a quadam
"salice stante ex parte ³Occidentali cursus ripæ prædictæ, quæ
"nunc est divisa inter villatas de Childerne Langley et Abbotes
"Langleye; quæ quidem salix stat inter pratum Johannis
"Smyth, quod native tenet in villa de Abbotes Langleye præ-
"dicta de dicto Domino Abbate, et pratum dictorum Johannis
"Rolond, Willelmi Cosseby, Johannis atte Grove, et Willelmi
"Corveyser, nuper vero Ricardi Parker et Aliciæ, uxoris ejus,
"et per prius Thomæ Cheynduyt, usque ad terram prædicto-
"rum Johannis Rolond, Willelmi Cosseby, Johannis atte
"Grove, et Willelmi Corveyser, vocatam 'Le Neyte,' juxta
"Apseleymulle, ex parte Orientali ejusdem cursus. Quas
"multuram et piscariam prædicti Johannes Rolond, Willel-
"mus Cosseby, Johannes atte Grove, et Willelmus Corveyser,
"clamabant pertinere ad liberum tenementum suum in villa
"de Childerne Langleye prædicta. Quod quidem tenementum

¹ Correctly "piscaria cursus
"aqua."

² capud in MS.

³ Orientali in MS., by mistake.

⁴ clamant in MS., but corrected
in the margin, in another hand.

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“ nuper habuerunt ex dono et feoffamento dictorum Ricardi
“ Parker et Aliciæ, uxoris ejus; quod etiam tenementum nuper
“ fuit dicti Thomæ Cheynduyt. Et prædictus Abbas assere-
“ bat, in jure monasterii sui prædicti, totum clameum prædic-
“ tum esse injuriosum, prout per diversas evidencias affirmabat.
“ Super qua controversia habitis tractatibus non paucis inter
“ partes prædictas, ex assensu et voluntate eorundem prædicta
“ controversia in hunc modum conquievit:—videlicet, quod
“ prædicti Johannes Rolond, Willelmus Cosseby, Johannes
“ atte Grove, et Willelmus Corveyser, nec hæredes sui, blada
“ sua hujusmodi ad dictum molendinum, vocatum, ‘Asshe-
“ mulle,’ de cætero molere non debent in forma prænotata,
“ nec in medietate cursus aquæ prædictæ, quæ se extendit in
“ latitudine a filo ejusdem cursus usque ad terram prædicti
“ Abbatis, et in longitudine incipiendo ad unum caput, vide-
“ licet, a quadam salice stante ex parte Occidentali cursus
“ ripæ prædictæ, quæ nunc est divisa inter villatas de Chil-
“ derne Langley et Abbotes Langleye; quæ quidem salix stat
“ inter pratum Johannis Smyth, quod native tenet in villa de
“ Abbotes Langley prædicta de dicto Domino Abbate, et pratum
“ dictorum Johannis Rolond, Willelmi Cosseby, Johannis atte
“ Grove, et Willelmi Corveyser, nuper vero Ricardi Parker et
“ Aliciæ, uxoris ejus, et per prius Thomæ Chenduyt; usque
“ ad terram prædictorum Johannis Rolond, Willelmi Cosseby,
“ Johannis atte Grove, et Willelmi Corveyser, vocatam ‘Le
“ ‘Neyte,’ juxta ‘Apsemulle, ex parte Orientali ejusdem cursus,
“ vendicare seu exigere poterunt in futurum, seu quicquam
“ habere in eadem quovismodo; sed ab omni clameo et jure
“ molendi blada sua, in forma prædicta, ad molendinum præ-
“ dicti Abbatis, et in illa medietate cursus aquæ prædictæ
“ propinquiore terræ dicti Abbatis, et piscaria in eadem, in
“ posterum habendo, in forma prænotata, in perpetuum
“ sint exclusi. Et prædicti Johannes Rolond, Willelmus
“ Cosseby, Johannes atte Grove, et Willelmus Corveyser,
“ pro se et hæredibus suis, prædictum clameum, et jus suum
“ molendi blada sua in forma prædicta, renunciant, et dictam
“ aquam, et cursum ejusdem, a filo ejusdem, et piscariam in
“ eadem, in latitudine et longitudine, ut prænotatum est, esse
“ jus ipsius Abbatis, ac monasterii sui prædicti, recognoscunt:
“ ac clameum prædictum in omnibus prædictis prædicto Ab-
“ bati, et successoribus suis, remittunt et relaxant in perpe-
“ tuum per præsentem. Alia tamen medietate cursus dictæ
“ aquæ propinquiore terræ prædictorum Johannis Rolond, Wil-

¹ Before called “*Asshemulle*,” and “*Apseleymulle*.”

"lelmi Cosseby, Johannis atte Grove, Willelmi ¹Corveyser, Thomas,
 "cum piscaria in eadem, eisdem Johanni Rolond, Willelmo 30th
 "Cosseby, Johanni atte Grove, et Willelmo Corveyser, et Abbot,
 "hæredibus suis, semper salvis. In quorum omnium testimo- A.D.
 "nium, partes prædictæ sigilla sua alternatim præsentibus 1349-96.
 "apposuerunt. Datum apud villam de Sancto Albano, ultimo
 "die mensis Decembris, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi
 "a Conquestu, octavo."

Charta Ricardi Parker in materia prænotata.

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quorum notitiam præsentibus Similar re-
 "litteræ pervenerint, Ricardus Parker, de Childerne Langley, nunciation
 "salutem in Domino. Cum nuper ego et Alicia, uxor mea, of claim by
 "dederimus et concesserimus Johanni Rolond, clerico, Wil- Richard
 "lelmo Cosseby, clerico, Johanni atte Grove, et Willelmo Parker, the
 "Corveyser, omnia terras et tenementa nostra, cum omnibus feoffor of
 "pertinentiis suis, quæ nuper habuimus in villa de Chil- the same
 "derne Langley prædicta, quæ quondam fuerunt Thomæ freeholds,
 "Chenduyt, prout per finem in Curia Domini Regis inde A.D. 1385.
 "levatum satis liquet, ea intentione, ut prædicti Johannes,
 "Willelmus, Johannes, et Willelmus, de terris et tenementis
 "prædictis, cum suis pertinentiis, disponerent, prout mihi,
 "præfato Ricardo, melius videretur expedire; ac cum quædam
 "controversia mota fuisset inter venerabilem in Christo
 "patrem, Dominum Thomam, permissione divina, Abbatem
 "Monasterii Sancti Albani, et me, de eo quod ego, prædictus
 "Ricardus, clamabam meum dominicum bladum molere ad
 "molendinum prædicti Abbatis, vocatum 'Asshemulle,' libere
 "sine tolneto pro multura dicti bladi reddendo, et non impe-
 "diri molere dicta blada ibidem pro multura alterius ejus-
 "cunque; necnon de tota piscaria cursus aquæ, in latitudine
 "inter terram prædicti Abbatis et terram prædictorum
 "Johannis, Willelmi, Johannis, et Willelmi, et in longitudine
 "incipiendo unum caput, videlicet, a quadam salice stante
 "ex parte Occidentali cursus ripæ prædictæ, quæ nunc est
 "divisa inter villatas de Childerne Langley et ²Abbotis
 "Langley; quæ quidem salix stat inter pratum Johannis
 "Smyth, quod native tenet in villa de Abbotes Langle præ-
 "dicta de prædicto domino Abbate, et pratum dictorum
 "Johannis, Willelmi, Johannis, et Willelmi, quod nuper

¹ *Corveyser* in MS.

| ² Sic in MS., for "*Abbotis*."

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. — “habuerunt ex dono et feoffamento meo, et Aliciæ, uxoris meæ, usque ad terram dictorum Johannis, Willelmi, Johannis, et Willelmi, vocatam ‘Le Neyte,’ juxta Apseley-mulle, ex parte Orientali ejusdem cursus; quas quidem multuram et piscariam clamabam pertinere ad dicta tementa mea in villa de Childerne Langley prædicta. Quæ quidem controversia, de assensu meo et voluntate, inter prædictum Abbatem et prædictos Johannem, Willelmum, Johannem, et Willelmum, sopita est forma quæ sequitur,” *ut patet supra*.—

Notificatio Ricardi Parkere prænotata.

Ratification by Richard Parker of the said agreement, A.D. 1385. “Hæc indentura et cætera. Noveritis me, præfatum Ricardum, concordiam prædictam ratificasse et confirmasse per præsentem, ¹ concedens, pro me et hæredibus meis, concordiam tenere et ratam habere, et multuram et piscariam prædictam prædicto Abbati, et successoribus suis, remississe et relaxasse de me et hæredibus meis in perpetuum, per præsentem. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus apposui. Datum apud villam de Sancto Albano prædictam, quarto die mensis Januarii, anno ² regni dicti Regis Ricardi octavo.”³

Qualiter Episcopus Lincolniensis in Monasterio Sancti Albani, in derogatione privilegiorum suorum, exequias Ducissæ Lancastriæ celebrare proposuit; sed hoc, nisi littera indemnitate præmissa, facere permissus non fuit.

The Abbot allows the Bishop of Lincoln to be present at the obsequies of Episcopus Lincolniensis, Johannes de Bokyngham, cupiens quovis facto videri quod haberet quicquam juris in hoc monasterio, occasione nacta de funere Dominæ ⁴Blanchiæ, quondam Ducissæ Lancastriæ, cujus corpus hic pernoctavit, mandavit quod exequiis

¹ Sic in MS., for “concedentem.”

² regi in MS.

³ After this, a whole column (fol. 304 a.) is left vacant.

⁴ Daughter of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, and wife of John of Gaunt.

solemnibus voluit interesse, et in crastino festine ad majus altare Missam in Monasterio celebrare. Erat nempe cum funere maxima multitudo militum et armigerorum, aliorumque communium, accessura, ad numerum mille equitum, sive plurium; inter quos venturi erant ¹ Archiepiscopus Clunensis ex ² Hibernia, et Abbatess de Leycestria et de Qwalleye, ad conducendum honorifice Ducissæ corpus, et vigilias mortuorum, cum officiis, celebrandum solemniter in omni civitate vel loco quo fuerant pernoctaturi.

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Blanche,
Duchess of
Lancaster
(A.D.
1369); but
only on
condition
that he
will write
a letter in-
demnifying
the Abbey
against the
conse-
quences of
his being
so present.

Thomas autem Abbas, et ipse volens omnem honorem deferre funeri, statuit cum omni reverentia cum Conventu procedere, et corpori obviare, et in ecclesiam admittere cum omni solemnitate, prout decuit. Sed adventum Episcopi Lincolniensis suspectum habens, propter antiquas calumnias, deliberato consilio censuit negandum Episcopo quod petierat, nisi prius sigillasset litteram quam Abbas conceperat, de indemnitate Monasterii, et privilegiorum a Sede Apostolica indultorum. Quod quidem se facturum cum summa indignatione Episcopus denegabat. Interea per totum diem ³ discurrebat nuncius, nunc tendens Dunstapliam, nunc ad Sanctum Albanum rediens, Episcopo tergiversante, et Abbate in sua sententia perseverante. Sed tandem, die declinante ad vesperam, Episcopus, qui summopere cupiebat tantis interesse vigiliis, fractus cessit, et litteram de indemnitate Monasterii sigillavit.

Indigna-
tion of the
Bishop at
the de-
mand.

⁴ *Modus exequiarum.*

Factæque sunt nocte illa exequiæ celebres, Conventu in capis occurrente corpori usque ad locum qui dicitur "Nigra Crux" et deducente illud in presby-

Descrip-
tion of the
obsequies,
at Saint
Alban's.

¹ An error for *Episcopus*, "the Bishop of Cloyne."

² *Hibernia* in MS.

³ *discurret* in the text, but altered

in the margin, in another hand.

⁴ This Rubric is omitted in the text, but is supplied in the margin, in another hand.

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terium cum solemni cantu, subsequentibus Episcopis Lincolniensi et Clunensi, et Abbatibus Leycestrensi et Qwallensi.

Libet, ad posterorum solatium, hic inserere formam quam tenuimus in Officio Mortuorum.—Primam nempe et secundam Lectiones legerunt duo seniores præmaturi electi de toto Conventu, super analogium in chori medio, et in capis, quia totus Conventus erat in capis. Duo et duo ¹ Rubricam decantabant, ultimum sex cantarunt. Tertiam Lectionem legit Decanus Episcopi Lincolniensis; quartam noster Archidiaconus; quintam Prior noster; sextam Abbas de Qwalleye; septimam Abbas Leycestriæ; octavam Abbas noster; ultimam Episcopus Lyncolnensis; et omnes super analogium, præter Episcopum et Abbatem nostrum. Revera Episcopus legit in stallo Abbatis, ubi residebat, et Abbas in stallo opposito; omnes vel mitrati, prout ² res exigebat, vel baculo redimiti. Abbas Leycestriæ et Abbas de Qwalleye, cum Priore nostri monasterii, tenuerunt medium chori, more Cantoris, sicut in Festis Principalibus est consuetum.

Mane terminata Prima cum lectura, pulsatæ sunt omnes grossæ campanæ ad Missam Sanctæ Mariæ, ad quam Conventus erat capis indutus solemniter; Abbasque noster Missam celebravit ad majus altare. Post quam, pulsato alio classico, mox processum est ad Missam pro Defunctis, quam celebravit Episcopus Lyncolnensis. Ad hanc Missam legit Epistolam Abbas de Qwalleye, et Evangelium Abbas de Leycestria, uterque cum baculo, et revestitus. Abbas noster et Episcopus Clunensis residebant in pontificalibus in stallis in fine chori versus altare, et Abbas quidem in stallo proprio. Episcopus vero in stallo opposito, videlicet, ³ Boreali.

¹ R^{us} in MS.

² ros in MS.

³ Boriali in MS.

Episcopus Clunensis post Offertorium prædicavit, Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. cujus thema fuit,—¹“Secundum nomen tuum, ita et “laus tua”—Sermone finito, concessit Lincolniensis dicentibus Orationem Dominicam, cum ²Salutatione Angelica, pro anima Dominæ Blanchiæ Ducissæ, quadraginta dies veniæ, ³id est, pro qualibet oratione quadraginta dies. Episcopus vero Clunensis totidem.

Finite Missa, Conventus in processione in froccis eduxit corpus extra portam quæ dicitur “Waxhus-
“gate;” et inde revertentes cantaverunt Missam Majorem; in omnibus nihil remunerationis recipientes præter duos pannos aureos, qui tunc temporis ⁴offerebantur. Slight remuneration made to the Abbey for its offices. Hæc autem scripsi plenius, ut in casu consimili posteris luceat quid sit agendum.

Episcopus Lincolniensis comedit eo die cum Abbate, The Bishop of Lincoln is reconciled to the Abbot. in Camera Prioris. Qui licet pridie fuisset indicibiliter offensus Abbati, eo die tanta dilectione eum complectebatur, ut semper in posterum ejus animositatem, fidem, constantiam, industriam, et sanctitatem, omnibus prædicaret, et efficax adjutor existeret eidem, quotiens se occasio ingerebat.

De prudenti constantia præfati Abbatis super relaxatione sequestri, in præjudicium Monasterii Sancti Albani per Episcopum Dunelmensem nequiter attentati.

Nec minus animosus adversus Episcopum Dunelmensem, Dominum Thomam Hatfeld, fuit; qui, ratione denegati sibi subsidii de ecclesia de Cunnesclif, dictam ecclesiam interdixerat, et ejusdem fructus sequestraverat capitose. Nempe prout moris ejus semper fuerat humiliter et pacifice sua jura repetere, perim- Abbot Thomas obtains from the Bishop of Durham a remission of his interdiction

¹ Psalm xlviii. 10.
Luke i. 28.

³ i. only in MS.

⁴ offerrebantur in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. pensurus alias expensas et labores, si aliter consequi sua vota non posset, primo per blandam epistolam Præsulis facta civiliter increpavit, deinde supplicatione perhumili ejus animum studuit emollire. Qua quidem littera tantum profecit, ut et Episcopum alliceret in amorem suum, et revocationem interdicti, sequestri, vel excommunicationis, in quemquam latæ, subtiliter impetraret; ut patet plenius in Registro Secundo ipsius Abbatis, folio undecimo, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septuagesimo octavo.

and seques-
tration
upon the
church of
Cunnes-
clyf,
A.D. 1378.

Qualiter Episcopus Eboracensis contra privilegia nostra, et compositionem ecclesiam de Appeltone concernentem, usurpare laboravit; sed præfati Abbatis animositate impeditus fuit.

Evil character of Alexander Nevyle, Archbishop of York.

Under pretext of a subsidy from his clergy, he sequestrates property of the Abbey in his Diocese.

Archiepiscopus Eboracensis, dictus "Alexander de Nevyle," vir inutilis tam regno quam Ecclesiæ, avarus erga suos, penes alienos prodigus, cum consumpsisset Episcopatus sui amplam substantiam, excogitavit diripere subditorum ¹pecuniam, ne suis dissolutionibus expensæ deessent. Prætendebat ergo se quamdam Synodum celebrasse, in qua sibi grande subsidium a suis subditis, non amoris gratia, sed timoris causa, fuerat præconcessum. Et quia Abbas Sancti Albani ecclesiam habet de Appeltone in sua Diœcesi, et non comparuit in dicta Synodo, idem Archiepiscopus Abbatem, non citatum, non vocatum, reputavit contumacem, et magna multavit ²pecuniæ quantitate. Nec hiis contentus, pro quodam prætenso subsidio, eidem Archiepiscopo per clerum Eboracensem concesso, dicto Abbate vel Conventu non vocato, quamdam ²pecuniæ quantitatem, dicto Abbati et Conventui debitam, dictus Archiepiscopus, ipso Abbate seu Conventu minime vocato, de

¹ peccuniam in MS.

| ² peccunie in MS.

facto sequestrari fecit et mandavit, et eam extorquere nisus fuit. Et mala malis accumulans, pro eo quia dicti Abbas et Conventus pro utilitate dicti monasterii fructus, redditus, et proventus unius anni dictæ parochialis ecclesiæ, ad dictum monasterium pertinentes, antequam separarentur a solo, vendiderunt, dictos fructus sequestrari fecit et mandavit, ac detinuit sequestratos.

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Hiis causis exacerbatus Thomas Abbas, sed non fractus, per appellationis remedia litem in Curiam Romanam transtulit, et tam viriliter, tam instantè, suum prosecutus est negotium, ut Archiepiscopum incepti litigii pœniteret. Nam ipsum ad Curiam citari fecit per processum, et non comparentem contumacem obtinuit reputari. Si quem delectat legere processum præmissæ litis, scrutetur Registrum dicti Abbatis, et in anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septuagesimo nono processum magis plene. Hoc finaliter assero, quod animositate et constantia Abbas obtinuit optatum finem in præmissis, et pacem providit ecclesiæ suæ, ut nunquam dictus Archiepiscopus de cætero tentaret Monasterium molestare.

The Abbot
obtains redress, on
appeal to
the Court
of Rome,
A.D. 1379.

Qualiter Episcopus Cantuariensis omnes exemptos Angliæ, auctoritate Papali sibi concessa, visitasse proposuit; sed præfati Abbatis prudentia ipsum feliciter revocavit.

Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, Magister Willelmus de Courtenay, cum de more post septennium suam Provinciam esset visitaturus, fultus non solum auctoritate propria consueta, sed multis novis privilegiis, quibus fas ei erat etiam exemptos Ordinis Cluniacensis visitare, habens secum quosdam monachos Cantuarienses infestos exemptis, et præcipue religionis propriæ, decrevit districtius ad cognoscendum procedere, quibus titulis exempti prædicti suas ecclesias possidebant, vel

William de
Courtenay,
Arch-
bishop of
Canter-
bury, con-
templates
visiting the
exempt
Monas-
teries with-
in his
Province.

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pensiones seu portiones in aliorum parochiis obtinebant. Statuit insuper in mente sua firmiter visitare Collegium Nigrorum Monachorum Oxoniis, ubi Prior Studentium, cum multis tam exemptis quam non exemptis, residet; ut tali occasione Dioecesanus colorem posset assumere ad visitandum eosdem singulis annis, sicut cæteros non exemptos suæ jurisdictioni subjectos.

He is dis-
suaded by
Abbot
Thomas
from so
doing.

Abbas ergo Thomas, librans quanta mala de præmissa visitatione possent emergere, eidem Archiepiscopo direxit epistolam, in ea tam humiliter deprecans ut desisteret, tam prudenter consulens ut quietem studentium non impediret, ut Præsul de ejus humilitate et ingenio miraretur, et intuitu personæ suæ desisteret ab inceptis. Convocavit quare totum cœtum monachorum, dicens se nunquam velle eos de cætero molestare, sed potius eis in cunctis suis negotiis benigne fovere; et miraculose dimisit eos, qui putabatur verisimiliter totis nisibus armatus fuisse ad molestandum eos ex causa præmissa.

At the in-
vitation of
the Abbot,
he is en-
tertained at
the Abbey
of Saint
Alban's.

Igitur in suo reditu misit Abbas Sancti Albani Priorem Monasterii ad villam de Dunstaple, qui occurreret Archiepiscopo, ut eum invitaret ad recreandum se in Monasterio Sancti Albani, et pernoctandum ibidem. Cujus precibus libenter annuit, et in Monasterio cœnavit et pernoctavit, ad sumptus Abbatis; manequ recessit, agens gratias infinitas. Non tamen visitare petiit, aut aliquid quod privilegia nostra læderet attentavit; nec in adventu suo vel recessu pulsata sunt signa Monasterii, aut ecclesiarum dictæ villæ.

He advises
that mea-
sures shall
be taken
clearly to
record the
exemption
of the
churches
in his
Province

Promisit se cuncta facturum quæ nostræ ecclesiæ¹ comodo possent cedere, vel honori; jussitque ut mitteretur ad eum quisquam ex monachis pro dimissione reportanda de nostris ecclesiis, in sua Provincia constitutis, ordinanda, cum suo nostroque consilio, sic ut successores sui in suis visitationibus nostra privilegia cognoscerent magis clare, nosque dimitterent

¹ comodo in MS.

facilius in futurum. Sed nostra segnities non est prosecuta negotium, neque suis salubribus monitis paruit ea vice; unde jam nihil habemus ad demonstrandum posteris de Archiepiscopo memorato.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

¹ Per idem tempus sederunt ministri dicti Episcopi in ecclesia de Hatfeld, inter cætera inquirentes quo titulo Scriptorarius Sancti Albani tenet duas partes decimarum in eadem parochia de toto dominio Nicolai filii Simonis; vocaveruntque dictum Scriptorarium ad comparandum et docendum quo jure tenet decimas supradictas. Sed Scriptorarius non comparuit, eoque exemptus fuit. Quamobrem onerata duodena de patria, cognoverunt quod a tempore quo non extat memoria gavisus fuit pacifice decimis memoratis.

belonging
to the
Abbey;
but his
advice is
neglected.
Inquisition
by the
Arch-
bishop's
officials, as
to the
claim to
tithes in
the Parish
of Hatfeld,
by the
Præcentor
of Saint
Alban's.

Cætera hujus visitationis in ²Chronicis Fratris Thomæ de Walsingham poterunt plenius reperiri.

Qualiter Episcopus Norwicensis Priorem de Wymundham collectorem quintæ-decimæ, Regi concessæ, malitiose deputavit; sed præfuti Abbatis prudentia ejus propositum enervavit.

Episcopus Norwycensis, Dominus Henricus le Spenser, vir magis aptus militiæ quam ³dispensationi rerum Ecclesiæ, grandem movit inquietudinem Abbati Thomæ, hujuscemodi occasione.—Concessum nempe fuerat per clerum regni quoddam subsidium Regi Angliæ, pro quo levando cuncti Episcopi regionis singula brevia susceperunt. ⁴Episcopus vero Norwicensis, vigore brevis regii,

The Bishop
of Norwich
orders the
Prior of
Wymund-
ham to
collect the
King's
subsidy,
A.D. 1380.

¹ A marginal note is written here (fol. 305 b.)—*Pro officio Cantoris vel Scriptorarii*. Thomas Walsingham himself at this time held the office of *Scriptorarius*, or Præcentor.

² The MS. Bibl. Reg. 13 E. ix., is no doubt here referred to. See Walsingham's *Hist. Angl.* (in this

Series), Vol. II. p. 192, and the Introduction to that Volume, p. xiii. Note 1.

³ A play is probably intended here upon the warlike Bishop's name—"Despenser."

⁴ On this subject, at greater length, see pp. 122-134 *ante*.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1849-96. Priorem de Wymundham, dictum "Nicolaum de Radclif," ad dictum subsidium levandum et colligendum infra Archidiaconatus suos Norwici et Northfolchiæ, deputavit et assignavit per litteras suas patentes, et nomen ejus Thesaurario et Baronibus de Scaccario misit in scriptis.

The Abbot of Saint Alban's asserts that the Prior is exempt from the Bishop's jurisdiction; and removes the Prior from his office. Adveniente primo termino solutionis, exivit quoddam breve Vicecomiti de "Distringas" contra dictum Priorem, ad distringendum ipsum pro non-solutione dicti subsidii. Quamobrem Thomas Abbas comparuit coram Magno Regis Consilio, per attornatos, suggerens quod potuit amovere dictum Priorem a Prioratu prædicto pro libito, juxta nota sua privilegia, et sic amobilis et dativus erat; et quod Prioratus prædictus ab omni illius Episcopi, vel alterius cujuscunque, jurisdictione ordinaria, et monachi in eodem, penitus sunt exempti. Quare ipsum dictum Priorem Nicolaum, auctoritate dictorum privilegiorum, ad Monasterium revocavit, et in Archidiaconum suum præfecit.

The Bishop is censured for his conduct towards the Prior, and again enjoined to see that due collection is made of the subsidy. Igitur cum Rex et ejus Consilium hæc audissent, misit Rex breve secundum Episcopo pro dicto levando subsidio, objurgans eum, cum plures Abbates et Priores sufficientes ad colligendum dictum subsidium in sua jurisdictione subjectos haberet, ipse tamen, illis omissis, Priorem de Wymundham, qui est dativus *et cætera*, deputasset ad colligendum subsidium, minus juste, præsertim cum Abbas Sancti Albani ipsum Priorem a Prioratu suo revocaverit. Emanante quare brevi prædicto a Cancellaria præfato Episcopo Norwicensi, subsequenter, ne Thesaurarius et Barones de Scaccario dictum Priorem de Wymundham ratione non-solutionis primi termini dicti subsidii quovismodo distringerent, ad instantiam dicti Abbatis breve "Supersedeas" emanavit Vicecomiti, usque ad quindenam Sanctæ Trinitatis.¹

¹ See pp. 125-127 *ante*.

Continuatio.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Episcopus vero Norwicensis, erubescens sede suo fraudandum proposito, per litteras suas patentes significavit Regis Consilio, quod non fuit sicut Abbas suggesserat; sed quod dictus Prior est ejusdem Episcopi obedientiarus, et ad singula sua Synoda tenetur de jure venire; habens per se Conventum et sigillum commune, quamplures acquisitiones et emptiones terrarum et possessionum sibi et successoribus suis, Prioribus loci prædicti, in perpetuum obtinendarum, fecit, et prædecessores sui fecerunt, ante hæc tempora; diversasque causas et querelas in Curia Christianitatis et foro sæculari, tam agendo quam defendendo, ante hæc tempora, sub nomine Prioris, non nominando alicubi Abbatem suum prædictum, sustinuit et habuit, ac sustinet in præsentī; sic quod idem Prior non est dativus, id est movendus ab eodem ad nutum Abbatis prædicti, nec alio modo nisi per viam privationis, si hoc meruerit.

The Bishop
attempts to
prove to
the King's
Council
that the
Prior is his
obedien-
tiary.

Continuatio.

Abbas e contra, per attornatum suum, allegavit dictum Priorem, et Prioratum suum prædictum, tanquam Cellam suam, ab omni jurisdictione Episcopi ordinaria penitus esse immunes, ac eundem Priorem fore dativum et ¹ amovendum ad nutum suum, sicut Privilegia quæ inde penes se habet plenius attestantur.

The Abbot
replies, as-
serting that
the Prior is
exempt.

Ortis igitur hujusmodi contentionibus inter partes, quæ, ut Consilio Regis apparuit, in brevi tempore non poterant terminari, ac idem consilium cupiens sibi responderi infra dictum terminum, ac robore dicti brevis "Supersedeas" per lapsum temporis expirante, exivit unum breve Vicecomiti "Distringas" contra dictum Priorem de Wymundham, qui jam factus fuerat Archi-

A second
Writ of
Distringas
is issued
against the
Prior.

¹ *amovendum* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. diaconus Sancti Albani, et Prioratu privatus, ratione non-solutionis subsidii supradicti.

Interea Abbas deliberans hujusmodi malitiis obviare, impetravit quoddam breve a Baronibus de Scaccario, ut omnino supersederent et desisterent ob ¹ omnimoda prosecutione, coram eis in dicto Scaccario contra dictum Priorem ex causa prædicta facta, seu facienda. Exhinc mandavit Rex Episcopo breve tertium, ut per aliquos de suis levare faceret subsidium prætaxatum, nolens quod per hujusmodi collectionem et levationem, ut in brevi continebatur, per episcopales sic faciendas, querela inter ipsum et Abbatem et Priorem coram eo et Consilio suo sic pendenti, præjudicium generaretur.

Episcopus, hiis auditis, indignabatur, irascebatur, et extra sensum protinus mittebatur. Misit mox consilium suum coram Consilio Regis, qui diutius de hac materia tractaverunt. Et paulo post misit idem Episcopus suas litteras, revocans omnimodam ² potestatem alias commissam dicto consilio, protestans in eisdem quod si aliquid esset nomine suo per dictum consilium ordinatum, noluit eorum ordinationi adquiescere quovismodo.

Advertens ergo Regis Consilium quod tales dilationes et excusationes voluntariæ, et minus sufficientes, tenderent non solum in sui damnum et gravamen, verum etiam in retardationem arduorum negotiorum regni Angliæ, emanavit aliud breve, præfato Norwicensi Episcopo porrectum, de totius Magni Consilii Regis avisamento, quod dictum subsidium citra terminum prædictum colligeret, vel colligi faceret, sub periculo quod incumbit. Hac occasione coactus est Episcopus transferre levationem dicti subsidii in quemquam de suis, et Abbas . . . gaudere privilegiis, est permissus. Qui, prudenter præcavens in futurum, chartam a Rege hujusmodi impetravit.—

Another Writ of Superse-deas is obtained by the Abbot. A further mandate is issued to the Bishop, for the collection of the subsidy. The Bishop appears by counsel before the King's Council; and then revokes the power of his counsel. A fourth mandate is issued to the Bishop. He appoints one his own persons to collect the subsidy; and the Abbot is left to enjoy his privilege.

¹ omnimodo in MS.

² Omitted in the text, but sup-

plied in the -margin, in a later hand.

*Charta libertatum regia, pro præfata materia
adquisita.*

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

"¹ Rex omnibus et cætera. Sciatis quod ob devotionem specialem quam erga Sanctum Albanum, ² Protomartyrem regni Angliæ gloriosum, gessimus, gerimus, et habemus, de gratia nostra speciali concessimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilecto nobis in Christo Thomæ, Abbati Monasterii Sancti Albani, quod de nostra ac progenitorum nostrorum fundatione existit, necnon Prioribus Cellarum eidem monasterio subjectarum, quod idem Abbas et Priores, ac successores eorundem Abbatis et Priorum; in perpetuum, hanc habeant libertatem; videlicet, quod nullus eorum fiat collector, ³ taxator, assessor decimarum, quintadecimarum, subsidii, collectæ, aut cujuscunque rei concessæ, aut concedendæ, nobis seu hæredibus nostris, Regibus Angliæ, per clerum aut communitatem regni nostri Angliæ, nec receptor denariorum inde provenientium, aliquo tempore in futurum, contra suam, seu ipsorum, voluntatem; ut præfati Abbas et Priores, ac etiam monachi in Monasterio et Cellis prædictis morantes, in talibus non implicati negotiis Altissimo suum debitum impendere valeant quietius famulatum."³

Privilege granted, that neither the Abbot, nor the Priors of his Cells, shall be collectors or assessors of any grant or subsidy, A.D. 1380.

Processus tenentium Monasterii Sancti Albani, tempore Insurrectionis Communitatis Angliæ contra Regem suum Angliæ, et Abbatem et monachos ibidem, nequiter attentatæ.

Inter omnia mirabilia in hac provincia prius peracta tempore præfati Abbatis, est præsens mirabile pro majori notandum, quomodo quasi per totum mensem in quarto anno Domini ⁴ [Regis] supradicto, communitates omnes et singulæ Comitatum Cantebrigiæ, Norffolchiæ, Southfolchiæ, Essexiæ, et Cantia, sumptis secum quam-

Insurrection of the Commons of England, A.D. 1381.

¹ This Privilege is given more at length, and in a different form, in page 134 ante.

² *Prothomartirem* in MS.

³ At this point (fol. 306 a. b.) a column and a whole side of a leaf are left vacant.

⁴ Omitted in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

They
demand
certain
liberties,
which are
refused.

Ravages
and mur-
ders com-
mitted by
them in
London.

Concession
made to
them by
the King,
through
fear.

pluribus militibus et magnatibus in quocunque Comitatu, ipsis invitis, contra Regem et regni sui jura, in pleno proposito, ut creditur, dictum Regem et suum regnum penitus ¹destruendi, cum summo exercitu insurrexerunt; et die Jovis in festo Corporis Christi civitatem Londoniarum appropinquantes, et juxta eandem civitatem in loco dicto "Milende," et Blakheth, existentes, petierunt a Domino nostro Rege, tunc ibidem, quamplures libertates et liberas consuetudines sibi et hæredibus suis in perpetuum concedendas; de quibus inferius in litteris suis plenius apparebit.

Quas quidem libertates Rex pro tunc eis denegavit, affirmans eis se hoc non posse facere sine assensu et voluntate sui Magni Consilii. Qui omnes et singuli, incontinenti nimio furore accensi, dictam civitatem Londoniarum, cum ejusdem civitatis communitatis, ut creditur, assensu, intrarunt, et hospitium Domini Ducis Lancastriæ, vulgariter dictum "Saveye," quod ²pulcherrimum in Anglia suis temporibus dicebatur, et totum Prioratum Sancti Johannis, cum omnibus et singulis bonis et rebus in eisdem, incenderunt, obruerunt, et penitus dextruxerunt; et, quod dolendum est, reverendum Patrem, Dominum Simonem, Cantuariæ Archiepiscopum, et Dominum Robertum Hales, dicti Prioratus Sancti Johannis Priorem, decapitarunt, necnon alia damna, quasi innumerabilia, ibidem commiserunt.

Volens quare idem Dominus Rex pericula et incommoda regno suo, hujusmodi ³malevolis aliquandiu regnantibus, verisimiliter evenientia juxta posse evitare, ac etiam metu mortis summe ductus, concessit eis omnes libertates infrascriptas, et inde Litteras suas Patentes, et per totum regnum suum promulgandas, sub eo quo sequitur tenore.—

¹ destruendo in MS.

² pulcherimum in MS.

³ malevolis in MS.

*Charta perdonationum et libertatum per Communas
Angliæ a suo Rege violenter extorta.*

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

“ Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
“ Hiberniæ, omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, ad quos præ-
“ sentes litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia
“ nostra speciali manumisimus universos et singulos ligeos ac
“ subditos nostros ¹communes et alios Comitatus Hertfordiæ; Charter of
“ et ipsos, et eorum quemlibet, ab omni bondage exuimus et manumis-
“ quietos facimus per præsentem; ac etiam perdonavimus eisdem sion and
“ ligeis ac subditis nostris omnimodas felonias, prodiciones, pardon,
“ transgressiones, et ²extortiones, per ipsos vel aliquem ipsorum granted by
“ qualitercunque factas sive perpetratas, ac etiam utlegariam the King,
“ fuerint vel fuerit hiis occasionibus promulgata vel promul- A.D. 1381.
“ gatæ; et summam pacem nostram eis, et eorum cuilibet,
“ inde concedimus. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras
“ nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Londo-
“ nias, quinto-decimo die Junii, anno regni nostri quarto.”

Continuatio materiæ malitiæ prænotatæ.

Et subsequenter, quia totum genus humanum pro
majori parte ad malum citius quam ad bonum semper
est proclivum, omnes homines villæ Sancti Albani, dic-
torum malefactorum consilio, mandato, et favore, pro-
curatis secum de Berkhamstede, et de Barnet, et de
tota patria, hominibus in multitudine copiosa, Priorem
Sancti Albani et alios tres monachos, et duos fratres
conversos, ac nonnullos de consiliariis, et jurisperitos et
alios servientes et familiares, usque ad longinquas partes
regni fugere compulerunt; ³præsens Monasterii Sancti
Albani adierunt, carcerem dicti Domini Abbatis vi
The men
of Saint
Alban's,
and others,
compel the
Prior and
three other
monks to
take to
flight.

They
liberate the
Abbot's

¹ *comunes* in MS.

² *extorsiones* in MS.

³ Sic in MS., an error, evidently,

for some other word; probably,
“*prisonam.*”

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.
—

prisoners,
and behead
some of
them.

They extort certain
charters
and deeds
from the
Abbot and
Convent.
Various
other
outrages
committed
by them in
the church,
and the
vicinity of
the Abbey.

armata fregerunt, incarcerationes abduxerunt, et quosdam eorum, in contemptum Regis et jurium suorum, decapitarunt. Reliquos vero, cum liberis suis¹ abire permiserunt; quamdam etiam chartam diversarum libertatum, videlicet, communæ piscariæ, venationis, aucupationis, et aliarum quamplurium libertatum, quamdam obligationem mille librarum, et quamdam acquietanciam generalem de omnibus actionibus præter actiones debiti, sigillis dictorum Abbatis et Conventus consignatas, ab eisdem Abbate et Conventu, una cum diversis obligationibus debiti, extendentibus ad summam trium millium marcarum, vi et armis suis extorserunt. Dictam ecclesiam intrarunt, et lapides pavimenti ejusdem ecclesiæ cum eorum bipennibus suffoderunt, et ipsos asportarunt; in totius Ecclesiæ Sanctæ scandalum manifestum, necnon dictorum Dominorum Abbatis et Conventus præjudicium non modicum, et gravamen, domos et ædificia dictorum Abbatis et famulorum suorum, et in dictorum Abbatis et Conventus contemptum, prostraverunt; necnon portas warennæ suæ de Shropshereslane, Sopwelle Bury, Moncwode, et Fawntone Wode, ac etiam quamplures alias clausuras eorundem Abbatis et Conventus, confregerunt, et penitus dilaceraverunt; alia etiam damna, quasi innumerabilia, eisdem Abbati et Conventui intulerunt; ut per quamdam Supplicationem compendiosam in Gallicis, et per processum subscriptum inde confectum, plenius apparet.—

¹ A word occurs here which is unintelligible; apparently "*abbenis*."

*Gravamina per tenentes Monasterii Sancti Albani
eidem Abbati ¹violenter illata.*

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.

1349-96.

"² En primes, cestassaver, entour demy nuyt, apres le ³Feste
" del Corps Jhesu Crist darreyn passe, graunt partie des gentz
" de la ville de Seint Auban vindrent nutantre al dit Abbe
" en le dit Abbeie, ⁴com il sembloit, bonement, la ou il fuit
" verrai malveste et fausine; et mostrerunt a dit Abbe le
" horrible lever, treoble, et turbacion, des gentz qui furent
" venuz a Londres; et qils furent certifiez que les ditez gentz
" a Londres vodroient vener a Seint Auban; et demanderunt
" conseil.

Grievances
inflicted,
during the
Insurrec-
tion, on the
Abbot.

" Sur quei, fut conseil par le dit Abbe, et par autres de
" soun conseil, pur le meulz, qascunez deux dussent aler a
" ceux a Londres, pur saver et espier lour purpos, et pour
" treter ovesques eux, ceux ne dussent mye vener a Seint Auban,
" nen le pais environ. Sur qei, de lour malveste voluntiere-

[TRANSLATION.]

" In the first place, that is to say, about midnight, after the
" Feast of the Body of Jesus Christ last past, great part of
" the people of the town of Saint Alban's came by night
" to the said Abbot in the said Abbey; ⁴as it seemed,
" fairly, whereas it was real mischief and falsehood; and
" they shewed to the said Abbot the horrible uprising,
" trouble, and disturbance, of the people who had come to
" London; and that they were assured that the said people
" at London wished to come to Saint Alban's; and they asked
" advice.

" Whereupon, advice was given by the said Abbot, and by
" others of his counsel, for the best, that some of them ought
" to go to those at London, to know and spy out their pur-
" pose, and to treat with them, so that they should not come
" to Saint Alban's, or into the country about. Upon which,
" of their own mischief they voluntarily, and under colour of

¹ The word "*momerati*," written in error for some other word, occurs before this.

² As seen at the conclusion of this article (p. 296), it is a Petition by the Abbot and Convent to the

King and his Council, for redress.

³ Or Feast of Corpus Christi; the Thursday after Trinity Sunday.

⁴ This passage is perhaps corrupt, and its meaning can only be guessed at.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

ment, et par colour de ceste conseil, cestassaver, en la matine
ensuant, en le comensement del Vendredi, ilz sassamblèrent
graunt route de Saint Auban, bien entour cynk centz, et
alerent par Barnet, et pristerent illeoques ovesques eux graunt
partie de la dite ville, et issint a Londres; et salierent a
les felons et traitours illeoques, qui furent issint levez,
et furent en lour compaignie, feisauntz grauntz malvestez;
et treterent ovesques lour capitan, que ly dussent doner
pur venir a Saint Auban, pur les feare aver del dit Abbe
et Covent certains franchisez, libertez, et privilegez, et
autres plusours purpos, com il est dit.

Et puis revendrient plusours de la dite ville de Saint
Auban, mesme le jour au seir, ovesques autres de la dite
ville, ove graunt force, et abaterent une meason del dit
Abbe en mesme la ville. Et lendemeyn, le Samady, mesme
ceux ensemblement ove touz les autres qui furent revenuz
de Londres, et ceux del Barnet, ove plusours autres del
pais, ove eux confederez et aliez, debreserent les parkes,
et les portes et autres clostours en certains bois et champez
du dit Abbeye.

Et apres, nient contreesteant que le dit Abbe les maunda

“ this counsel, that is to say, on the morning following, at
“ the beginning of the Friday, collected a great rout from Saint
“ Alban's, fully about five hundred, and went by way of Barnet,
“ and took there with them a great part of the said town, and
“ so to London; and allied themselves unto the felons and
“ traitors there, who had so risen, and were in their company,
“ doing great mischiefs; and treated with their captain, as to
“ what they ought to give him to come to Saint Alban's,
“ to make them have from the said Abbot and Convent
“ certain franchises, liberties, and privileges, and [for] many
“ other purposes, as it is said.

“ And then there came back many of the said town of Saint
“ Albans, on the evening of the same day, together with
“ others of the said town, with a great force, and pulled down
“ a house of the said Abbot in the same town. And on the
“ morrow, the Saturday, these same persons, together with all
“ the others who had come back from London, and those of
“ Barnet, with many others of the country, with their con-
“ federates and allies, broke into the parks, and the gates
“ and other enclosures in certain woods and fields of the said
“ Abbey.

“ And afterwards, notwithstanding that the said Abbot sent

" que ilz dussent aver tout lour pleiser et voluntce, pur pour Thomas,
 " qil avoit de mort de seins, et pur eschuere lour graunt 30th
 " malice ceux compasserount al dit Abbeye, et puis vindrent Abbot,
 " as lez portez du dit Abbeye ove graunt noyse et cry, et A.D.
 " ove baners displaiez et pennuz. Et illeques debreserent 1349-96.
 " le prison, et delivererent touz les prisons qi furent liens.
 " Et acrochiant a eux pluis de roial power, pristerent une
 " enqueste dun des dites prisouns; et pur ceo qil fuit trove
 " coupable par lour enqueste, lui decollerent; et touz lez
 " autres prisouns lesserent aler a large. Et puis alerent pur
 " quere le dit Abbe, et lui troverent en lesglise; et illeques
 " plusours deux 'ov force et armez esteauntez demaunderent
 " del dit Abbe une Chartre de leurs libertez, com ilz dis-
 " soient, dount une lettre fuit dor, et une autre dasor; la
 " ou le dit Abbe navoit nulle tiel, unques nul tiel fuist, a
 " son asscieut. Et auxi demanderent certains obligacionez, en
 " queux gentz de la dite ville furent liez au dit meason en
 " treis mille marcs de lour bon port, pur certains offensez et
 " graunt outragez queux avoient feat au dit Abbeye par longe

" them word that they should have all their pleasure and will,
 " for fear that he had of death to his people, and to escape
 " their great malice which they compassed against the said
 " Abbey, they then came to the gates of the said Abbey with
 " great noise and outcry, and with banners displayed and
 " pennons. And there they broke into the prison, and deli-
 " vered all the prisoners who were bound. And usurping
 " unto themselves still more of the royal power, they held an
 " inquisition upon one of the said prisoners; and because
 " that he was found guilty upon their inquisition, they be-
 " headed him; and all the other prisoners they allowed to go
 " at large. And then they went to seek the said Abbot, and
 " found him in the church; and there many of them standing
 " by force of arms demanded of the said Abbot a Charter of
 " their liberties, as they said, of which one letter was in
 " gold, and another in azure; whereas the said Abbot had
 " no such [charter], and no such ever was, to his know-
 " ledge. And they also demanded certain obligations, in
 " which people of the said town were bound unto the said
 " house in three thousand marks for their good behaviour,
 " by reason of certain offences and great outrages which they
 " had committed against the said Abbey for a long time be-

¹ *ow* in MS.

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“ temps devant; portantz ovesques eux une lettre de Prive Seal nostre Seignour le Roy, que fut mult resonable, com appert par la dite lettre; manassaut grandement que silz ne lez avoient, que l'Abbe serroi ars et destruit, et qils ferroient venter trestouz les rebellez qui furent a Londres, pur les destrure tout outrement. Et issint furent les obligacionez deliverez a eux, et mayntenant par eux furent ars a un Crois en la ville, com ilz diount, ensemblement ove plusours autres rolles, qe furent al Archidiacone de dit Abbeye, touchaunt sa jurisdiction, ove plusours autres liveres de le Vikar de Seint Piere.

“ Et de tut cecy ne sei tiendrent paietez, si l'Abbe mesmez ne venseit hors de la dite esglise, et illeogs sei excusast apertement devant tut le route. Le quel il fit et parformy; et illeoges les monstra un livre, en quel furent continuz un copie dun 'fet quel gentz de mesme la ville avoient pris dun son predecessour, et Covent de mesme le lieu, par duresce et extorsinousement, contenant certeneiz libertez; quel feat fuit puis dampne en la Court le Roi par mesmez les gentz: dount le copie del dampnation issint

“ fore; bringing with them a letter of the Privy Seal of our Lord the King, which was very reasonable, as appeared by the said letter; menacing greatly that if they did not have them, the Abbey should be burnt and destroyed, and that they would cause every one of the rebels to come who were at London, to destroy them quite entirely. And so the obligations were delivered to them, and forthwith were by them burnt at a Cross in the town, as they say, together with many other rolls, that belonged to the Archdeacon of the said Abbey, touching his jurisdiction, with many other books of the Vicar of Saint Peter's.

“ And with all this they did not hold themselves content, unless the Abbot himself should come out of the said church, and there excuse himself openly before all the rout. The which he did and performed; and there shewed them a book, in which was contained a copy of a deed which the people of the same town had taken from a predecessor of his, and the Convent of the same place, by duress and extortion, containing certain liberties; which deed was afterwards condemned in the King's Court by [assent of] the same people: a copy of which condemnation so of record

¹ See Vol. II. p. 166.

“ de record fuit en mesme la livere, et plusours autres re-
 “ cordes des recoverez et ¹ingres, que ses predecessours
 “ avoient encountre lour auncestres et predecessours, gentz de
 “ mesme la ville; al ontent qils dussent ²avoit estee de reason
 “ et notoriement aver veu lour erreur, pur ceo qilz contraierent
 “ leffecte en partie des dites recordes.

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“ Et en le mesme temps qils furent issint parlantz, ascunez
 “ de la dite route sen alerent deinz la dite Abbeye, en une
 “ meason appelle ‘Parlour,’ bien pres le Cloistre, et illeoques
 “ debreserunt certains pieres des mayn-moleyns, queux furent
 “ mys et amenez illeoques par gentz de mesme la ville par
 “ accord, sur certains debatez queux furent devaunt de mayn
 “ par entre l’Abbe de mesme le lieu, qadonques fuit, et mesmes
 “ les gentez de tielx manumoyles, en ensample de lour tort
 “ et malfet qilz avoyent fet a dit Abbeye; et araserent lo
 “ paviment en la dite meason.

“ Et unqore, les dites gentz, nient contentz de touz sez inju-
 “ riez et grevauncez, disoient que le copie del auncien chartre
 “ issint dampne ne fuist pas pur suffisaunt a eux, et deman-
 “ derent del dite Abbe et Covent autres chartres pluis suffi-

“ made was in the same book, and many other records of
 “ recoveries and entries, which his predecessors had had
 “ against their ancestors and predecessors, people of the same
 “ town; to the intent that they might have been reasonable
 “ and notably have seen their error, seeing that they contra-
 “ vened the effect in part of the said records.

“ And at the same time that they were so parleying, some
 “ of the said rout went off into the said Abbey, to a room
 “ called the ‘Parlour,’ vry near to the Cloister, and there
 “ broke to pieces certain stones of hand-mills, which had been
 “ put and brought there by persons of the same town by
 “ agreement, upon certain disputes which had existed before-
 “ hand between the Abbot of the same place, that then
 “ was, and the same persons as to such hand-mills, in example
 “ of their wrong and injury which they had done to the said
 “ Abbey; and they tore up the pavement in the said room.

“ And further, the said persons, not content with all their
 “ injuries and aggravations, said that the copy of the ancient
 “ charter so condemned was not sufficient for them, and
 “ demanded of the said Abbot and Convent other charters

¹ This word is doubtful, *ingres* or *nigres*. | ² Probably an error for “avoir.”

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“ sauntez, a lour dit, et contenantz plusours libertes, et
 “ franchisez, et obligationez, et generals aquitauncez, ¹menas-
 “ sant grandement, com desouz est dit: les queux Abbe et
 “ Covent, par doute de tielx manassez del graunte route que
 “ fuist entour eux, et par duresce, com desouz est dit, fesoient
 “ ensealer tielx faites com les dites gentz avoient ordeigne,
 “ si bien a ceux de ville Le Barnet, com de la dite ville de
 “ Seint Auban, dount les copies ensuiunt en apres.
 “ Et auxi, les dites gentz demanderent apres le Priour et
 “ autres moignes del dit Abbeye, en special, le Seneschal
 “ l’Abbe, et autres de son consail, et autres de ses servantz,
 “ pur les aver occis; les queux sen fuirent del dit Abbeye,
 “ et unqore sunt en estrangez parties, en salvacion de lour vies;
 “ en graunt arerissement de divinez servicez et conseil, et
 “ autres servicez par eaux affaire, al honour de Dieux et de
 “ dit Abbeye.
 “ Et outre ceo, senalerent en la dite ville; et illeokes, com
 “ gentoz forsnetez, abaterunt le mayson dun Richard Scryveyn,
 “ et un autre meason du Robert de la Chambre, servanz del

“ more sufficient, as they said, and containing many liberties,
 “ and franchises, and obligations, and general acquittances,
 “ menacing greatly, as is above said: the which Abbot and
 “ Convent, through fear of such menaces of the great rout
 “ that was about them, and through duress, as is above said,
 “ caused to be sealed such deeds as the said persons had
 “ ordered, as well to those of the town of Le Barnet, as of
 “ the said town of Saint Alban’s, copies of which follow after.
 “ And also, the said persons asked after the Prior and other
 “ monks of the said Abbey, in especial, the Seneschal of the
 “ Abbot, and others of his council, and others of his servants,
 “ to have slain them; the which had fled from the said
 “ Abbey, and still are in strange parts, for the saving of their
 “ lives; to the great deterioration of divine services and
 “ counsel, and other services by them to be done, to the
 “ honour of God and of the said Abbey.
 “ And besides this, they went away into the said town;
 “ and there, like people deranged, pulled down the house of
 “ one Richard Scryveyn, and another house of Robert de la
 “ Chambre, servants of the said Abbot, notwithstanding that

¹ *monassant* in MS

“ dit Abbe, nient contreesteant que le dit Abbe enprist pur
 “ ces dites servanz, que si ils enavoient de riens maffet, que
 “ le dresse sorroit mult resonablement; et qil promist auxi al
 “ dite route, a lour requeste, de les voyder hors de souen ser-
 “ vicez.

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“ Et apres cestez choses issint feates, les dites gentz fesoient
 “ proclamacion en plein march en la dite ville de Seint Auban,
 “ que totez gentz de pays environ vendroient al dite ville,
 “ araiez en lour armez, pur les aforcer en mayntenaunce de
 “ les droiturez le Roy et de la commune, al entent destre
 “ meyntenus et enforces, com il semble, en les tortez et
 “ injuriez qils avoient feat, et qils furent en purpos de fesaare,
 “ et pur done confort as autres villes de seignourie du dit
 “ Abbe, de vener et demander tielx chartres, et feare com ils
 “ avoient feat: que issint fuit feat par autres villes meynten-
 “ nant apres la dite proclamacion.

“ Et touz ces grevances et horribilitez furent fetes, apres
 “ ceo qune proclamacion fuit fait a Londres, de part nostre
 “ Seignour le Roy, de pardon que le Roy avoit grauntee a
 “ les communes; par cause de quel, fuit commande de par le

“ the said Abbot undertook for ¹these said servants, that if
 “ they had misdone in anything, redress should be most
 “ reasonably made; and that he made promise also to the
 “ said rout, at their request, to turn them out of his service.

“ And after these things so done, the said folks made pro-
 “ clamacion in full market in the said town of Saint Alban's,
 “ that all people of the country about should come to the
 “ said town, arrayed in their arms, to reenforce them in
 “ maintenance of the rights of the King and of the commons,
 “ to the intent to be maintained and supported, as it seems,
 “ in the wrongs and injuries which they had done, and which
 “ they might be purposing to do, and to give encouragement
 “ to other towns of the lordship of the said Abbot, to come
 “ and demand such charters, and do as they had done: which
 “ was so done by other towns forthwith after the said pro-
 “ clamacion.

“ And all these grievances and horrors were committed,
 “ after that a proclamacion was made at London, on behalf of
 “ our Lord the King, of pardon which the King had granted
 “ to the commons; by reason whereof, it was commanded on

¹ Or perhaps “his,” “ces” standing for “ses.”

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" the King's behalf in the same proclamation, that all persons should go to their houses, and keep themselves in peace without causing after such time trouble, disturbance, or uprising, or other affray or grievance. At which proclamation most of the people of Saint Alban's were present, and heard it. Wherefore entreat the Abbot and Convent of their Lord the King, and of his Council, to ordain for them a besfitting remedy, to the honour of God and of Holy Church."

Continuatio materiæ prætitulatæ.

The insurgents demand aid from the towns of Barnet and Saint Alban's.

Illucescente die Veneris, ¹ die iræ, die tribulationis et angustiar, die calamitatis et miseriar, nondum finitis Matutinis apud Sanctum Albanum, venere de villa de Barnet sub festinatione maxima, qui nunciarent communibus mandasse, ut assumptis secum communibus villarum de Barnet et de Sancto Albano, cum armis quibus se defendere scivere melius, Londonias properare festinarent: sin alias, viginti millia eorum accessura, simul ad incendendum villas præfatas, et eos cum potestate magna adductura.

The Abbot deems it advisable to

² Res statim notificatur Abbati. qui dubitans utrum præmissa suggestio veritate fulciretur, et præcavens verisimiliter pericula eventura, si ex præcepto ejusdem

¹ In allusion probably to the commencing line of the Sequence in the "Office of the Dead,—

"*Dies iræ, dies illa.*"

² The narrative in Walsingham's *Hist. Angl.*, vol. I. p. 458, is derived from the same source apparently as this, but in a condensed form.

communitas mitteretur absque Regis et sui Consilii mandato, statuit ex deliberato suo consilio, et ordinavit, quod duodecim de valentioribus familiaribus, et duodecim valentiores de prædicta villa, ad Regem et dictam communitatem, pro præmissorum veritate inquirenda, solummodo mitterentur, ad certificandum eisdem patriam et villam prædictam eisdem fore satis fideles, dominos communitati et ¹ benevolos, et vicinos sibi invicem satis amicabiles; sic quod non foret necesse Dominum Regem seu communitatem prædictam, illuc accedere pro aliqua discordia inibi reformanda; ipsosque pro loco et tempore eisdem ² limitandis fore paratos pro utilitate Regis et reipublicæ dimicatu-
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send a deputation to the King and the Commons.

Sed hujusmodi consilium pervertit villanorum prædictorum et nativorum Monasterii ejusdem malitia præcogitata, libertas diu concupita, honores et divitiæ expositæ et promissæ. Proinde spreto consilio dicti Domini Abbatis, quilibet villanorum prædictorum proximum et vicinum suum evigilavit, et de adeundo communitatem prædictam cum optimo eorum apparatu, pro libertatibus suis pristinis recuperandis, et injuriis suis vindicandis, animavit.
The villains and bondmen refuse to follow his advice.
They prepare to join the movement in London.

Cum ergo essent simul congregati, de sua multitudine et virtute nimium præsumentes, colloquebantur solummodo de pristinis libertatibus recuperandis, de injuriis in Abbatem, Priorem, et alios officarios et vicinos, vindicandis. Videntes vero familiares prædicti Domini Abbatis mandatum et propositum domini sui fore penitus immutandum, nec se posse tantæ multitudini resistere; metuentes etiam ne talia machinamenta in contemptum Regis et reipublicæ per prædictos villanos attentanda, pro eo quod tunc ductores eorum esse videbantur, possent eis verisimiliter imputari, consulentes indemnitati propriæ, et domini sui, præ-
The retainers of the Abbot, in despair, wait upon the Earl of Warwick, at Barnet, requesting him to assure the King of their continued loyalty.

¹ *eqa*, apparently.| ² *limitandos* in MS.

Thomas, dicti Abbatis, accesserunt ad Comitem Warwici, qui
 30th tunc temporis apud Barnet versus Regem itinerando
 Abbot, Missam audivit, certificantes eidem de causa et primo
 A.D. proposito domini sui prænотati; supplicantes quod dic-
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 ejusdem, quicquid in posterum aliter fieret per com-
 munitatem prædictam. Quorum factum idem Comes
 optime acceptavit, et multipliciter approbavit, promit-
 tens eosdem versus Regem et Consilium suum pro
 viribus suis indemnes conservare.

He pro-
 mises them
 to do so.

The re-
 tainers of
 the Abbot
 then pro-
 ceed to
 London.

Oath ex-
 acted by
 John
 Strawe, one
 of the
 insurgent
 leaders.

Progrediuntur deinde villani et familiares dicti Do-
 mini Abbatis versus Londonias; ¹ dissimiliter tamen
 hii et illi, de Abbathia, scilicet, et de villa; quia
 nostrates ad proficiendum, villani ad officium, se
 pararunt. Cum enim ventum fuisset non procul a
 Londoniis, juxta prædium quoddam Magistri Hospitalis
 Sancti Johannis, cui nomen "Heybury," vident ibidem
 quamdam multitudinem, quasi viginti millium rustico-
 rum et communis vulgi, qui, immisso igne in editissi-
 mas domos, quæ jam ardebant inextinguibiliter, nite-
 bantur cum diversis instrumentis cuncta quæ incendio
 dissolvi non poterant, subvertere machinamentis solo
 tenus. Visi autem, a quodam illorum ductore, qui voca-
 batur "Johannes Straw," mox accersiti et coacti, fidem
 ei ² [fecerunt] quod Regi Ricardo et communibus ad-
 hærent.

Continuatio.

Arrival of ³ Cum ergo inde recessissent, et Londonias pervenis-
 the insur- sent, mox villani, Abbathiæ famulos relinquentes, ad
 gents from malignitatis se ⁴ commenta converterunt. Adeuntes
 Saint Al-

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 458.

² Omitted in the text, but supplied from Walsingham's *Hist.*

Angl., Vol. I. p. 458.

³ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 467.

⁴ *comentu* in MS.

autem ecclesiam Sanctæ Mariæ de ¹ Arcubus, quæ sita est Londoniis, ibidem tractare cœperunt de ancillatione Monasterii, et quomodo ea, quæ diu ² inter eos secrete voluerant, perducere possent ad effectum; ut, videlicet, novis gauderent bondis circa villam, in quibus libere sua pascere animalia, et piscationem sine calumnia in certis obtinerent locis, necnon venationes et aucupationes iterum haberent in certis locis, et pro suæ voluntatis arbitrio molas erigerent manuales ubicunque placeret; et ut ballivus libertatis nihil interponeret infra villæ limites, et obligationes reposcerent, quas fecerant quondam parentes eorum piæ memoriæ Abbati Ricardo de Walingforde, et alias chartas, si quæ forent, illis præjudiciales; omnia quoque, breviter præscribendo, munimenta in Abbathia, vel illis firmamento vel Monasterio detrimento.

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ban's in
London;
and ac-
count of
their de-
signs
against the
Abbey.

Et ut ³ celerius optatum consequerentur effectum, quidam laudaverunt Walterum Tyler adeundum, ducem ribaldorum et rusticorum de Cantia, ut, accepta ab eo potestate, (quia nunquam putaverunt majorem in regno futurum, nec leges terræ de cætero valituras, eo quod jam maxima pars juridicorum perempta fuerat, et reliqua, juxta æstimationem ipsorum, fuerat perimenda,) domum redirent, et strictis conditionibus expeterent quæ volebant: ut, videlicet, si Abbas decerneret negandum esse quod peterent, mox incendium comminarentur domui, et mortem monachis, necnon postremo totius monasterii demolitionem, ita ut in eo non relinqueretur lapis super lapidem.

They pro-
pose to
consult
Walter
Tyler, in
reference
to their
designs.

Alii vero asserebant esse securius ad eundum Regis præsentiam, quæ tunc nulli neganda fuit, et ab eo esse petendam litteram, sub Privato Sigillo, Abbati dirigendam; ut, videlicet, Abbas eis redderet libertates et jura, quæ patres et antecessores eorum

Also, to
demand the
King's
sanction,
by letter
under the
Privy Seal.

¹ *Archubus* in MS.

² *Walsingham, Hist. Angl., Vol.*

I. p. 467.

³ *scelerius* in MS.

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 Henrici Regis temporibus habuerunt. Laudatum est utrumque consilium, et tam Regem pro littera Abbati dirigenda, quam Walterum pro mittendis, si necesse foret, in subsidium eorum et loci destructione, ganeonibus, adierunt.

William Gryndecobbe obtains a promise of the letter from the King.
 Willelmus Gryndecobbe, qui plura debebat Monasterio, tum quia educatus, nutritus, et exhibitus, ibidem fuerat, tum propter propinquitatem monachorum, qui ejus consanguinei fuerant, et pro tunc fuerunt, maximus prosecutor istorum negotiorum extitit penes Regem; ita ut sexta vice coram turba Regi genua flecteret pro dicta littera, quam obtinuit, obtinenda. Ipse etiam in primis prolocutor principalis pro istis negotiis ipsi Waltero, ¹ idolo rusticorum. Fuerunt ² tamen quamplures alii coadjutores malitiæ penes ipsum, qui in tantum Abbatem et Priorem, et quosdam e monachis, depravarunt de injusta dominatione in suos rusticos, de oppressione communium, de retentione stipendiorum pauperum et servientium, ut commoverent ipsum Walterum, quanquam non fuisset propositi sui recedere de Londoniis, nec quemquam a se de suis sequacibus mittere, ad promittendum eis adventum suum ad radendum barbas Abbatis et Prioris, et cæterorum monachorum; ³ id est, ad decapitandum eos, cum numero viginti millium, si necesse foret, vel si ducerent mittendum esse pro ipso; ita duntaxat, ut ipsi in omnibus mandatis ejus parerent, et nihil præterirent de universis quæ mandaret. Et dedit eis mandata quæ facerent mox post eorum adventum ad propria, sicuti dederat universis et singulis qui de eo recesserant, vel recessuri erant, sub affirmatione juramenti, quod nihil præterirent intactum de ejus jussionibus et doctrina; quæ in sequentibus edocemus.

Hac ergo accepta securitate, domum redire dis-

¹ *ydolo* in MS.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol.

I. p. 469.

³ *i.* in MS.

Tyler promises them his assistance, and threatens death to the Abbot and monks.

ponunt. Prævenit tamen eorum adventum quidam de famulis Abbathie, cursu equorum velocissimo, et mortuum nunciavit Archiepiscopum, mortuum Thesaurarium, mortuos quamplures alios, et nullam inesse communibus misericordiam aut gratiam, sed quoscunque odirent sine pietate trucidare; decollandum fore Priorem, et alios certos monachos periculo subiacere, si vim et adventum communium expectarent.

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News of the recent events in London is brought to the Abbey.

Fugit ergo Prior, et cum eo quatuor monachi, alii quoque familiares Monasterii nonnulli, et per longa itinera, per magnaque pericula, quidam e monachis equis ¹ vecti, quidam pedibus, ad Tynemutham tandem trepidi pervenerunt. Villani vero, non diu post recessum Prioris, ut dicitur, redierunt; sed ante omnes, Wilhelmus Gryndecobbe et Willelmus Cadyndone, pistor, festinarunt, ut ipsi saltem aliquid fecisse viderentur ante adventum sociorum. Cupiebant revera specialius aliquid ² illis ascribi posse præ cæteris, ut magni postea haberentur. Hii igitur, in adventu illorum, nunciaverunt cuncta sibi prospere evenisse, de cætero non servos, sicut hactenus, sed dominos, futuros esse, de magnis ³ [et] mirabilibus negotiis contra Abbathiam expedisse. Et ideo in primis, ad diffiduciandum Abbatem, faldas quas fecerat in ⁴ Fawntone Wode, et sylvis aliis, esse frangendas ipsa nocte, et portas de ⁴ Ewode et aliis sylvis quantocius excidendas; domum quoque Subcellerarii, quæ ex adverso stratæ stabat, ubi pisces venduntur, quia videbatur aspectui burgensium impedire, et nobilitatem civium prægravare,—sic enim se jam vocabant,—omnibus viis et modis illico diruendam. Nec mora, stulti, stultorum ⁵ consentientes assertionibus, ipsa nocte ante quietem universa, ut præmittitur,

The Prior and other monks of the Abbey take to flight.

Gryndecobbe and another return to Saint Alban's, and make public their designs.

¹ vectis in MS.

² illi in MS.

³ Inserted from Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. pp. 469, 470.

⁴ Fawconewode and Eywode in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 470.

⁵ consensientes in MS.

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Es hic finis diei Veneris apud Sanctum Albanum, et initium malorum subsequentiū, quæ pro parte in proximo Capitu'o ²[perorabo], distinguendo jam diem Sabbati a die Veneris, ut posteris facti notitia melius nota fiat.

These the events of the Friday of the insurrection at Saint Alban's.

Continuatio materiæ ³prænotatæ.

The people of Saint Alban's are summoned, under threats, to meet at Fawntone Wode. Igitur die Sabbati mane surgentes ⁴villici de Sancto Albano, tractaturi de hiis quæ ⁵perpetrata fuerant villani cum pompa magna egrediuntur ad Fawnton Wode; facta prius proclamatione, ne aliquis domi remaneat, qui arma ferre prævalet; sed omnes et singuli, statim sequentes, egrediantur cum armis et utensilibus quibus se melius defendere poterant, vel sciebant, sub poena decapitationis; et nihilominus, si domum haberet propriam, dejectionis domus suæ, et amissionis omnium bonorum inibi repertorum. Gravis interminatio ⁶benевolos et malevolos coegit accurrere, et accuratius subsequi incentores nequitia, Willelmum Gryndecobbe, cujus nomen ante præmisimus, et Willelmum Cadyn-done, et alios quos superscedeo numerare.

The folds there are destroyed. Ventum est ad locum præfixum cum turba multa; habitum et diffinitum est consilium quid peterent, quid facerent, quid minarentur. Consultum est de faldis in sylvis, de sylvarum portis, ut primo, si quid pridem fuerit relictum eis integrum, ut ita mox contereretur, ne ullis usibus de cætero foret aptum: secutum est opus malitiosum, consilium impium, et factum est ita.

¹ excissione in MS.

² Supplied from Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 470.

³ pretitulati in MS.

⁴ Sic in MS., probably intended

for "villani."

⁵ perpetrati in MS.

⁶ benolos et malos in the text; but altered in the margin.

¹ Deinde, cum eadem turba regrediuntur ad villam, ubi jam expectabant eorum reditum de villis circumjacentibus et dominio Monasterii rustici, et communes qui per eos, non inviti, citati convenerant, duo millia, vel amplius, ribaldorum. Dederant namque in mandatis hominibus villarum de libertate Sancti Albani, ut, omni excusatione postposita, et sub poena præmissa, concurrerent simul et semel, petituri et habituri libertates quascunque petere decrevissent, et ut nullum permetterent generosum domi residere, sed omnes secum ducerent in auxilium eorundem. Nolentes vero cum eis communiter pergere, et fidem eis facere, decollarent, et eorum habitacula diruerent aut conflagrarent: sic enim docendo præceperat eis Walterus Tylere, dominus et magister ipsorum. Cumque vidissent turbam quæ convenerat ipsorum jussu, mag-nos se reputantes, non modica confortati sunt, et elevatum est cor eorum; moxque jungentes dexteras, fidem acceperunt ab invicem, et dederunt ² seisinam waren-næ et communium boscorum et camporum in boscis et campis Eleemosynarii de Sopwelle Bury per ramos arborum. Ceperunt quemdam cuniculum vivum, inter eos in plano campi per multitudinem populi vi cap-tum, et in quadam hasta coram se ferri statuerunt, et super collistrigium in villa Sancti Albani, in sig-num libertatis et warennæ sic adeptæ, defixerunt; unde, quia libertates Eleemosynariæ, quod est patri-monium Christi, infringere primitus tentaverunt, per campos ejusdem tracti, et per ligna boscorum ejus-dem, eorum demeritis exigentibus, ut infra dicetur, merito sunt suspensi. Deinde cum superbia magna ad portas Monasterii properarunt, demonstraturi quan-tam potestatem adepti fuerant de Waltero prædicto.

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A great
multitude
of ipsur-
gents is
collected
at Saint
Alban's.

They for-
mally give
seisin of the
Abbey's
property.

They fasten
a rabbit
upon the
pillory.

The offend-
ers are
afterwards
drawn
through
the same
fields, and
hanged.

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 471.

² From this word down to "*sunt*"

"*suspensi*," the context is omitted in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 471.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. Cum itaque pervenissent ad portas, quæ eis apertæ fuerunt, carcerem a janitore illis ¹reserari cum indicibili fastu jusserunt. Qui non ignarus de illorum proposito, quid, videlicet, præcepturi fuerant, quidve facturi,—nam Abbas per quosdam de villanis, quorum tetigerat Deus corda, occulte de omnibus edoctus fuerat, et quid facturus esset janitor, edocuerat,—confestim ostia carceris reseravit. Ingressi ergo cunctos vinctos eduxerunt, et liberos abire jusserunt; ita duntaxat, ut communitati fidem de cætero deberent, et gratiam, et eis inseparabiliter adhærerent. Quemdam autem, quem morte dignum judicabant, inter alios extractum de carcere, ipsi, judices effecti, et carnifices, decollaverunt in larga terra ante januas Abbathiæ; et caput, cum clamore diabolico, quem Londoniis didicerant in decollatione Archiepiscopi, deferentes ad collistrigium, in sublime fixerunt, ut cunctis patesceret eos novis uti posse legibus, novis fultos esse privilegiis. Non multo post illud factum, venerunt et villani de Barnet, villani de ²Sancto Albano fœderati, ad ³supplendum pravorum numerum, et ipsi venientes simili mente contra Abbathiam.

They cause the prison to be opened, and release the prisoners.

One of the prisoners executed by them.

They are joined by the insurgents from Barnet.

Richard de Walingforde arrives from London, with the letter written by the King for the villeins of Saint Alban's.

Circa horam diei tertiam, cursu velocissimo equi sui vectus, venit de Londoniis Ricardus de Walingforde, maximus villanorum Sancti Albani, qui ibidem remanserat pro littera deferenda, pro qua supra retulimus Willelmum Gryndecobbe Regi totiens supplicasse; deferens ante eum vexillum, sive pencellum, displicatum, de armis Sancti Georgii, juxta morem illorum qui Londoniis tot scelera perpetrarunt. Hujus adventum cum cognovissent villani, assumpta statim cum eis turba communium patriæ et rusticorum, quæ, ut diximus, citata per eosdem advenerat, obviam occurrunt eidem ad largam terram; ubi descendens equo suo, et

¹ *aperiri* in the margin.

I. p. 472.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol.³ *supplendum* in MS.

figens standardum suum, jussit ut omnis populus, velut fit in bello, adhæreretur standardo. Et post modicum temporis spatium, quod indulsit colloquio et consilio villanorum de habendo tractatu cum Abbate, præcepit communi plebi cum standardo stare, et eorum ¹reditum ibidem expectare; donec, videlicet, responsum certum obtinerent, quid Abbas decerneret faciendum de petitionibus ei ex parte populi porrigendis. Ingressus est igitur in ecclesiam ipse, et plures de majoribus, et illico pro Abbate missum est ²in cameram, ut veniret, et communibus responderet. Ita enim tunc temporis gloriabantur eo nomine, ut nullum ³censerent nomen honorabilius nomine "communitatis," nec quemquam de cætero reputaturi fuerunt dominum, juxta æstimationem suam stolidam, nisi Regem solummodo et ⁴communes.

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Abbas vero, qui jamdudum citius mori decreverat pro libertate tuenda Monasterii, quam quicquam facere quod ecclesiæ suæ cederet præjudicio, pulsatus suorum monachorum precibus, monitionibus, et assertionibus, qui dicebant nihil prævalere Monasterio mortem suam in hac causa, etsi omnino mori decerneret, cum irrationabile vulgus firmiter proposuisset vel obtinere petenda, vel illum et monachos suos morti tradere, Monasteriumque cremare, tandem victus, descendit ad eos. Qui cum venisset in ecclesiam, post brevem salutationem, Ricardus de Walyngforde porrexerat eidem ⁵litteram regiam, quam nuper Willelmus Gryndecobbe non tam obtinuit, quam extorsit, a Rege, sicut prædiximus: cujus tenor talis est.—

Determina-
tion of the
Abbot not
to yield.

He at
length
allows the
letter to be
presented
to him.

¹ *redditum* in MS.

² These two words are not in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 472.

³ *censerant* in MS.

⁴ *comunes* in MS.

⁵ *breve regium, quod*, in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 472.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. *Littera regia pro restitutione libertatum villanorum Sancti Albani.*

Tenor of the said letter, A.D. 1381.

“ Trecher en Dieu.—A la peticion de nos amez liges de la
 “ ville de Seint Alban, nous volons et mandons que certaines
 “ chartres, esteantz en vostre garde, faitz par nostre progeni-
 “ tour, le Roy Henry, a les burgeis et bones gentz de la dite
 “ ville, de oommune, et de pasture, et de pesoherie, et de
 “ certaines autres comodites, expresses en mesmes les chartres,
 “ a ceo qils diont, faoetz liverer as dites burgeys et bones
 “ genntz, ceo que lei et reson le requeront; par ensi qils neient
 “ matiere de pleindre desore a nous pur cele cause. Donez
 “ soutz nostre Signet, a Londres, le quinzime jour de Juyn,
 “ lan de nostre regne quarte.”

[TRANSLATION.]

“ Very dear in God.—At the petition of our beloved lieges
 “ of the town of Saint Alban's, we do will and command that
 “ certain charters, being in your keeping, made by our pro-
 “ genitor, King Henry, unto the burgesses and good folks of
 “ the said town, of common, and of pasture, and of piscary,
 “ and of certain other advantages, expressed in the same
 “ charters, as they say, you do cause to be delivered unto the
 “ said burgesses and good folks, the which law and right
 “ require; that so they may have no ground for making
 “ plaint from henceforth unto us for such reason. Given
 “ under our Signet, at London, the fifteenth day of June,
 “ in the fourth year of our reign.”

Continuatio processus materiae prænotati.

The Abbot
 expostu-
 lates with
 the insur-
 gents as to
 the con-
 tents of the
 letter.

Dominus autem Abbas, recepta cum reverentia debita
 et perlecta littera, informare nitebatur et commonere
 eos, qualiter omnia talia per placita fuerunt suorum
 patrum temporibus terminata, et exinde recordum esse
 apud Westmonasterium in rotulis regis; unde juxta
 leges regni, antiquitus usitatas, asseruit eos nullum jus
 vel clameum habere debere in omnibus quæ petebant.

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 478.

Ricardus de Walyngforde, omnium prolocutor, respondit ad hæc, dicens communes jam pro tempore dominari, leges penitus non curare, nec rationes tales velle vel expectare vel acceptare.—“Quare consulo,” inquit, “vos, et hortor, ne quovismodo¹ communitatem exasperare tentetis; quæ nullatenus est sedanda, donec cuncta quæ mente conceperant² uno modo vel alio nanciscantur.” Cumque nondum adquiesceret Abbas, sed rationes et allegationes pro se plures faceret, quare non deberet petita concedere, idem Ricardus, cum majoribus villæ qui affuerunt isto colloquio, ³subintulerunt;—“Considerate,” inquit, “ad millia populi ante fores Monasterii festinum responsum præstolantis, qui in nos proculdubio suum furorem convertent, si diutius immorati fuerimus pro hac causa; aut enim decreverunt obtinere petita repente, aut pro Waltero Tylere nuncios mittere, ut cum viginti milibus veniat, in subversionem loci istius, et periculum capitum monachorum.”

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Richard de
Walyng-
forde warns
the Abbot
not to
delay.

Abbas vero, tactus dolore cordis intrinsecus, cum audisset talia, dixit eis;—“Heu! heu!” inquit, “boni proximi, jam triginta duo anni sunt ex quo Abbas et pater vester extiti, et nunquam vos infestavi vel contristavi; sed quotiens in tribulatione fuistis, et angustia, laboravi vestris necessitatibus et miseriis depellendis; et vos me omnino subvertere nitimini, intimum amicum vestrum, et placidum dominum, sine causa.” Cui illi,—“Fatemur,” inquit, “vos et æquum et placidum nobis fuisse dominum, et ³idcirco nequaquam proposuimus in diebus vestris vos pro causa hujusce modi molestasse. Expectavimus siquidem diem mortis vestræ, ut post fata vestra de successore vestro in hac causa triumphassemus: sed jam nihil vobis et

The Abbot
again ex-
postulates.

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 474.

² Sic in MS., in the plural.

³ *idcirco* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. "nobis superest, nisi ut vos, pro periculo devitando, "celerius adquiescatis; et nos, ne mora nobis etiam "vitæ periculum generet, ad communes cum uno "responso vel alio revertamur."

The Abbot at length yields to their demands.

Abbas igitur, libratis pericula quæ incumbabant, ad devitandum magis malum, minus malum elegit incur-rere, et concessit eisdem universa quæ petere voluerunt. Cernentes ¹idcirco villani jam tempus suæ malitiæ ar-ridere, mox petitiones, ut præmisimus, specificant, postu-lantes novas chartas illis fieri libertatum, et obligationes, quas fecerant patres eorum Monasterio, ipsis protinus redonari. Nec mora; cupiens Abbas eorum importu-nitate carere, tradi jussit obligationes quæ petebantur, factururus chartas pro illorum arbitrio de quibuscunque libertatibus voluissent. Igitur mox obligationes, cum quibusdam domus munimentis et rotulis, quas extor-serant ab Archidiacono, quia nec jura civilia nec cano-nica de cætero frequentare cogitaverant, in foro villæ, juxta Crucem, flammis consumpserunt.

Bonds and other Abbey muniments are delivered to the multitude, and burnt.

An ancient Charter of liberties is demanded to be sur-rendered; which is not known to exist.

Sed ista sufficere non valebant indisciplinato populo, quin ²quamdam chartam antiquam reposcerent de liber-tatibus villanorum, cujus litteræ capitales fuerunt, de auro una, altera de ³azorio, sine qua non posse sa-tisfieri votis populi asserebant. Abbas autem affirmavit se nullam talem chartam scire, nec quidem de illa au-disse perante; sed contentos eos esse rogavit ad præ-sens, quod omnia obtinuerant ab eo quæ potuit conferre eis, et nihil negaverat quod duxerant postulandum; velle se chartam inter munimenta requirere, si uspiam inveniri posset, et eis sine fraude resignare, tantum jam quiescerent a furore.

Itur ergo a majoribus de ecclesia ad minores: renun-ciatur eisdem Abbatis responsum; renunciatur omnia adepturos firmamento sigillorum Abbatis et Conventus

¹ idcirco in MS.

| I. p. 475.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. | ³ azorio by mistake in MS.

post Nonam; quiescere debere ad tempus illud. ¹ Quibus dicta communitas credere noluit, quousque Dominus Abbas illud idem in propatulo in propria sua persona in Le Romeland, ante Occidentalem partem dictæ ecclesiæ dicti monasterii, et in crastino in pulpito, in medio ecclesiæ ad hoc posito, illud idem dictæ communitati promississet, et chartas inde confectas juxta eorum arbitrium deliberasset. Tamen interim ribaldi, cum instrumentis claustrum ingredientes, de locutorio forinseco lapides molares, qui in pavimento ostii locutorii, in munimentum et memoriam antiqui placiti inter villanos et Monasterium ² tempore quondam Abbatis Ricardi, locati fuerant, levaverunt, asportaverunt, et ad communes detulerunt, et ibidem minutatim confregerunt, dantes partem cuique, ut panis benedictus Dominicis diebus partiri et conferri in ecclesiis parochialibus consuevit; ut, videlicet, videntes easdem particulas, apud se recognoscerent sese olim in ea causa de Monasterio vindicasse.

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Other excesses committed by the multitude, within the precincts of the Abbey.

Indultum est spatium prandio monachorum, sed quod non proficeret manducantibus, quoniam a facie mceroris et angoris, tristitiæ et pavoris, ³ cibabantur pane lacrymarum, et panem utique doloris manducabant, et potus eorum fletibus miscebatur. Quis enim sanus, sapiens, pro tunc lamentari non debuit, videns mutatum rerum ordinem, servos, versa vice, dominis imperare, in tantum ut ubique vita et mors essent in manibus rusticorum, qui dominari nesciunt, misereri nolunt? Quis temperaret a fletibus, cernens nobile ⁴ caput regni, urbem dico Londoniarum, perditam per diem et noctem integram, et communium voluntati subjectam? Quis non

Reflections upon this lamentable state of things.

¹ From this word down to "*dehberasset*," the context is omitted in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 475.

² Omitted in the text, but sup-

plied in the margin, in another hand.

³ In allusion to *Psalm lxxx. 5.*

⁴ *caput* in MS.

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expavesceret, cum ipsum caput cleri dignissimum a vilissimæ conditionis hominibus obtruncatum audiret; Archiepiscopum, scilicet, in medio regni tam crudeliter interfectum, et regni Thesaurarium cum eo pariter decollatum? Quis non doluisset Regem Angliæ, et nobilitate et dignitate cunctis mundi regibus præferendum, in tantum a servis artari, ut nihil præter eos facere prævaleret; et ipsam nobilem et approbatam regni militiam in conspectu silere rusticorum, et eorum sequi per omnia voluntatem?

Danger of
destruction
to the
Monastery.

¹ Novissime, ut ad Sanctum Albanum redeamus.— Quanta tristitia putandum est fuisse repleta corda monachorum, qui videbant illud celebre monasterium jam vel constare suorum indulgentia nativorum, qui nec indulgere sciunt, nec amare dominos, vel ipsorum furore et iracundia conflagrandum?

The insurgents
return to
the Abbey,
for the
promised
Charter of
liberties.

Talibus ergo ferculis ministrabatur monachis eo die, donec tempus advenit post Nonam, quo villani pro charta libertatis obtinenda venerunt. Venientibus autem illis, convenit ad portam Monasterii turba copiosa, amplius quam duo millia nebulonum; qui omnes una voce, una mente, firmarunt, vel Portam Magnam illico diruendam, vel chartas burgensibus esse tradendas.

The Abbot
is com-
pelled to
allow them
to draw up
the Charter
for them-
selves.

Fecerat autem Dominus Abbas fieri quamdam chartam secundum petitionem eorum, et misit ut legerent eam in concione villanorum; et si dignarentur eam acceptare, paratus erat ad confirmandum eam roboramine sigillorum Abbatis et Conventus. Sed non potuit placere eis, quod ipsi non conceperant; sed cum magna superbia miserunt Abbati per quemdam armigerorum ipsius, ut destinaret eis suum clericum cum incausto et pergameno; ut quod ipsi decernerent, ipse scriberet, et exposit Abbas et Conventus apponerent sigilla sua. Abbas vero renunciavit eisdem se confirmaturum universa quæ vellent, ut tantum de cætero forent amici,

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 476.

et desisterent ab inceptis. Sed postquam et clericum habuissent et chartam confecissent, juxta vota sua confirmandam et sigillandam, non tamen satisfactum est eis; sed dixerunt quamdam superesse chartam in Monasterio libertatum suarum antiquarum, quam juraverunt eis esse reddendam, vel Monasterium diruendum. Abbas autem bonos et honoratos armigeros patriæ misit ad eos, qui renunciarent eum velle, si cuperent, in crastino coram eis Missam celebrare, et super Sacramentum, quod sumpturus erat, cum omnibus suis monachis, vel quos ipsi ducerent adhibendos, juramento firmare, se nullam talem chartam penes eos scienter retinere.

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A fresh demand is made, for the ancient Charter of liberties.

Sed nec sic quidem poterant mitigari: aut omnino recepturi erant quod haberi non poterat, aut in prima sententia permansuri. Abbas ergo quid faceret, quem angustiae premebant undique, et dolores nimis affligebant? Remisit ergo eosdem viros quos ante miserat, qui nunciarent eis Abbatem in omnibus¹ voluntati suæ velle parere; eos quoddam impossibile exigere; rogare ut condescenderent rationi, et, ex quo talis charta non potuit inveniri, componerent ipsi chartam quibuscunque vellent libertatibus aut conditionibus exaratam, de temporibus Henrici Regis, et Abbatis qui tunc supererat, annotandam; et sigillis protinus firmaretur. Sed adhuc ita non potuit satisfieri ganeonibus, affirmantibus se nulli juramento fidem daturos, velle chartam irrecuperabilem recuperare, aut Monasterium ignibus concremare.

The Abbot makes them a fresh offer in substitution for it; as it cannot be found.

Tandem, Deo volente, quia plura damna illaturi erant suis proximis, et non poterant vacare destructioni Monasterii simul et proximorum detrimento, conventum est ut, more treugarum, Abbathia gauderet indemnitate² usque in crastinum, ad horam nonam; tunc

Their demand is postponed until the morrow.

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 477.

² Repeated in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. proculdubio subitura dispendium, nisi charta præfata, quæ non habebatur, communibus exhiberetur. Nihilominus rustici et nativi Abbatis et Conventus, simul cum ¹communibus patriæ, et quibusdam de villanis, ad

Certain of the insurgents propose to destroy the Great Gate. numerum mille quingentorum hominum omnis conditionis, persistentes ante Magnam Portam, instigante sola malitia, totum ædificium portæ destruere se velle dicebant, si quisquam vellet percutere primum ictum.

They are abundantly supplied with bread and ale. In tantum enim nativi Monasterii infesti fuere suis dominis, ut quamvis concederentur eis chartæ libertatis, potius destruere Monasterium cuperent, quam chartas obtinere præfatas. Mittebatur eis ²cervisia ³abundanter, cum panibus in magnis cuvis, ad portam, ut quilibet biberet et tolleret quod volebat, ut vel sic pro benevolentia ostensa conquiescerent.

One of the principal townsmen expostulates with them. Sed nihil hæc omnia profecerunt, donec quidam de majoribus villæ veniret, et periculo se objectaret inter illos, conscientia ad hoc inductus. Hic ergo cum venisset, satis caute compescuit eos, dicens;—"Vos," inquit, "ribaldi, quid facitis? Quid moli mini? Nunquid vos intenditis dare primum ictum in prostratione hujus ædificii, qui estis extranei vel adventitii? Et non nos potius, qui sumus burgenses et liberi hujus villæ? Quiescite ab hiis cœptis, et burgenses ⁴sequimini; et quid ipsi deerunt facere, faciatis; ipsi enim vos ducent, et adducent ad loca diruenda, vel certa facienda."

Devastation committed at Saint Alban's. Hoc ⁵commento fecit eos a porta recedere, et ad aliam congregationem similium ribaldorum, quæ in villa fuerat, properare; ubi quicquid restabat temporis ⁶illius diei, consumpserunt in dejectione domorum, in confractione utensilium, vel rerum inventarum in eis-

¹ *comunibus* in MS.

² *servisia* in MS.

³ *habundanter* in MS.

⁴ *sequini* in MS.

⁵ *comento* in MS.

⁶ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 478.

dem, secundum quod didicerant Londoniis a Waltero præfato.

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Præsumperunt insuper, sub vexillo regio displicato, proclamationes facere de vigiliis locandis circa villam in numero copioso, (ne forte venirent armati in adiutorium Abbathis, et occuparent incautos de semitis observandis, et viis circa fluvium et Sanctum Germanum,) ne ullus exiret ibidem monachus, vel intraret; et si ibi aliquis apprehendi valeret, vel decollaretur vel usque in crastinum secunda custodia servaretur; unde contigit plus quam centum illas observare partes, ut si forte Prior Monasterii, vel qui cum eo recesserant, reversi fuissent per illam viam inter ribaldos, decollati fuissent. Proclamarunt etiam, ut si cuiquam deberetur pro mercede vel stipendio, ulla ¹ pecunia, de Abbate, Priore, vel monachis cæteris, veniret in crastino petiturus; et burgenses villæ Sancti Albani satisfacere curarent de bonis Monasterii, quantum sufficere possent ipsa bona cuilibet sic petere volenti. Pluraque magisteria præsumperunt, quæ nimis longum esset per singula numerare.

The insurgents at Saint Alban's issue a proclamation.

Dum ergo illi circa talia satis inutiliter occuparentur, intravit quidam cum gladio et parma penticium Abbatis, audacter petens centum marcas ab Abbate donari sibi; vel certe mox, congregata familia impia, ignem immitteret in grangiam Sancti Petri et manerium de Kyngesbury, quæ sunt sita prope villam. Fuerat nempe quondam firmarius manerii de Kyngesbury, et cum deberet ² pecuniæ magnam summam Conventui, et non haberet unde redderet, fugam latenter arripuit, legum censuram timens. Jam ergo reversus, affirmavit se timore Prioris, qui eum pro eadem ¹ pecunia persecuturus fuerat, non fugam inisse, sed ad amicos transisse, qui ei succurrissent de tanta ¹ pecunia, quanquam injuste, solvenda; et modo se

A sum of money is extorted from the Abbot by the former farmer of Kyngesbury.

¹ pecunia in MS.

| ² pecunie in MS

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petere tantam summam pro damnis illatis sibi ratione subitæ transitionis de manerio; quæ quidem damna dixit se incurrisse per Priorem, cui nihil, omnibus¹ computatis, debuerat, sed cui debebantur centum marcæ de terminis quibus occupavit manerium supra-dictum; velle sibi satisfieri jam de præfata summa, quia tempus eam recuperandi arriserat, vel certe prædicta loca dare flammis. Habebat namque, ut asseruit, duo millia communium prope loca; cui nisi Abbas citius satisfaceret, adustione locorum ejus injurias vindicaret. Quid multa? Nulla in tantis turbinibus alia restabat via, nisi ut Abbas satisfaceret suæ petitioni fraudulentæ; tamen pulsatus ribaldus multorum precibus, de centum marcis recepit viginti libras, et abiit, jurans se malle quam totam illam² pecuniam Prioris habere personam, ut suas injurias in ejus capite valeret ulcisci; qui nihil utique unquam sibi injuriatus fuerat, sed potius eum foverat, et in multis adjuverat, donec sensit aperte ipsum fuisse damnosum Monasterio, et inutilem debitorem. Hiis et multis similibus damnis, injuriis, et terroribus,³ afficiebantur Abbas et monachi eo die.

Qualiter humiliabantur villani Sancti Albani post mortem Walteri Tylere.

The monks
contem-
plate
taking to
flight.

Pertransita nocte mœroris, in qua monachi constituti fuere in maxima perplexitate, quid agendum foret de conditione proposita per villanos nisi charta redderetur, quæ non potuit reperiri, et in qua fere cuncti consilium fecerant fugiendi, propter malitiam villanorum, qui occasiones quærebant destruendi Mo-

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 479.

² peccuniam in MS.

³ afficiebatur in MS.

nasterium per talem impossibilem conditionem propositam; cœpit illucescere dies Dominicus, in qua et arrideret favorabilius divina consolatio pavore depressis, mœrore confectis.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Nempe supercilium villanorum repente humiliatum est, et superbia hesternæ hodie concidit insperate. Rumores utique, illis plurimum displicentes, ¹spargebantur de morte turpissima fœdæ memoriæ ganeonis, sæpe dicti Walteri Tylere, ipsorum magistri; quod occisus fuerat coram Rege, et quod ²communitas Londoniarum confluerat copiosa ad succurrendum Regi, et unanimiter resistendum ³communibus de Kancia et Essexia, aliisque nitentibus se levare contra Regem. Venerat insuper summo mane quidam ex Regis militibus, qui proclamari fecit pacem ex parte Regis, ut omnes ligei Regis, sub forisfactura vitæ et membrorum, conquiescerent ab hac ⁴hora.

News of
the death
of Walter
Tylere
reaches
Saint
Alban's.

Dominus quoque Rex misit præterea chartam protectoriam Abbati, pro Monasterio, et omnibus locis eidem pertinentibus, in hæc verba.—

Littera protectoria Regis, pro Abbate et quietu Sancti Albani generaliter directæ.

“ Richard, par la grace Dieux, Roi d'Engleterre et de France, et Seignour d'Irland, a touz nos liegez et communes del Countee de Hertford, et de touz autres Countes adjonantz et prochains.—Nous vous prions, chargeons, et comandons, *Letter of protection, granted by the King to the Abbey of Saint Alban's.*

[TRANSLATION.]

“ Richard, by the grace of God, King of England and of France, and Lord of Ireland, to all our lieges and commons of the County of Hertford, and of all other Counties adjoining and near thereto.—We do pray you, charge, and

¹ *spergebantur* in MS.

² *comunitas* in MS.

³ *comunibus* in MS.

⁴ *Walsingham Hist. Angl.* Vol. I., p. 480.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. " le plus estrement que nous poons, et sur la foy et ligeance
 " que vous nous devetz, que a nostre treschier en Dieu l'Abbe
 " de Seint Auban, ne a nostre meson et monastier de dit
 " lieu, (quest de nostre patronage,) ne a nulle de gentz,
 " moignes, ne autres, ne a nulle dez biens, deinz le dit
 " monastier, et lenclos dicelle, et en queconques autres
 " places de dite Abbeie esteianz, ou a li et a les siens
 " apertenantz, vous ne facez, ne soeffrez estre fait, en tant
 " come en vous est, asqun gref, damage, ne moleste que-
 " comqe, en cors ne biens, en queconqe manere. Kar si le
 " dit Abbe ou ascun de siens eit mespris denver vous, nous
 " mesmes de li ferons de redresser, et 'amender, sicom
 " reson vodra. Et ceste nostre mandement pernez si a cuer,
 " que nous vous en doions saver gre sur tout lamour et loialte
 " que vous portez a nous. Done soutz nostre Graunt Seal, a
 " nostre oite de Londres, le quinzime jour de Juin, lan du
 " nostre regne quarto."

" command, the most strictly that we may, and upon the
 " faith and allegiance which unto us you owe, that you do
 " not, nor suffer to be done, so far as in you lies, any
 " grievance, damage, or molestation whatsoever, in body or
 " goods, in any manner whatsoever, unto our very dear in
 " God, the Abbot of Saint Alban's, or unto our house and
 " Monastery of the said place, (which is of our patronage,)
 " or unto any of the people, monks or others, or unto any
 " of the goods, within the said monastery, and the enclosure
 " thereof, and in any other places whatsoever of the said
 " Abbey being, or unto it and to its appurtenances. For if the
 " said Abbot or any of his people has offended as towards
 " you, we ourselves will make him give redress for the
 " same, and make amends, as right shall demand. And this
 " our command take so to heart, that it may behove us to
 " congratulate you upon all the love and loyalty that unto us
 " you bear. Given under our Great Seal, at our city of
 " London, the fifteenth day of June, the fourth year of our
 " reign."

¹ amonder in MS.

Continuatio processus materiæ et malitiæ prænotatæ.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

¹Oppidani tamen de Sancto Albano, cum hæc omnia comperissent, et nova frequenti relatione suis votis contraria percepissent, adhuc insensati et sine ratione libertates quidem expetere decreverunt, ipso die Dominico, dum adesset turba quæ ipsorum jussu citata fuerat, sub forma prænotata, de villis de Lutona, de Watford, de Barnet, de Rikemereworth, de Trengre, et aliis circumjacentibus vicis et villis; ne viderentur ab hiis, quos tanto fastu vocaverant, nimis faciliter fuisse terri, vel regiis mandatis et monitionibus paruisse. Nihil enim futurum prævidentes, sed omnia præsentia solummodo considerantes, desideria cordis eorum sine ulla in posterum revocatione implenda putabant.

The insur-
gents at
Saint
Alban's
still persist
in their
demands.

Quapropter, parvipendentes chartam regiam, quæ pacem obtulit cessantibus ab injustis levationibus et ²extortionibus a die Veneris et deinceps, necnon pericula et damna, quæ eos manebant in posterum pro hujusmodi insurrectionibus eturbationibus, convenerunt cum turba multa mane prima Sabbati, hoc est, Dominica, ut ea quæ hesterno petierant, hodierno plenius recuperarent. Non tamen tam turbulente, tam immodeste, sicut prius; sed, pacem et tranquillitatem simulant, petebant chartas præfatas, benevolentiam promittentes ex hiis inter villanos et monachos orituram, et in perpetuum duraturam; non attendentes quod quia—

In so doing,
they shew
more mode-
ration.

“De male quæsitis vix gaudet tertius hæres,

“Nec habet eventus sordida præda bonos.”

Utque omnia hæc tutius agere viderentur, et majori velamine obumbrarent, chartam de forisfacturæ remissione, quam quidam ex ipsis a Rege pro Comitatu

They conceal the
King's
Charter of
provisional
pardon.

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 481.

² *extorsionibus* in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Hertfordiæ die præcedente obtinuerant et attulerant, quæ, ut prædiximus, ¹conditionaliter remissionem et gratiam, et manumissionem, promisit ²communibus, occultare et reticere statuerunt, donec ea quæ petitori erant de Abbate, per fas aut nefas consequi potuissent; ut, videlicet, si eis adversitas ulla pro hiis in posterum oriretur, excusationem scrupulosam possent prætere, se, scilicet, ante divulgationem chartæ præfatæ hæc petisse et obtinuisse; tanquam noluisse scienter contravenisse mandatis regiis, cum aperte constabat eos et scienter et voluntarie, sed dolose, non tam petisse, quam cum terroribus et minis extorsisse, chartas præactas.

They extort certain Charters from the Abbot.

Igitur, ut præfati sumus, die et hora præmissis, intraverunt cameram Abbatis majores villanorum, et juxta condictum hesternum chartas libertatis exquirunt cum instantia, et pro votis accipiunt, ipsis dictantibus quæ volebant, et clerico assidentibus et astantibus, donec in eorum præsentia cuncta forent inserta, quæ pro eorum libertate fuerant meditati.³

Charta libertatis villanorum Sancti Albani, de Abbate et Conventu ibidem violenter extorta.

Charter of liberties, extorted by the insurgents from the Abbot, A.D. 1381.

“Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, præsentibus litteras inspecturis vel audituris, nos, Thomas, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos assensu unanimi et voluntate communi concessisse, et hac præsentibus charta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo omnibus et singulis burgensibus villæ ⁴Sancti Albani, præsentibus et futuris, quod ipsi et successores sui perpetuis temporibus habeant et gaudeant omnibus et singulis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 482.

² *communibus* in MS.

³ At this point, the context in

Walsingham's *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 482, varies from the text, and this Charter is not given.

⁴ Repeated in MS.

" infrascriptis, videlicet, quod ipsi et successores sui, in per-
 " petuum, habeant et teneant communam pasturam a villa
 " Sancti Albani in alta via usque ad Stone Crouche, et ab-
 " hinc in alta via usque ad Nodaish, ac etiam a dicta villa
 " Sancti Albani usque ad Mileaysh, in alta via versus Luton
 " situm; ac etiam in Barnetwode, et in Frytwode, et in
 " Darnwellane, in tota semita transeundo per Oysturhille usque
 " ad Kyngesbury; et a Kyngesbury transeundo per Gounel-
 " stone usque in dictam villam Sancti Albani. Item, volumus
 " et concedimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, dictis
 " burgensibus communam pasturam in alta via transeundo
 " verus Hertfordiam usque ad finem Gonne Wodelane, et in
 " quadam via modicum citra Gonne Wodelane, vocata 'Bemond-
 " 'lane,' usque ad Rubiam Crucem, et abhinc in tota via trans-
 " eundo per Newlane usque ad Sanctum Albanum, et exeundo
 " eandem villam per Tounemandich in tota semita usque ad
 " Cranestyl, et abhinc in tota via usque ad Gryndeslane, et
 " abhinc per altam viam usque ad Sopwellemulle, et juxta
 " Sopwellemulle in tribus viridibus placiis jacentibus inter
 " Flotegatestrem et Mullestrem; et abhinc in quadam via vo-
 " cata 'Grenelane,' quæ ducit ad Fotesplace. Item, concedimus
 " eisdem, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, duas semitas pro
 " hominibus, pedite et equite, transeuntibus per medium sylvæ de
 " Eywode, unam, videlicet, transeundo per Eywodelane per me-
 " dium de Eywode usque ad Parkstrate, et aliam a Parkstrate,
 " transeundo per tenementa Johannis Eywode et Rogeri ¹ Hwcie,
 " usque ad Stanesfeldmulle, et unam altam viam a Rubea
 " Cruce per medium Fauntowode usque ad ² horreum de Celle.
 " Item, concedimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quod
 " ipsi et successores sui libere et quiete poterunt venari cum
 " canibus et nisis, et in quibuscunque locis, clausis seu non
 " clausis, infra ³ fines et limites supradictas; et quod habeant
 " sibi et successoribus suis communem piscariam ab antiquo
 " Fullyngmulle quondam sub Eywode usque ad aliud Fullyng-
 " mulle sub Abbathia, et a quodam loco vocato 'Sisseborne'
 " usque ad monasterium Del Pray. Et volumus et concedi-
 " mus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quod ipsi et suc-
 " cessores sui habeant molas manuales in domibus suis vel
 " alibi, ubi melius videbitur eis expedire, et hoc sine contra-
 " dictione seu calumnia nostrum vel successorum nostrorum.

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1249-96.

¹ Sic in MS.

² *orrum* in MS.

³ Sic in MS.

Thomas, " Item, volumus et concedimus quod ballivus libertatis nostræ
 30th " non intromittet se infra villam Sancti Albani sine brevi
 Abbot, " Domini Regis. In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum nos-
 A.D. " trum quam sigillum commune Capituli nostri præsentibus
 1849-96. " apposuimus. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, sexto-decimo
 — " die Junii, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi a Conquestu,
 " quarto."

Continuatio.

The insur- Villani igitur prædicti, chartis libertatum prædicta-
 gents make rum, ut præmittitur, sic adeptis, non expectata earum
 perambula- rum, ut præmittitur, sic adeptis, non expectata earum
 tion of the sigillatione, cum maxima turba et pomposo clamore et
 town, tumultu, perambulationes suas circa villam prædictam
 attended by fecerunt, subsequentibus eos carectis cum pane, ¹ cervisia,
 carts full of provisions, which are consumed at the metes and boundaries. et aliis victualibus, refertis, et ad positionem cujuslibet
 metæ largiter expensis, ad majorem memoriam et evi-
 dentiam eorum posteris et vicinis de acquisitione et
 seisina libertatis prænotatæ. Bundas tamen et limites
 quarundam libertatum tempore Hugonis Abbatis extor-
 tarum, et tunc solummodo petitarum, multipliciter ex-
 cesserunt, ut per scripta inde confecta inferius plenius
 apparet.

They come ² Obtenta autem charta secundum voluntatem pro-
 to terms priam, de villæ libertatibus chartam exquirunt, qualem
 with the sæpe memoravimus Abbatem aut monachos nullatenus
 Abbot, in habuisse. Sed quia minus valuit isto die quam heri
 reference rusticorum audacia, non tam ferve instabant pro
 to the eadem ut prius; sed obligationem eis petunt fieri, et
 alleged sigillo Abbatis et Conventus firmari, de mille libris
 Charter of sterlingorum, quod si idem Abbas citra festum Annun-
 liberties. ciationis Beatæ Virginis aliquam talem chartam invenire
 poterit, eam villanis restituet sine dolo; et si nulla
 talis charta poterit reperiri, paratus erit Abbas, cum
 duodecim de senioribus monachis Monasterii, ad juran-

¹ *servisia* in MS.

² The context is here resumed in | Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I.

| p. 482.

dum super ¹ Eucharistiam se nullam hujusmodi chartam penes se scienter retinere, nec habere; et extunc volunt obligationem præfatam nullius esse roboris aut valoris.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

² *Obligatio Abbatis Sancti Albani, per villanos violenter extorta.*

“ Pateat universis per præsentem, nos, Thomam, permissione divina, Abbatem Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventum, teneri, et per præsentem firmiter obligari, dilectis nobis in Christo omnibus et singulis burgensibus villæ Sancti Albani, et toti communitati ejusdem, in mille libris legalis monetæ, solvendis eisdem, aut eorum certo attornato hoc scriptum restituenti, apud Sanctum Albanum, in festo Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ proxime jam futuro. Ad quam quidem solutionem dictis die et loco bene et fideliter faciendam obligamus nos et successores nostros, et omnia bona nostra, mobilia et immobilia. In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum nostrum quam sigillum commune Capituli nostri præsentibus apposuimus. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, sexto-decimo die Junii, anno regni Regis Ricardi, secundi a Conquestu, ³ quarto.”

Bond given
to the in-
surgents by
the Abbot,
A.D. 1381.

Defatio super ⁴ obligatione prætitulata.

“ Ista obligatio facta est sub tali conditione.—Quod si contingat Abbatem et Conventum infrascriptos, vel aliquem eorundem, quamdam antiquam chartam libertatum istius villæ, quam asserunt dicti burgenses penes eos remanere, aliquibus temporibus futuris, vel aliquam aliam chartam eorum libertatum quovismodo per se, vel per alios, reperire, et ipsas chartas sio repertas dictis burgensibus liberaverint, vel si ipsas non reperierint, et hoc dictus Abbas et duodecim Capellani Conventus sui magis seniores juramento ad sanctæ Dei Evangelia ⁵ hoc affirmaverint, vel si citra festum Beatæ Mariæ infrascriptum placuerit dictis burgensibus novam

Defeasance
of the
bond.

¹ *Eucharistiam* in MS.
² This Bond and Defeasance, and the Acquittance, are not given in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I.

p. 482.

³ *quarta* in MS.

⁴ *obligationis* in MS.

⁵ So repeated in MS.

Thomas, " chartam libertatum suarum, quibus ab antiquo usi fuerint, de
 80th " novo conficere, vel aliquam seu aliquas novas clausulam seu
 Abbot, " clausulas in chartam jam habitam hujusmodi libertatum qui-
 A.D. " bus ab antiquo usi fuerint inserere, et illam chartam novam
 1849-96. " sic faciendam, sive clausulas modo præmisso inserendas, per-
 " fecerit, quod extunc dicti burgenses volunt et concordant quod
 " præsens obligatio mille librarum pro nullo habeatur; sin
 " autem, in ¹ suo robore permaneat duratura."

*Acquietancia generalis, per villanos prædictos ² a præ-
 dicto Abbate violenter extorta.*

General " Pateat universis per præsentem, nos, Thomam, permissione
 acquittance " divina, Abbatem Monasterii Sancti Albani, remisisse, relax-
 extorted " asse, et omnino pro nobis et successoribus nostris in perpe-
 from the " tuum quietum-clamasse, omnibus et singulis burgensibus villæ
 Abbot " Sancti Albani omnimodas actiones, tam reales quam personales,
 by the " præter actiones debiti, quas erga eos, seu eorum aliquem,
 insurgents, " habuimus, habemus, seu ³ quovismodo habere poterimus, a
 A.D. 1381. " principio hujus mundi usque in diem confectionis præsentium.
 " In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum nostrum quam sigil-
 " lum commune Capituli nostri præsentibus apposimus.
 " Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, sexto-decimo die Junii,
 " anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi a Conquæstu, quarto."

Continuatio processus materiæ prænotatæ.

The Abbot " ⁴ Abbas autem, et fratres, quos dudum nimius dolor
 receives " afflixerat de irrationabilitate villanorum, jam cernentes
 assurance " mitigatam esse hesternam sævitiam, gaudio gavisus sunt,
 of support " quod conceperant spem salvandi Monasterii; et eo
 from the " amplius congaudebant, quod sperabant meliora nova de
 King's " Regis audire dominio, et subjectione rusticorum in
 officers, " proximo; maxime quia Dominus Hugo Segrave, Regis

¹ Omitted in the text; but supplied in the margin, in a later hand.

² per in MS., by mistake.

³ se is inserted here, by mistake,

in the MS.

⁴ The context is resumed here in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 482.

Senescallus, et Dominus Thomas Percy, milites, Abbatem confortaverant ipso die; litteraliter præcipientes ut in universis pareret vulgi petitionibus, sciens pro ¹ certo sibi nec suo monasterio de talibus concessionibus ullum dispendium aut præjudicium proventurum.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Paruit ² idcirco Abbas petitioni præsentī villanorum, et juxta vota eorum scriptum obligatorium sub forma præmissa, apposito sigillo proprio, et sigillo Conventus, confecit, et tradidit manibus eorundem. Ipsi autem in hiis omnibus non tanquam subditi, sed ³ velut domini, in Camera Abbatis, in Capella, et in penticio, pro libito deambulabant, et interfuerunt scripturæ, ipsi dictantes hoc quod scribendum fuerat, et sigillationi curiosius intendentes; nam pro tunc sigilla Abbatis et Conventus ibidem fuerunt.

The bond
is duly
sealed by
the Abbot
and Con-
vent.

Insolence
of the mul-
titude.

Ubi mirabile illud contigit.—Cum charta de libertate villæ, vel villanorum, sigillari debuisset, quod cum omni cautela et diligentia cera apposita a scientibus sigillo communi fuisset, in quo vetustissimo opere ⁴ imago gloriosi Protomartyris Britannorum, Albani, figuratur, tenens in manu palmam, nulla potuit arte per tres vices avelli vel removeri de sigillo; prænosticans proculdubio ⁵ Martyrem nolle eos fore dominos, sed velle dominari, ut hactenus, super eos.

Marvellous
circum-
stances
attending
the sealing
thereof.

Adepti chartam libertatum villæ, et obligationem præfatam, oppidani ibant gaudentes, tunc demum divulgaturi ad Crucem ⁶ publice chartam quam obtinebant de Monasterio, una cum charta regia, quæ, ut diximus, videbatur indulgere ligeis hominibus Regis, felonias, proditones, transgressiones, et ⁷ extortiones per ipsos factas et cætera; et manumissionem nativis promittere, modo præfacto. Chartam insuper protec-

Further
proceed-
ings of the
insurgents.

¹Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. p. 483.

² idcirco in MS.

³ velut in MS.

⁴ imago in MS.

⁵ Martyrem in MS.

⁶ publice in MS.

⁷ extortiones in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. toriam, quam Dominus Rex miserat Monasterio, facta proclamatione, demonstraverunt, tanquam omnimodam foris benevolentiam simulantes, cum intus malitia regnaret in mensa, ut ex posteris elucebit.¹

*De chartis libertatum per cæteros tenentes et nativos
violenter extortis.*

The tenants of the Abbey at Barnet and Watforde extort similar charters. Viri de Barnet, de Watforde, et de Rikemersworthe, Albanensium instigationibus inducti et animati, chartas consimilium libertatum pro villis suis pari forma ut Albanenses, de liberis venationibus, piscationibus, et molis manualibus erigendis, intrantes penticium Abbatis, cum arcubus et sagittis, bisacutis, bipennibus, gladiis, et fustibus, extorserunt. Quarum tenor subsequitur.—

Charta libertatum, extorta per villanos de Barnet.

Charter of liberties, granted to the tenants of Barnet and Southmymmes, A.D. 1381. “ Sciant præsentēs et futuri, quod nos, Thomas, Abbas, et
“ Conventus Monasterii Sancti Albani, ex unanimi assensu
“ concessimus, ratificavimus, et hac præsentī charta nostra con-
“ firmavimus, tenentibus nostris de parochiis et villis de Barnet
“ et Southmymmes, omnes libertates et consuetudines suas
“ liberas et illæsas simul, prout per chartam Domini Regis
“ Ricardi Secundi, illis concessam, plenius continetur, cum
“ omnibus terris et tenementis, ac redditibus suis liberis, ita
“ quod eas vendere possint per chartam, sine impedimento
“ nostrum vel successorum nostrorum in perpetuum. Ad quam
“ quidem concessionem, ratificationem, atque chartæ nostræ
“ confirmationem, sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus.
“ Hiis testibus, Domino Willelmo Hoo, Milite, Henrico Frowyk,
“ Johanne Lodewyk, Johanne Durham, Willelmo Nonny, Ri-
“ cardo Walyngforde, Adam Raulyn, Willelmo Wadesworthe,
“ et aliis. Datum apud villam Sancti Albani, die Sabbati
“ proxima post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis, anno regni Regis
“ Ricardi, Secundi post Conquæstum, quarto.”

¹ At this point the context varies | p. 483.
in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I. |

*Charta libertatum, per tenentes de Watford et Caysho
violenter extorta.*

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

“ Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum per-
“ venerit, Thomas, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii Sancti
“ Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino. Charter of
“ Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et consensu concessisse, pro liberties,
“ nobis et successoribus nostris in perpetuum, quod omnes granted to
“ homines communitatis villæ de Watforde et Caysho, ibidem the tenants
“ viventes, hæredes seu tenentes terrarum et tenementorum of Wat-
“ suorum, habeant et possideant liberam potestatem in villis forde and
“ prædictis, ac in omnibus suis pertinentiis quibuscunque, Caysho,
“ fugandi omnia animalia bruta, piscandi in omnibus aquis in A.D. 1381.
“ villis prædictis existentibus, perdices et alaudas, ac volucres
“ aquaticas, at cæteras alias aves ibidem capiendi quocunque
“ tempore anni, ac quodocunque sibi vel suis hæredibus, aut
“ tenentibus terrarum et tenementorum suorum, in villis præ-
“ dictis, placuerint, tam in dominicis terris prædictorum Ab-
“ batis et Conventus, quam in aliis terris quibuscunque in
“ villis existentibus prædictis. Ac etiam, quod prædicti homines
“ et hæredes sui de cætero non teneantur nec onerentur venire
“ ad Curiam dicti Abbatis infra Comitatum Hertfordiæ, nec
“ solvant de cætero præfato Abbati et Conventui, nec suc-
“ cessoribus suis, quemdam redditum vocatum ‘*Alepeny*,’ in-
“ juste ab eis per longum tempus levatum. Et quod quieti sint
“ de omnibus tolmetis, pontagio, cariagio, muragio, passagio,
“ picagio, et de omnibus operationibus pontium et parcorum
“ in perpetuum. Et quod etiam libere et quiete habeant et
“ gaudeant molas suas manuales in domibus suis toto tempore
“ futuro. Et insuper, de cætero non teneantur nec onerentur
“ contra eorum voluntates ad molendina prædictorum Abbatis
“ et Conventus infra Comitatum prædictum existentia blada
“ nec braseum ibidem molere quovismodo. In cujus rei testi-
“ monium, huic chartæ prædicti Abbas et Conventus sigilla
“ sua apposuerunt. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, decimo-
“ octavo die Junii, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi a Con-
“ quæstu, quarto.”

*Charta libertatum, per villanos de Rikemereworthe
violenter extorta.*

“ Omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Thomas Charter of
“ de la Mare, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii de Sancto liberties,
“ granted

¹ cæteros alios in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-56.
 ———
 to the tenants of Rikemereworthe, A.D. 1381.

“ Albano, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et voluntate, cum consensu, pro nobis et successoribus nostris in perpetuum, concessisse omnibus tenentibus nostris, manentibus et existentibus in villa de Rikemereworthe, inter pasturam vocatam ‘Cowemore,’ pertinentem manerio de Rikemereworthe, usque ad campum vocatum ‘Personesfeld’ in longitudine, et vicum regium ducentem de Sancto Albano usque ad Wyndeshore, ex una parte, usque campum dicti Domini Abbatis, ex altera, in longitudine, quod omnia prædicta terras et tenementa, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, infra limites prædictas existentia, de cætero sint libera et liberæ conditionis, et quod omnes tenentes dictorum terrarum et tenementorum, hæredes et assignati sui, dicta terras et tenementa, cum pertinentiis, libere possint dare, vendere, et assignare, quibuscunque voluerint, solvendo dictis Abbati et Conventui, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, annuatim redditus ad præsens usitatos et consuetos, pro omnibus servitiis et demandis. Et quod omnes tenentes prædicti, hæredes et assignati sui, habeant liberam piscariam in aquis ‘Pichelesborne,’ ad piscandum ibidem, prout moris est, et fuit; ac etiam liberam communiam in Burymore, in Bacheworthe, cum omnibus bestiis et animalibus suis, exceptis porcis et aucis; solvendo per annum dictis Abbati et Conventui, et successoribus suis annuatim pro quolibet capite bestiarum et animalium, tres denarios pro omnibus servitiis et demandis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus tam sigillum dicti Abbatis, quam sigillum commune dicti Conventus, sunt appensa. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, quinto-decimo die Junii, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi post Conquesatum, quarto.”

Alia Charta, sub alia forma, per villanos de Rykemerysworth violenter extorta.

Another form of Charter granted to the tenants of Rikemereworthe, A.D. 1381.

“ Omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Thomas de la Mare, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii de Sancto Albano, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et voluntate, cum consensu, pro nobis et successoribus nostris in perpetuum, concessisse omnibus tenentibus nostris manentibus et existentibus in villa de Rikemereworthe, inter pasturam vocatam ‘Cowemore,’ pertinentem manerio de Rikemereworthe, usque ad venellam vocatam ‘Sexteynlane’ in longitudine, et in latitudine inter aquam vocatam ‘Le Burywater’ et campum vocatum ‘Gosehullefeld,’ quod omnia prædicta terræ et tenementa,

“ cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, infra limites prædictas existentiis, de cætero sint libera et liberæ conditionis; et quod omnes tenentes dictorum terrarum et tenementorum, hæredes, et assignati sui, dicta terras et tenementa, cum pertinentiis, libere possint dare, vendere, et assignare, quibuscunque voluerint, solvendo dictis Abbati et Conventui, et successoribus suis annuatim, in perpetuum, redditus ad præsens usitatos et consuetos pro omnibus servitiis, sectis Curie, et demandis; et quod omnes tenentes prædicti, hæredes et assignati sui, habeant liberam piscariam in aquis vocatis ‘Picholesbourne’ et ‘Gatesey,’ ad libitum suum, cum eisdem placuerit; ac etiam liberam communiam in moris et communibus vocatis ‘Heyghmore,’ ‘Hallemore,’ ‘Battensmore,’ cum omnibus communibus eisdem moris pertinentibus, cum omnibus bestiis et animalibus suis, exceptis porcis et aucis; solvendo per annum dictis Abbati et Conventui, et successoribus suis, annuatim, pro quolibet capite bestiarum et animalium tres denarios pro omnibus servitiis et demandis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus tam sigillum dicti Abbatis, quam sigillum commune dicti Conventus, sunt appensa. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, quinto-decimo die Junii, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi post Conquestum, quarto.”

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.
—

Charta per tenentes de Trynge de toloneo violenter extorta.

“ Pateat universis per præsentis, quod nos, Thomas, per missionem divinam, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, volumus et concedimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quod tenentes villæ de Trynge sint liberi ab omnimoda solutione tolnei per totam terram Sancti Albani infra libertatem nostram; et ideo præcipimus vobis, omnibus ballivis et ministris nostris, ne prædictos tenentes ratione solutionis dicti tolnei in aliquo molestetis, seu gravetis, sub poena cujuscunque forisfacturæ quam poteritis penes nos forisfacere. In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum nostrum quam sigillum commune Capituli nostri præsentibus apposuimus. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, sexto-decimo die mensis Junii, anno regni Regis Ricardi, Secundi a Conquestu, quarto.”

Charter of
exemption
from toll,
granted to
the tenants
of Trynge,
A.D. 1381.

tolnei in the Rubric, but corrected in the margin, in a later hand.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

¹ *De rebellione villanorum, et gestis, de Barnet, tempore prænotato.*

For fraudulent reasons, a book of Court Rolls is demanded by the tenants of Barnet.

Et de Barnet quidam viri quemdam librum confectum de Rotulis Curiarum expetierunt, cum multa protervia, comburendum; quia in ipso inveniendum erat quod omnes pene domus de Barnet tenebantur per rotulos, cum ipsi fallaces et falsi chartas liberas confecissent temporibus ² pestilentialibus, unus alteri, quando pene nullus Senescallus aut Cellerarius supererat, vel saltem curaret de hujusmodi rebus transitoriis et caducis.

The Abbot promises to deliver the book within three weeks.

Et hunc quidem librum Dominus Abbas, timore perterritus, ipsis tradendum promisit infra tres ³ hebdomadas, fide-jubente pro eo Henrico Frowyk, et quibusdam aliis ex amicis. Acta sunt hæc a viris de Barnet et de præmissis villis partim die Sabbati, ⁴ partim die Dominico, partim die Lunæ, post refectionem.

De rebellione villanorum de Redburne, tempore prænotato.

A Charter of liberties is demanded by the people of Redburne.

Redburnienses consequenter, et ipsi astricti villanis de Sancto Albano, simili conjuratione ipso die Sabbati advenerunt, plebs quidem viribus invalida, sed repleta malitia, postulatura chartam de venationibus, aucupationibus, et piscationibus, liberis exercendis, et de nullis debitæ aut consuetæ servitutis officiis vel operibus manerio de cætero impendendis. Contraxerant autem cum ipsis ad proloquendum pro eisdem, sub terribili comminatione mortis, si supersedere decerne-

¹ *Et* is given instead of this word in the MS., by mistake.

² The Great Pestilence, no doubt, of 1348, 49.

³ *ebdomadas* in MS.

⁴ This and the two following words are omitted in the text, but are supplied in the margin.

rent, vicinos eorum, homines generosos, Edmundum
¹ Grescy, Willelmum Erle, Thomam Nortone, et quos-
 dam valectos villæ.

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 1349-96.

Quibus Abbas satis competens et mansuetum dedit
 responsum, affirmans se paratum esse ad concedendum
 eis chartam manumissionis, secundum formam quam
 Rex concesserat. Aliis vero petitionibus eorum dixit
 se nescire pro tunc respondere, sed deliberare velle
 cum consilio suo quid de hiis esset agendum; reve-
 nirentque sequenti die Jovis, et daret responsum tam
 rationabile, quo merito contentari deberent. Illi vero
 abeuntes adierunt villanos, qui tunc, ut præmittitur,
 dejectionibus domorum vacabant, et commixti sunt
 inter eos, et didicerunt opera eorum, facturi secundum
 nequitiam eorum, et factum est illis in scandalum.

The Abbot
 promises to
 grant their
 request in
 part, and
 says that
 he will take
 time to
 deliberate
 as to the
 rest.

Nam cum venissent in ipso noctis crepusculo ad
 Redburnam, mox proclamari fecerunt, sub pœna de-
 jectionis domorum suarum, ut tam qui ad lectos et
 quietem concesserant, quam qui vigilantes reperti sunt,
 illico convenirent ad molendinum quod "Bettespool
 " Mille" vocatur; prostraturi fossatam quæ circum-
 dabat, ex parte stratæ regiæ, pratum Prioris de Red-
 burna quod vocatur "Pondesmede," quod falso affirma-
 bant pertinuisse communibus præfatæ villæ quondam,
 et ab eisdem per vim et potentiam alienatum fuisse.

On their
 return, the
 people of
 Redburne
 prepare to
 level the
 embank-
 ment of
 Ponde-
 mede, the
 Prior's
 meadow.

Nec mora, invenit stultos stultitia, et congregatus
 est ad istud opus perpetrandum magnus numerus
 fatuorum; multisque manibus adunatis, in brevi de-
 jecta est fossa in multis locis, et complanata, arbo-
 resque dejectæ et asportatæ, quæ consitæ fuerant super
 fossam. Itaque demonstraverunt palam tempore tran-
 quillitatis, non eis malitiam adversus ² suos dominos,
 sed audaciam operandi nequitiam, defuisse. Minis-
 trabat illis audaciam insolentia, et superbia villanorum

The em-
 bankment
 is de-
 stroyed.

The people
 of Saint
 Alban's
 boast their
 alliance
 with 32
 villa.

¹ Qy. if not *Crescy*.

² Repeated after *dominos*, by in- | advertence.

Thomas, de Sancto Albano aliqualem, qui affirmabant se con-
 30th fæderatos fuisse villis triginta duabus, quæ omnes ex-
 Abbot, urgerent in adjutorium illis, si necessitas emersisset.
 A.D.
 1349-96.

Redburnienses ergo fatui ipsum Regem, nec totum
 Foolish regnum, quidem putabant posse resistere tantæ virtuti.
 thoughts of —Hæc de Redburniensibus.
 the people
 of Red-
 burne.

*De chartis libertatum per villanos subscriptos sub
 forma subscripta violenter extortis.*

List of various places, the tenants of which extorted Charters of liberties from the Abbot and Convent.	Diebus Lunæ et Martis sequentibus convenerant nativi omnium villarum pertinentium Monasterio sub- scriptarum, videlicet,—	
	De Waldene,	} sub data sexti-decimi diei Junii.
	De Redburne,	
	De Rikemereworthe,	
	De Nortone,	
	De Northawe,	} sub data septimi-decimi diei Junii.
	De Langle Abbatis,	
	De Sandrug,	
	De ¹ Hextone,	
	De Wyncelowe,	
	De Grenebourgh,	
	De Parsoca,	
	De Tydenhangre,	
	De Caysho,	} sub data septimi-decimi diei Junii.
	De Caldecote,	
	De Shephale,	} sub data decimi-noni diei Junii.
	De Horewode,	
	De Shiptone,	} sub data vicesimi diei Junii.
	De Aston Abbatis,	
	De Westwik,	
	De Newenham,	

Or *Hextone*, in MS., as it may stand for either.

et consimiles chartas obtinuerunt tenentibus villarum suprascriptarum, eorum vi et nequitia a nobis extortas; nominibus, ut decet, duntaxat mutatis.

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Abbot,
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Charta sub communi forma, villanorum præscriptorum, generaliter concessa.

" Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, præsentēs litteras
" inspecturis, Thomas, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii
" Sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino.
" Noveritis nos litteras Domini nostri Regis inspexisse, in hæc
" verba.—Ricardus, Dei gratia, '[Rex] Angliæ et Franciæ, et in confir-
" ' Dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, ad
" ' quos præsentēs litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod,
" ' de gratia nostra speciali, manumisimus universos et sin-
" ' gulos ligeos ac subditos nostros, communes et alios, granted by
" ' Comitatus Hertfordiæ, et ipsos, et eorum quemlibet, ab the King,
" ' omni bondagio exuimus, et quietos facimus, per præsentēs; A.D. 1381.
" ' ac etiam perdonavimus eisdem ligeis ac subditis nostris
" ' omnimodas felonias, proditiones, transgressiones, et ' extor-
" ' tiones, per ipsos, vel eorum aliquem, qualitercunque factas
" ' sive perpetratas, ac etiam utlegariam et utlegarias, si qua
" ' vel quæ in ipsos, vel aliquem ipsorum, fuerit vel fuerint
" ' hiis occasionibus promulgata vel promulgatæ; et summam
" ' pacem nostram eis, et eorum cuilibet, inde concedimus.
" ' In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus
" ' Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Londonias, quinto-decimo die
" ' Junii, anno regni nostri quarto.' Quas quidem litteras
" volumus et mandamus, quantum in nobis est, in villa de N.
" firmiter observari. In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum
" nostrum, quam sigillum commune dicti Capituli nostri,
" præsentibus apposuimus. Datum apud villam de Sancto
" Albano, septimo-decimo die Junii, anno regni Regis supra-
" dicto."

Et omnes hii qui venerunt talia petitori, citati fuerunt per villanos Sancti Albani, in gravamen Abbatibus et Conventus, et Monasterii detrimentum. Nam mox, acceptis chartis prædictis, rustici æstimabant se

Exalted
notions
entertained
by the
tenants,
after re-
ceiving

Omitted in the text.

| ² extorsiones in MS.

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Abbot,
A.D.
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such
charters.

Their chief
leaders
being slain,
they are
reduced to
their former
state.

After the
death of
Walter
Tylere,
compara-
tive lenity
shown to
the insur-
gents.

The King
summons
his loyal
subjects,
with horses
and arms,
to his aid.

He reviews
them at
Blake-
hethe.

super lineam regiam generosos, et quietos ab omni servitio et consuetis operibus impendendis; unde nullum omnino opus, nullas consuetudines, postremo nec red-ditus quidem, facere vel reddere decreverunt; donec principalibus capitaneis gratiose interfectis, et libertati-bus prædictis, eisdem primitus concessis, per brevia regia revocatis, ad pristinum statum revocati, seu potius coacti, fuissent; ut in ¹ Chronicis Majoribus illius anni inde confectis, et hic pro prolixitate et ²identitate omissis, plenius apparet.

Occiso igitur, ut præmittitur, superbissimo nebulone Waltero Tylere, corrui spes et fiducia rusticorum; sed quia adhuc fluctuabant animi Regis et regalium, cer-nentes plebem pronam esse ad malum, concesserunt eis chartas manumissionis, ut diximus, et remissionis foris-facturæ, et eorum quæ sequuntur, et abire permise-runt.

Quibus gestis, congregari fecit Rex exercitum de Lon-doniis, et misit per patrias, ut qui diligerent Regem et honorem regium, accelerarent ad eum Londonias, armis instructi, et equis vecti. Nullus veniret inermis, nullus pedes; sed qui non habebant arma, remanerent domi, et consimiliter, quibus equi defuerunt. Et factum est, ut infra triduum numeraret circa se quadraginta millia equitum, decentissime armatorum. Exhibat quotidie ad Le Blakehethe, ad recensendum numerum adventantium, ipse Rex in primis inter armatos armatus, equitans dex-trarium grandem; et vexillum ante faciem ejus por-tabatur: in exercitu gaudebat conspici, et ab hominibus suis dominus recognosci.

¹ In allusion, probably, to Wal-singham's *Hist. Angl.*, mentioned in

page 281 *ante*, Note 2.

² *ydemptitate* in MS.

De miseriis villanorum et tenentium Sancti Albani, ob eorum præscriptas nequitias indies excrecentibus.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

¹ Tunc quoque accidit et villanis de Sancto Albano

² prognosticum futurorum malorum in eadem urbe.

Nam cum quidam illorum conducti et missi fuissent per Abbatem in supplementum regalis exercitus, noluerunt tamen, an pro malitia aut superbia, fateri eos missos ad Regem per Abbatem, sed velut propria venissent auctoritate jactitare. Accidit tunc Ricardum Perers, quemdam ex armigeris Archiepiscopi, qui et in obsequio etiam erat Abbatis, et ad robas ejus, in urbe videre, et recognoscere quod quidam eorum malefactores fuerunt et incentores malorum gestorum apud Sanctum Albanum. Quos sine mora, adhibitis ballivis, trahi fecit ad carcerem, in crastino proculdubio capitibus puniendos, nisi citatum remedium per Abbatis adiutorium affuisset. Nempe carcere mancipati, nullo alio modo speravere salutem, nisi ut, missis nunciis ad convicaneos suos villanos, edicerent quibus periculis constituti essent, et eisdem exponerent, quod nisi ipsi jam adire curarent Abbatem pro salvatione eorundem, in crastino, sine ulla dubitatione, fuerant perimendi. Acciderunt hæc in Vigilia Passionis Beati Albani, octavo, videlicet, die ab illo die Veneris quo cœperunt primo contra Martyrem calcitrare.

Certain of the people of Saint Alban's are accused at London of taking part in the riots.

Quid plura? Venerunt lugubres majores villæ, tempore Matutinarum, quæ solennes erant in honore Passionis dicti Martyris, dum Conventus ³hymnum laudis cantabat, scilicet, "Te Deum;" quæsituri remedium proximis suis, et accepturi ab Abbate. Cumque, finis Laudibus Matutinis, exposuissent hæc omnia coram

The intercession of the Abbot is invoked in their behalf.

¹ The context is here borrowed in Walsingham's *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 15.

² *pronosticum* in MS.

³ *ymnum* in MS.

⁴ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 16.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. Abbate, ingemuit Abbas vehementer, et, ultra modum tristis effectus, maledixit armigero suo, qui causa fuerat miseræ prædictorum, jurans se maluisse trajectum fuisse gladio, quam talia audisse; præsertim cum ipse eos illuc misisset, et ascribenda esset sibi calamitas quam patiebantur.

The Abbot intercedes in their favour. Nec mora,—accersito quodam ex commonachis suis, jussit ut festinantissime Londonias properaret, non parcendo sonipedi, nec dimittendo, donec incarceratos liberos abire vidisset: qui, non segniter jussa complendo, sine somno nocte perdurans Londonias properavit. Injunctum est ergo præfato Ricardo, ut desisteret ab inceptis, sicut diligeret honorem Abbatis; et juratum coram Majore, eos missos fuisse per Abbatem ad incrementum exercitus regii. Et sic demum, post magnos timores, ipso die Sancti Albani dimissi sunt, præstito prius juramento, quod fideles essent Domino Ricardo Regi, et domino eorundem, Abbati Sancti Albani. Et hoc initium malorum quæ contigerunt illis.

After taking the oath of fealty, they are liberated. Continued terrors of the people of Saint Alban's. Nec fuerunt Albanenses villani absque terroribus, cunctis feriis sextis et Sabbatis exposit sequentibus; usque ad illam sextam feriam, qua Rex, ut dicemus, venit ad Sanctum Albanum, ad ulciscendum injurias Martyris, exasperati per eos.

De adventu Domini Walteri at Lee ad Sanctum Albanum, pro justificatione communitatis Hertfordiæ, a Domino Rege directi.

The King proposes to visit Saint Alban's, and punish the insurgents there. ¹ Cum itaque Dominus Rex in Estsexia aliquandiu moram transisset, et multorum relatione didicisset, quantas injurias et damna villani de Sancto Albano non tam procurassent, quam irrogassent, Monasterio, proposuit cum omni turba sua, quæ erat copiosa

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 22.

valde, personaliter locum adire, de transgressionibus justitiam rectam facturum. Sed huic proposito obstitit toto nisu Dominus Walterus atte Lee, Miles, quia de patria illa fuerat, timens, videlicet, patriæ destructionem, si tantus illic populus advenisset. Ob quam causam persuasit Regi et Consilio, se facturum bonam pacem inter villanos et Abbatem Monasterii Sancti Albani, si placeret eis sibi committere causam istam. Qui, fidem adhibentes verbis ejus, dant commissionem; sociantes ¹ eidem Edwardum Benstede et Galfridum Stuklee, et quosdam alios quorum nomina non occurrunt.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

A commis-
sion is
finally
granted
to Sir
Walter
atte Lee.

Feria ergo sexta, in Vigilia Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, ut non deessent eis miseræ illa die, in qua ipsi immisericorditer miseros, ut retulimus, ut perante affligerant, cognoscentes villani prædictum Walterum cum armata manu in crastino adventurum, factis propriis torti, et conscientiis male conscii fatigati, coeperunt pavere et tædere. Jamjamque multi fugam inissent, nisi ² obstitisset improba animositas Willelmi Gryndecobbe, quem inter oppidanos supra retulimus magnum fuisse. Hic namque perfidos in infidelitate confortavit, dicens:— “Estote viri cordati; locupletes enim sumus; non deerunt nobis auxilia, quamdiu non defuerit nostra pecunia. ³ Octo villæ circumjacentes nobis foederantur, quæ nobis erunt adjutorio, si oportuerit. Egrediamur mane, velut homines, in obviam militis extra villam, equis vecti, et inquiramus, antequam appropinquet villæ nostræ, utrum pacificus sit adventus ejus. Qui si non fuerit, fugabimus eum verberibus a villa nostra.”

The vil-
lains are
alarmed,
but are
encouraged
by William
Gryndecobbe.

Placuit sermo stultis, et mane, juxta verbum ejus, egressi sunt. Militem vero latuit causa hujus

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 23.

² obstitisset in MS.

³ Octe in MS.; Ecce in Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 23.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. obviationis pro tunc. Qui tamen benigne postea obviassent sibi, ut videbatur, salutatus ab eis, et resalutavit eos, et conduxerunt eum ad villam honorifice more suo. Habebat autem secum miles quinquaginta

They escort Sir Walter atte Lee into the town.

lanceas, et ¹architenentium magnum ² numerum undecunque collectorum; qui forsā, si militi aliquod periculum contigisset, quia de patria fuerant quidam, et villanis confederati, in primis restitissent eidem. Mox itaque post adventum suum ad villam, in ipso festo Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, fecit proclamari, ut omnes villani, et qui citati fuerant ad comparandum de villis vicinis coram eo, convenirent in campum de Derfolde, voluntatem et mandatum regium audituri, post horam nonam.

They are summoned to meet him in the Derfold Wood.

Convenerunt ergo omnes ad horam et locum præfatum, et ipse, una cum eis, stipatus armatorum multitudine, pariter est egressus. Cumque locasset se, et armatos circa eum, sub Sylva de Derfold, et cunctum populum stare disposuisset coram eo, ad eos sermonem hujuscemodi peroravit.—

Peroratio et gesta Domini Walteri atte Lee apud villam Sancti Albani.

Speech by Sir Walter there.

“Domini,” inquit, “et amici, qui citati convenistis ad hunc locum, antequam quicquam aggrediar, causam adventus mei vobis exponere conveniens reputavi. “Nostis enim ³quam graviter pacis perturbatores regiam majestatem offenderunt. Ob quam causam Dominus Rex modo in partibus Estsexie exercet judicia maxima, et manum grandem super patriam universam, et habitatores ejus, et jugum eorum aggravat vehementer. “Qui ⁴audiens de perturbationibus, damnis, et injuriis,

¹ architenensium in MS

² name only in the MS.

³ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol.

II. p. 24.

⁴ audient in MS.

" factis in hac villa et præsenti monasterio, cujus
 " patronus est, et advocatus, ultra quam credi potest
 " indoluit, et, vindicari cupiens in transgressores, sta-
 " tuit personaliter, cum exercitu qui cum ipso est, huc
 " adventasse. Qui si venisset cum ea turba quam
 " ibidem retinet, proculdubio omnes fructus, cuncta
 " blada patriæ, necessario devastasset. Tantus nimi-
 " rum est cum eo exercitus, quod per quinque millia-
 " ria in eorum circuitu, non fœnum, non blada aliqua,
 " non fructus terræ novi, non antiqui, supersunt, sed
 " omnia consumpta vel conculcata sunt. Condolens
 " ergo tantis damnis patriæ meæ proventuris, præcavens,
 " et compatiens convicinis, elaboravi in hac parte Regis
 " enervare propositum, et impedire adventum; assu-
 " mens quidem pro patriotis onus grave super humeros,
 " sed tamen voluntarium; eo quod speravi aliquid pa-
 " triæ tali occasione conferre. Commissa est ergo mihi
 " potestas, licet non sine difficultate, ad precum mea-
 " rum instantiam, patriam justificandi vice Regis; cui
 " non extranei, non incogniti, sed proximi vestri et
 " amici, in commissione sunt juncti. Agite igitur quod
 " expediat, et alacriter principales concitatores turbarum
 " tradatis, et Abbati hujus monasterii satisfacere stu-
 " deatis, quem invenietis, ut reor, satis rationabilem,
 " quia vir sanctus et justus esse dinoscitur; et regiam
 " benevolentiam et tranquillam pacem recuperabitis
 " tali facto."

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.

Finitis hiis sermonibus, applaudunt multi, et ejus He charges
 consiliis se velle parere promittunt. Tunc miles, con- a Jury of
 vocata duodena de villanis, onerat ut in crastino ve- men.
 nientes, juxta formam juramenti, edicant quoscunque
 reos sciverint in hac causa; et sic, ea die dimissa turba,
 et ipse ad hospitium est reversus. In crastino autem,
 quia proposuerat malefactores, quos judicandos putavit
 per præfatam duodenam, sine strepitu apprehendisse,
 vocavit viros duodenæ ad cameram, ut sciret quos

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96

The Jury
refuses to
indict.

Sir Walter
demands
that the
Abbey
Charters
shall be
returned.

Excuses
are made
thereon.

The Abbot
intercedes
success-
fully in
their be-
half.

Sir Walter
again con-
venes them,
at Barnet
Wode, and
advises
them as to
the resto-
ration of
the Char-
ters.

indictassent. Qui cum venissent, responderunt se ¹neminem indictare posse, neminem accusare velle; omnes esse bonos et fideles Regis, neminem alium nosse inter eos. Quibus auditis, et cognito quorsum intentio eorum vergeret, quod, videlicet, pejorando mallebant suas conscientias maculare quam quemlibet ex proximis accusare, miles conticuit, arte artem delusurus.

Post auditam Missam, monuit eos reddere chartas quas extorserant de Monasterio, dicens ex tali facto eis non modicum commodum proventurum. Illi ergo pro tunc promiserunt se sursum post Nonam chartas præfatas reddituros. Cum vero post Nonam revenissent ad Cameram Abbatis, ubi comederat dictus miles, excusationes novas prætendentes, innuebant se chartas reddere non valere, propter metum communitatis, et maxime, quia non sciebant pro certo quis eas in custodia detinebat. Miles igitur commotus, nec immerito, juravit quod non exirent de præsentia sua, donec chartas ²reddidissent. Ob quam causam, mendaces et falsi, exposit dixerunt se imprisonatos fuisse in Camera Abbatis injusta. Abbas autem, ne materiam vel occasionem haberent male loquendi, quos scivit pronos ad mendacia, intercessit pro eis penes militem; dicens se tantum in eorum confidere conscientia, quod non esset opus alio mediatore inter ipsos, præter eosdem et semetipsum. Quibus verbis miles mitigatus, dimisit eos.

Hiis ita gestis, miles omnem turbam jussit convenire ad Le Barnet Wode; ubi parum aut nihil agens, propter metum villanorum, qui aggregaverant illuc prope trecentos sagittarios de villis circumjacentibus, inter quos præcipui fuerunt Barnetenses et viri de Berkhamstede; qui omnes, si aggressus fuisset aliquam ³publicam jus-

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 25.

² Omitted in the text; *reddidisset*

inserted in the margin, in a later hand.

³ *publicam* in MS.

titiam facere in eo loco, ut credebatur, insurrexissent in eum; et hii fortassis qui cum eo venerant, eo relicto, aliis adhæsisserent; nihil aliud pro tunc agere decrevit aperte, nisi monere eos, de satisfaciendo Abbati, et chartis reddendis. Secrete vero seorsum convocatis ballivis et constabulariis, jussit ex parte Regis, ut mox, post subtractionem turbæ quæ ad villam convenerat, elaborarent circa captionem Willelmi Gryndecobbe, Willelmi Cadyndon, et Johannis Barbitonsoris, (qui, videlicet, ut supra retulimus, petras molares abstulerant de locutorii pavimento,) et quorundam aliorum, quos dixit ita aperte accusatos de tam manifestis ¹ maleficiis, quod oportebat omnino, pro honore villæ et salvatione villanorum, eos ad tempus artari. Injunxit ² insuper, ut apprehensos adducerent Hertfordiam in crastino, hora tertia, coram eo.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
1349-96.

He takes
measures
for the
arrest of
Grynde-
cobbe and
others.

Post hæc, repente ascenso sonipede, cum omnibus qui cum eo venerant, Hertfordiam festinavit. Et factum est post recessum ejus, magnanimitate, et diligentia, et probitate, armigerorum, qui tunc in obsequio Abbatis erant, scilicet, Ricardi Perers, Johannis Ohyval, Thomæ Eydon, Willelmi Eccleshale, ut ballivi, quanquam inviti, inducerentur ad capiendum præfatos viros: et capti sunt eadem nocte tres nominati superius, et in prisona positi ad portam.

He pro-
ceeds to
Hertford.

The three
persons
named are
arrested.

De gestis Walteri præfati apud Hertforde, contra villanos Sancti Albani.

In crastino vero, juxta præceptum militis, Hertfordiam sunt deducti, comitantibus eos majoribus et valentioribus villæ Sancti Albani, et cunctis armigeris et vallettis Abbatis, decenter armatis; sic enim præceperat

They are
taken to
Hertford.

¹ maleficiis in MS.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. |

II. p. 26.

Thomas, miles, ut venirent ad fortificandum eum, qui justitiam
30th et judicium eo die erat facturus.
Abbot,
A.D.

1349-96. Post quorum recessum, cœpit turbari universa ¹ villa,
et ampullosa verba fundere, et juramenta supervacua
Threats of miscere; quod, videlicet, centum pro uno occiderentur,
the popu- si contingeret quemquam ex proximis eorum occidi.
lace at Hinc cœperunt eodem die a villanis frequentari con-
Saint silia, congregari conventicula, non tamen in villa, sed
Alban's. in campis et sylvis, et aliis extra villam locis; unde
credebatur, quod ipsa die immisissent ignem in Ab-
bathiam, quia nullus erat domi, qui defenderet; vel
hostili more Monasterium obsidione vallassent. Ex

Fears en- qua causa, Abbas et commonachi, in timore maximo
tertained of constituti, miserunt pro quibusdam generosis de patria,
their ven- qui locum tuerentur, si necessitas accidisset. Abbas
geance. etiam, cum cognovisset quo abissent armigeri sui, et

The Abbot quod intendebant prædictos captivos ad mortem insequi,
commands confestim misit ad illos litteraliter, præcipiens ut,
his esquires to return. dimissis omnibus, festinantissime remearent ad eum,
pro præcavendis periculis quæ sibi de novo emergerant
insperate. Erant, cum ad eos hæc nova perlata fuissent,
stantes coram iudice, et constanter prædictos captivos
accusantes, et de eis, secundum jura regni, judicium
fieri postulantes. Viderant autem in quosdam eis
similes capitis punitione ² animadversum ibidem, unde
conceperant spem eos consimiliter puniendi.

They un- Visis ergo litteris Abbatis, armigeri vehementer
willingly doluerunt, eo quod compellendi erant ad recedendum
obey. antequam vidissent finem de prædictis. Qui si expec-
tassent, proculdubio eo die vidissent eosdem decollatos.
Redierunt ³ idcirco, notificata prius militi legatione
domini sui, cum summa celeritate, quia ignorabant
causas tam repentinæ revocationis. Quibus recedentibus,

¹ Omitted in the text, but sup-
plied in the margin, in a later hand.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol.

II. p. 27.

³ idcirco in MS.

institerunt villani de Sancto Albano, qui ibidem erant, pro manucaptione ¹dictorum; sed duobus detentis in carcere, tertius, scilicet, Willelmus Gryndecobbe, deliberatur eisdem, obligantibus se pro eo tribus de vicinis suis in trecentis libris, singulis etiam in integra summa obligatis, quod eum carceri restituerent die Sabbati proximo sequente, (nam tunc erat dies Lunæ in Octavis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ,) nisi contingeret eos inire concordiam cum Abbate infra dictos dies. Revertuntur igitur cum Willelmo, sua æstimatione laudabiles, quod manu capere poterant pro amico, nisi timor surrepsisset de fuga Willelmi; quæ si contingeret, semetipsos æstimabant perituros. Tractabant interea cum vicinis super deliberatione Willelmi, affirmantes unum e duobus necessarium, aut Abbati, restitutis chartis, satisfacere, aut eundem Willelmum in suo reditu capite privari, et plures forsitan ex vicinis consimili poena percelli.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Gryndecobbe is released at Hertford, on bail.

His sureties think he will take to flight.

De duritia et recidiva malitia villanorum prædictorum contra Monasterium Sancti Albani.

Cumque nutarent et responsa suspenderent, Willelmus Gryndecobbe, cujus cor jam induratum in malo fuerat, ita ait:—“Concives, quos jamdudum parta libertas de oppressione diutina relevavit; state modo, dum stare licebit, et de mea mulctatione minime timeatis; qui in causa libertatis adquisitæ moriar, si ²tunc contingat occumbere, felicem me reputans per tale posse martyrium vitam finire. Agite hoc in tempore, ut facere debuissetis, si Hertfordiæ hesterno decollatus fuisssem. Nam nihil obstabat, quin finem vitæ vidissem, si non Abbas armigeros suos tempestivius revocasset. Nempe ipsi me in multis accusaverant,

The insurgents deliberate, and Gryndecobbe addresses them.

¹ Qy. if not intended for “ductorum:” the reading is “dictorum” in Walsingham’s *Hist. Angl.*, Vol.

II. p. 27.

² nunc in Walsingham’s *Hist. Angl.*

Thomas, " et iudicem favorabilem eis habuerant, et in sanguinem
30th " meum pronum."
Abbot,
A.D.

1849-96. Quid multa? Indurantur et villani, et jurant se non

Resolu-
tions taken
by his sup-
porters.

Grynde-
cobbe now
relents, but
in vain.

diu libertates recuperatas dimissuros; quin potius
æstimant se infortunatos et vecordes, qui, cum tantam
turbam eis faventem habuissent, quod caput militis,
qui in ¹ burgum eorum et burgenses tanta præsumpserat,
ad terrorem ubique terrarum iudicum et falsorum
justiciariorum, humaniter amputassent, et ² super col-
listrigium collocassent. Poenituit tamen Willelmum
Gryndecobbe, sed sero, stultitiæ suæ; quia vicinos elatos
in superbiam, etiam cum vellet, non potuit a stultitia
revocare.

He is taken
back to
prison at
Hertford.

Adveniente ergo Sabbato, ut diebus Sabbati inno-
varetur tribulatio eis qui eo die multos conturbaverant,
reductus est ad carcerem, per eos qui pro eo fide-
jusserant, Willelmus antedictus; et ibidem custoditus
usque ad tempus illud quo reductus est ad Sanctum
Albanum, ad iudicium subeundum in adventu Regis,
ut exposit dicetur.

News
reaches
Saint
Alban's, of
the ap-
proach of
the Earl of
Warwick
and Lord
Thomas
Percy.

Interea non cessabant conjurationes, comminationes,
elationes, inter villanos per illam ³ hebdomadam usque
in diem Veneris; quo die Willelmus Gryndecobbe misit
illis nova multum displicentia, de adventu Comitum
Warwici et Domini Thomæ Percy, qui mittendi fuerant
in favorem Abbatis, ad iudicium exercendum in eos
cum mille viris armatis. Nam et ipse Willelmus
fratrem habuit, qui, ad intercedendum pro eo, Curiam
Regis adiverat Chelmesfordiam; et ibidem audiens
taliam, prædicto Willelmo, fratri suo, nunciare curavit,
et Willelmus vicinis suis. Tunc mœror et luctus iterum,
tremor et horribilatio, invaserunt perfidos, super-
bos, elatos, villanos. Tunc de novo tractare cœperunt
de chartis Abbati reddendis, de novis fœderibus ferien-

¹ *burgo* in MS., erroneously.

II. p. 28.

² *Walsingham, Hist. Angl., Vol.*

³ *ebdomadam* in MS.

dis, de concordia ineunda. Venerunt ¹idcirco in Thomas, 30th
crastino, ²id est, die Sabbati in Octavis Apostolorum,³ Abbot, A.D.
hora Completorii, ad reddendum chartas et quemdam 1349-56.
librum, in quo veteres placitæ, inter Abbathiam et
villanos habitæ, continebantur; quem quidem librum
abstulerant in die furoris sui: sed Abbas non reputa-
vit illam horam ⁴idoneam ad tractandum cum illis super
re tam ardua. Quapropter misit ad illos Fratrem Willel-
mum Kylyngworthe, Priorem de Wymundham; qui
librum quidem ab eis reciperet, sed chartas reacceptare
differret, et ducentas libras, quas pro emendis faciendis
obtulerant, usque in crastinum ad horam primam.

The towns-
men offer
to restore
the Char-
ters; but
the offer is
not ac-
cepted.

Accidit autem ut Comes Warwici, cui causa Monas- The Earl of
terii commissa fuerat justificanda, eodem tempore Warwick
audiret a referentibus in partibus sui domini gravem is obliged
turbationem exortam fuisse; quare, causis extrinsecis to return
omnino dimissis, oportebat eum ad sua quantocius home.
festinare. Missis ergo qui eum excusarent ⁵de suis
militibus ad Abbatem, et eum confortarent, ne conci-
deret vultus ejus pro dilatione adventus illius ad
præsens, abiit in viam suam.

Exprobratio et dolus villanorum Sancti Albani.

Cum vero in crastino cognovissent villani pro certo The
Comitem non esse venturum, in derisiones dissolvun- people
tur, et sannas, ad invicem garrulantes:—"Quid est again take
heart.
"quod timebanus? Quare a verbis mendacii formida-
"vimus? Num putandum est exercitum huc fuisse
"contrahendum ad preces Abbatis? Stulti sumus;
"inepte credidimus, ut fatui operati sumus. Nun-
"quam de cætero est offerenda ⁶pecunia, nunquam

¹ idcirco in MS.

² id est in MS.

³ Petri et Pauli is inserted here in
Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p.
28.

⁴ idoneam in MS.

⁵ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol.
II. p. 29.

⁶ pecunia in MS.

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“ chartæ reddendæ. Et si reddendæ chartæ forent,
 “ quare nos primi meticolose in perniciosum exemplum
 “ aliorum inciperemus? Non continget hoc dedecus
 “ in persona nostra. Salliat interim Abbas carnes
 “ quas mactavit, ne putrescant, et vendat cervisiam
 “ quam pandoxavit, ne acescat; et panes quos pin-
 “ suit, ne indurescant aut ¹ mucidi fiant, aut a muribus
 “ corrodantur.”

The King determines personally to take cognizance of their insolence.

Hujuscemodi verbis per singulos dies improperabant Abbati et famulis de Abbathia, donec quidam ex armigeris Abbatis, zelo ducti, Domino Regi tantas molestias indicassent. Qui cum audisset talia, commotus et ipse nimium, juravit se accessurum personaliter ad tantas insolentias compescendas. Villani vero, ut videbatur, interim de pace reformanda minime cogitabant. Requisiti cur chartas non redderent, responderunt se timore Barnetensium, et Watfordensium,

Frivolous excuses made by the townsmen as to the Charters.

et cæterarum villarum, differre; qui incendium villæ comminati fuerant, et eis exterminium, si ipsi primo id attentare præsumerent; sed falsi quidem locuti sunt falsa, ut rerum exitus comprobavit. Nam Barnetenses et cæterarum conterminarum viri villarum, priusquam illi et chartas humiliter reddiderunt, et se in misericordia domini posuerunt; et paratos se ad pugnandum cum eis dixerunt, videlicet, cum singulis singuli, vel cum decem totidem, aut cum omnibus omnes, in hac causa, quod, scilicet, mendose de eis talia protulissent. Sed de hiis hactenus; jam ad superiora revertamur.—

² *Submissio concordie inter Abbatem et villanos.*

Alarm caused by the con-

Dum igitur hæc agerentur, ³allati sunt rumores febiles ad Sanctum Albanum, quod Rex adventare

¹ *mucidi* in MS.

² This word is almost illegible, | ³ *allate* in MS.

| and doubtful.

disponeret, et ibidem judicia præsentialiter exercere. Doluit¹ idcirco Abbas, quia timuit per tantum populum patriam devastandam. Doluerunt villani, sed dispariter; quia metuebant subire iudicium debitum maleficiis eorundem. Abbas autem, quem reipublicæ caritas² detinebat, aliis satis benigne præcavere cupiens, misit Londonias ad Dominum Hugonem Segrave, Senescallum Regis, amicum suum, et alios amicos et notos, quos habebat in Curia, rogans et efflagitans ut Regis impedirent adventum, si quomodo possent. Monachus, vero, qui hæc executurus exiverat, cum nihil omnino perficere posset ille, vel amici præfati, rediit infecto negotio, narrans Abbati Regem pro nullo velle mutare propositum, quin omnino accederet infra duos dies.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

templated
arrival of
King.

The Abbot
attempts,
but vainly,
to prevent
it.

Tristatus est ergo Abbas ultra quam credi potest, non pro se, sed pro miseris oppidanis Sancti Albani, necnon pro patria convicina, quibus scivit per adventum regium proventurum maximum detrimentum; quanquam idem villani exposit, mendacia fabricantes, asseveraverunt Abbatem Regi contulisse mille libras, ut in excidium eorum properaret. Sed fallax turba, gens perfida, populus dolosus, viri mendaces, homines fraudulentum, proximi vicini invidi, beneficiis semper ingrati, talia confinxerunt ad diffamandum eorum, velint nolint, dominum et patrem spirituale, ut vere iniquitatis filii, patrem totius ingratitudinis et mendaciorum, diabolum, imitantes. Hii cum audissent Regem proculdubio adventurum, conducunt quemdam militem causidicum, scilicet, Willelmum Croyser, magno pretio, quia ipsimet propter maleficia sua, juxta opinionem propriam, non merebantur audiri, ad intercedendum et proloquendum pro eis, si forte Abbas, pro reverentia mediatoris, induci posset ad ignoscen-

The Abbot
is defamed
by the
townsman
in re-
ference
thereto.

They em-
ploy a
pleader to
intercede
for them
with the
Abbot.

¹ idcirco in MS.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 30.

³ imitantes in MS.

⁴ maleficia in MS.

Thomas, 80th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. — Terms are made between them and the Abbot.

dum eis. Non erat apud Abbatem labor iste difficilis, quin ignosceret deprecantibus; ita tamen, ut damna resarcirent ecclesie, quæ intulerant perurbationem præfatam. Convenit igitur inter Abbatem et villanos, mediante præfato milite, et timore adventus Regis, ut eo die post Nonam, quo die Rex erat venturus, reportarent tot molarum manualium lapides, quot asportaverant de pavimento ostii locutorii forinseci, et restaurarent propriis sumptibus domum quam diruerant; præter id, quod Abbas concessit eis meremium quod remansit de domo præfata; et quod solverent eidem Abbati, vel successoribus suis, pro damnis et injuriis illatis sibi, pariter et expensis suis, ducentas libras argenti bonæ et legalis monetæ, citra festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli ¹ proximo sequentis; ad quam summam solvendam obligaverunt se plures de majoribus, appositis sigillis suis, sub poena dupli. Et quod Abbas nullam deponeret querimoniam penes Regem pro illatis per illos injuriis; sed si contingeret eos impeti per Regem pro factis suis in turbatione præfata, ² idem Abbas apponeret diligentiam suam pro adquietatione eorundem, et gratia obtinenda. Quibus repromisit Abbas, se nullam querelam depositurum de eis, si conductæ servarent; penes Regem vero se intercedere velle pro posse promisit, si quidem ejus preces possent exaudiri; cæterum se nolle promittere eis veniam publice protestatus est, quæ tantummodo esset de regia gratia processura, quia ignorabat si id impetrare posset. Quod verbum exceperunt de ore ejus majores villæ, pariter et communes, asserentes illis sufficere bonam voluntatem Abbatis; cum Rege autem se optime conventuros de hiis quæ spectant ad regiam dignitatem. Et ita pro tunc solutum est consilium, et dimissa turba.

The Abbot promises to intercede in their favour.

¹ proximi in MS.² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. | II. p. 31.

Circa horam Vesperarum allati sunt lapides molares sex, quot, videlicet, asportaverant, et ministerio villanorum positi juxta locum de quo alii fuere levati. Chartas insuper, et obligationes, quas extorserant, timore ducti, suppliciter veniam deprecati sunt, et chartas redonaverunt; et quamplures se obligaverunt ad satisfaciendum juxta quantitatem delictorum suorum. Et ista, utique eo die quo Rex erat venturus, facta sunt.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

The promises made by the townsmen are fulfilled.

De adventu Regis ad Sanctum Albanum, pro insurrectoribus et malefactoribus puniendis.

Finitis Vesperis, cum processione solemnī obviam Regi processum est ab Abbate et Conventu ad Occidentale ostium Monasterii; exceptusque est honorifice, cum pulsationibus campanarum, cantuque tam debito quam devoto. Advenerant autem cum eo ad millia¹ arcitenentium et armatorum; inter quos Dominus Robertus Trysilian, Miles, Justiciarius peritissimus, vir multum habens pectoris, et prudentiæ serpentiniæ. Hic, in crastino sedens pro tribunali in villa apud² Le Mothalle, accersiri jussit ex Hertfordia Willelmum Gryndecobbe, Willelmum Cadyndone, et Johannem Barbitonsorem; quem supra retulimus pavementum locutorii confregisse, et molares abstulisse et comminuisse, in spiritu furoris sui.

The King arrives at St. Alban's.

Sir Robert Trysilian sits in judgment upon the insurgents.

Cum ergo venissent ad Sanctum Albanum, jussit eos in custodia conservari usque in diem Lunæ; quo, videlicet, die, jurati qui onerati fuerant primo die Sessionum ad prodendum malefactores qui regiam pacem perturbaverant, daturi erant veredictum onerationis eorundem. Erat autem primus dies quo eum sedere descripsimus, dies Sabbati, et primus dies Canicularium; qui exposit infausti fuere villanis.

The accused are remanded to prison.

¹ architenensium in MS.

| ² The Moot Hall.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. *De gestis Justiciariorum regiorum apud Sanctum Albanum, circa pacis perturbatores prænotatos, Rege præsentē.*

The Jurors of Saint Alban's refuse to indict, and are rebuked by the Justiciar.

¹ Robertus Trysilian, Justiciarius, Idibus Octobris apud Sanctum Albanum convocari fecit duodenam, quam tridie oneraverat ad indictandum et prodendum malefactores et pacis regiæ turbatores. Venerunt ergo jurati de villâ, et dixerunt se nullum talem scire, nullum indictare juste posse, cunctos fideles et obsequentes Regi fore, semperque fuisse. Videns autem Justiciarius quo tendebat ista responsio, ut erat vir sapiens et profundæ intelligentiæ, præcepit ut redirent, et memores essent verbi illis dicti ex parte Regis, quando suppliciter egressi in obviam Regi misericordiam et veniam postulabant; in hoc, videlicet, et perdonationem et veniam consecuturos, si incentores, concitatores, et auctores,urbationis regni tradidissent; sin alias, juxta sermonem Regis, eos subituros prædixit eandem pœnam quam pertulissent idem malefactores, si deprehensi fuissent.

His ultimate advice to them.

Regressi sunt igitur dicti jurati, quos e vestigio secutus est Justiciarius ad locum quo erant de præmissis tractaturi; et proferens de sua manica quemdam rotulum, in quo et nomina plurimorum, et malefacta, continebantur, ait eis, — “En!” inquit, “deposita
“proximorum vestrorum scelera per bonos viros et
“fideles patriæ, quæ neminem pene latent; et vos
“putatis nos omnes deludere vestro silentio, vel ex-
“cæcare? Nequaquam fiet quod putatis; cum in
“promptu habeamus et nomina et facta sceleratorum,
“quos vos justos monstrare velletis. Agite propterea
“quæ vobis expediunt, et vitam vestram servare sat-

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 35.

“ agite, ne, dum nimis inutiliter cavetis proximis, vo-
 “ bismet periculum excitetis.”

Thomas,
 30th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.

Turbati ergo villani æstimaverunt salubrius indic-
 tare reos vicinos, quam in semetipsos dicta mala con-
 gerere. Indictaverunt quamplures, tam de patria ¹ quam
 de villa.

The Jurors
 indict
 several
 persons.
 The Jus-
 ticiar by
 stratagem
 obtains an
 indictment
 by three
 Juries of
 twelve.

Tunc Justiciarius, convocata seorsum alia duodena,
 demonstravit eis et nomina et indictamenta personarum,
 per primam duodenam, (ut præmittitur,) exarata; in-
 terrogans quid ipsi vellent dicere de personis prædictis,
 si illi onerati essent super præmissis. Viri autem de
 secunda duodena, cernentes ² cuncta fore vera quæ per
 primam duodenam fuere scripta, responderunt se eo
 modo fecisse quo illi, si fuissent onerati. Igitur hanc
 duodenam servavit iudex, ad dicendum veredictum de
 præfatis personis; quæ nullo modo potuit aliter dicere
 in reddendo veredicto, quam dixerant cum interroga-
 rentur de præmissis; sed oportuit illos, vellent nollent,
 damnare eos quos antea fatebantur se voluisse indic-
 tasse de prædictis sceleribus, vel cum rubore falsi ap-
 parere. Et hoc ³ commento Justiciarius induxit eos,
 quanquam falsi esse maluissent, ad dicendum verita-
 tem. Oneravit nihilominus et tertiam duodenam super
 eadem; quæ cum vidisset primæ duodenæ deposita,
 eadem deposuit quæ prima descripsit; ita ut nullus
 damnaretur, nisi per ora triginta sex virorum. Sed
 secunda duodena, ut diximus, semper servabatur pro
 veredicto dicendo, postquam prima et tertia duodena
 indictamenta fecissent.

¹ tam in the text, but corrected in
 the margin.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol.

II. p. 36.

³ *comento* in MS.

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

De damnatis et incarceratis, et qualiter villani prædicti indictaverunt et depravarunt Abbatem et Conventum Sancti Albani.

Some of
the insur-
gents are
executed,
others im-
prisoned.

Tunc damnatus est Willelmus Gryndecobbe, Willelmus Cadyndone, Johannes Barbitonsor, et quidam alii malefactores, pro turbatione pacis regis; et tracti sunt, et suspensi, ad numerum decem et quinque virorum. Incarceratique sunt de majoribus villæ ad sectam regiam, suis convicinis eosdem indictantibus, Ricardus Walyngford, Johannes Garlek, Willelmus Berewik, Thomas Pictor, et plures alii mediocres. De patria vero commendati sunt custodiæ carcerali, ad numerum octoginta personarum; qui ex post Regis indulgentia sunt dimissi.

The Abbot
and Con-
vent are
accused by
the towns-
men of
creating
the com-
motion.

Interea villani, ut nullum lateret eorum malitia, quanquam Dominus Abbas sæpius pro eis intercessisset, et pro salute et vita supplicasset eorundem, et frequenter ob id iram regiam metuisset, quia proclamatum fuerat nullum debere pro quoquam preces fundere, non onerati, non jussi, non coacti, sed sponte, in Abbatem dolum cogitantes, et Conventum, et ¹ mendacia fabricantes, eosdem indictaverunt de prima commotione villanorum; quod, scilicet, Abbas jussisset et coegisset eos egredi ad turbam quæ erat Londoniis congregata, cum villani parum aut nihil de talibus cogitassent; quare asseveraverunt Abbatem ² [et Conventum,] et famulos eorundem, concitatores et auctores primos fuisse turbationis quæ in villa postea contingebat; et insuper, eos ³ direxisse in adjutorium inimicorum Regis et regni.

Cum Justiciarius hæc audisset et vidisset, abhorrens nimium, et execrans, tantam tamque manifestam vil-

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 37.

² Omitted in MS., but supplied

from Walsingham *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 37.

³ *duxisse*, apparently, in MS.

lanorum malitiam, dixit eis:—"Dicatis," ait, "O per-
 " fidi, in animabus vestris hoc quod creditis; utrum
 " Abbas ista fecerit tanquam Regis et regni proditor,
 " vel pro meliori, id est, pro periculo præcavendo, ne
 " turba veniens, quæ furebat, damna tam vobis quam
 " sibi inferret? Edicite, si sibi et vobis optavit exi-
 " tium, aut si intentionis ejus fuerat, ut revertentes
 " cum tanto numero inferretis damna quæ sibi et vici-
 " nis vestris intulistis. Dicatis per juramentum ves-
 " trum, si reus est Abbas horum quæ numeravimus in
 " præsentî."

Thomas,
 80th
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1349-96.

The Jus-
 ticiar
 charges
 them on
 their oath
 thereon.

Illi autem, confusi in astutia sua propria, nec ha-
 bentes quid responderent, aliquandiu conticuerunt.
 Urgebat ergo Justiciarius vehementer, ut dicerent quid
 sentirent. Tandem verecundi compulsi sunt dicere
 veritatem, asserentes Abbatem satis fidelem tam Regi
 quam regno fore, et hæc omnia, juxta intentionem
 suam, pro meliori fecisse. Tunc judex detestatus est
 ipsorum perfidiam coram multis, et increpavit eos asper-
 rime, præcipiens ut sine mora ipsimet manibus suis
 indictamentum prædictum confringerent, et cassarent.
 Quod et villani, licet cum mala voluntate, fecerunt.

The towns-
 men admit
 the false-
 hood of
 their
 charges.

Considerantes vero quod fraudati fuerant suo nequam
 desiderio in hac parte, cogitaverunt qualiter Abbatem
 molestare possent per alias adinventiones. Hospites
 namque suos, milites et armigeros de Regis familia, qui
 apud eosdem copiose hospitati fuerant, fictis insimula-
 tionibus credere compulerunt Abbatem fore ¹ hypocri-
 tam, et, per speciem sanctitatis quam foris monstrabat,
 plerosque dominorum regnique magnatum deludendo de-
 cipere; unde contigit, ut, eorum fultus patrociniis, ²ty-
 rannides impune exercere, et injuste subjectos opprimere,
 non timeret. Asserebant insuper eundem Abbatem bur-
 gensium Sancti Albani jura et libertates avitas nequiter

Slanders
 circulated,
 in reference
 to the
 Abbot.

ypocritam in MS.

| ² *tirannides* in MS.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Heavy
penalties
threatened
against the
false accu-
sers of the
Abbot.

per falsa ¹ commenta surripuisse, et eosdem, liberos homines, tanta oppressione contrivisse, ut nemini liceret in domo sua molam ² manulem erigere; sed, more nativorum, cuncti compellerentur molere ad ipsius Abbatis molendina. Dicebant etiam eum infinitam auri quantitatem Domino Regi dedisse, ut adveniens, secundum quod accidit, concives eorum suspendi juberet. Persuadebant præterea muneribus, ubi verba defuerunt, ut quoquo pacto regales inducerent ad male loquendum de Abbate, si saltem mala irrogare actualiter non valerent. Suadebant et mulieres eorum quod viri non valebant; quæ satis communes fuerunt eisdem, tempore hospitalitatis eorum. Sicque factum est, ut tot excrescerent maliloqui, quod pene cunctos amicos Monasterii conturbarent; licet proclamaretur publice viros suspendendos, qui Abbatem accusare false præsumerent, et foeminas concremandas. Et hæc quidem erat retributio villanorum, quam retribuerunt Abbati; qui reddere mala pro bonis festinabant, et odium pro dilectione sua, ac pro eo ut eundem diligerent, detrahebant sibi.

Remedium contra nativos, opera sua subtrahentes.

Measures
taken by
the King,
and his
Council, in
behalf of
the Abbot.

Cum Dominus Rex jam fuisset octo dies apud Sanctum Albanum, intelligens et prænosens ejus Consilium, quod tunc aderat, nativorum et servorum Monasterii corda non recta futura cum suis dominis, id est, eum Abbate et Conventu, in posterum, nisi cautius ageretur cum eisdem, jussu Regis remedium apponere statuerunt hujusmodi malis futuris, Magno Regis Sigillo firmatum. Nam Regis Cancellaria tunc tenebatur in Domo Capitulari; unde facilius consequi potuit idem Abbas quæ volebat.

¹ comenta in MS.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. I.

II. p. 38.

*Breve regium quibusdam generosis, pro nativis Monasterii Sancti Albani ad opera debita compellendis.*Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.

" Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
 " Hiberniæ, dilectis sibi, Johanni Lodewyk, Johanni West
 " Wycombe, Johanni Kentyng, Ricardo Perers, Waltero
 " Craunford, Roberto Giffard, Thomæ Eydon, et Willelmo
 " Eccleshale, salutem. Mandamus vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, as to ser-
 " firmiter injungentes, quod statim visis præsentibus, qua- vices due to
 " cunque excusatione cessante, in singulis villis et locis in the Abbot;
 " Comitatus Hertfordiæ et Bukynghamiæ, tam infra liberation and injunction
 " tates quam extra, ubi expediens fore videritis, et necesse, the same
 " ex parte nostra faciatis publice proclamari, quod omnes et shall be
 " singuli tenentes dilecti nobis in Christo Abbatis de Sancto duly per-
 " Albano, tam liberi quam nativi, opera, consuetudines, et formed,
 " servitia, quæ ipsi prædicto Abbati facere debent, et ab A.D. 1381.
 " antiquo, ante turbationem ¹ in diversis Comitatus regni
 " nostri Angliæ jam noviter exortam, facere consueverunt,
 " absque contradictione, murmure, resistantia, seu difficultate
 " faciant aliquali, prout ante facere solebant. Et ulterius, ex
 " parte nostra districtè inhibeatis. quod idem tenentes aut
 " nativi, seu alii quicunque, opera, consuetudines, aut servitia
 " sua prædicta, istis turbationum temporibus magis solito ² non
 " retrahant, sed ea prædicto Abbati facere ullo colore non
 " retardent, nec aliqua alia libertates seu privilegia exigant,
 " vindicent, sive clament, quam ante præsentem turbationem
 " habuerunt, sub fide et ligeantia quibus nobis tenentur, et
 " sub forisfactura omnium quæ nobis forisfacere poterunt
 " in futurum. Et omnes illos, quos, post proclamationem et
 " inhibitionem prædictas, contrarios inveneritis, seu rebelles,
 " arestetis et capiat, et ipsos prisonis nostris mancipetis,
 " in eisdem moraturos, quousque de eorum punitione aliter
 " duxerimus demandandam; et hoc, sicut nos et honorem
 " nostrum, ac salvationem jurium regni nostri, diligitis, nul-
 " latenus omittatis. Teste meipso, apud villam de Sancto
 " Albano, quinto-decimo die Julii, anno regni nostri quinto."

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 39.

² Omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

*De recessu Regis de Sancto Albano, fidelitate
communium primitus recepta.*

The men of
the County
of Hert-
ford do
fealty to
the King,
who then
leaves
Saint Al-
ban's.

In Die Sanctæ Margaretæ Virginis, post refectionem, Dominus Rex, transiturus ad castellum de Berkhamstede, in Magna Curia Abbathiæ apud Sanctum Albanum, fidelitatem suscepit de hominibus Comitatus Hertfordiæ, qui summoniti fuerant, ut ibi comparerent coram eo; cuncti, videlicet, qui erant inter quintum-decimum et sexagesimum ætatis annum. Qui omnes simul, data fide, jurarunt, se de cætero fideles domino suo Regi futuros, et nunquam iterum contra pacem surrecturos, sed citius morituros quam regni turbatoribus parituros; et eosdem regni turbatores pro viribus comprehensuros, et carceribus adducturos, opera et servitia consueta facturos fideliter. Et si qui inter eos essent, qui ductores, concitatores, turbarum fuerant, continuo captos Regi monstraturos. Post quod juramentum dimissi sunt in sua, Rege ad Berkhamstede properante; ubi cum aliquandiu moratus fuisset, transivit, venandi gratia, ad villam de Esthamstede; quo in loco relatum est sibi ¹suspensos apud Sanctum Albanum fuisse depositos, et a furcis longius fuisse remotos. Dominus autem Rex, multum miratus super tanta audacia, et commotus immodice, propter contumeliam in hac parte sibimet irrogatam, illico breve suum misit ballivis villæ de Sancto Albano, in hæc verba.—

The bodies
of those
executed at
Saint Al-
ban's are
privily re-
moved
from the
gibbets.

Breve pro suspensis depositis denuo suspendendis.

Order by
the King,
that the
bodies shall
be replaced,
A.D. 1381.

" Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
" Hiberniæ, ballivis villæ de Sancto Albano, salutem. Quia
" certitudinaliter informati sumus quod diversi malefactores,
" timore nostræ regiæ majestatis abjecto, corpora diversorum

¹ Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 40.

“proditorum et felonum apud villam prædictam, qui pro
 “eorum maleficiis, in præsentī turbatione contra nos et lige-
 “antiam suam factis, ut suspenderentur, et penderent quamdiu
 “possent durare, adjudicati fuissent, prædictis proditoribus
 “et felonibus juxta judicium prædictum suspensis, a furcis ubi
 “pendebant ceperunt et asportaverunt, in nostri vituperium
 “et contemptum, ac contra judicium supradictum; unde quam-
 “plurimum commovemur, nec immerito conturbamur:—vobis
 “igitur, in fide et ligeantia quibus nobis tenemini, præcipi-
 “mus, firmiter injungentes, quod, statim visis præsentibus,
 “¹catenas ferreas fieri, et corpora prædictorum suspensorum,
 “ubique inventa fuerunt, ad furcas prædictas reduci,
 “et ea cum eisdem ¹catenis resuspendi, faciatis ibidem,
 “quamdiu durare poterunt pensura, juxta formam judicii
 “supradicti. Et hoc, sub forisfactura omnium quæ nobis
 “forisfacere poteritis, nullatenus omittatis. Teste meipso,
 “apud Esthamstede, tertio Augusti, anno regni nostri quinto.”
 —Per ipsum Regem.

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*Exclamatio super villanos prædictos, pro eorum vicinis
 resuspensis.*

Hoc mandatum villanos de Sancto Albano, jamdudum
 pro libertate tumultuantes, turpis et abominabilis
 servitutis servos effecit; dum, non habentes qui hujus-
 modi obsequium pro eisdem vellet agere, compulsi sunt
 propriis manibus suos concives resuspendere ¹catenis
 ferreis; quorum jam corpora, tabe fluentia, scatentia
 vermibus, putrida et foetentia, odorem ²ipsis teter-
 rimum refundebant. Et quidem merito hoc erat fœdum
 officium virorum usurpantium minus juste nomen
 civium, ut apte vocarentur, et essent, suspensores homi-
 num, ipso facto incurrentes opprobrium sempiternum;
 et qui veritatem reticere et pejorare maluerant, quam
 sibi similes proditores prodere, non temere ipsos eosdem
 suspendere sunt coacti. Consecuti quoque sunt canes
 eorum, quod domini non merebantur; dum per dominos,
 detractis ¹catenis quibus ligati fuerant, libertati sunt

The towns-
 men of
 Saint Al-
 ban's are
 compelled,
 with their
 own hands,
 to replace
 the bodies.

¹ *catenas* . . . *catenis* in MS. | II. p. 41.

² Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. |

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1349-96.

donati, ipsis ¹ catenis cedentibus in usus suspendendorum hominum, et magistris eorundem canum suspendium, ut præfertur, ministrantibus, ac per hoc, ut dicitur, in turpissima morantibus servitute. Quia, videlicet, par erat, ut perjuri et Deo odibiles detractores canibus, Dei judicio, monstrarentur pejores, dum, canibus eorum dimissis liberis, ipsi necerentur tam execrandæ servitutis obsequiis. Et hæc quidem apud Sanctum Albanum gesta sunt, circa festum Inventionis ejusdem Martyris; quem probati sunt peccabiliter offendisse, et ob hoc in multiplices miserias corruisse.²

De quodam Statuto contra perturbatores, et chartarum seu scriptorum extortorum ³ detentores, in Parlamento proximo edito et promulgato.

A Statute
made, an-
nulling all
Charters
extorted
during the
Insurrec-
tion.

Sub eodem tempore editum est Statutum contra eos qui litteras sive copias extorserant libertatum tempore Insurrectionis communium, ut irritæ et nullæ haberentur; et ut hii, qui adhuc peterent vel fieri facerent tales manumissiones, obligationes, relaxationes, caperentur, et coram Rege, Regisque Consilio, ducerentur, ad respondendum pro maleficiis eorundem, et compellerentur ad deliberandum et restituendum, ut præmittitur, sic extorta

Annulment
of feoff-
ments and
seisins that
had been
extorted.

Item, ut omnia alia facta, puta, in feoffamentis, intratibus, vel seysinis captis in terris seu tenementis eo tempore, irrita teneantur. Et Rex prohibuit, sub poena forisfacturæ catallorum et corporum, ne ullus præsumeret reincipere talem turbationem, sive commotionem. Quod si quisquam faceret, ut traditor Regis et regni haberetur. Item, Rex prohibuit ne ullus de cætero tenementa vel terras intrare præ-

¹ *catenis* in MS.

² At this point the *Hist. Angl.* of Thomas Walsingham ceases to

borrow from the same source.

³ *detenet* in MS.

sumeret, nisi quieto modo, et pacifico, et etiam juxta leges. Si quis vero contrarium faceret, et inde posset convinci, per imprisonmentem sui corporis puniretur, voluntati regie subjiaciendus.

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Item, extitit ordinatum, ut hii qui se sentiebant gravatos per destructionem, combustionem, vel alienationem, chartarum, relaxationum, et obligationum, et cætera, per communes, petitionem facerent citra certum tempus Regi; et Rex, cum suo Consilio, remedium apponeret adoptatum.—

Those ag-
grieved in
such re-
spects,
directed to
petition for
redress.

*Forma Statuti contra prædictos perturbatores,
et cætera.*

“ Item, est ordinez et assentuz, que totez maners de manumissions, obligationz, et releesses, et dautres lienx, faitez par compulsion, duress, et manasse, en temps du ceste darreyn rumour et riote, ecountre les leies de la terre et bone foi, soient de tout cassetz, irritez, et tenuz pur voides; et ceaux qount feat feare, ou deteignount unquore, tielx manumissions, oblagacionz, releesses, lienx, et autres faitez, issint par duress, featz, soient envoietz devaunt le Roi et son Consail, pur ent respondre illeokes pur lour fait; et outre, soient compelles de faire deliveraunce

Statute to
the above
effect.

[TRANSLATION.]

“ Also, it is ordained and agreed to, that all manner of manumissions, obligations, and releases, and of other liens, made by compulsion, duress, and menace, in the time of this last tumult and riot, against the laws of the land and good faith, shall be entirely quashed, annulled, and held as void; and those who have caused to be made, or still detain, such manumissions, obligations, releases, liens, and other deeds, so by duress made, shall be sent before the King and his Council, there to answer thereon for their act; and further, shall be compelled to make deliverance and restitution of the deeds

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“ et restitution de les faitez avaunt ditez a eaux qui
 “ les fisrout ecountre lour bon gree; ovesques les copies
 “ dycelles, si nulles ent averount fait, pur autrefoitz
 “ user, ou renouveller leffete dycelles. Et semblablement
 “ est acordees, que touz entres faites en terres et tene-
 “ menz, et auxint totez feoffementez featez en temps
 “ de dit rumour, par compulsioun et manasce, ou au-
 “ trement a force des gentz encountre la ley, soient
 “ voides, et tenuz pur nulle. Et le Roi defende es-
 “ troitement as touz maners des gentz, sur peyne que-
 “ conque ils purrout forsfaire devers luy, en corps et
 “ en biens, que nulle desore face ne recomence, par voie
 “ queconques, tielles riot ne rumour, nautres semblables;
 “ et si nulle le face, et ceo provez duement, soit fait
 “ de luy, com de traytour au Roi, et a son dit roialme.
 “ Et auxint, le Roi defende que nulle desore face entre
 “ en ascunes terres et tenemenz, si non en cas ou lentre
 “ est donee par la ley; et en ceole cas, nemye a fort

“ aforesaid unto those who made them against their good
 “ will; together with the copies of them, if they shall have
 “ made any thereof, for using at a future time, or renewing
 “ the effect thereof. And in like manner it is agreed, that
 “ all entries made upon lands and tenements, and also all
 “ feoffments made at the time of the said tumult, by compul-
 “ sion and menace, or otherwise by force of people against
 “ the law, shall be void, and held as null. And the King
 “ strictly forbids unto all manner of persons, on pain of
 “ forfeiting whatever they may unto him, in body and in
 “ goods, that any one shall from henceforth make or recom-
 “ mence, in any way whatsoever, such riot or tumult, or any
 “ other like thereto; and if any one shall do so, and this be duly
 “ proved, let it be done unto him, as to a traitor against the
 “ King, and against his said realm. And also, the King forbids
 “ that any one shall from henceforth make entry upon any
 “ lands and tenements, except in case where the entry is
 “ given by the law; and in that case, not with a strong hand,

" mayn, nē a multitude des gentez, einz tauntsoule-
 " ment en pesible et easi manere. Et si nulle de-
 " sore face a contrarie, et ent soit ¹ counvicus duement,
 " soit puniz par enprisonement de son corps, et dilleo-
 " ques rent a la volunte le Roy. Item, touchaunt les
 " chartres, relesses, et obligacionz, et autres featz, mu-
 " nimentz, arcz destrutz, ou autrement esloygnes en
 " mesme le rumour, est assentuz que ceaux qui se sen-
 " tent ent grevez, ent mestent leurs petitionz distincte-
 " ment featez sur la matiere en especial devaunt le
 " Roy et son Conseil, parentre cy et la Nativite de
 " Seint Johan prochein venaunt, a plus tard, et illeo-
 " ques facent sufficeaunt prove de mesmes les muni-
 " mentz issint perduz, et de la forme et tenure dicelle;
 " et ceo fait, tiele remedie lour ent serra purveu a
 " chescun compleynt, com meulx semblera a faire en les
 " cas, salvaunt la ley."

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" nor with a multitude of people, but solely in a peaceable and
 " a quiet manner. And if any one shall from henceforth do
 " to the contrary, and shall be duly convicted thereof, let him
 " be punished by imprisonment of his body, and from thence
 " discharged at the will of the King. Also, touching the
 " charters, releases, and obligations, and other deeds, muni-
 " ments, chests destroyed, or otherwise carried off in the same
 " tumult, it is assented that those who feel themselves
 " aggrieved thereon, shall put their petitions distinctly made
 " upon the matter in especial before the King and his Council,
 " between now and the Nativity of Saint John next to come,
 " at the latest, and there make sufficient proof of the same
 " muniments being so lost, and of the form and tenor thereof;
 " and this done, such remedy thereon shall be provided them
 " on each complaint, as shall seem the best to be done in the
 " case, saving the law."

¹ The exact form of this word is doubtful.

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*De callida machinatione villanorum, de proficuo
multuræ ibidem subtrahendo.*

The towns-
men of
Saint Al-
bano's take
their corn
to be
ground at
other mills
than the
Abbey
Mill.

Circa idem tempus, villani de Sancto Albano, solito nequitiae spiritu agitati, in damnum proprium et domini sui Abbatis ibidem, quod tamen lucrum reputabant, novam machinationem callide adinvenerunt. Cum enim omnes tenentes et infra eandem villam residentes debeant de jure et ex consuetudine legitima præscriptibili molere omnia blada, in eorum domibus brasianda et furnanda, ad molendinum monasterii prædicti, prout per diversa munimenta et recorda inde confecta plenius apparet; nihilominus quidam Johannes Stoke et alii, nimium de se præsumentes, consuetudinem prædictam infringere nitebantur, blada aliqua ad molendina prædicta non molentes, sed ad aliorum molendina in promptu molitum comparantes, consilio et suorum vicinorum promissionibus ad hoc incitati; qui, si eisdem prospere succederet, consimilia facere cogitabant. Unde Dominus Abbas tulit contra eosdem breve, sub tenore sequenti.—

*Breve Regis contra callidos subtractores multuræ
prænotatos.*

Writ issued
as to such
fraudulent
subtraction
of multure.

“Ricardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
“Hiberniæ, Vicecomiti Hertfordiæ, salutem. Si Abbas de
“Sancto Albano, dominus villæ de Sancto Albano, fecerit te
“securum de clameo meo proseguendo, tunc pone per plegios
“A. et W., de villa de Sancto Albano, quod sint coram
“Justiciariis nostris, apud Westmonasterium, ostensuri quare,
“cum omnes tenentes et residentes infra villam prædictam
“omnia blada per ipsos in dicta villa furnanda, et omnia
“brasea per ipsos in eadem villa brasianda, ad molendinum
“ipsius Abbatis, in villa prædicta, et non alibi, ad tricesi-
“mum secundum vas, molere debeant, et, a tempore quo non

¹ Apparently *multura*.

“ extat memoria, molere consueverunt, prædicti A. et W., Thomas,
 “ residentes infra villam prædictam, machinantes ipsum Ab- 30th
 “ batem de proficuo multuræ suæ hujusmodi callide defraudare, Abbot,
 “ diversa brasia, ad prædictum molendinum ipsius Abbatis non A.D.
 “ molita, infra villam prædictam brasiauerunt; per quod idem 1349-96.
 “ Abbas proficuum quod de multura dictorum brasiorum, si —
 “ ad molendinum suum molita fuissent, ut esse deberent, perci-
 “ pere debuisset, totaliter amisit, et alia, et cætera, ad damnum
 “ ipsius Abbatis et cætera.”

Ex cujus effectu timore poenæ, magis quam scrupulo- The of-
 sitate conscientiæ, nimium dissoluti, gratiæ domini sui fenders sue
 Abbatis se totaliter submiserunt; qui, solita sua pietate to the
 commotus, eandem transgressionem, ac etiam forisfactu- Abbot for
 ram dictorum bladorum ea de causa sibi debitam, pardon ;
 misericorditer condonavit eisdem; præter duo quarteria which is
 brasii, quæ, in signum subjectionis, suo granario censuit granted
 apportanda die quadam Sabbati, quando mercatum them, on
 plenius habebatur; ut omnes cognoscere possent et forfeiture
 horum malitiam et nostram justitiam, et gratiam eis of two
 factam. quarters of
 barley on
 market-
 day.

*De incendiariis maneriorum Monasterii Sancti Al-
 bani, per quosdam ¹ malevolos villanorum Sancti
 Albani, ut creditur, procuratis.*

Non multo post hæc, accessit et eidem Abbati et Notice is
 alia tribulatio, hactenus inaudita, tribulatio super omnes given at
 tribulationes maxima, et quæ terruit cunctorum corda Sandrugge,
 audientium, præ horrore novi facinoris ² adinventi. by certain
 Quidam revera, qui prætendebant se fuisse cognatos persons,
 Johannis Biker, nuper suspensi in insurrectione apud that the
 Sanctum Albanum, pro manifestis suis sceleribus, noctu Abbot
 venientes ad prædium nostrum de Sandrugge, must pay
 erexerunt ante portas quoddam vexillum, quale parum them a sum
 of money.

¹ *malivolos* in MS.

² *adventi* in the text, but corrected | in the margin, in another hand.

Thomas, 80th Abbot, A.D. 1349-98. insurrectores erexerant dum ¹ bacchabantur, et appenderunt ² pyxidem cum lini stipula, et quamdam litteram, cum talio viginti et unius librarum eisdem solvendarum Cantuariæ, certo die. Et si non solveretur quod

Mysterious indications of intended arson. petebatur, minabantur se capturos seisinam in maneriis nostris de Astone et de Wyncelow. Suspenderunt insuper in diversis locis panniculos lineos semiustos, et sparserunt in circuitu manerii de Sandrugge globos lineæ stipulæ, in signum quod prædium vellent comburere, nisi Abbas satisfecisset petitionibus eorundem.

The Abbot at a loss to account for the enmity of the alleged kinamen of John Biker. Acta sunt hæc circa Carniprivium; diem vero solutionis præfixerunt Diem Sancti Gregorii proximo sequentem, et apud feretrum Sancti Thomæ Cantuariæ. Mirabatur Abbas de hiis præsumptionibus, mirabantur et omnes de suo consilio; et eo maxime, quod nullum unquam Abbas contrarium fecerat cum Johanne ³ Bikir, nec aliquis de familiaribus ejusdem Abbatis; nec et idem Johannes Biker suspensus fuerat ad sectam Abbatis, aut alicujus de suis, sed solummodo ad sectam Regis.

It is determined not to pay the money at the shrine of Saint Thomas, at Canterbury, on the day that has been named. Habito proinde magno cum suis consilio, responsum est a prudentibus, licet cuperent salvere ab incendiis loca sua, nullam debere mitti ⁴ pecuniam Cantuariam calumniatoribus supradictis. Quia licet id fieret, certum erat quod nullus compareret ibidem ad percipiendum ⁴ pecuniam memoratam; quippe qui timerent deprehendi, et nostros tam fortes futuros ibidem in omnibus sicut illos. Igitur decretum est præstolari diem sub silentio, ut quid acturi forent adversarii videretur. Venit Dies Sancti Gregorii, venit Dies Paschæ; sed nihil Monasterio irrogarunt. Denique, Die Passionis Sancti Albani, summo mane, quando familia dicti loci

The Abbey farm at Sandrugge de Sandrugge occupata fuit apud Sanotum Albanum, accedentes ministri diaboli, imposuerunt ignem in

¹ *bacchabantur* in MS.

² *pyxidem* in MS.

³ Sic in MS.

⁴ *peccuniam* in MS.

¹hara porcorum; quæ mox, quia vetusta fuit, combusta est. Deinde surrepsit ignis in horreum magnum, quod Frater Robertus Chestan dudum renovaverat, quod pene plenum fuit frumento, ²hordeo, et avenis, et magnam partem domus consumpsit, bladaque vastavit. Sed accurrentibus quibusdam de vicinis, major pars domus ab ignibus est salvata. Incendiarii vero sacrilegi se subtraxerunt, et hactenus latuerunt, nec quovismodo sciri poterat, qui tantum malum eo tempore perpetrassent.

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30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

is fired by
incendi-
aries; but
the greater
part of it is
saved.

Consimiliter posuerunt signa prævia malitiæ præconceptæ in manerio de Waldene, in omnibus prout fecerant apud Sandrugge; et anno sequente, nocturno tempore, imposuerunt ignem in domo vaccarum, quæ de novo constructa fuerat; eamque totaliter cremaverunt, ut nihil remaneret inustum, præter ferrum quod in ostiis fuerat, vel fenestris; sed residuum domorum manerii præsidio accurrentium est salvatum.

After similar
notice,
the farm at
Waldene is
set fire to,
and the
cow-house
burnt.

Tertio, imposuerunt ignem in molendino de Codicote; qui, Deo volente, velociter extinctus est, molendinario prope existente, et quantocius accurrente.

The mill of
Codicote is
set fire to.

Quarta vice, solita furentes malitia, quasdam domus in manerio de Coumbes, in Southsexia, conflagraverunt; nullo existente qui potuit deprehendere malefactores in tot vicibus anteactis.

The same
as to
houses at
Coumbes,
in Sussex.

³Ideirco nimium Abbas suum deplorabat infortunium, et eo amarius, quo fuit severius, nequius, inhumanus, formidabilius, et insuetum. Condolebant et boni vicini patriæ, eo amplius, quo formidabant talia fieri posse sibi. Demum cum Duces Lancastriæ et Gloverniæ, ac tandem Rex Angliæ, venissent ad Monasterium, et hæc audissent, aures eorum ab auditu facinoris tinuerunt. Nempe Rex ipse, factum præ cæteris formidans, ait,—“Certe,” ⁴inquit, “tales nebulones et me

The King
and the
Dukes of
Lancaster
and Glou-
cester hear
of these
outrages.

The King's
indigna-
tion.

¹ ara in MS.

² ordeo in MS.

³ Ideirco in MS.

⁴ inquit in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. "possent destruere hoc modo, et quemlibet opulenti-
 "tissimum regem mundi." Succrevit ex hoc facto
 magna suspicio, sed tamen varia, quia quidam uni
 facinus, quidam alteri, imputabant.

Confession
 made of the
 crime by a
 vagrant;
 who after-
 wards re-
 tracts his
 confession.

Sed dempsit suspicionem dubiam atque metum cap-
 tio duorum per suspicionem captorum, cum quadam
 foemina et garcione, qui per patriam vagabantur. Qui
 postquam in prisona apud Sanctum Albanum reclusi
 fuissent, et ab invicem separati, unus illorum, qui
 ductor videbatur cæterorum, confessus est Coronario,
 quod ipse ignem imposuisset in maneriis supradictis;
 sed hoc tantum prima vice qua ingressus fuit carcerem,
 quippe qui nunquam voluit iterum facinus confiteri.
 Fecit tamen fidem dictis suis prioribus, quod nunquam
 postea, Deo laudes, sensimus incendiariorum malitias,
 nec dispendia ignium exteriorum.

One Bide-
 welle also
 confesses
 the crime;
 but after-
 wards re-
 tracts his
 confession.

Fuit quidam alius de villa Sancti Albani, dictus
 "Bidewelle," qui, nescio utrum ex ebrietate
 vel facti veritate, tamen non coactus, non jussus, con-
 fessus fuit se subornatum per quemdam Henricum
 Gryndecobbe, tinctorem de Londoniis, fratrem, vide-
 licet, Willelmi Gryndecobbe, apud Sanctum Albanum
 in insurrectione suspensi, ad immittendum ignem in
 maneria supradicta. Dixitque se hoc scelus perpe-
 trasse, et ideo scire sibi peroptime manere supplicia
 pro commissis, si comprehendi potuisset. Quamobrem
 oportere eum fugere, ne temeritatem lueret facinoris
 attentati; fugitque, nec amplius in villa visus est per
 longum tempus. Expost tamen fortuitu interceptus,
 nullo modo voluit confiteri quod prius jactitaverat,
 quanquam pœna mortis intentata fuisset eidem. Et
 idcirco dimissus est eo facilius, quod jam incendia
 quievissent.²

¹ idcirco in MS.

² At this point (fol. 320 a) nearly

a whole column is left vacant.

Recapitulatio malefactorum villanorum Sancti Albani, contra Abbatem et Conventum, ut præmittitur, pluries attentatorum.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
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1349-96.

Instigabant villanos præcipue ad rebellandum, et ad libertates petendas, mendacia quorundam inveteratorum dictæ villæ, qui juniores per falsas fabulas ad hoc induxerunt, ut crederent se quondam habuisse libertates et privilegia a Rege Offa concessa, sed per Abbates et monachos exposit violenter abstracta, et contra justitiam vacuata.

Ill-will
against the
Abbey,
from a
belief that
certain
liberties
granted to
the town by
Offa had
been with-
drawn.
Certain
aged men
propagate
this false-
hood.

Quorum quidem nequam senum primicerius fuit Ricardus Bude; et Henricus de Porta, deinde quidam Benedictus Spichfat, et alii. Subsecuti sunt eum in mendacio Willelmus atte Halle et cæteri; qui, nostris temporibus mendacia continuantes, villæ communitatem concitaverunt, et consequenter in miserias pepulerunt; prout sermo superior satis docet.

Asseverabant enim, quod Rex Offa illustrissimus, cum congregasset artifices, fabros, lignarios, cæmentarios, et ¹latomos, ad construendum Monasterium, cum officinis suis, dederat ipsam villam ²latomis et operariis aliis ad inhabitandum, et ipsam honoraverat libertatibus et privilegiis, munificentia regali provis. Quos in hac opinione falli perspicuum est; cum Rex Offa ultra quinque annos ab Inventione Sancti Albani non vixerit, nec operis consummationem viderit in diebus suis, nec aliam villam construxerit, aut construi jusserit, præter illam quæ ad Australem partem Monasterii antiquitus constructa fuerit; et præferebat reliquias veteris civitatis; et dicebantur eo tempore vulgariter "Warlamchestur," quod nomen perduravit post foundationem Monasterii per amplius quam centum annis; ut probari potest per Vitam Sancti Ethelwoldi, ubi dicit monachos relevatos

Proof that
Offa had
granted no
such liber-
ties and
privileges
to the town.
"Warlam-
chester"
its original
name, and
long after
the time of
Offa.

¹ *lathomos* in MS.

| ² *lathomis* in MS.

Thomas, per eum, qui apud Verolanium habitabant, qui per
30th Danicam incursionem fuerant depauperati.
Abbot,
A.D.

Ad confirmandum quæ dico, accedit testimonium
1349-96. libri qui vocatur ¹“Gesta Abbatum;” in quo scribitur

The “*Gesta Abbatum*” quod Wulsinus, sextus Abbas, pagum Sancti Albani,
referred to, adhibito foro et convocatis populis, inhabitari fecerit,
as to the et ecclesiam Sancti Petri a Septentrionali, ecclesiam
origin of Sancti Stephani ab Australi, ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis
the town. ab Occidentali, parte fundaverit.

No town of Hæc cum ita sint, frustra villani struunt mendacia,
“Saint Al- vendicantes suffragia de Rege Offa, qui villam Sancti
ban’s” ever Albani nunquam vidit; nam, ut apparet per ea quæ
seen by scribuntur in Vita Sancti Ethelwoldi, a tempore
King Offa. Regis Offæ usque ad tempus Edgari Regis duravit no-
men Verolamii civitatis. Cujus temporis fluxu medio,
Reges septemdecim regnaverunt. Nec tamen adhuc

Vacant fuit villa consummata; sed tota strata quæ ducit ad
state of the Aquilonem, versus Dunstapliam vel Redburnam, habi-
place even tatoribus fuit vacua, et inculta; et erat ibi aquæ margo,
in King Ed- et piscaria deorsum gratissima, longaque et lata, quæ
gar’s time. a Castro de Kyngesbury usque ad pontem de Halywelle
et ultra protendebatur. Quod quidem vivarium, quia
nocivum fuit Monasterio, Abbas septimus, dictus “Al-
“fricus,” ²emit a Rege Ethelredo, magna pecuniæ quan-
titate, et aquam aliquando derivavit, et, quanto potuit,
redegit in aridam, ne reges vicinam piscinam illam in
posterum desiderarent. Quo facto, congregati sunt illuc
primo habitatores, qui facerent stratam illam.

The Fish- Suffragantur huic assertioni quædam navis reperta in
pool drained in palude prægrandis, tempore Michaelis Abbatis, et aqua-
King rum frequens irruptio in domibus eorum qui incolunt
Ethelred’s locum illum; a Nigra Cruce, videlicet, usque ad molen-
time. dinum, ea parte qua in præsentī aqua decurrit, quæ
A great adhuc dicitur “Fischepolstrete.”
vessel found in
the marsh there; and
frequent in-
undations in Fischepolstrete.

¹ Under this name, the earlier portion of this work, mainly a compilation by Matthew Paris, is re-
ferred to. See Vol. I. p. 22.
² See Vol. I. p. 23.

Villani tamen, deserta veritate, et conversi ad fabulas, magistros elegerunt, loquentes mendacia, et, videntes illorum errores, absurde in desiderio libertatis immorantes; in tantum, quod in diebus Henrici Regis, ultimi, et Rogeri Abbatis, inciperent multuras suas subtrahere, et alibi quam ad molendina Abbatis molere, et pannos viles fullare in domibus propriis, vel ubicunque placeret. Sed non passus est hanc præsumptionem Rogerus Abbas; sed mox compressit per placita, ostensis privilegiis suis antiquis, et chartis domini quod habuit in subjectos.

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Subtraction
of multure
by the
townsmen
in the days
of Abbot
Roger.

Exhinc villani, sine quiete quiescentes, non palam iterum assurgere voluerunt, usque ad tempus Hugonis Abbatis, quando Rege E[dwardo] de Karnarvan deposito et incarcerato, qui fuit maximus amicus huic monasterio, licuit cuilibet quicquid libuit, regno intestino ¹dissidio laborante; tunc libertates ausi sunt repetere, tunc perambulationem villæ, quam "burgum" vocant, facere, tunc Abbathiam obsidione vallare, tunc famulos Monasterii non solum verberare, sed occidere; tunc, invitis Abbate et Conventu, chartas pro libito sub sigillo Abbatis et Conventus, armatis claustrum vallantibus, ausi sunt ²extorquere. Et ut inferrent religioni, Abbati, et monachis suis, scandalum, subornaverunt uxores suas et quasdam villæ ³pellices, ut occurrerent nudatis pectoribus, cum lactentibus pusiolis, Reginæ Isabellæ, egredienti de Monasterio, ad infestandum eam clamoribus importunis, et mentiendum quod hii essent pueri quos monachi de eis generaverant, eas violenter opprimentes. Sed tamen quod illi in malum machinati fuerant, vertit occasio in derisum; quia cum Regina non bene intelligeret linguam Anglicam, utpote in Francia oriunda, et peteret quæ foret hæc mulierum intemperies, responsum est ei a quodam de magnatibus isto modo,—"Domina," inquit,

Rising of
the people
of Saint
Alban's
against the
Abbey, in
the time
of Abbot
Hugh.

Design, on
their part,
to gain the
sympathies
of Queen
Isabel,
frustrated
by a strata-
gem.

¹ *dissidio* in MS.

² See Vol. II. pp. 157-166.

³ *pellices* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. "hæ mulieres omnes fatentur se esse adulteras et me-
" retrices." Quo audito, confestim Regina jussit agitari
currum, nolens earum querelis ulterius indulgere. Et
ita villani ea vice dignam mercedem pro mendacio
receperunt.

Abbot Richard keeps them in subjection.

After certain ex-cesses, they ask pardon of Abbot Michael.

Repetition of the like offences in the time of Abbot Thomas.

The towns-men pre-sent peti-tions to the Justiciars and the King, against the Abbot, their supe-rior lord.

Duravit hæc pertinacia usque ad tempus Ricardi Abbatis, successoris Hugonis, qui eos ita compressit, ut diu postea insurgere non audent. Dehinc paulisper se continuerunt a præsumptione solita, usque ad tempus Michaelis Abbatis; cujus tempore, ne viderentur aliquid ¹perpetrasse, succiderunt arbores in ²cœmeterio ³Sancti Petri, contra jura rectoris, Majoris Excommunicatio-nis sententiam incurrentes; sed cito postea, cum non possent tueri propositum, supplices Abbatis gratiam postularunt.

Sed mirum quod nullus alterius calamitate terretur, alteriusve damno docetur, ut quandoque sibi provi-deat ne antecessorum suorum incurrat opprobria, scan-dala, sive damna: nempe cum adhuc viverent qui arbores prostraverant in ²cœmeterio Sancti Petri, novi recentes venerunt, et in temporibus Domini Thomæ Abbatis in eodem ²cœmeterio eandem injuriam iterave-runt; quorum præsumptio sine difficultate eo velocius est compressa, quo prior eorum molitio recenti surrep-sit in memoria. Inter hæc, odium inveteratum, vires accipiens, ubi nocendi reperit occasiones, coegit ⁴male-volos malitiososque subjectos, eosdem villanos, videlicet, etiam delationibus dominum suum molestare coram Justiciariis de Banco Regis; et non solum coram Regis Justiciariis malitias exercuerunt, sed ipsi Regi Edwardo Tertio billas malitiose conceptas porrexerunt, quibus dominum suum Abbatem efficacius infestarent. Et ut nihil deesset quin omnem malitiam effutirent, non tan-tum Thomam Abbatem, sed multos de suis prædeces-

¹ Qy. if not "*non perpetrasse.*"

² *cimiterio* in MS.

³ See Vol. II. p. 357.

⁴ *malivolos* in MS.

soribus, coram Regis Escaetoribus, aliisque Regum
 ministris, fraudulentis adinventionibus et falsis accusa-
 tionibus turbaverunt, et alios ad id faciendum frequen-
 tius instigaverunt. Quæ omnia præmissa, quæ de vil-
 lanis scripsimus, in præsentī breviter intitulata, ¹tunc
 inveniēda sunt in multis locis et temporibus Abbatum,
 de quibus fit mentio, plenius exarata. Sed comperta
 eorum fallacia, retunsa est malitia, sed tamen non peni-
 tus extincta vel sopita; nempe cum exposit jussu Ab-
 batis duo monachi Monasterii, quorum unus sacerdos, Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-56.
 alter erat conversus, Johannes, videlicet, dictus "de
 "Bokedene," et Johannes Tannere, missi fuissent in
 villam ad mensurandum tenementa Monasterii quæ
 per diversas domorum constructiones in longitudine
 vel latitudine fuerant imminuta, Willelmus Grynde-
 cobbe furibunde prorupit, et in eos manus violentas
 iniecit, et a cœptis impedivit, excommunicationis sen-
 tentiam publice incurrēdo. Quamobrem cito post
 nudus coram Conventu poenitentiam agere est com-
 pulsus. Quæ causa fuit, ut in insurrectione vulgariū
 majori furia ²bacharetur, et pro libertatibus, non solum
 sibi sed proximis suis, infortunatis et invisīs, importu-
 nus prosequeretur. Outrage by
William
Grynde-
cobbe on
certain of
the breth-
ren.

He is com-
pelled to do
penance
naked; and
hence his
vindictive-
ness.

Nec hic quidem finis malitiæ villanorum; sed ne
 frigescere vel torpescere videretur bilis antiqua, extor-
 quere nisi sunt, contra omnem justitiam, in contri-
 butionem quintæ-decimæ Regi persolvendæ, ratam
 portionem de manerio de Sopwellebury, mentientes
 illud situatum infra limites vel bundas villæ suæ.
 Quorum molitioni se opposuit Frater Willelmus Wyn-
 terishull, tunc bajulus Domini Thomæ Abbatis, et
 Eleemosynarius Monasterii, ad quem tutela manerii
 pertinebat. Hic ostendens eis quod illud prædium
 non ad bundas villæ pertineret, sed ad limites prædii
 nostri de Parco, et quod inter bona spiritualia ejusdem
Cause
given for
the ma-
licious
feeling
shown to-
wards
Brother
William
Wynteris-
hull.

¹ *æ* in MS.| ² *bacharetur* in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

General
view of the
conduct of
the tenants
of the
Abbey,
during the
Insurrec-
tion of
1381.

Destruc-
tion of the
Arch-
deacon's
books; and
of many
muniments
of the
Abbey.

Acts of
violence
committed
against the
buildings;
and other
outrages
perpe-
trated.

monasterii taxatum esset, et sic conatus eluait eorum. Propter quam causam exposit et ipse de vita periclitabatur, quando communitati sors dedit occasionem in proximos sive dominos sæviendi. Illud erat eis tempus acceptum, ¹commodum, et opportunum, quando leges cessaverunt, jura pro tempore ²siluerunt, potestates ³luxerunt et elanguerunt, repetere vetita, damnata, cancellata, et ultionem inferre, sive vindictam, hiis qui eorum vadia, transgredientium in boscis nostris, ceperant, scilicet, de Eywode, Janyneswode, et sylvis Eleemosynarii vel Conventus. Tunc custodem sylvarum usque ad mortem persequi statuerunt, Robertum, videlicet, dictum "de Camera;" et quia hunc comprehendere nequiverunt, domos ejus seditiose, malitiose, furiose, ac nequiter, diruerunt. Tunc punitiones legales in foro ecclesiastico seu pœnitentiali non solum subterfugere, sed impugnare, cœperunt indisciplinati, in-compositi, inobedientes Archidiacono sive Pœnitentiaro Monasterii existentes, et eos persequi toto posse nitescentes, quia eorum excessus, prout tenebantur, corrigere satagebant. Tunc non solum libros de officio Archidiaconi, eorum notantes excessus et vitia, scelera, et delicta, rapuerunt et incenderunt, sed multa munimenta Monasterii in eadem furia combusserunt, quam tales præsumptiones eis nec profuissent nec prospere successissent.

In tantum equidem eorum protuberavit malitia, crevit audacia, præsumptio redundavit, ut in tumultuatione rusticorum, quando servi insurrexerunt contra dominos, ipsi villani, convocatis ad millia vicinorum, niterentur Abbathiam prosternere, si fortuna favisset. Fregerunt carcerem, contra Regis pacem eduxerunt vinctos, ⁴quosdam decapitantes, quosdam libertati do-

¹ *comodum et opportunum* in MS.

² In allusion probably to the passage in Cicero, *Pro Milone*:—"Inter arma leges silent."

³ *luxerunt* in MS.

⁴ This seems to be an exaggeration: see page 304, *ante*.

nantes, domos Abbatis et Conventus diruerunt, claustra sylvarum destruxerunt, vi et armis ¹chartas libertatum pro libito extorserunt, et monachos timore mortis fugere compulerunt. Et tandem bonam et optimam famam dicti Abbatis maliloquiis, mendaciis, et detractionibus, denigraverunt. Sed veritas, quæ non quærit divortia, quæ clarescit in tenebris, quæ diu celari non patitur, et horum malitias et Abbatis innocentiam patefecit. ² Nam non multo post, quia in temporalibus pro votis eum gravare nequibant, statuerunt ejus jurisdictionem spiritualem impugnare, in Consistorio non litigare, sed bellare, ecclesiæ pacem violare; ut habetur in ³Gestis Abbatis Thomæ magis plene.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1849-56.

The
townsmen
resist the
spiritual
jurisdiction
of the
Abbot;
but in vain.

Et quia ibi etiam obstaculum repererunt, iterum ad dominium temporale minuendum se contulerunt. Nempe quia noluerunt multuras facere ad molendina domini sui, Abbatis, emerunt a brasiatoribus brasium molitum ad molendina in valle et patria convicina. Sed tamen de ista conspiratione convicti petierunt misericordiam. In omnibus hiis non est aversus furor eorum; sed, velut ⁴Hydra damno suo crevit, et pro uno solo capite, dolo succiso vel compresso, novem succrescerent in eisdem. Enimvero licet in præmissis nullatenus prosperati fuissent, sed pluries damna et dedecus incurrissent, nihilominus adhuc viam novam per quam nocerent ingressi sunt, amerciamenta Curie sue apud Sanctum Albanum ⁵subtrahere, vel diminuerent, proponentes.

They then
withhold
multure
from the
Abbot's
mills; but
are de-
feated, and
compelled
to sue for
mercy.

They
attempt to
subtract
the amerce-
ments of
their Court.

Hæc de rebellione villanorum breviter commemoravimus, ne nesciant posteri prædecessores suos per eosdem multipliciter fatigatos fuisse, sed semper, dic-

Design of
the writer
in setting
forth the
above par-
ticulars.

¹ *cartas* in MS.

² Omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin, in a later hand.

³ Some work is probably here re-

ferred to, which no longer exists.

⁴ *Ydra* in MS.

⁵ See pp. 57-62, *ante*.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. tante justitia, superiores extitisse; ut futuri, videlicet, hæc scientes, licet ad horam contingat eos taliter molestari, non tamen concidant, sed more majorum animentur, et se erigant ad libertates et jura Ecclesiæ contuenda.¹

¹ The context, which has the heading "*Gesta Thomæ Abbatis* " *Monasterii Sancti Albani*," down | to the last page, closes at folio 321 a.

**GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII SANCTI
ALBANI, CONTINUATA.**

[MS. COLL. CORP. CHRISTI, CANT. No. VII.]

GESTA ABBATUM MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI, CONTINUATA.

MS. COLL. CORP. CHRISTI, CANT. NO. VII.

. ¹ Ad perpetuam sui memoriam, Thomas, Abbas memoratus, multas possessiones et prædia, maximis sumptibus et diutinis pensionibus et corodiis comparata, et aliquotiens liberaliter collata, multas libertates et privilegia, tam regia quam Apostolica, feliciter obtinuit; unde summa annua, centum libræ et amplius, præter alia² commoda, suo monasterio ejus tempore accrevit.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Acquisitions made
by Abbot
Thomas.

Ecclesia namque de Appultone Rydale in Comitatu Eboraci, de patronagio Monasterii antiquitus³ existens, valoris annui viginti librarum et amplius, cunctis ejus oneribus deductis, ejus industria, et sumptibus amplius quam ducentarum librarum appositis, suo Conventui liberaliter collata extitit.

Church of
Appultone
Rydale.

Consimiliter etiam Capella, seu Rectoria, Hospitalis Sancti Juliani, ⁴Dompni Johannis Mote, tunc Prioris, sumptibus et industria appropriata, et suæ Cameræ deputata fuit

Chapel of
the Hos-
pital of
Saint
Julian.

Insuper, manerium de Wrobbele Myrenden pro octies viginti marcis, et undecim marcis et dimidia, annuis per viginti annos continue solutis; unde

Manor of
Wrobbele
Myrenden.

¹ Beginning at page 223 of the volume, the two preceding leaves having been cut out.

² *comoda* in MS.

³ *existet* in MS.

⁴ The ecclesiastical form of the title "*Dominus*."

- Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. summa ducentarum sexaginta librarum, viginti sex solidorum, ejus temporibus extitit persoluta.
- Manerium de Goram pro octingentis marcis, et amplius, de Comitissa Oxoniæ per dictum Priorem et Conventum emptum, et ad eorum usum assignatum.
- Manor of Gorham. Medietas manerii de Nortune in Luto in Comitatu Eboraci, de Johanne Abdefelde et Johanne Clotherom pro quinquaginta libris et amplius ¹ comparata, et per eundem Abbatem suo Conventui postmodum ¹ deputata.
- Manor of Suelsale. Manerium de Suelsale de Willelmo filio Willelmi Melman pro quater-viginti libris comparatum extitit.
- Childewikshaye, and half of Oxheye Walerande. Manerium vero de Childewikshaye, dictum "Bache-worthe," prædicto Conventui; et medietas manerii de Oxheye Walerande, Domino Abbati, eo quod eorum cæteris prædiis fuerant contigua, per Johannem Whitewelle, ejusdem monasterii Seneschallum, fuerant perquisita, et eidem monasterio libere collata, et debite amortizata.
- Land in Redburne. Similiter, terræ Willelmi Okehurst, cum tribus acris bosci, per Johannem Kestone in Redburna liberaliter collatæ.
- Tenements in Saint Alban's. Tenementa insuper Roberti Chaumbreleyn, et Roberti de la Chaumbre, Johannis Gumbard, Willelmi Pykesboun, Willelmi Kynshulle, Agnetis Langeforde, Roberti Fole, alias dicti "Willelmi Chewepayn," in villa de Sancto Albano, liberaliter sunt collata.
- Tenement at Dowegate, in London. Tenementum etiam quoddam apud Dowegate, in Londoniis, valoris annui quadraginta solidorum, per Magistrum Adam Rouse, ²sururgicum Edwardi Regis Tertii, Monasterio Sancti Albani collatum, et officio Sub-Cellerarii, sicut et cæteri redditus ibidem, deputatum; decem solidis annuis in suo Anniversario per Conventum annuatim celebrando, pro pietantia ejusdem, testamentarie reservatis.

¹ comparatum . . . deputatum in MS. | ² Sic in MS., for *chirurgicum*.

Tenementa vero Willelmi Langeleye, Willelmi Rilmour, Johannis ¹ Jelouse, Johannis Ware, et Johannis atte Halle, cum tenementis Heynotæ Croftone, et aliis quatuor tenementis in Roumeland quondam ædificatis, et nunc in vacuum placeam redactis, per graves summas, pecuniarias pensiones, et corrodia diutina, satis care fuerant comparata. Quorum quidem omnium valor, eorum oneribus deductis, et supportatis per regios Eschaetores, ad quinquaginta quatuor libras, quindecim solidos, et septem denarios, extenditur; præter ecclesiam de Appultone, valoris annui viginti librarum, et manerium de Goram, valoris annui quadraginta marcarum et amplius, et redditum prædictum in Londoniis, valoris annui quadraginta solidorum, ex certa scientia regia eidem monasterio concessa, et ideo per Regis Eschaetores non extenta; præter et manerium de Wrobbele, quondam Ricardi ² Peres, valoris annui quinquaginta solidorum, et alia per Eschaetorem ad possessionem Monasterii devoluta.³

Thomas
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Tenements
in Saint
Alban's.
Total value
of these ac-
quisitions.

Solutionem etiam ⁴ mille marcarum in qualibet Monasterii vacatione, a Domino Rege Angliæ pro ejus temporalibus exactarum, ad magnum sui monasterii ⁵ commodum, in quinquaginta marcas annuas commutavit, ducentis libris circa ejus acquisitionem expensis, et quingentis libris ea de causa suo tempore persolutis. Et ne ultra aliquod subsidium, Regi concedendum, ut olim, ab Abbate vel Prioribus suarum Cellarum colligi debeat, vel levare, sagaciter obtinuit. Libertatem etiam Monasterium kernellandi, et appruandi vasta, et eadem et alia affirmandi, cum perdonatione contra eadem primitus attentata, et perdonatione plurimorum debitorum, et evasionum suæ gaolæ, ejus tempore evenientium, maximis sumptibus perquisivit.

Commuta-
tion for the
thousand
marks
payable on
each vaca-
tion of the
Abbacy.

Licence to
crenellate.

¹ *Jolouse* originally; but altered by a later pen.

² Correctly, *Perers*.

³ Part of a column is here left

vacant.

⁴ See page 135, *ante*.

⁵ *comodum* in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1342-96.

Collection
of sub-
sidies with-
in the
Abbot's
jurisdic-
tion.

Privilege of
exemption
from per-
sonal at-
tendance at
Rome, ex-
acted from
each new
Abbot, on
his con-
firmation.

Privilege
of leasing
the Abbey
tithes.

Privilege
of blessing
vestments.

Acquisi-
tion of the
Chapel of
St. Julian.

Powers
granted to
the Prior,
in the

Collectio etiam subsidiorum, Domino Regi sive Papæ concessorum, infra suam jurisdictionem exemplata, per Episcopum Lincolnensem, vel ejus deputatum, colligi solitorum, ad magnam quietem sui et suorum, sua prudentia sibi primitus est commissa; et virtute brevis regii super hoc sibi directi, sicut Episcopis regni, sine contradictione communiter usitata.

In Romana insuper Curia obtinuit, sui Prioris industria, ¹Privilegium ²commodiferum, per se et suos prædecessores antea plurimum desideratum, et multiplicibus laboribus et expensis, ut in eorum gestis exprimitur, primitus sollicitatum; videlicet, ut electus Monasterii eo ipso sit confirmatus, et a quocunque Episcopo, pro suo beneplacito, in partibus benedictus, pro viginti marcis annuis, Curie Romanæ per manus sui collectoris in Anglia, sub pœna amissionis ejusdem Privilegii, suo termino fideliter persolvendis; ³confirmatione Privilegiorum Honorii Papæ, Tertii, eidem monasterio præconcessa.

Privilegium insuper arendandi, seu libere dimittendi, quibuscunque personis decimas et bona ecclesiastica tam sui monasterii, quam Cellarum sibi subjectarum, infra Diocesim quoruncunque Episcoporum Angliæ constituta.

Privilegium insuper de omnimodis vestimentis et ornamentis ecclesiasticis per Abbatem amodo benedicendis.

Ejusdem etiam Prioris sumptibus et industria, ⁴Capella, seu Rectoria, Hospitalis Sancti Juliani, ejus Camera extitit ⁵appropriata.

Concessum etiam eidem fuerat, ut ipse et sui successores, in Abbatis absentia vel vastitudine, valeant monachorum professiones admittere, a sententia excom-

¹ See pp. 146-184, *ante*.

² *comodiferum* in MS.

³ *confirmationem* in MS.

⁴ See page 375, *ante*.

⁵ *appropriata* apparently in MS.

municationis et irregularitatis, juxta formam nostrorum antiquorum privilegiorum, absolvere, et plenam jurisdictionem ipsius Abbatis in temporalibus et spiritualibus liberius exercere; mille marcis et amplius pro eisdem profusis.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Abbot's
absence.
Numerous
legal con-
tests en-
tered into
by Abbot
Thomas.

Hic Abbas, pro juribus sui monasterii contuendis, multas tribulationes sustinuit; quas tamen, divina gratia operante, feliciter superavit. Nempe, contra Reges Angliæ, Duces Lancastriæ, Archiepiscopos Cantuariæ et Eboraci, Episcopos Lincolnæ, Dunelmi, et Norwici, Comites Marchiæ, Warwici, et Salysburiæ, Comitissam Hertfordiæ, Dominos Willelmum la Zouche, Philippum Lymburi, Dominum Johannem Mountague, Dominum Rogerum Leukenore, Dominum Willelmum Wyndeshore, Dominam Aliciam Perers, et Johannem Wyndeshore, Dominum Ricardum Perers, Militem; contraque Rectorem de Assheruge, Priorem de Bisshe-mede, Priorissam de Markezate Magnum, Johannem de Irtlyngburghe, Archidiaconum Bedfordiæ, ac etiam contra ¹Johannem. Pyel, Ricardum Peche, et Symonem filium Willelmi Cote, cives Londoniarum; ac etiam contra Johannem Chilterne, Philippum Bluet, Ricardum Parkera, et plures alios, jura, libertates, et possessiones, sui monasterii usurpantes, viriliter restitit, et contra eosdem legitime obtinuit, vel eosdem per utilem concordiam pacificavit. Villanos etiam de Sancto Albano, de Watford et Barnet, et alios infra territorium et dominium Monasterii, eidem aliquotiens rebellentes, sua humanitate pariter et prudentia compescuit. Nicolaum etiam Tibbesone, alias dictum "Mannyng," et Johannem Wynselowe, et plures alios bondos, vel natives, suum bondagium ²dedicentes, ad conditionem eorum debitum viriliter revocavit; ut in ejus Gestis ³prolixioribus, per eorum processus, plenius est expressum.

¹ Mayor of London in 1372-3.

² *didicentes* in MS.

³ See pp. 89-41, *ante*.

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1849-96.

Vestments
contributed
by Abbot
Thomas.

Studens etiam memoratus Abbas toto sensu honori suæ ecclesiæ, providit ut omnia quæ ad cultum tanti monasterii, et honorem Dei, pertinent, munda forent, et honesta; unde elaboravit de sua portione coemere quæ dicti loci gloriam possent non immerito magnificare. Nempe duos pannos albos de damasco pretiosos, floribus aquaticis aureis ¹repletos, cum frontali consimili, ad honorem Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, et magni tam altaris apparatus, quam ecclesiæ ornatum, perquisivit. Quibus quidem pannis Domina Elizabeth de la Zouche addidit vestimentum de panno consimili; casulam, videlicet, tunicam, et dalmaticam, optimis aurifrigiis suo et ancillarum suarum opere redimitam, cum albis, stolis, et fanonibus eidem pertinentibus. Dictus tamen Abbas unam capam pretiosis aurifrigiis decoratam panni consimilis, et flores adjecit aquaticas, ut vestimentum simile foret pannis seu apparatus altaris; quadraginta libris, et amplius, pro eisdem persolutis. Dedit insuper unum apparatus de panno tartarino albo, aureis lineis stragulatum, pro septuaginta et quatuor solidis et decem denariis comparatum.—Summa, quadraginta et tres libræ, quatuordecim solidi, decem denarii.

Ornaments
and frontals
for the
Church of
Saint
Alban's.

Contulit insuper ecclesiæ, pro tempore Quadragesimali, unum apparatus de panno lineo, circa magnum altare et alia altaria ecclesiæ, cum crucibus de rubio sindone consutis, decem libris pro eodem persolutis. Frontale etiam de viridi vellueto, cum armis Principis in quodam rosario aureo embroudato, pro decem marcis comparavit, cum uno frontali albi panni serici cum armis Domini de Cobham et Edwardi de Kendale, in tribus scutulis embroudatis; ad viginti et sex solidos et octo denarios appretiata. Solvit etiam quinquaginta solidos pro tribus calicibus, de antiquis calicibus ecclesiæ noviter reparatis. Contulit etiam majori altari

¹ *repletis* in MS.

ecclesiæ duo corporalia, pretiosissimis ¹ thecis ² redimita, ad triginta solidos appretiata; inter corporalia ecclesiæ, in Inventario ejusdem, sicuti omnia alia per eundem collata, plenius descripta.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-56.

Dedit insuper tabulam in Lumbardia pictoratam, supra majus altare situatam, quadraginta et quinque libris, decem solidis, octo denariis, pro eadem, et ejus cariagio a Londoniis, et aliis ejus pertinentibus, primitus persolutis. Contulit etiam ad altare Quatuor Cereorum quinque tabulas ad quinque marcas appretiatas, fabrica lignea per Stephanum Sothere, Sacristam, postmodum inclusas.

A picture,
painted in
Lombardy.

Other pic-
tures also.

Ad honorem etiam Beatæ Mariæ Virginis ampliandum, comparavit ecclesiæ triginta et octo capas albas, quæ partim sunt de examito, partim de pannis aureis, cum casula, tunica, dalmatica, et capa, et quatuor capis opere aurifrigio, et pretio cæteris præstantioribus, cum stolis et fanonibus, et octo albis pro eisdem. Et ut omnes unius sectæ in processione procederent, dedit octo capas de albo bustiano, et octo tunicas de eodem, pro juvenibus in minutis officiis ministraturis; centum quaterviginti et sex libris, duodecim solidis, octo denariis, pro eisdem gratuito persolutis. Comparavit insuper pro decem libris unum vestimentum integrum de nigro veluetto, lineis aureis stragulatam. Adquisivit etiam unam capam argenteam, cujus campus est aereus, ad octo libras, et octo solidos, quatuor denarios, appretiata; unam insuper capam de panno tartarino, cervis argenteis tencellatam, pro sexaginta et novem solidis comparatam. Contulit insuper unam albam, cum paruris de panno aureo, cum imaginibus in tabernaculis inibi situatis, pretii quinque marcarum.

Other
vestments
contributed
by him.

Summa totalis, ducentæ et quaterviginti et quinque libræ, septem solidi, quatuor denarii.

Sum total
expended.

¹ thecis in MS.

| ² redemita in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Muni-
ficence of
Edward,
Prince of
Wales, his
son, Ri-
chard II.,
and the
Duke of
Gloucester,
supple-
mented by
that of
Abbot
Thomas.

Vidans interea, recolendæ memoriæ, Dominus Edwardus, Princeps Walliæ, Regis Edwardi Tertii primogenitus, tantam ejus diligentiam circa cultum ecclesiæ, contulit eidem duodecim pannos, ad centum marcas appretiatos. Similiter et ejus filius, Rex Ricardus, duos pannos aureos. Ejus etiam avunculus, Dux Gloucestris, contulit septemdecim pannos aureos, ad centum marcas et amplius appretiatos, in capas chorales postmodum adaptatos, per memoratum tamen Abbatem, et Sacristam ibidem, nobilibus aurifrigiis pro maxima parte maximis sumptibus ¹ redimitos. Quibus memoratus Abbas delectatus, emit ad perficiendum totam sectam pannorum Principis capas, videlicet, duodecim, unam casulam, tunicam, et dalmaticam, cum albis stolis et fanonibus, ad septuaginta libras appretiatas; quæ secta vocatur—"Secta Principis." Hiis etiam diebus plures, tam monachi quam sæculares, eorum exemplo incitati, pariter et allecti, plurima vestimenta et jocalia eidem monasterio liberaliter contulerunt; ut inferius, suis locis, pleniter apparebit.

His con-
tribution
for the
better cele-
bration of
the Feast of
Easter.

Facit insuper Abbas memoratus apparatus pro Sepulcro Dominico in Festo Paschæ, de pannis albis sericis; cum historiis ² imaginum illi festo competentibus peroptime decoratum, pro Corpore Dominico inibi reponendo, quod prius in abdito loco in armariolo, videlicet in pariete ecclesiæ, satis irreverenter ponebatur. Ad cujus etiam ornatum pertinent duæ cruces plane laminis argenteis coopertæ, in toto ad viginti marcas appreciatæ. Et ut major accresceret devotio, ordinavit solemnitatem cum maximo lumine fieri post Matutinas in nocte Resurrectionis Domini, juxta modum et formam in ipsius Consuetudinario limitatam; ad cujus luminis sustentationem, viginti solidi annui officio Sacristæ de sua portione fuerant deputati.

¹ redemitos in MS.

| ² ymaginum in MS.

Fecit etiam quoddam ¹pulcherrimum tabernaculum, argenteum et deauratum, duobus ²beryllis et pluribus pretiosis lapidibus redimitum, pro ipsa Resurrectione Dominica in Festo Corporis Christi, a quatuor sacerdotibus, tunicis indutis, in processione deportanda; in quo Corpus Christi honorifice deponitur, et per beryllos a cunctis perspicue videtur; quadraginta libris et amplius pro eodem persolutis.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Tabernacle
for the
Feast of
Corpus
Christi.

Dedit insuper, pro coopertura cathedrarum et scabelorum in ecclesia, unum pannum oblongum, cum tribus pannis aliis, armorum et Principis, Comitis Warwici, et Southfolchiæ; continentes quinquaginta virgas modo quadro, cum sex pulvinaribus operis de Aras, ad viginti et quinque libras appretiatis. Summa, centum quadraginta et octo libræ, sex solidi, ⁸unus denarius.

Cloths for
bankers,
and cushions.

Dedit præterea memoratus Abbas tres mitras, quarum pretium se extendit ad centum libras; cum duobus aliis simplicioribus mitris, pro quadraginta solidis comparatis. Dedit etiam unum par ⁴chirothecarum pontificalium, pretii decem librarum; in quibus margaritæ electissimæ decenter et ordinate sunt collocatæ; præter alia duo paria ⁴chirothecarum simplicium, pretii viginti solidorum, suæ ecclesiæ primitus assignata. Contulit insuper duas tunicas pontificales de panno *sathyn* rubeo, pro decem libris, duodecim solidis, comparatas. Dedit insuper duo almicia grisia, ad decem marcas appretiata; unum etiam superpellicium, cum uno rochetto pontificali de optimo panno lineo, pro sexaginta et quatuor solidis comparatum. Contulit etiam tria paria ⁵sandaliorum, cum eorum calciamentis, seu sotularibus, satis decentibus et pretiosis, ad triginta solidos, vel amplius, appretiatis, in Inventario Vestiarii plenius descriptis. Solvit etiam pro factura

Other
vestments
given by
Abbot
Thomas.

¹ *pulcherimum* in MS.

² *berillis* in MS.

⁸ *us denarius* omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin in a

different hand.

⁴ *ceroticarum* in MS.

⁵ *sandakum*, in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Various
articles of
church
furniture,
provided
by him.

He causes
the church
books to be
repaired.

He adorns
the shrine
of Saint
Alban; and
removes
that of
Saint Am-
phibalus.

unius baculi pastoralis, et reparatione alterius, triginta et tres solidos, novem denarios.

Providit etiam duas cathedras pontificales; unam, videlicet, ferream, et aliam ligneam, cum uno panno serico stragulato, ad quinquaginta solidos et amplius appreciatas. ¹ Duos quoque urceos argenteos, cum suis aspersoriis, de metallo consimili, ad sexdecim libras, novem solidos, octo denarios, appreciatos. ² Duo quoque candelabra de argento, in parte deaurata, ad novem libras appretiatas. ³ Duo insuper ⁴turibula pro Principalibus etiam Festis assignata, valoris octo librarum, suæ ecclesiæ contulit. Duo etiam alia ⁴turibula, argentea et deaurata, cum ⁴turibulo Capellæ Sanctæ Mariæ, et duobus aliis de aurichalco, per ipsum primitus provisæ, novis catenis argenteis optime ⁵catenavit; centum octodecim solidis, uno denario, obolo, in eisdem profusis.

Textus etiam duos, vetustate consumptos, qui in Festis Caparum deferuntur, novis laminis argenteis deauratis fecit ⁶honestissime contegi; principales etiam textus, et pro Minoribus Festis, necessario reparari; quindecim libris, novemdecim solidis, tribus denariis, in eisdem persolutis.

Crestam quoque interioris feretri Sancti Albani, aquila argentea deaurata, plumis expansis, subtilissime fabricatam, pro viginti libris comparatam, multipliciter venustavit: necnon tam feretrum exterius quam interius pluribus etiam jocalibus, sibi collatis, sæpius decoravit. Feretrum etiam Sancti Amphibali de loco nimis abjecto, retro, videlicet, altare Sancti Hugonis primitus situatum, ⁷a loco ubi nunc cernitur per dictum Abbatem est translatum; et super tumbam perpulchram lapideam, industria Domini Radulphi Witechurche, tunc Sacristæ,

¹ *Situla, cum aspersoriis*,—marginal Note.

² *Candelabra*, marginal Note.

³ *Turribula*, marginal Note.

⁴ *turribula* . . . *turribulo* in MS.

⁵ *catenavit* in MS.

⁶ *honestissime* in MS.

⁷ Qy. if not "in loco."

honestius collocatum. Cujus etiam frontem Orientalem idem Abbas imaginibus et laminis argenteis et deauratis nobiliter reparavit; octo libris, octodecim solidis, decem denariis, in eodem opere profusis.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Hujus etiam Abbatis sumptibus et industria, artificio Magistri ¹ Laurentii de Stokes, horologiarii præcipui, et cujusdam sui commonachi, "Willelmi Wals-
"ham" vocitati, qui pene in opere manuali et sculpendi subtilitate cunctos regionis artifices superaverant, superius diale et rota ² fortuna, per Abbatem Ricardum, eorum omnium magistrum, primitus ³ dispositum, sed sua cita morte et aliis expensis urgentioribus interim ⁴ omissum, nobiliter sunt perfecta. Cujus sumptus, propter operis magnitudinem et subtilitatem, ad centum marcas et amplius sunt æstimati.

He repairs
the great
clock, made
by Abbot
Richard de
Walling-
ford.

Dedit etiam memoratus Abbas ad facturam campanæ, quæ "Christus" dicitur, et ad facturam pavimenti Occidentalis partis ecclesiæ, amplius quam sexaginta libras. Solvit etiam pro factura fenestrarum ⁴ vitrearum in Vestuario et Capella Sancti Stephani viginti libras, præter expensas pro lapidibus voltæ, et ejus dolatione, ⁵ thesauris superioris, et tabulis pro ⁶ speres Occidentalis partis ecclesiæ.

Other gifts
by him.

Item, solvit pro vitreatione duarum partium claustrum, præter antiquum vitrum de Capella quondam Pictoriæ, ad idem opus sumptum, decem marcas; et pro factura sedium ligneorum ibidem viginti marcas. Solvit etiam pro factura lectorum Dormitorii viginti marcas, per Willelmum Nedertone, Sacristam Monasterii tunc temporis, ibidem expensas. Solvit etiam viginti solidos pro apparatu ⁷ aheneo duarum lampadum in ecclesia dependentium.

Glazing of
the cloister.

Beds in the
Dormitory.

¹ Mention is made of Roger de Stoke, "clockmaker," in Vol. II. p. 335.

² Qy. *fortuna*, "the wheel of fortune." As to this clock, see Vol. II. p. 281.

³ More correctly, *disposita*
omissa.

⁴ *vitriarum* in MS.

⁵ Qy. as to the meaning of this.

⁶ Probably meaning "spires."

⁷ *eneo* in MS.

Thomas, 80th Abbot, A.D. 1849-96. Expendit insuper circa appropriationem ecclesiæ de Appeltone, suo Conventui postmodum assignatæ, ducentas libras.

Church of Appeltone. Present of barley to the Convent. Money expended by Abbot Thomas on the buildings of the Abbey.

Contulit etiam ad indigentiam sui Conventus, tempore R. Spaldyng, Refectorarii, centum quarteria brasii, quæ tunc valuerunt ad minus quinquaginta marcas.

Dedit etiam ad opus claustrum et pistrinæ Conventus, seu magni vasis ¹ahenei ibidem, ducentas marcas. Ad facturam vero lavatoriorum claustrum contulit sexdecim libras, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios. Et post, cumulans nova beneficia, deposito pariete Refectorarii, claustro ²contiguo, debili et ruinoso, fulciri fecit eundem interius, et fortificari grossioribus columnis, grossioribus de lapidibus de Eglemunde excisis, prout intuentibus jam patet; et tectum pulcherrimum superposuit, quale cernimus in præsentem; quinquaginta libris et amplius persolutis, præter meremium datum ad idem opus ecclesiæ, campanilis, et aliarum domorum, tam infra Monasterium quam extra, per Priorem ibidem, et alios officarios Conventus, constructarum, ad trecentas libras et amplius appreciatarum.

The Deity painted in front of the Chapter-house.

³Majestatem, cum cæteris ⁴imaginibus, in fronte Capituli depingi constituit; ⁵imaginem Sancti Benedicti in claustro ⁶pulcherrimo tabernaculo collocavit, quinque marcis et amplius pro eisdem persolutis.

Abbot Thomas contributes stone for the necessities of the house.

Contulit etiam per vices ad indigentiam ecclesiæ, et cæterorum operum, lapidem de Eglemunde quondam ordinatum pro fronte suæ ⁷pistrinæ, cum ejus cariagio et dolatione, ad decem libras appreciatis, datum officio coquinæ Conventus; lapidem etiam durum, plumbum, tabulas, et meremium, ad maximam summam supputata.

¹ enei in MS.

² contigua in MS.

³ Magestatem in MS.

⁴ ymaginibus in MS.

⁵ ymaginem in MS.

⁶ pulcherimo in MS.

⁷ pristina, incorrectly, in MS.

Contulit insuper Capellæ Sanctæ Mariæ duos pannos optimos destennatos; unde unus de Gaudiis Beati Virginis, et alius de ¹ imaginibus in tabernaculis situatis; cum uno frontali Domini Thomæ de Hoo et Johannis de Sancto Leodegario nobiliter embroudato, ad quadraginta ² solidos et amplius ³ appreciato.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1849-96.

His gift to
the Chapel
of St. Mary.

Inter tot vero benedictionis hujus monasterii Abbatis opera, Portam Magnam, per magnum ventum prostratam, a fundamentis construxit, cum cameris, carceribus, et voltis, et fortissimum tectum ipsius cum plumbo cooperuit.

He rebuilds
the Great
Gate.

Muros etiam ab Aula dicta "Regia" usque ad Eleemosynariam, quam etiam a fundamentis, cum suis appendiciis, construxit; circa delationem ejusdem Fratris Wilhelmo Stubarde, Johanne Bukkedene, et Johanne Clifford substitutis Magistri Henrici ⁴ Zevele, in eodem efficaciter desudantibus; suis etiam monachis et aliis in effossione lapidum ad idem opus laudabiliter cooperantibus. Milie libræ et amplius circa eadem opera sunt perfusæ.

Herebuilds
a part of
the wall.

Aulam quoque Regiam, præ debilitate ruinam minantem, adjectis duobus magnis fulcimentis de duro lapide, "boteras" vulgari nominatis, optime roboravit; et deposito tecto ejusdem, quod propter dispendiosam altitudinem, et debilitatem vetustatis, ut videbatur, multorum periculis ⁵ imminere, novum castigatæ proceritatis ibidem erexit, et plumbo optime cooperuit, et novis fenestris lapideis et vitreis illustravit.

He repairs
the King's
Hall.

Cameram etiam, muro ecclesiæ annexam, quæ "Nova Camera" dicitur, juxta antiquam cameram ejusdem, ad opus nobilium advenientium, cum suis pertinentiis, ad

He builds
the New
Chamber.

¹ *ymaginibus* in MS.

² There is an hiatus after this word, in MS.

³ After this word, half a column is left vacant, page 226.

⁴ Or Yeveley. He was Master mason to King Edward III. See page 186 *ante*, Note 1.

⁵ *imminere* in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.
— ¹ magnam totius Monasterii venustatem, a fundamentis construxit; et Domino Johanne Mote, tunc Cellerario, sed ² postmodum in Priorem Ecclesiæ electo, expensarum operam exhibente; quæ ad sexcentas marcas et amplius fuerant computatæ.

He repairs
the Abbot's
bakehouse. Pistrinum etiam suum, nimia vetustate debilitatum, magna summa ³ pecuniæ circa illud effusa, utilissime reparavit; addito ad opus ejusdem officii quodam vase æreo, mille lagenas continente.

He builds
the tower
of the
Watergate. Construxit etiam turrim portæ vocatæ "Watergate;" Willelmo Wynturshulle et Adam Houghtone expensas et operam circa illam ministrantibus, lapide duro cretauit, et tectum ejusdem plumbo optime cooperuit; cujus expensæ ad centum quinquaginta et septem libras, octodecim solidos, decem denarios, fuerunt supputatæ.

He builds
the Abbot's
kitchen. Coquinam quoque suam, cum cameris et cæteris appendiciis ejusdem, a fundamento construxit; centum quinquaginta et quinque libris, quindecim solidis, octo denariis, quadrante, et amplius, circa idem opus expensis.

He makes
a partition
in the
Abbot's
Chamber,
for his
Chaplains
to sleep in. Fecit etiam structuram, sive cœlaturam, ligneam, infra Cameram suam propriam, ubi possent simul sui Capellani jacere, et circa ipsum melius intendere; qui prius in aliis locis sparsim jacere solebant; viginti marcis, et amplius, pro eodem profusis.

He rebuilds
part of the
Wardrobe. Cameram etiam, dictam "Wardrobam," muris exaltavit, et solarium et arcam ejusdem, et tectum, de novo construxit, plumbo cooperuit, et cœlatura decoravit; Fratre Johanne Mote circa idem opus expensas et operam sollicitè exhibente. Penticium etiam ibidem exaltavit, et muros studiorum ibidem etiam ⁴ pulcherrime

¹ *magnum* in MS.

² From this passage, we might conclude that this was written before the election of John Mote as Abbot in 1396: but see page 390, where

the 20th year of Richard II. is mentioned.

³ *peccunie* in MS.

⁴ *pulcherime* in MS.

coelavit; suppositis primitus muris lapideis et terreis, Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96.
 plastro linitis; et in eisdem fenestris collocatis. Quod
 etiam pentecium postea cum armis diversorum domino-
 rum, et stellis aureis super viridi colore, lucidissime de-
 pinxit.

Capellam quoque suam consimili modo depinxit, et He paints and im-
 fenestras ejusdem vitro novo peroptime decoravit; et proves the
 duo optima ¹ armariola pro munimentis, et plures cistas, Abbot's Chapel.
 pro rebus Abbatis ejusdem custodiendis, in eodem col-
 locavit: quorum omnium expensæ ad viginti sex libras,
 et amplius, fuerunt computatæ.

Capellam quoque suam de vestimentis et libris, et And fur-
 aliis utensilibus necessariis, per Sacristam Monasterii nishes the
 exhiberi solitis, ipse Abbas multiplicibus et variis Chapel
 apparatibus nobiliter adornavit. with many things.

Wardrobam et thesauriam, seu hostriam, suam, omni- The
 modo ²suppellectili pene nudam, destitutam, et vacuam, Abbot's
 pluribus, tam in vasis argenteis, lectisterniis, et alio Wardrobe.
 vario ²suppellectili, multipliciter augmentavit.

Studium, seu librariam, suam, multimodis libris The
 emptis et provis, nobiliter augmentavit, prout per Abbot's
 Inventarium de Capella, Wardroba, Hostria, et Studio, Study.
 prædicti Abbatis, inde confectum, et infra hoc libro
³ conscriptum, plenius ⁴ apparet.

Lapides etiam marmoreos emit, ad ponendum super Abbot
 tumbam suam, et bonæ memoriæ Domini Michaelis Thomas
 Abbatis, proximi prædecessoris sui, in presbyterio ec- buys
 clesiæ; qui fere laminis de aurichalco operiuntur, sub- marble for
 tilissimo opere ⁵ imaginum totaliter insculpto; datis the tombs
 quatuordecim libris pro eisdem. Emit etiam lapidem of Abbot
 in ostio Capituli, pro sua sepultura inibi repositum. Michael
 Idem solvit pro lapide etiam, pro sepulturis Adæ and him-
 self.

¹ *armariola* in MS.

² *suppellectili* in MS.

³ There is a hiatus before this word in the MS.

⁴ This Inventory is not given in the volume; and not improbably it no longer exists.

⁵ *ymaginum* in MS.

Thomas, Prioris Wittenham ¹[et] Adæ Cellerarii, sex marcas et dimidiam.

30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

He lessens
the re-
venues of
his Cham-
ber, by
giving
them to
other
officials of
the Abbey.

Proventus etiam suæ Camere frequenter diminuit, et suos officarios et alios inde plurimum relevavit. Contulit namque officio Cellerarii, tempore Roberti Chestene, illud officium occupantis, propter excessivas et importabiles expensas circa placita et ardua negotia necessario profusas, et pro constructione et reparatione domorum, in ²eorum Gestis plenius specificatis, trecentas septuaginta et sex libras, duodecim solidos, novem denarios. Et officio Forestarii, pro clausura nemorum, viginti marcas. Et pro amortizatione manerii de Suelshale pro quater-viginti libris, ut ³præmittitur, comparati, cum prosecutione negotiorum tempore Roberti Bothebi, Cellerarii, necessario persecutorum, viginti quatuor libras, quatuor solidos, duos denarios. Et officio Bursarii, tempore Ricardi Roxdone, pro debitis, sua incuria contractis, acquietandis, et eidem officio, tempore Adæ Houghtone, pro brasio et frumento in subsidium ejusdem comparatis, viginti libras. Et officio Sub-Cellerarii, tempore Domini Johannis Burnham et Johannis Savage, pro expensis excessivis ratione adventationis dominorum et hospitem, insolite confluentium; ac etiam in subsidium solutionis debitorum, et constructionis et reparationis molendinorum, et reddituum dirutorum; ducentas libras, et amplius, præter quadraginta libras annuas in meliorationem ejusdem officii, de proventibus quondam Domini Abbatis, ab anno quinquagesimo Edwardi Tertii usque annum vicesimum Regis Ricardi Secundi, per annuos videlicet eidem officio deputatos, ad summam octingentarum librarum ⁴computatos. Et præter solutionem decimarum et subsidiorum Domino Regi et aliis eorum

¹ Omitted in MS.

² Alluding to a History of the
Acts of the Cellarers, apparently.

³ See page 376 *ante*.

⁴ Sic in MS.

tempore concessis, per Dominum Abbatem persolutorum, et ad summam ¹ computatorum.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-98.

Solvit etiam pro exenniis Domino Regi, et aliis dominis et dominabus, pro eorum amicitiiis continuandis, præter staurum panis, ²cervisiæ, et vini, et staurum maneriorum, ad hoc pluries assumptum, et ad maximam summam æstimatum; et pro expensis in perturbatione Communitatis Anglicanæ, ultra expensas suorum officiorum necessario perfusas, centum libras, et amplius: et Dominæ Annæ, Reginae, in sua primitiva ad Monasterium adventatione, quinquaginta marcas, cum quodam ³cypho ⁴beryllino, argento et auro opere subtilissimo intercluso, ad decem marcas appreciato. Contulit etiam Domino Regi, pro charietto in Scotiam exacto, quadraginta marcas, et pro ⁵palfredo eidem alias collato, sexdecim libras.

His gifts to
the King,
and to
various
lords and
ladies.

⁶Scholarem etiam monachum, ultra numerum debitum, cum aliis pueris apud Oxoniam, et juris terræ apprenticium apud Londonias, ut communiter, exhibuit; circa quos viginti libras et amplius liberaliter expendit; præter alias expensas circa privatam suam eleemosynam, et necessaria filiorum nobilium et generosorum pauperum, et parentelæ suorum monachorum, misericorditer erogata, ad tantundem annuatim, et amplius, æstimatas.

His expenditure
upon
scholarship, and in
private charity.

Et præter quadraginta libras, et amplius, pro reparatione domorum et utensilium ⁷scholarium Oxoniæ; et præter centum marcas in subsidium diversim adquisitas Prioratui de Redburna, constructionum et reparationum, ac solutionum debitorum ejusdem, diversis vicibus liberaliter collatas; ultra cætera dona et uten-

His expenditure
upon the
rooms of
the scholars
at Oxford;
and collections for
the Priory
at Redburne.

¹ Hiatus in MS.

² service in MS.

³ cypho in MS.

⁴ berelino in MS.

⁵ As to this occurrence of the

palfrey borrowed, but never returned, see Walsingham, *Hist. Angl.*, Vol. II. p. 103.

⁶ Scholarem in MS.

⁷ scholarium in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. silia eidem loco per eundem provisa, in Libro Beneficiorum ejusdem loci, et inferius plenius annotata.

He refuses to divert the funds of the Almoner from their original purpose, the relief of the poor. Erga pauperes et inopes ita misericors extitit, ut in eis plurimam partem suorum bonorum expenderet. Et licet officium Eleemosynarii Sancti Albani in subsidium ædificationis Portæ Monasterii, per magnum ventum prostratæ, et aliorum onerum, ac ædificiorum suorum ruinosorum, fuisset ex assensu sui Conventus ejus dispositioni relictum, nihil tamen suis prædictis usibus deputavit; sed omnia de dicto officio provenientia, oneribus ejusdem officii solummodo deductis, juxta primitivam suam foundationem, in pios usus convertit. Insuper, illud officium suis propriis sumptibus in ædificiis et utensilibus multipliciter meliorabat. Nec hoc suffecit ¹ eidem, quin septies viginti panes integros de suo ² cellario viginti pauperibus, et duos solidos undecim denarios quinque pauperibus, hebdomadatim distribueret.

He increases the weekly allowance to the poor.

The funds belonging to the office of Almoner increase under his auspices.

Solebat quidem idem officium Eleemosynarii vicissim aliis diversis officiis Conventus, in eorum relevationem, annecti; nec sic quid valebant eadem officia ampliari, vel sua debita onera supportare. Postquam vero idem officium Eleemosynarii per memoratum Abbatem, juxta piam foundationem ejusdem, ad sui naturam est reductum; licet aucta fuissent onera ejusdem, et aliorum officiorum, aucta fuerunt bona et voluntates donatorum, aquietationes debitorum, et abundantia bonorum. Multiplicatus quippe fuerat numerus amicorum, eo quod multiplicatus fuerat numerus intercessorum:—" ³ A Domino enim factum est istud, et est mirabile in oculis nostris."

Decimas quoque de Newnham, ex causa et modo præmissis, eidem Abbati deputatas, non inaniter occupavit; sed in usum ejusdem officii easdem et plura de suis propriis expendit. Testantur quæ dico domus

¹ *eidem* in MS.

² *cellario* in MS.

³ *Psalms* cxviii. 23.

Scriptoriæ, sumptibus ipsius Abbatis, et industria Domini ¹Thomæ de Walsingham, tunc Cantoris et Scriptorarii, a fundamentis constructa; libri etiam per ipsum et suos conscripti, empti, et reparati, et librariæ Conventus et Studii sui deputati.²

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Hujus Abbatis magnanimitas, cunctis posteris prædicanda, pluries est monstrata, quæ nulli adversitati vel tribulationi novit succumbere; sed velut ramus palmæ adversus deprimentes, et ecclesiæ suæ jura violare ³innitentes, quamvis magni forent, et in sæculo præpotentes, se magnifice subrigere consuevit. Nempe adversus Ricardum Pecche, civem Londoniarum, movit placita; cujus tenorem hic ⁴ponimus subsequenter, ne lateat posteris virtus viri, et ⁵constantia.—

He builds
the Writing-room
at Saint Alban's;
under the inspection
of Thomas de Walsingham.
He shews himself a
strenuous defender of
his house.

Idem bonæ memoriæ Dominus Thomas Abbas, non parcens laboribus vel expensis pro revocatione juris sui, movit placitam contra Simonem, filium ⁶[Willelmi Cote], pro uno mesuagio, cum pertinentiis, in Londoniis; cujus irrotulatio ⁷hic subscribitur, ad cautelam.—

His suit
with Simon
Cote.

Ejus quoque tempore, quidam Nicolaus, filius Johannis de Horwode, et Johanna, uxor ejus, impetraverunt Assisam Novæ Disseysinæ super eundem Abbatem de libero tenemento suo in Londoniis; cujus placiti ⁷tenor est iste.—

Suit with
Nicholas
and Johanna de
Horwode.

Contra Priorissam de Markzate compulsus est etiam movere placita, pro fructibus majorum garbarum et bladorum in Parochia de Watforde; cujus placiti ⁷tenor hic inseritur ⁸consequenter.—

Suit with
the Prioress
of Markzate.

¹ The historian, whose work is published in this Series, derived from MS. Bibl. Reg. 13 E. ix., which was probably its original form. See page 281 *ante*, Notes 1 and 2, and page 332 *ante*, Note 1.

² At this point (page 228) the modern Gothic text, previously used, comes to an end, and from p. 229 a Lombardic hand is employed.

³ *innitentes* in MS.

⁴ Such is not the case; and, so far as the present MS. is concerned, none of these promises are fulfilled. As to the suit with Richard Pecche, see page 77 *ante*.

⁵ *ca* in MS.

⁶ Hiatus in MS., but see pp. 80 and 379 *ante*.

⁷ See Note 4, above, and page 82 *ante*.

⁸ See page 87 *ante*.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. Suit with the King's Escheator, as to the manor of Caldecote. Hujus venerabilis perturbationes varias singillatim evolvere opus esset interminabile; et ideo pauca de multis inserimus, ut ¹liceat posteris quanta laude dignus extiterit, qui nunquam pene a laboribus respiravit. Rex nempe Edwardus, Tertius a Conquæstu, pravorum consiliis adquiescens, quippe qui pronus erat in sua lucra, manerium Abbatis Sancti Albani, quod "Caldecote" appellatur, in manus suas seysiri fecit. Sed Abbati cor ad defendendum jus suum non defuit; quinimmo, sic ut suum negotium prosecutus est, ut Rex scriberet Eskeatori Comitatus Hertfordiæ in ² hæc verba.—

The circumstances under which the finding of a corrody was first imposed upon the Abbey. Ejusdem beati viri, Domini Thomæ Abbatis, actum est prudentia, ut ecclesia nostra de ³ tyrannica servitute vel exactione fuit prudentissime liberata. Revera Reges tres Edwardi, non de jure, sed de mala suggestionem, vendicabant dare corrodium unum in nova creatione Abbatis cujuslibet; ⁴ quod non scriptura vel consuetudine potuerunt exigere, sed tantum ⁵ tyrannica potestate; cum constet nostrum monasterium ita fuisse fundatum, ut nulli omnino servituti foret obnoxium: nec usquam reperiri poterit corrodium alicui potestati sæculari concessum de domo nostra, ante tempora Edwardi, Primi Regis Angliæ a Conquæstu; et hoc, non Regis ad instantiam, sed Edmundi Comitis, pro eo quod fuit infestus ecclesiæ pro hospitalitate negata, vel certe minus acceptata, cuidam de suis. Pro cujus indignatione mitiganda, Abbas et Conventus coacti sunt corrodium concedere uni de familia Comitis supradicti; a quo tempore cœperunt Reges exigere corrodium, ut præfertur.

Claim of a corrody by John Gardiner, Sed jam abbatizante Thoma, qui ⁵ "totus mas," dici potuit, quidam Johannes, dictus cognomento "Gardiner," eo quod familiaris fuit Regi Edwardo

¹ Qy. if not *luceat*.

² This is omitted here, but the full particulars are already given in pp. 92-96 *ante*.

³ *tirannica*.

⁴ *quam* in MS.

⁵ A pun is intended upon the name "*Thomas*." See page 101 *ante*.

Tertio, vendicavit secundum corrodium, ut esset ex feodo custos garennae Abbatis: quod quidem corrodium asseveravit Regi debitum, tanquam jus suum, quia Magister Willelmus de la Marche illud habuerat, qui fuerat de Domini Regis familia speciali: cujus suggestio falsa fuisse probata est; quia idem Willelmus illud corrodium non ex dono Regis, sed ex mera liberalitate Abbatis et Conventus, sibi concessum habuerat; pro quodam auxilio quo Abbatem juverat contra tenentes proprios, eidem rebellantes, sicut patebit inferius. Sed tamen isto Johanne nullus fuerat unquam efficacior ad nocendum; fuit namque, ut diximus, non solum familiaris, sed ¹carus Regi, et desponsaverat filiam cujusdam Willelmi Cheupayn, quem alias Rex vocari fecit "Robertum Fool." Qui non, ut praeendebat nomen suum, stultus fuit, vel morio, sed callidus et astutus. Horum duorum adinventionibus Abbas, et totus Conventus, turbatus est; donec auxiliante Edwardo, Principe Walliae, et horum superbia est inclinata, et Abbatis justitia declarata; ut patebit per evidencias ²infrascriptas.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

and false
allegation
in support
thereof.

William
Cheupayn,
called by
the King,
"Robert
Fool."

By the aid
of Prince
Edward,
Justice is
at length
granted to
the Abbot.

Temporibus Abbatis Thomae, ³[de] quo nunc agitur, Episcopi totius regni, qui proprias personas privilegiare vel eximere a suorum Archiepiscoporum jurisdictione ⁴non verentur, infesti praecipue locis exemptis, cum clerus concessisset subsidium quoddam Regi, decreverunt idem Episcopi infestare exemptos, vel molestare, qui in eorum Diocesisbus extiterunt, et imponere eis jugum novum et insuetum, ut essent collectores subsidii supradicti; quod eis nullo modo licebat, inconsultis superioribus eorundem.

Attempt of
the Bishops
to make
the exempt
within their
Dioceses
collectors
of the
King's
subsidy.

Episcopus igitur Northwicensis, Dominus Henricus le Spencer, qui et junior erat, et effrenatior, in Priorem

Henry,
Bishop of
Norwich,

¹ *karus* in MS.

² They are not inserted here; but the particulars of the case will be found in pp. 100-112 *ante*.

³ Omitted in MS.

⁴ *eximere* is repeated before this word in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

attempts to
molest the
Prior of
Wymund-
ham.

Pretensions
of the Pope,
in the time
of Abbot
Thomas, to
place his
nominees
in the Mon-
asteries of
exempt
jurisdic-
tion.

Desolate
condition
of the mon-
asteries in
Hungary,
Spain, and
Provence,
arising
therefrom ;
eventually
to fall into
the hands
of the Car-
dinals.

de Wymundham decrevit experiri vires suas, et eis imposuit onus ¹ tantæ sollicitudinis. Sed Abbas, ne Episcopus suis gaudere posset inceptis, mox eundem Priorem ad Monasterium revocavit; Prior vero gaudenter jussis Abbatis paruit, et Monasterii Archidiaconus est effectus. Cujus nomen "Nicolaus de Rade-
" clef" fuerat; qui etiam in Theologia Doctor fuit.²

Sub hujus Abbatis Thomæ postremis temporibus, tantum fuit ancillata in regno ecclesia exemptorum, ut Papa præsumeret electiones rite factas cassare, et alios constituere pro libito ejusdem; donec Rex et Consilium, vivaciori spiritu resumpto, decrevisset obsistere tantis malis; ut demonstrari potest per vexationes domus Sancti Edmundi, prout in ³ nostris Chronicis plenius continetur. ⁴ Cum vero metuebatur a peritissimis, si ⁵ Papa liberas habuisset habenas ad disponendas ecclesias hujus regni, sicut habuit in regnis Hungariæ vel Hispaniæ, quod contulisset opulentissimas Abbathias suis Cardinalibus, vel familiaribus, qui quidem non augere religionem, non augmentare monachorum numerum, sed potius delere, conati fuissent; qui nihil plus cupiebant, nisi bona pertinentia talibus Abbathiis; prout probari potest per talia loca deserta et collapsa, in Comitatu Provinciæ et regnis præscriptis. Quia, ubi quondam fuerant octoginta monachi, nunc vix sex sustentantur, aut quatuor; et non in domo ubi religio quondam floruit, sed passim vagari permittuntur, dato eis annuo vel cotidiano stipendio. Ubi licet unus aut plures obierunt, nullus novus assumitur, sed numerus facessere fraudulenter permittitur, donec cunctis e vita subtractis, bona locorum talium cedant integre in usus

¹ *tan* only in MS.

² On this subject, more fully, see pp. 122-134, and 281 *ante*.

³ It is probable that MS. Bibl. Reg. 13 E. ix. is here referred to, the earliest form of the *Hist. Anglicana*. See *hat* work, Vol. I. pp. 414-418,

428-430. See also page 393 *ante*, Note 1.

⁴ This sentence is not completed.

⁵ This passage has been marked in the MS. by Archbishop Parker, with his usual red chalk, and a hand by way of reference.

Cardinalium, et fiant de amplis ecclesiis grangiæ vel stabula animalium.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Dominus igitur Thomas Abbas, quem tam scelerata terrebant ¹vestigia, videns in hoc regno nullam domum exemptam evasisse ²Papales muscipulas, quin, nacta occasione, in omnibus fecisset provisiones, et in quibusdam, quod ³abominabile videbatur, posuisset non quidem monachos, vel paris religionis religiosos, sed in domo Monachorum Nigrorum quemdam Fratrem Minorem, qui præesset monachis loco Prioris; meditatatus est prævenire tempus talis malitiæ, ne Papa suæ domui faceret, sicut fecerat per circuitum aliis Abbathiis.

The Abbot determines to prevent the imposition by the Pope of religious of other Orders upon his house.

⁴Habebat Abbas eo tempore quemdam familiarem clericum, dictum "Adam de Fenrother," qui, quanto fidelior reputabatur, tanto fuit habilior ad fallendum; quia nulla pejor pestis quam familiaris inimicus. Hunc Abbas misit ad Curiam, ad componendum cum Papa de vacatione nostri Monasterii; ut, videlicet, impetraret ut Abbates postfuturi, cum fuissent electi, seipso fuissent confirmati, et facultatem habuissent ⁵Episcopum eligendi, quemcunque voluissent in regno, qui eis munus benedictionis debuerat impendisse; et ut antiqua cessasset exactio quæ a Papa petebatur a domo, in qualibet vacatione, ⁶septingentarum marcarum; et non plus pendissent Curix qui futuri fuissent præter marcæ annuam, prout a fundatore statutum erat. Circa hujus negotii expeditionem, quanvis Abbas jam senex esset, et valetudinarius, expendisse decreverat mille libras. Sed clericus antedictus, cum magnam summam pecuniæ a suo domino percepisset ad præmissa prosequenda, neglecto domini commodo, propriis utilitatibus inser-

Abbot Thomas addresses the Court of Rome, praying remission as to payment of a sum of money, and personal attendance at Rome, exacted from each new Abbot, on his confirmation.

¹ In allusion to the *Æsopian Fable* of *The Old Lion and the Fox*.

² These two words are marked by Parker with red chalk.

³ *abominabile* in MS.

⁴ See this case stated at length, pp. 146-184 *ante*.

⁵ *Episcopum* in MS.

⁶ Sic in MS.

Thomas, 80th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. —
 Knavish conduct of his envoys and agents on this occasion.
 Large sums expended by him for this purpose.

vivit; expediens quidem negotia propria, et acquirens magna beneficia, notam infamiae nihil verens. Et quod est detestabilius, conjunctus falsis hominibus, dominum suum sæpe delusit, sub spe bonæ expeditionis omnium præmissorum. Hii siquidem fuerunt Willelmus Strete, quondam Regis pincerna, et Laurentius monachus de Bello, qui Abbatem, sub specie amoris præcipui, sæpius deceperunt, nunc per litteras, nunc per verba, mediante prædicto clerico; donec de ejus loculo per cautelas sexcentas marcas emunxissent. Ex quibus omnibus constat apertissime quanto zelo Abbas iste suum monasterium suosque dilexit, qui tantum non refugit expendere, non quidem suo commodo, sed aliorum. Ut autem clarius elucescat, quanta sollicitudine Abbas elaboraverat ut præmissa sortirentur effectum, subsequenter ponemus litterarum evidencias, hinc inde missarum, et Supplicationum variarum.¹

Free confirmation and benediction of the newly elected Abbot of St. Alban's, are gained by Abbot Thomas, on a yearly payment of twenty marks to the Roman See.

² Libertatem confirmationis et liberæ benedictionis electi Monasterii Sancti Albani in Anglia, a fundatione ejusdem monasterii, anno, videlicet, Domini septingentesimo nonagesimo tertio, usque tempus Johannis de Herteforde, Abbatis ibidem anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo tricesimo quinto, per annos, videlicet, quadringentos quadraginta et duos, et viginti duorum Abbatum temporibus, virtute suæ fundationis et privilegiorum ejusdem eatenus usitata, in Lateranensi Consilio per Decretalem cupientes, sicut cæterorum exemptorum ablata, seu Curiae Romanæ specialiter reservata, memorati Abbatis meritis et gratia, et dicti Prioris et sibi collaborantium industria, ad maximum Monasterii commodum, feliciter extitit quondam restituta, pro viginti marcis annuis Collectori Apostolico in Anglia suis temporibus, sub pœna recidivationis, annuatim

¹ Great part of a column is here (p. 280) left vacant, and the correspondence above promised is omitted: see, however, pp. 146-

184 ante.

² The whole of this passage, down to "*annuatim persolvendis*," is confused and ungrammatical.

persolvendis; ad hoc præcipue inducti motivis et periculis, et statutis regalibus, et memorando expensarum, in aporationem maximam Monasterii, octo Abbatum intermediarum præcedentium, in ¹subsequentibus plenius annotatis. Nam ultra, cum post mortem Rogeri Abbatis per regium Escaetorem exacta octo millia marcarum sunt Domino Regi pro Monasterii temporalibus, et tantundem Curie Romanæ, vel amplius, pro ejus spiritualibus persoluta, præter itinerales electorum, et suorum procuratorum expensas et dona, ob idem necessario, licet prodigaliter, profusa, ad tantundem et amplius computata.²

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Enormous
expenses
entailed on
vacation of
the Ab-
bacy.

Nec defuit divina gratia suo militi emerito in ætate decrepita, seu senili, maximis etiam infirmitatibus viribus et sensibus exinanito, ad statum innocentie reducto, et ob hoc aliorum regimine et consilio constituto, quin etiam ipsum, et omnia sua, undique solito multiplicius scuto sue bonæ voluntatis protegeret; possessiones etiam, et privilegia desiderata, pro quibus tam ipse quam sui prædecessores se plurimum sollicitaverant, et expensas multimodas, licet inaniter, profuderant, etiam per multa sæcula alienata, sua gratia, et suorum industria reduceret, et novis et insolitis, suo monasterio plurimum profuturis, abundantius relevaret.

Success
attending
the efforts
of Abbot
Thomas in
behalf of
the Mon-
astery,
even in his
extreme
old age.

Manerium namque de Westwyk, sive de Gorham, pro octo jugeribus terræ, et amplius, æstimatum, per Abbatem ejusdem Monasterii Alfricum, a Rege Etheldredo, cujus olim Cancellarius extiterat, eidem Monasterio perquisitum et confirmatum, ad instantiam Lanfranci Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, per Paulum, Abbatem ejusdem Monasterii, cuidam Hunbaldo ad terminum sue vitæ solummodo concessum, per Galfridum Gorham, ibidem Abbatem, postmodum Hugoni filio dicti

He regains
the manor
of West-
wyk, or
Gorham,
which had
been alie-
nated from
the Mon-
astery for
200 years,
or more.

¹ This intention has not been carried out in the present MS., and only in part in pp. 146-184 ante.

² This sentence is to all appearance unfinished; and half a column (p. 231) is left vacant.

Thomas, Hunbaldi, cum maritagio suæ sororis, contra consensum
30th
Abbot, sui Conventus, impetuose nimis et carnaliter collatum,
A.D. et per Robertum Abbatem, de Gorham, successorem
1349-96. ejusdem, quibusdam sui generis et cognationis a quibus

Strenuous
aid of John
Moote, the
Prior,
therein.

id manerium vocabulum contraxerat, prodigaliter confirmatum, et per ipsos quibusdam valentibus militibus, et Oxoniæ Comitibus, "De Veer" cognominatis, venditum, et titulo pacifico possessum, post ducentos annos, et amplius, ab ejusdem primitiva alienatione, industria
¹ Dompni Johannis Moote, tunc Prioris Monasterii antedicti, et aliorum sibi collaborantium, eidem Monasterio fuerat redditum; et sine aliqua solita inquisitione Eschaetoris regii, ex certa scientia Cancellariæ, ejusdem licentia et confirmatione regia, cum suis incrementis et pertinentiis debitis, perpetuo amortizata, octingentis marcis, et amplius, primitus persolutis matri, videlicet, Roberti de Veer, ultimi ² veri hæredis ejusdem; quæ dictum manerium et alia de Domino Rege comparaverat; ad quem integrum jus ³ veræ possessionis per forisfacturam sui filii fuerat integraliter devolutum: ut per ejus munimenta, et Abbatum et Regum Annalia, plenius est expressum.

Regular
attendance
of Abbot
Thomas at
Divine
Service.

Hic Abbas, Divini Servitii amator præcipuus, solebat eidem cum suo Conventu, quotiens ³ commode poterat, existere, et præcipue Dominicis et Festis in populo ⁴ festivatis; ministeria sibi pertinentia memoriter retinens et alacriter perficiens, et alios suo exemplo animans et informans.

His demeanour
at Mass.

In Missa vero nec tardus nec festinus, sed moderatus, lacrymabilis, et devotus; in intervallis etiam Missæ, principaliter per ipsum celebratæ, aut primam tonsuram clericis de sua jurisdictione oriundis, juxta tenorem

¹ See p. 375 ante, Note 4.

² A play seems to be intended here, upon the resemblance of the words "*veri*" and "*veræ*" to

"*Veer*," the family name.

³ *comode* in MS.

⁴ Apparently *festivatis* in MS.

suorum privilegiorum, contulit, vestimenta benedixit, aut meditationes sanctas, vel aliud divinum servitium, cum suis Capellanis, aut solus, dicere consuevit. In eundo versus ecclesiam, et in se revestiendo, spatiando similiter, seu equitando, consimili modo ¹occupatus extitit, quando cum gravibus personis, negotiis, aut tractatibus, ¹occupatus alias non fuit. Nempe tam arte tempus et tempora observabat Divini Servitii, ut nullius temporalis domini præsentia, nullius mundialis negotii impediretur frequentia, quin divinum servitium, et ea quæ religioni conveniunt, suis temporibus persolveret aut præveniret. Media nocte et mane, ante Conventum surgeret, et Matutinas Horas et Missas consummaret. Cotidie tres Missas vel quatuor audire, et ipsemet pro Defunctis, seu de Sancta Maria,—maxime pro Defunctis,—primo celebrare solebat. In intervallis vel Psalterium vel meditationes sanctas solus ruminabat, vel ²Septem Psalmos cum Letania, vel ³Quindecim Psalmos, vel Officium Mortuorum, solus, vel cum socio, decantabat. Aut lectioni seu rei publicæ et Monasterii et religionis dispositioni, vacabat; semper in hiis quæ placita Deo, et utilia erant proximis, occupatus.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

His exemplary
devoutness.

Aucupationem, venationem, et omnimodos ludos, tam publicos quam privatos, quasi virus, fugiebat, et execrabatur; ita ut a talibus faciem averteret, et lepores et aves vi canum et accipitrum fugatas et ad suum refugium convolantes, more Sancti Martini, indemnes abire permetteret. Venatores tamen, et aucupatores, tam de suis armigeris quam aliis familiaribus, habuit præcipuos, pro sua warennâ contuenda, pro nocivis bestiis et avibus capiendis, et pro solatiis suis dominis et amicis impendendis. Eorum tamen artem in sua præsentia exercere, vel monachos suos, præter officarios ad

His great
hatred of
hawking,
hunting,
and other
sports; and
his kindness
to
animals.

He keeps
up his
warren,
however.

¹ *occupatus* in MS.

² The Penitential Psalms. See Vol. I. p. 213, Note 10.

³ The *Psalmi Graduales*, or "Songs of Degrees," Psalms 120-134, are meant.

Thomas, hoc deputatos, interesse nullatenus permittebat. Quod
 80th quidem sibi difficilium, sed magis meritorium, videbatur,
 Abbot, eo quod dum juvenis et sæcularis esset, in talibus
 A.D. fuerat plurimum exercitatus, et ad hoc ex consuetudine
 1349-98. et carnis generositate, quasi naturaliter, incitatus.

His early
 inclination
 for such
 pursuits.
 His great
 abstinence,
 from mo-
 tives of
 devoutness.

Abstinentiæ quoque fuerat admirabilis, ut nunquam
 ad satietatem se reficeret, raro, et hoc modicum, cœ-
 naret; a prandio etiam unius diei usque ad prandium
 alterius a potu pluries abstinere; diebus etiam Vene-
 ris a piscibus abstinere; diebus etiam Sabbatis uno
 genere piscium contentaretur. Feriis vero quartis et
 sextis in Quadragesima, sedens in prandio, vel modicum
 panis vel nihil prandens, sed jejunium differens usque
 in crastinum. Vigiliis Sanctæ Mariæ et Sanctæ Mariæ
 Magdalænæ, Sanctæ Katerinæ, et Omnium Sanctorum,
 modicam portionem panis post dictas Vesperas frueba-
 tur. Vigiliis Passionis Sancti Albani ad pisces jejuna-
 bat; et si quando, propter accessum magnatum hospi-
 tum, vel propter recreationem confratrum suorum,
 propriam solitam abstinentiam infringere, hoc postea
 aut gravioribus jejuniis supplebat, aut largis eleemosy-
 nis redimebat.

His hearty
 conduct at
 table to his
 guests;
 though
 practising
 abstinence
 himself.

In mensa vero corporali lectione a monacho vel cle-
 rico prohibita, et gravitate religionis servata, hilaris
 erat, dapsilis, et facetus; cibaria sua delicatiora satis
¹abunde et civiliter hospitibus, extraneis, et suis fami-
 liaribus, distribuebat; eleemosynam tamen suam ob hoc
 minui non permittebat. De cibis et potibus plus abs-
 tinebat, quando lautius et abundantius serviebatur
 eidem.

He weekly
 submits to
 flagella-
 tion; and
 mortifies
 the flesh.

Carnis suæ domitor severus existens, aliquotiens bis
 vel pluries in hebdomada accito sibi quodam secretorum
 consocio, corporales disciplinas satis asperas suscepit;
 arguens vecordiam dantis, et segnitiem, etsi quando
 remissius ferire voluisset. Parva sibi videbantur hæc,

¹ *habunde* in MS.

nisi cilicium asperum indueret, et carnem crucifigeret delicatam.

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1849-56.

In lecto cuculla et calciamentis depositis, et cæteris pannis seu ¹chlamyde superpositis, somnum gustare seu surripere solebat. Super mollia pulvinaria, et ¹chlamyde et furruris calidis, sedere videbatur, quando lapilli duri et urticæ, cum quibus corpus suum fricaverat, erant intermedia. Nunquam enim, ut putabatur, ad medietatem noctis dormiebat, sed pluries ante Vigiliæ Conventuales Psalterium integrum dicere solebat, ultra alias suas orationes solitas, in libris per eum editis contentas.

His various
modes of
mortifica-
tion.

Fuit itaque præfatus Abbas in Secunda Pestilentia morbo pestilentiali, etiam duobus maximis ulceribus, taliter in inguine percussus, ut ipsemet et omnes alii de vita ejusdem desperarent; quousque uno dictorum ulcerum patefacto, et alterius humore noxio in tibiis ejusdem ²descendente, sic easdem infecisset, ut semper postea aut strictoriis aut emplastris continuis eum uti necessario oporteret. Crevit etiam tumor, et defluebat humor virosus et putridus per pustulas et fonticulos, qui totam pellem tibiæ prædictarum, et ³inguen, ubi prædicta ulcera primitus oriebantur, totaliter crudefaciebant. Si vero defluere cessassent, quoddam ulcus, ad modum fonticuli, juxta mamillas ejusdem oriebatur, saniem et humorem consimilem emittens. Si vero aliquid eorum eidem defuisset, tunc aut magnis febribus, aut passione ⁴colica vel ⁵iliaca, pluries cruciabatur, aut gravibus tribulationibus, ⁶forinsecis seu ⁷intrinsecis, multipliciter vexabatur. Nec ob hoc suam solitam cotidianam instantiam, rigiditatem, seu abstinentiam, aliquantulum diminuit, quin curam sui monasterii et one-

He is grievously
attacked, in
the Second
Pestilence,
by tumours,
and other
painful
maladies.

He fulfils
his duties,
amid all his
tribulations.

¹ *clamide* in MS.

² *descendentis* in MS.

³ *inguinem* in MS.

⁴ *colica* in MS.

⁵ *yllica* in MS.

⁶ *forinsecis* in MS.

⁷ *intrinsecis* in MS.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

He is at
length
attacked by
strangury,
and suffers
continual
torment.

ris indefesse perficeret, et alios, etiam desides, ad hoc suo exemplo multipliciter provocaret: donec superveniente ætate decrepita, et infirmitate sua gravissima et extrema, quæ ¹“stranguria” a pluribus dicebatur, per septem annos et amplius suo cruciatu et pœna continua omnes ejus vires corporales totaliter exhausisset. Fuerat quippe eadem infirmitas tam gravis, ut incredibile videretur etiam quemlibet fortissimum illam sustinere potuisse. Nam secundum majus et minus omni quindena eundem per quinque dies, vel plures, continue cruciabat; ut nec alimento nec somno aliquo gauderet. Insuper per pœnam et clamorem continuum, ex frequenti et difficili emissionem urinæ, et aliquotiens in sanguinis maxima quantitate, eundem taliter debilitavit, ut pluries quasi exanimis videretur, et esset.

He is so
reduced by
illness,
that he is
obliged to
forego his
hair shirt
next to his
skin; and
to cease
from his
former
abstinence.

Tot cruces tam diu subiit, donec, exinanito stomacho, genua sua infirmarentur, sensus ²hebetarentur, et carnes solverentur et defluerent; et vermes scaturirent, impingente cilicio, ita ut gravarent foetore nimio assistentes. Quamobrem, ne deprehenderetur in hac violentia, monitu suorum secretariorum deposuit cilicium; licet cum mœstitia et dolore. Abinentiam tamen, et cætera sua opera spiritualia, non minuit; donec superveniente ætate decrepita, et maximæ infirmitatis suæ molestia, non est permissus, ut primitus, abstinere, nec suas solitas observantias et ³pœnitentias exercere. Pœnitentias insuper suas secretas ita sui vultus serenitate, et indefessa et cotidiana sui laboris instantia, palliavit, ut etiam secretarii, ipso affirmante, crederent et affirmarent hæc ipsa pro deliciis sibi fuisse, vires auxisse, et ex diutina consuetudine, quæ ⁴“Altera natura” dicitur, vitam ipsius prolongasse; cum ipse, nec aliquis alius, fortissimæ complexionis, consimilia tentare po-

His habits
of austerity
and pen-
ance, a
second
nature with
him.

¹ *stranguria* in MS.

² *ebitentur* in MS.

³ *pœnias*.

⁴ In allusion to the proverb “Use
“ is second nature.”

tuisset. Nam juvenes fortissimæ complexionis et florentis ætatis, in Capellanos ipsius assumptos, in brevi tempore macies et pallor, quæ "honor monachi" dicuntur, aut penitus attenuavit, aut præ laboris magnitudine a suo consortio refugavit. Quos quidem, aliis suis Capellanis alibi quiescentibus, juxta se quiescere statuit, et plus aliis, ob eorum exercitium spirituale, et juvenilium motuum repressionem, secum laborare coegit.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

His youthful chaplains are worn out by such austerities.

Ita enim monachorum suorum ministerio delectabatur, ut ab inceptione Completorii usque post Missas auditas, nec etiam in maximis infirmitatibus suis, voluit alicujus sæcularis ministerium admittere. Super qua re a pluribus regni magnatibus requisitus, cur monachos suos ita suo ministerio gravare voluisset, respondit se monachis suis, et ipsos sibi, plus aliis obligari; et ideo se aliquos sæculares, vel alios, nolle illis præferre in ministerio, et consequenter, in merito et præmio pro eodem debitis. Sæpius etiam inter sua familiaria colloquia dicere solebat se plus contentari ministerio monachorum suorum, eidem voluntarie exhibito, quam alicujus alterius, etiam valentioris personæ, in toto mundo.

His great preference for the personal ministrations of his own monks.

Nec segniter ipsemet suos monachos in eorum infirmitatibus, seu necessitatibus, ex innata caritate, et juncta liberalitate, vices rependit. Sed et plures eorum, ab infantia per ipsum sustentatos, ad monachatum perduxit, habitum exhibuit, parentes, consanguineos, hospites, et amicos, ut proprios fovit; et eorum negotia ut sua propria procuravit. Ac etiam in suorum necessitatibus suis largis eleemosynis sustentavit, et ad diversos gradus et officia, juxta varias sortes sæculi, sumptibus et procurationibus suis provexit.

His kindly disposition to the monks of his house.

Infirmitatum etiam suorum monachorum curam habens præcipuam, ipsos, ut præmittitur, in propria persona confortare et visitare solebat, non ¹ abhorrens

His singular kindness to the sick.

¹ See Vol. II. p. 396, from which, or from a common source, the present passage is borrowed.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

And his
humanity
to the
leprous.

His atten-
tions to the
sick and
dying.

eorum ¹incommoda vel inhonesta; sed etiam, si opus esset, ipse primus et præ familiaribus, si eos vomitus aut fluxum pati contingeret, vasa ²supponeret et capita manu firmaret, et infici turpi et viscosa materia non refugeret. Ipsorum quoque, ac etiam leprosorū Sancti Juliani, non refugit audire confessiones; sed constanter eorum halitus foetidos et pestilenciales, et horrida pertulit spiramenta. Insuper, in cibariis, medicinis, et aliis necessariis, eorum infirmitatibus competentibus, jugiter refocillavit, morientibus astitit, et eorum animos suis dulcibus alloquiis et exhortationibus corroboravit, et animas suis sanctis precibus Domino commendavit. Missas et Officia Mortuorum citius, et ultra numerum et tempus pro talibus limitatum, persolvit; et nihilo minus hæc eadem more Conventus pro eisdem continuavit.

He strictly
observes
the regula-
tions as to
silence, by
night and
by day.

Silentium diurnum, pariter et nocturnum, in locis regularibus districtissime observabat, maxime tamen nocturnum; ita ut a Completorio usque in crastinum, post Missas auditas, nisi causa majoris necessitatis vel utilitatis existeret, illud quomodolibet infringere noluisset; sed et tunc breviori modo quo poterat in lingua Latina facienda depromebat.

His sin-
gular hu-
mility and
patience.

Tantæ quidem humilitatis et patientiæ extitit, ut injurias, etiam suorum subditorum, æquanimiter toleraret, et ob hoc Deo gratias ageret, immo, pro hiis Deum suppliciter exoraret; orationibus suorum Capellanorum, et aliorum suorum subditorum, se suppliciter commendaret, et ab eisdem consuli, et de suis excessibus corrigi, congauderet; et benefacta et consilia propria plus aliis quam sibi imputaret. Si quid versus hominem aliquem de suis verbo vel facto excederet, quod vel in laudem sui, vel scandalum alterius, sonaret, de hoc citius veniam peteret, emendas promitteret, aut rectam intentionem suam citius declararet.

¹ *incomoda* in MS.

| ² *supponere* in MS.

Pro tribulationibus et infirmitatibus suis semper Deo gratias agebat, pro labore sociorum suorum, sibi ministrantium, non modicum condolebat; eisdem multipliciter regratiando, et dulcibus suis alloquiis confortando; et si quando, more infirmantium, versus eos excederet, de eisdem continuo veniam petendo. Priori et majoribus Monasterii dominis, et amicis suis, causa visitandi ad se venientibus, sæpius deprecabatur ut sibi ministrantibus pro se regratiarent, et ut post mortem ipsius eisdem auxilio et favore ullatenus non deessent.

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

His resignation, and grateful feelings for services rendered.

Ita caritativus erga cunctos, etiam extraneos, extitit, ut illorum damna et peccata, quasi sua, defleret, ipsorum prosperia, ut suis, congauderet; aliorum negotia, ut suis negotiis, semper provideret, et pro eisdem plus quam pro seipso sollicitaretur; ipsorum expeditionem suam reputaret. In præstatione sive donatione tam largus extitit, et profusus, tantoque suorum præcavebat infamiam, ut, more Sancti Silvestri, pluribus debitoribus etiam ipse debitor existeret; ut eorum debita, etiam incuria seu prodigalitate contracta, suo maximo tædio frequentius relevaret; pluries etiam alienis negotiis se intricaret, et in eisdem de propriis largiter effunderet, ut eorum paci consuleret, et quieti. Censuit utique, licet majoribus summis, paucorum potentum debitor existere, quam multorum, præcipue pauperum et civium Londoniarum, clamoribus et districtioibus subjacere. Quibus ante omnia suos indebitari prohibuit, quia inde tædia multa expertus fuit.

His singular disinterestedness, and kindness to others.

His readiness to relieve the necessities of others.

Si aliqua adversitas publica regno vel populo eveniret, statim ad orationum, eleemosynarum, et abstinentiæ, suffragia recurrebat. Septem Psalmos, cum Collectis competentibus, coram Corpore Dominico, vel feretro Sancti Albani, in Choro, Capitulo, vel Presbyterio, in longa venia, tapetis substratis, media nocte, vel ante processionem, vel hora Capitulari, cum suo Conventu, decantari instituebat, maxima campana, ad devotionem

His recourse to prayer, almsgiving, and abstinence, in times of public adversity.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. populi excitandam, interim personante. Processiones etiam solemnes ad moniales de Sopwelle et de Pratis, Capellas Sanctæ Mariæ Magdalænæ, Sancti Germani, et alias ecclesias villæ Sancti Albani, cum deportatione

Description of the processions formed by him on such occasions.

feretri Sancti Albani, etiam pedibus nudatis, cum clero et populo, cum suo Conventu indicebat. Quas quidem processiones devote et mirabiliter aliquotiens instituebat. Nam pueros ¹scholæ, et infantes, cum quadam parva cruce per unum eorum, superpellicio indutum, præportata, et aliis pluribus superpelliciiis indutis, pro decantatione et responsione Letaniæ eisdem institutæ, cum magistris eorum, in prima processione fieri præcepit. In secunda vero processione, presbyteros et clerum villæ, cum sua Letania decantanda, ordinavit. In tertia vero, ipse, cum suis monachis et populo, duabus situ-
lis aqua benedicta, duabus crucibus, et duobus brachiis reliquiis plenis, vel feretro Martyris Albani prælato, subsequebatur. Psalmos insuper,—²“Exaudiat te Do-
minus,”—³“Deus misereatur nostri,” et—⁴“Ad te
“levavi oculos meos,” cum Versiculis et Collectis com-
petentibus, inter Orationem Dominicam et “Agnus
“Dei” ad Missam Majorem in ecclesia et in capella
sua, pro statu et pace regni, et aliis tribulationibus et
negotiis Monasterii, per longa tempora continuavit.

Psalms selected by him in such services.

The like services exacted by him from those within his jurisdiction.

Consimiles etiam processiones, et alias orationes peculiares, a clero jurisdictionis, monialibus de Sopwelle et de Pratis, et Capellanis et aliis pauperibus ibi, et Deo devotis, exigebat. Nec tunc diffidebant ejus subditi quod petebatur obtinere, vel de adversariis suis corporalibus seu spiritualibus vincere, cum eorum principem et prælatum suam spirituales aciem viderent taliter ordinasse.

Pro minoribus vero necessitatibus processiones circa claustrum, seu ecclesiam, nudis pedibus, feriis quartis

¹ *ecole* in MS.

² *Psalm xx.*

³ *Psalm lxxvii.*

⁴ *Psalm cxxiii.*

et sextis, cum Letaniis, Collectis, et aliis devotionibus competentibus et ¹ opportunis, tam in Missis publicis quam privatis, instituit. Quibus processionibus ipsemet, in senili ætate et continua tibiæ suarum infirmitate, etiam in maximo frigore, interfuit; nec quoslibet alios absque urgentissima necessitate permisit abesse. Si vero aliqua tribulatio vel tentatio privata suo monasterio vel monachis et amicis suis specialibus accideret, suam, et sui Conventus, et suorum secretorum, orationem solummodo experiebatur, illos plus diligens et honorans quos sibi in hac parte noverat promptiores. Et ne continuatio vel identitas dictarum orationum, ut fieri solet, fastidium generaret, Conventum suum et moniales prædictas per pitancias diversas et sua dulcia colloquia pluries recreavit, pauperes suis largis elemosynis sustentavit, et populum pane verbi Dei, nunc per seipsum et suos monachos, seu alios solemnes clericos ad hoc vocatos, jugiter animavit.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Processions and services ordained by him on minor occasions: he being present, in the coldest weather, in spite of his infirmities.

His method when private prayers were addressed on behalf of his house.

In exhortationibus et confessionibus efficax, lacrymabilis, et devotus, extitit; ita ut singultus sermonem multotiens interrumperent. In consilio providus, in judiciis discretus, in sermone moderatus, in operibus et adinventionibus ingeniosus, in ratiocinatione circumspectus, in remissione pius, in correctionibus caritativus, rebellibus et arrogantibus rigidus et austerus, humilibus et poenitentibus mansuetus et pius, in locis regularibus super alios religiosus, in itinere quasi socius, inter socios socialis et affabilis. In turba dominus, inter maximos prælatos præhabitus et præacceptus, in dando munificus, in capiendo temperatus, in operibus magnificus, extitit, et ingeniosus.

His general virtues and merits.

Erat enim in Scripturis Sanctis, et in hiis quæ suam curam seu religionem concernebant, ultra summos etiam clericos eruditus; in lingua Anglica, Latina, et Gallica,

His great learning, and acquaintance with Scripture.

¹ *opportunis* in MS.

Thomas, dictator, prædicator, et prolocutor, egregius, sermone discretus et communicativus. Scriptura sua frequens fuit, et deformis, sed velox, et, propter scribentis sanctitatem et scripturæ efficaciam, erat pluribus, etiam

His writing magnatibus, pretiosa.

unsightly,
but highly
valued.

His home-
liness in
dress.

Apparatus ejusdem in vestibus, furruris, et lecti-
sterniis, et aliis necessariis, nec curiosus, notabilis, nec
delicatus; sed communis et ordinatus, tam forma.
dimensione, quam colore.

His watch-
ful eye
upon his
household.

Erat et eidem Abbati familia moderata, sed mori-
gerata; ita enim omni religioni et honestati mens ejus
extitit jugiter intenta, ut etiam in arduis negotiis
occupatus, monachorum et suorum famulorum gestus
seu incomposita servitia de facili perciperet; eosque
inde pro qualitate, loco, et tempore et persona, satis
civiliter reprehenderet. Unde fiebat ut nullus eo
religiosiores monachos, nullus instructiores famulos,
possideret; ut vulgariter ¹diceretur, si quis vidisset
aliquem ordinatius vel religiosius incedere, vel hones-
tius seu civilius se habere, eum de usu Sancti Albani
fuisse, vel hoc ibidem didicisse. Fama hujus rei ita
monachos et prælatos aliorum monasteriorum terruit,
ut quisque deliberate prospiceret qualiter in tanti viri
præsentia se gerere debuisset.

Compli-
ment paid
to the house
of Saint
Alban's in
conse-
quence
thereof.

Effect
thereof
upon the
inmates
of other
houses.

The cele-
brity of his
scholars at
the Uni-
versity of
Oxford;
and the
other great
recom-
mendations
of his rule.

Magnificabant nomen viri et famam Monasterii
²scholares et clerici præcellentes de suis monachis in
Universitate Oxoniæ, ubi maximus omnium nationum
ejus tempore fuerat concursus, per ipsum Abbatem
educati, in diversis scientiis instructi, et ob hoc ad
varios gradus et officia circumquaque promoti: probitas
etiam, et religiositas, Priorum, officiariorum, et mo-
nachorum, Monasterii Sancti Albani, et Cellarum ab
eodem dependentium, in diversis partibus regni Angliæ
situatarum: juris etiam utriusque periti de consilio
et familia ejusdem existentes, et alii monachi et fami-

¹ dicetur in MS.

| ² scolares in MS.

liares in artibus mechanicis, prudentia, ministerio, fidelitate, et ¹ facetia, præcellentes: filii et nobilium et pueri eleemosynarii in ejus camera, et ministerio, et moribus, et scientia, instructi, et ope et eleemosyna ejusdem sustentati; qui in diversis postea partibus regni, juxta varietatem sæculi, dispersi, munificentiam et sanctitatem viri et loci multipliciter prædicabant, etiam amicos augmentabant, et inimicos retundebant. Credibile enim cunctis extitit, et non immerito, tales discipulos et famulos optimum magistrum et dominum habuisse, et tales consiliarios optima quæque, et justa, consuluisse et disposuisse, et talibus et tam perfectis membris perfectius caput præfuisse.

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Hiis et aliis virtutum operibus et præconiis ex- His high
crescentibus, laus ejus celari non potuit; sed in tan- character
tum excrevit; ut religionis speculum, patriarcha mo- for sanctity
nachorum omnium, et sanctitatis promptuarium, vocaretur. Carus habebatur Romanæ Curiae, et dignus amicitia regum, prælatorum, et procerum Angliæ et Franciæ.

Et ne inter tot carismata spiritualia, inter tot Tribula-
delicias mundiales, et favores populares, per inanem tions in-
gloriam superbiret, et præcipua dilectione et cognitione flicted
Datoris omnium bonorum quomodolibet oberraret, fla- upon him
gellavit et reduxit eum ad se pius Pater Misericor- by the
diarum,—²“Qui castigat quem diligit, et flagellat omnem hand of
“ filium quem recipit,” variis modis. Aliquando qui- Provid-
dem, ut præmittitur, per infirmitates corporales, ali- ence.
quando per intrinsecas et extrinsecas tribulationes; quas quidem ita mortificavit, ut ad sui exercitium reviviscerent, taliter abegit, ut ad conservationem humilitatis et incrementum meriti denuo redirent; donec, superveniente ætate decrepita, per maximam et finalem infirmitatem ejusdem vires exhausisset, et ut

¹ *facessia* in MS.

| ² *Hebrews* xii. 6.

Thomas, sibi liberius deserviret, quod amodo a talibus eum
30th
Abbot, sollicitudinibus exuisset.

A.D. Nec tunc quidem militem suum ¹emeritum deseruit,
1849-96. sed ipsum et omnia sua scuto suæ bonæ voluntatis

Good effect
upon him
of the
chastise-
ments so
inflicted.

solito melius protexit. Tunc enim sane sapientibus
sibi et monasterio suo felicius vivere videbatur, quam
antea vixisset. Sibi enim felicius, quia per pœnam et
patientiam, memoriam et devotionem, sibi a Domino
specialiter, immo mirabiliter, in tanta pœna reservatas,
peccata præterita purgavit et diluit, meritum auxit, et

And upon
his house
also.

aliis exemplum patientiæ fuit. Monasterio vero suo
felicius vixit, quia Omnipotens Dominus omnes, etiam
antea rebelles et extraneos, in ejus amorem convertit;
monachorum et famulorum suorum, et obedientiariorum
suorum, fidelitatem et industriam etiam in tali ejus
impotentia consolidavit; lites et querelas pacificavit,
amicos et bona, prosperitatem et nomen, Monasterii so-
lita sua benignitate conservavit, seu potius augmentavit.
Grandiora sunt utique prædia et privilegia ejus gratia,
et suorum etiam industria, Monasterio impetrata;
majorque fuerat benevolentia de cunctis dominis exhi-
bita, quam dum solita sanitate vigit. Major quoque
reverentia tam sibi quam suis exhibita, quam unquam

The King
and the
nobility
visit him
on his bed
of sickness.

antea fuit: ita ut Rex et Regina Angliæ, Duces et
Ducissæ Lancastriæ et Gloverniæ, Archiepiscopi Can-
tuaræ et Eboraci, et alii prælati et magnates, ad
lectum ²infirmantis accederent, et se mutuus alloquiis
recrearent, genuflectendo ejus benedictionem peterent,
et se ac sua suis orationibus commendarent, Monasterii
et aliorum, pro quibus idem intercessit, causas et
negotia voluntarie promoverent: ita ut felicem se
quisque crederet, qui beneplacitum tanti viri peragere
potuisset. Et sicut idem Abbas, juxta Privilegium

¹ This word is somewhat doubt-
ful.

² *infirmantis* in MS.

Summi Pontificis, Christi Vicarii, Monasterio Sancti Albani, Angli ¹Protomartyris, propter prærogativam ipsius Martyris ibidem quiescentis, concessum, cæteris Abbatibus Angliæ prælatus extitit, et dignitate, ordine, et honore, sic etiam ab ipso vero et summo Pontifice, Christo Ihesu, eisdem ac fere omnibus suis prædecessoribus, et contemporaneis prælatis Angliæ, præferebatur dotibus gratiæ et naturæ, longævitate vitæ et prælatiæ. Tanta quippe pace gaudebat, et gratia, ut plurimi astruerent eum suam cotidianam imprecationem mensalem, videlicet,—“Deus det nobis pacem et vitam æternam, etiam ut cæteris, obtinuisset in terra,” vel subarrasse, mercedem Libro Sapientiæ etiam justis repromissam, qui in terra sua duplicia possidebunt, et lætitia sempiterna erit eis.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1849-96.

The many
blessings
vouchsafed
to him.

Memoratus igitur Abbas, sicut suos prædecessores et prælatos contemporaneos dotibus gratiæ, et naturæ longævitate, et prælatia, præcelluit, sic ob hoc pro amicis et dominiis suis continuandis, juribus contuendis, et injuriis propellendis, ex causis et oneribus subscriptis, cæteris amplius erogavit. Unde suis successoribus in thesauris, saltem in pecunia, minus reliquit. Solvit utique in primitiva sua creatione Romanæ Curiæ et Regi Angliæ duo millia marcarum; præter feodum etiam Marescalli regii et Camerarii ejusdem; et præter expensas ratione diutiniæ infirmitatis suæ in Romana Curia, ad mille marcas, vel amplius, ante suum introitum æstimatas; et præter debitum suorum prædecessorum primitus necessario persolvendum, ad ² supputatum. Onerabatur etiam pluribus liberationibus, pensionibus, et corrodiis, de suorum prædecessorum temporibus, pro maxima parte sui temporis ³durantibus. Et quia omnimodis vasis argenteis, et honesta

His great
outlays in
the defence
of his
rights; and
on behalf
of the house.

The im-
poverished
state of the
house at

¹ *Prothomartyris* in MS.

² The sum is omitted in MS.

³ *durantis* in MS.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. — the time of his accession. Other great causes of outlay.

omni domus ¹suppellectili, tam in ecclesia quam in omnibus aliis officiis, quasi destitutus extitit, in eorum instauratione plurimam partem suorum proventuum primitus erogavit. In præsidentia Provincialis Capituli, et prosecutione arduorum negotiorum et placitorum, et acquisitione diversorum prædiorum, possessionum, et libertatum, tam sui monasterii quam Cellarum sibi subjectarum, quam totius Ordinis Nigrorum Monachorum, ac etiam in visitatione diversorum monasteriorum, etiam procul positorum, in religione et facultatibus collapsorum, ob singularem religionem et sui Ordinis disciplinam, Regis et suorum procerum, et sui Ordinis, instantia præelectus, multa de propriis sine plurima retributione contulit. In relevatione etiam suorum officiariorum, et reparatione et constructione domorum, tam infra Monasterium quam extra, per se et suos officarios, plurimam partem suæ portionis necessariæ profudit. Causabant etiam sumptus, et sui monasterii inopiam, guerra inter regna Franciæ, Scotiæ, et Angliæ, pro regio jure contuendo, seu perquirendo, quasi toto suo tempore continuata; disceptationes etiam plurimæ inter Reges, Dominos, et Communes, Angliæ alterutrum agitatæ, unde plurima pecuniaria subsidia pro eorum sustentatione necessario sunt concessa; plurimæque expensæ pro negotiis Monasterii proseguendis, et ejus juribus contuendis, amicitia conservanda, necessarie erogata. Ac etiam præcipue ratione vicinæ perhendinationis et moræ Regis et suorum procerum, et eorum frequentes concursus ad nostrum monasterium, prope Londoniam, maximam civitatem regni, et viam usitatiorum et publicam situatam. Plurima quoque dona et exennia necessarie, licet aliquotiens inutiliter, sunt profusa. Unde dicta domus in se suisque membris, tenentibus, et eorum facultatibus, multipliciter extitit apporziata.

¹ *suppellectili* in MS.

Prædia etiam ejusdem, in gayneria maxime consistentia, olim bonis et hominibus redundantia, per frequentes hominum ¹ epidemias, et bestiarum mortalitates, et insolitam eorum sterilitatem, in manibus domini existentia, non mediocriter sunt diminuta. Dapsilitas etiam, et munificentia, et alia onera insolita, juxta temporis exigentiam multipliciter augmentata; ita ut eorum facultates propriæ non potuissent eisdem sufficere, nec sua onera debita et necessaria quomodolibet sustentare, nisi fuisset Christi fidelium eleemosyna ex odore religionis et bonæ famæ Abbatis et Monasterii divinitus ad benefaciendum allecta, et tam operibus quam favore multipliciter sustentata; ut in ² Libro Memorandorum de eorum Annalibus, gestis, et beneficiis, specialiter confecto, plenius est expressum.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

The un-
productive-
ness of the
Abbot's
farms.

The *Liber
Memoran-
dorum* re-
ferred to.

Hæc idcirco breviter commemoro ad obstruendum os loquentium iniqua, qui nituntur innocentiam et bene meritorum facta cum eorum injuria corrodere; et, ut sua propria magnificent, tanti sui prælati et suorum officialium famam, etiam extraneis satis meritam et odoriferam, suis fucosis verbis animo ³ malevolo denigrare. Dicunt enim forsitan ⁴ malevoli et obloquentes, —“Hic qui tanto tempore præfuit, et tanto cæteris præcelluit, cum suis officiariis, plura bona fecisse potuit.” Potuit utique, sicuti et fecit. Ad pauca enim respicientes, de facili pronunciant, non attendentes eorum adversa, in eorum Gestis et Regum Annalibus plenius declarata; non æquo oculo prospicientes, eorum ⁴ commoda sibi et consimilibus, licet ingratis et immeritis, eorum laboribus perquisita.⁵

The
writer's
object to,
obviate the
aspirations
of the
envious.

Sicut enim superius, ad memorati Abbatis magnificentiam, et posterorum sequelam, curavimus ejus bene gesta et virtuosa describere, sic ad futurorum notitiam, It is only proper now to turn to the negli-

¹ *epidomias* in MS.

² This book is probably no longer in existence.

³ *malivolo* *malivoli* in MS.

⁴ *comoda* in MS.

⁵ The text suddenly stops short here (page 237), and nearly a whole column is left vacant.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. pariter et cautelam, utile et necessarium reputavimus ejus negligentias commemorare. Multa enim, juxta Beatum Gregorium, poterunt surripere animo etiam sancto, in variis occupato.

gences of this Abbot. His credulity and precipitane- Fuit namque, ut dicebatur, primitus, sibi referenti nimis credulus, velox ingenio, præceps in consilio, quem, ut communiter, juxta dictum philosophi, sequitur poenitudo. Unde plura per ipsum remissius sunt permissa, plura inutilius commissa, nonnulla vero rigidius justo sunt prohibita, vel punita. Sicut enim cita credulitas et firma confidentia, bonis exhibita, eos ad honoris incrementum allicit, sic e contrario perversos, ad eorum decrementum, incitat et inducit. Sensit hoc suum monasterium in Prioratibus et officiis inidoneis personis aliquotiens commissis, vel in eorum ministerio diutius permissis, gravia dispendia, plurimorum postmodum industria vix, vel nullatenus, reparanda. Excusabilior tamen extitit, eo quod plus de pia opinione et assistentia¹

His employment of unworthy officers.

ejus consilio, quam de certa scientia vel malitia provenit.

The loss of several rents, rights, and possessions, attributed to Abbot Thomas. Memorati insuper Abbatis pusillanimitati, pavori, vel nimiae affectioni carnali, attribuitur retentio vel amissio diversorum reddituum, possessionum, et jurium, quamvis pro eisdem tepide et inaniter fuerit aliquotiens prosecutum. Redditus, videlicet, triginta trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum de hospitio Comitum Sarisburie in civitate Londoniarum, juxta Paulysqwarfe, debitos, per annos sexaginta, et amplius, subtractos; tholoneum etiam, et stallagium, et cætera jura villæ de Sancto Albano, et cæteris dominiis ejusdem pertinentia, debita et consueta, per regias chartas et Apostolica Privilegia concessa et confirmata, et eatenus pro maxima sui parte usitata, suo tempore primitus subtracta, cum denario Sancti Petri, et caruagio, ac etiam

¹ Hiatus in MS. The meaning of this passage seems difficult to be understood.

finibus et amerciamentis in Marchesia et aliis curiis regii suo tempore primitus subtractis vel diminutis.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

Sex etiam damæ, videlicet, tres in festo Sanctæ Crucis, in Autumno, et tres in festo Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, cum aliis libertatibus, per quamdam compositionem de dominis de Chasia de Quaddone debitæ, ejus tempore penitus sunt subtractæ, suis posteris forsan difficilius recuperandæ.

Loss of an
annual
gift of deer.

Terræ insuper, et tenementa, quondam "Blakette" vocitata, quæ Johannes Wynslowe, nativus ejusdem Abbatis, adquisierat, et ob hoc per seisinam debite ad ejus pacificam possessionem devenerant, alienata; cum eadem taliter Alexandro Cunduth, et tot de suis hæredibus, per scriptum suum, sigillo sui Conventus communitum, qua causa, consilio vel ¹commodo, dimisit, quod spes eorum reversionis ad Monasterium ulterius ²verisimile non erit. Vendita etiam fuerant plurima tenementa, Monasterio liberaliter collata, legata, vel alias magna diligentia perquisita, videlicet, tenementum dictum "Stonhalle," tenementum Stephani de la Mare, tenementum Willelmi Courtayse, tenementum Johannis atte Halle, Roñ ³ et alia quæ memoriæ non occurrunt, quæ, debite Monasterio amortizata, maximum commodum Monasterio contulissent; affectione, ut asseritur, carnali, et pro leviori pretio quam decuit, unde magnum decrementum Monasterio provenit. Ruina etiam aliorum maneriorum et reddituum, suis debitis temporibus non reparatorum, et ob id majoribus sumptibus alias reparandorum; unde commodum proprium, et cæterorum voluntatem talia conferendi, merito diminuit, et materiam obloquendi multipliciter ministravit. Plures insuper nativi Monasterii, et Cellarum ejusdem, stante alias prosperitate sæculi et copia, ex levi suggestionem,

Other
possession
lost
through
the agency
of Abbot
Thomas.

¹ comodo in MS.

² Sic in MS. This passage is apparently incomplete.

³ Hiatus in MS., *Roncoy*, or something similar, is written in a side-note.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1849-98, licentia et auctoritate Curiae Romanæ, nimis largiter usitata, per memoratum Abbatem sunt manumissi; plura corrodia vendita, plura nemora, cum meremio, in suorum posterorum detrimentum, vendita seu collata.

Destruction of the Abbot's Infirmary. Eiusdem etiam Abbatis deputatur incuriæ destructio nobilis palatii pro Abbatibus infirmis, ¹opportunis ædificiis, juxta Infirmaryam constructi,—"Pictori" vocitati. Similiter et pejoratio maneriorum de Bradeway et de Titinhangur; ob eorum recreationem vicinam per eosdem maximis sumptibus ædificata, hospitibus et dominis, ut prætendebatur, propter eorum capacitatem et amoenitatem nimium desiderabilia; cum eorum loco plura viciniore et Monasterio nociviora, ²ut verisimiliter creditur, postmodum sunt constructa.

The wall of the graveyard allowed to be destroyed. Murus etiam ³cœmeterii Monasterii, super quem maxima pars tenementorum de Chirchestræ et Hallywellestrate situatur, quæ limes fidelis et indeficiens inter villam et Monasterium extiterat, gratia materiæ lapideæ, in aliis usibus expensæ, et ⁴alii muri terrei, noviter constructi, ejus tempore, et suorum officiariorum sufferentia, seu negligentia, totaliter sunt destructi, Terra quoque Monasterii locis pluribus per villanos usurpata. Quod etiam factum est in aliis locis suis, dominiis et maneriis contiguis, ad firmam dimissis, eo quod nullus eisdem effectualiter restitit seu contradixit.

His great outlay when presiding over the meeting of the Order. Hujus etiam prodigalitati ⁵ascribitur, et jactantiæ, expensæ, ut putabatur, superflue in præsidentia Ordinis monastici, et negotiorum communium ejusdem et aliorum, quodammodo sibi extraneorum, prosecutione sive repetitione, seu retributione, exhibita. Exennia etiam, dona diversis dominis et amicis, ultra quam oportuit liberius profusa: aleemosyna etiam, insolito largius

¹ *opportunis* in MS.

² *et* in MS.

³ *cimiterii* in MS.

⁴ Omitted in the text; *alii* supplied in the margin, in a later hand.

⁵ Sic in MS., in the singular.

pauperibus erogata. Sed quod hæc ex fonte caritatis et bonæ conscientiæ solummodo processerant, indicium extitit quod ipse et suum monasterium, eorum impotentia, divino instinctu etiam consimilibus auxiliis ab aliis adjutus fuit.

Thomas,
30th
Abbot,
A.D.
1849-96.

Præsumptioni etiam ejusdem attribuitur multiplica-
constitutionum, et consuetudinum, et historiarum, aug-
mentatio, in festis præcipue Paschæ et ¹ Pentecostes; changes in
et abbreviatio ² hymnorum, et historiarum, et cæteri the ser-
Divini Servitii antiquitus usitati; licet, cunctis æquali-
ter pensatis, id cedat eorum proficuo multipliciter, et
quieti. Easter and
Whitsun-
tide.

Assignavit etiam plura aliis officiis Eleemosynarii He sub-
pertinentia, non metuens vel prævidens pericula per-
tracts
from the
Almoner's
revenues.
censuras etiam Apostolicas in contravenientes illata.³

Et quia de vita memorandi Abbatis, beneficiis, et
negligentiis, plura præmisimus, restat ut de ipsius fine
His death
and sepul-
ture.
et sepultura aliqua disseramus.—

Cum igitur ⁴ languor, ut præmittitur, vehementissi-
mus, per septennium et amplius ejus vires et sensus
In his
extreme
old age, he
surrenders
the charge
of the
Monastery
to the
Prior, John
Moote.
taliter attenuasset, ut nec se in latus vertere, vel alias
absque suorum monachorum, qui eidem solummodo
ministrabant, adjutorio vel gestatorio se ⁵ movere nulla-
tenus potuisset, cernens quod diu in hac vita verisimiliter
durare non potuit, curam sui monasterii, ut olim etiam
sanus concupiverat, ad sui Conventus assensum, pariter
et instantiam, Domino Johanni Mote, suo nutricio, et
tunc Priori Monasterii, in pluribus majoribus officiis, tam
intrinsic quam extrinsecus, industria et experientia
cæteris magis approbato, in temporalibus et spiritualibus
commisit. Præmunitus nempe fuerat quod Dominus
Apostolicus, cui illud monasterium immediate subjicitur,
de sua impotentia pleniter informatus alias, ipsius

¹ *Pentecostes* in MS.

² *ymnorum* in MS.

³ At this point (p. 239) half a

column is left vacant.

⁴ *languor* in MS.

⁵ *movevere* in MS., by mistake.

Thomas, regimen etiam alieno committeret; qui pro eorum
30th libito, non ad ejus commodum forsitan, disposuisset.
Abbot,
A.D.

1349-96. Præscius etiam, ut conjicitur, suæ futuræ impotentiae
et obitus, debitum Divinum Servitium et alias orationes

By fre-
quent
prayer, he
anticipates
the time
when he
may be no
longer able
to pray.

peculiares pluries in die persolvit. Et tamen eadem
usque ad ejus obitum aut dicendo aut audiendo cotidie
continuavit, ut hæc anticipatio pro divino servitutis
penso eidem sufficeret, si illud idem alias, causante
impotentia, ut accidit, suis debitis temporibus explere
non valeret. Et quia Missas celebrare non potuit,

For pru-
dential
reasons, he
delays re-
ceiving
extreme
unction
until two
days before
his death.

omni hebdomada suis infirmitatibus intermedia semel
vel pluries communicatus fuit. Nam quia quolibet
suæ violentis passionis et infirmitatis tempore se
morum credidit, ideo per puram et lacrymosam
confessionem, communionis perceptionem, et alia mori-
turo necessaria et requisita, se ad moriendum præpara-
vit; præter extremam unctionem, usque biduum ante
ejus obitum suo et suorum consensu et consilio dilatam,
ne, ut fieri in talibus assolet, tanta sui vicinitate mortis
cognita, sui subditi, etiam ¹ benevoli, de eo parvipende-
rent, aut ² malevoli in bona seu jura Monasterii liberius
³ debaccharent.

His ex-
treme de-
bility in
his last two
years.

Paulatim exinde per biennium cœpit tam viribus
quam sensibus diminui, et senii et infirmitatis incom-
modis urgeri, donec vis et natura in eo taliter defice-
rent, ut se pascere vel potare, vel alia naturalia sine
aliorum adjutorio perficere, non valeret. Nam hujus-

His great
sufferings.

modi naturæ languor ejus extiterat, ut omni quindena
per quinque dies et amplius languentem nec somnum
capere vel alimenta retinere permetteret, quia per
vomitum violenter cum clamore valido ejiceret, aut per
⁴ secessum clamare etiam eum per vices compulit; ita
quod pluries quasi semi-mortuum effecit. Et licet
ipse clamor, ex nimio dolore proveniens, aures claus-

His out-
cries heard
in the
vicinity.

¹ *benivoli* in MS.

² *malivoli* in MS.

³ *debacarent* in MS.

⁴ *secessum* in MS.

tralium, et in vicinis officinis existentium, præ sua magnitudine penetraverat, et sibi ministrantes in tantum reddiderat attonitos, ut ubi in Divino Servizio condicendo dimiserant aliquotiens ignorarent, ipsemet tamen tanta erga Dominum intensione fervebat, ut nec minus audiret vel diceret; quinetiam eosdem, quid dicerent et ubi dimiserant oblitos, plenius informaret. Tanta namque devotione spirituali erga Deum¹ efferbuit, ut etiam dormiens, seu de somno vigilans,—“Jhesu miserere,”—“Sancta Maria, adjuva,”—vel aliud verbum dulce vel devotum in ipsius ore fuit. Ad patientiam etiam seipsum inter tot angustias animavit, hiis versibus pluries prolatis,—

“Esto mali patiens, et Christum semper adora.”—

²“Grata superveniet, ³quæ non sperabitur hora.”—

Auditu etiam extraneis dulce extitit, et delectabile, monachos suo Abbati, cum proprii corporis inanitione maxima in tam tabida ægritudine, suo Abbati, solummodo pro merito obedientiæ, tam longo tempore, quod filius patri, nec uxor marito, sine murmure assolet, jugiter ministrare potuisse. Ab hiis nempe vigilia continua custoditus, ab hiis lotus, tersus, et alitus, et officio materno, more nutricio, ad puerilem etiam denuo statum reductus, jugiter sustentatus fuit. Cujus cura puerili custodia gravior videbatur, et extitit; quia puer ex virium et sensuum incremento, et futura præsentibili remuneratione, lætitiâ sibi ministrantibus efficit; senex vero, per eorum contraria, tædium etiam suis carissimis, ut communiter, inducit.

Ad tantam igitur reductus innocentiam, patientia continua et gratiarum actione sibi mirabiliter reservatis,⁴ mereri quidem poterat, peccare, ut creditur, non vale-

Thomas,
80th
Abbot,
A.D.
1349-96.

His singular
attention to
Divine Ser-
vice, in
spite of his
agonies.

The assidu-
ous atten-
tion of his
monks to
him in his
illness.

The sinless
state to
which he is
reduced.

¹ *efferbuit* in MS.

² This line is from Horace, I.
Epist. iv. 14.

³ *qua* in MS.

⁴ This word is doubtful.

Thomas, 30th Abbot, A.D. 1349-96. bat. Non enim plus exigit Deus ab homine quam dedit; peccatum igitur abstulit, qui ejus occasiones vires, videlicet, et sensus, diminuit vel detraxit.

His death, on the 15th of September 1396; aged 87 years. Decessit igitur in senectute bona, quasi plenus dierum, in Octavis Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, in quo festo monachum induit, infra quas etiam Octavas sæpius moriturum prædixit;—anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo ¹ nonagesimo sexto, ætatis suæ octogesimo octavo; monachus septuagesimo primo, et prælatiæ vero quadragesimo octavo. Cujus caro, licet longo agritudinis tabedine squalida crederetur, etiam mortua ita redoluit, ut nullus eum prospicere, nullus, more mortuorum, contractare, perhorruit; immo, cunctis mortuo, sicuti viventi, obsequium præstare dulce fuit.

His pleasing aspect in death.

Hoc ideo, ut conjicitur, obtinere promeruit, quia et ipse vivens, nullius languidi horrens incommodum, omnibus et ipse consimiliter ministravit. Sed quia ejus vita sibi pœnalis, licet meritoria, et aliis tamen cum quibus communicare non poterat minus videbatur proficua, ejus decessio nova, maxime desiderantibus, minus extitit dolorosa.

The body, dressed in full canonicals, lies in state, until the Office of the Dead is celebrated.

Corpore deinde, more monachorum decedentium indutus, et vestimentis Abbatis et pontificali mitra, videlicet, ² chirothecis, annulo, et sandaliis adornato, manibus, junctis super pectus, in modum orantis compositis, baculique pastorali sub brachio sinistro ligato, facie tenui ³ lintheamine serico velata, super feretrum sub *herse* perpulchro, sub libitina pannis aureis undique decorata, et quinque magnis cereis, et quatuor mortariis cereis, illuminata, palam omnibus intuentibus jacuit, usquequo Officium Mortuorum, cum commendatione debita, per ejus Conventum hora congrua persolutum fuit. Post ignitegium vero per gradus Capellæ in Ecclesiam de-

¹ *nonagesimo* in MS.

² *cerotecis* in MS.

³ *lintheamine* in MS.

missum, per Priorem Monasterii, assistentibus sibi pluri- A.D. 1396.
 bus confratribus, more monachi, in suo tantum habitu, The body
 non sine maxima lacrymarum effusione, tumulatum. is buried
 Solemnnes vero exequiæ, propter maximam provisionem Church;
 requisitam, in quindenam proximam sequentem neces- the funeral
 sario sunt delata. Remansit tamen loco corporis cista service
 libitinæ supposita, pannis aureis undique cooperta; crux being per-
 quoque deaurata in medio super pulvinari serico posita, formed by
 et tenui serico ¹ flammeolo cooperta. Continuatæ fuerant The funeral
 etiam Missæ et Officia Mortuorum, et cætera juxta services are
 litteram Consuetudinarii inde editi, (præter continua- continued
 tionem Vigiliarum, et Psalmodiæ satis ² intolerabilis et after the
 tædiosa,) in plura Psalteria, a singulis etiam devotius burial.
 persolvenda, utilius commutata. Pulsabatur utique
 omni die cum duobus majoribus campanis per tempus
 competens, post refectionem fratrum ad Officium
 Mortuorum, et post Missam Sanctæ Mariæ ad Missam
 pro eodem, per Priorem, vel post ipsam Majorem Mo-
 nasterio solemniter celebratam. A quibus nulli se ab-
 sentare licuit, sed ad eadem ingressus cunctis sæculari-
 bus utriusque sexus per parvum ostium ecclesiæ patuit.
 Quibus potus tam vini quam ³ cervisiæ, juxta eorum
 exigentiam, ab ejusdem ministris et officiariis satis
 humaniter ministratus ⁴ est. Satagebant nempe omnes Love
 et singuli, ut mortuo, sicuti viventi, dilectionem mutuam shown by
 rependere, et ejus corpus pro eorum viribus ⁵ propensius all for the
 honorare; et præcipue Prior Monasterii, ejus beneficiis memory
 multiplicius astrictus. Unde tota Monasterii familia et of the
 alia de dictis ⁶ departed
 Abbot.

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¹ flammeolo cooperto in MS.

² intolerabilis.

³ cervisiæ in MS.

⁴ sunt in MS.

⁵ propentius in MS.

⁶ At this page (240) a lacuna occurs in the context, three leaves having been cut out: after which, the context is continued in page 183 of the volume.

A.D. 1396. " Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, Supprior et Con-
 Letters " ventus Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti,
 Testimo- " Lincolnensis Diocesis, Sacrosanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ im-
 nial by the " mediate subjecti, salutem in Auctore Salutis. Noverit uni-
 the Subprior " versitas vestra quod ecclesia nostra regulari monasterii
 and Con- " nostri supradicti, per mortem bonæ memoriæ Fratris Thomæ
 vent, of the " de la Mare, ultimi Abbatis ejusdem, qui quinto-decimo die
 unanimous " mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo
 election of " nonagesimo sexto, diem clausit extremum, nuper vacante,
 John de la " ipsiusque corpore in monasterio nostro prædicto ecclesias-
 Moote as " ticæ, prout decuit, tradito sepulture, Frater Johannes de
 Abbot, " la Moote, Prior, et alii sui commonachi, et confratres ejus-
 A.D. 1396. " dem monasterii, tunc præsentis, et Conventus, seu Capi-
 " tulum, ejusdem ecclesiæ, sive Monasterii, facientes, in Domo
 " Capitulari dictæ ecclesiæ capitulariter congregati, ne ipsa
 " ecclesia diu, contra sacrorum Canonum instituta, vacaret,
 " et viduitatis suæ hujusmodi ¹incommoda diutius deploraret,
 " necnon in spiritualibus et temporalibus grave dispendium
 " pateretur, certos diem et locum competentes, videlicet,
 " nonum diem mensis Octobris anno Domini supradicto, et
 " Domum Capitularem prædictam, cum continuatione et pro-
 " rogatione sequentium tunc dierum, ad electionem ibidem
 " futuri Abbatis celebrandam, usque ad finalem expeditionem
 " ejusdem, quatenus in eis fuerat, præfixerunt, statuerunt,
 " ac etiam limitarunt, tam sibi ipsis, tunc præsentibus, quam
 " etiam aliis absentibus, qui in electione hujusmodi debue-
 " runt, voluerunt, et potuerunt, ²commode interesse; volentes
 " et consentientes tunc ibidem quod ad diem et locum hujus-
 " modi sic statutos, omnes commonachos et confratres dicto
 " Monasterio absentes, et qui in ea parte interesse habe-
 " rent, ut præmittitur, specialiter vocarentur et præmuniren-
 " tur, juxta juris exigentiam, et ipsius negotii qualitatem.
 " Petita itaque primitus, et obtenta, ab excellentissimo Principe
 " et domino nostro Ricardo, Dei gratia, Rege Angliæ illustri,
 " ut est moris, licentia nobis et nostro monasterio prædicto
 " alium eligendi in futurum Abbatem, vocati interim et suffi-
 " cienter præmuniti fuerunt omnes et singuli, ad diem lo-
 " cumque, et actum hujusmodi, de jure seu de consuetudine
 " quomodolibet evocandi. Cujus siquidem licentiæ, per dictum
 " dominum nostrum Regem concessæ, tenor talis est,—
 " cardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
 " Hiberniæ, dilectis sibi in Christo Priori et Conventui
 " Sancti Albani, salutem. Ex parte vestra nobis est humi-

Conge
 d'elire
 granted by
 King Ri-
 chard II.,
 A.D. 1396.

¹ *incomoda* in MS.

| ² *comode* in MS.

“ ‘liter supplicatum, quod cum ecclesia vestra prædicta per A.D. 1396.
 “ ‘mortem bonæ memoriæ Thomæ, ultimi Abbatis loci illius,
 “ ‘pastoris sit solatio destituta, alium vobis eligendi in
 “ ‘Abbatem et pastorem licentiam vobis concedere digna-
 “ ‘remur:—Nos, precibus vestris in hac parte favorabiliter
 “ ‘inclinati, licentiam illam vobis duximus concedendam,
 “ ‘mandantes quod talem vobis eligatis in Abbatem et pas-
 “ ‘torem, qui Deo devotus, ecclesiæ vestræ necessarius, nobis
 “ ‘et regno nostro utilis et fidelis existat. In cujus rei testi-
 “ ‘monium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes. Teste
 “ ‘meipso, apud Westmonasterium, octavo-decimo die Sep-
 “ ‘tembris, anno regni nostri secundi vicesimo.’ Quo die
 “ ‘nono dicti mensis Octobris adveniente, Missa de Sancto
 “ ‘Spiritu, ut est moris, in eadem Ecclesia nostra Conventuali
 “ ‘ad summum altare ejusdem primitus solemniter celebrata,
 “ ‘convenerunt et personaliter comparuerunt præfatus Frater
 “ ‘Johannes de la Moote, Prior, Nicolaus Radclif, Archidia-
 “ ‘conus, Simon Sotherey, Prior de Belvero, Sacræ Paginæ
 “ ‘Professores, Robertus Heron, Adam Redburne, Robertus
 “ ‘Witle, Supprior, Johannes Gravele, Sub-Refeclorarius,
 “ ‘Johannes Mustoun, Prior de Hathfelde, Willelmus Wyns-
 “ ‘lowe, Prior de Herteforde, Willelmus Wylum, Prior de Red-
 “ ‘burne, Petrus Menaunt, Robertus Chestayn, Willelmus
 “ ‘Londun, Secundus Scrutator, Robertus Trunche, Ricardus
 “ ‘Beaver, Præcentor, Thomas Walsingham, Prior de Wymund-
 “ ‘ham, Willelmus Trente, Adam Houghtone, Bursarius, Jo-
 “ ‘hannes Beaver, Willelmus Wyndrugge, Primus Scrutator,
 “ ‘Johannes Wathamstede, Prior de Tynemutha, Robertus
 “ ‘Stikforde, Tertius Prior, Rogerus Henered, Sacrista, Wil-
 “ ‘helmus Westwyk, Camerarius, Ricardus Moustede, Nicolaus
 “ ‘Crecy, Johannes Warram, Prior de Bello Loco, Thomas
 “ ‘Welles, Succentor, Thomas Houghtone, Sub-Sacrista, Willelmus
 “ ‘Wyntershulle, Robertus Botheby, Cellerarius, Alexander
 “ ‘Bone, Thomas Reynesforde, Coquinarius, Nicolaus Dry, Hen-
 “ ‘ricus Wylum, Tertius Scrutator, Edmundus Stukey, Ri-
 “ ‘cardus Messendene, Sub-Cellerarius, Robertus Stok, Prior
 “ ‘de Bynham, Rogerus Welburne, Nicolaus Grantham, Jo-
 “ ‘hannes Blebury, Johannes Turk, Johannes Heyworth, Nico-
 “ ‘laus Tytlyngtoun, Hugo Wathamstede, Willelmus Alnewyk,
 “ ‘Michael Cheyne, Ricardus Olyve, Johannes Echiltoun,
 “ ‘Willelmus Beaver, ¹ Willelmus Heyworthe, Robertus Ware,
 “ ‘Simon Wyndeshore, Ricardus Ryche, Thomas Barksforde,
 “ ‘Johannes More, Willelmus Dunstaple, Henricus Rikemers-
 “ ‘worth, Johannes Petham, et Johannes Hatfeld, confratres

¹ Who afterwards became Abbots of Saint Alban's.

A.D. 1896. " ei commonachi dicti Monasterii, cum plures non erant, qui
 " debuerunt, voluerunt, et potuerunt, huiusmodi electionis
 " negotio ¹commode interesse, præterquam Fratres Willelmus
 " Bynham, Prior Prioratus de Wallynforde, Cellas Monasterii
 " nostri prædicti, debilitate corporis sui detentus, ac Ricardus
 " Stoppelle, qui in Infirmaria dicti monasterii gravi infirmi-
 " tate languebat, qui tamen per procuratores eorum ²idoneos,
 " ejusdem monasterii monachos et confratres, sufficienter
 " comparuerunt, et fidem in ea parte requisitam de ipsorum
 " fratrum Willelmi Bynham et Ricardi Stoppelle, ex causis
 " præmissis, et tali ac tanta absentia, quod in Domo Capi-
 " tulari prædicta in dicto electionis negotio non potuerunt
 " personaliter interesse, fecerunt. Ac insuper, inibi per nos
 " Spiritus Sancti gratia per decantationem ³Hymni—' Veni
 " ' Creator Spiritus ' invocata, ac verbo Dei per venerabilem
 " et religiosum virum, Fratrem Nicolaum Radolif prædictum,
 " in Domo Capitulari proposito, præfatus Frater Johannes de la
 " Moote, Prior dicti nostri monasterii, de mandato et voluntate,
 " ac consensu, expressis confratrum suorum, inibi tunc præ-
 " sentium, constituit et deputavit Magistrum Radulphum Garde-
 " ner, ⁴Clericum, Notatorium Publicum Londoniensis Diocesis,
 " eorum in hac parte ministrum, quod ipse, vico ejusdem
 " Prioris, et nomine omnium confratrum suorum ibidem tunc
 " præsentium, ad ostium et exitum Domus Capitularis præ-
 " dictæ, altissime publice prædicaret, quatenus omnes et
 " singuli alii ab ipsis et commonachis et confratribus tunc
 " ibidem presentibus, ut præmittitur, si qui forent qui de
 " jure, seu de consuetudine, aut quavis alia ratione, in elec-
 " tione futuri Abbatis dicti monasterii, tunc vacantis, ea vice
 " interesse deberent, seu in possessione, vel quasi juris essent
 " coeligendi canonice futurum ibidem Abbatem, quod tunc ad
 " dictam Domum Capitularem, per se, seu per procuratores
 " suos idoneos, sufficienter et in forma juris constitutos,
 " accederent seu venirent, una cum Fratre Johanne de la
 " Moote, Priore, et cæteris suis confratribus et commonachis
 " superius nominatis, de electione futuri Abbatis ejusdem
 " monasterii tractaturi, ac jus, si quod in hac parte haberent,
 " prosecuturi, et ad electionem huiusmodi, usque ad finalem
 " expeditionem seu completionem ejusdem, ulterius proces-
 " suri. Et incontinenti post, prædictus Magister Radulphus
 " ad ostium et exitum dictæ Domus Capitularis accessit, et
 " ibidem alta voce publice proclamavit, prout a prædicto

¹ comode in MS.

² ydoneos in MS.

³ ymni in MS.

⁴ Clericum in MS.

" Fratre Johanne de la Moote, Priore, ut præfertur, habuit A.D. 1396.
 " in mandatis. Post quam quidem proclamationem, illico
 " prædictus Magister Radulphus ad prædictum Fratrem
 " Johannem, Priorem, et nos in dicto domo existentes, rediit,
 " et nobis retulit seriose proclamationem hujusmodi, ut
 " præmittitur, se fecisse; adjiciens quod nullus comparuit,
 " qui ad ipsius electionis actum petiit se admitti; aut in ea
 " parte prætendebat aliquod interesse. Ac incontinenti post-
 " ea, eisdem die et Domo Capitulari, lectæ fuerunt litteræ
 " Regis supradictæ, per quas apparuit præfatum Johannem
 " de la Moote, Priorem, et ceteros confratres nostros habuisse,
 " et habere, a præfato Domino nostro Rege sufficientem licen-
 " tiam eligendi nobis et dicto monasterio futurum Abbatem.
 " Deinde Frater Johannes de la Moote, Prior prædictus, vice
 " sua et omnium confratrum suorum, et totius Conventus
 " monasterii nostri prædicti, tunc inibi præsentium, palam et
 " publice movuit, ac expresse, omnes et singulos excommuni-
 " catos, suspensos, et interdictos, necnon quoscunque alios,
 " si qui forte tunc essent præsentis, qui de jure seu de con-
 " suetudine in ipso electionis negotio interesse non deberent,
 " quod de dicta Domo Capitulari recederent, ac ipsum Priorem
 " et alios, jus et voces in ea parte habentes, eligere libere
 " permitterent. Protestabatur insuper idem Prior protinus
 " tunc ibidem palam, publice, et expresse, quod nec erat sua,
 " nec aliorum confratrum suorum prædictorum, intentio, tales
 " admittere tanquam jus seu voces in ipsa electione habentes,
 " aut in ipsa electione procedere, seu eligere, cum eisdem.
 " Immo voluit dictus Prior, et etiam quisunque nostrum,
 " quod voces talium, si qui postmodum reperirentur in elec-
 " tione hujusmodi interfuisse, quod præstarent nulli suffragium,
 " nec alicui præstarent necumentum. Factisque monitione et
 " protestatione præmissis, lecta fuit per Magistrum Johannem
 " Combe, juniorem, in Legibus Bacallarium, Constitutio Con-
 " siliæ Generalis, quæ incipit, — 'Quia propter,' publice et dis-
 " tincte; et per venerabilem virum, Magistrum Johannem
 " Barnet, Canonicum Eboraci, exposita; ac nonnullis electionis
 " formis¹ canonicis per eundem Magistrum Johannem Barnet
 " tunc inibi recitatis et aliquantulum declaratis, statim in
 " illo tractatu prævio in hac parte, nos, omnesque et singuli
 " nostri, commonachi et confratres dicti monasterii, jus et
 " voces in dictæ electionis negotio obtinentes, inibi tunc præ-
 " sentes, et Capitulum facientes, ipso Fratre Johanne de la
 " Moote, Priore, duntaxat excepto, surreximus, et præfatum

¹ *canonices* in MS.

A.D. 1396. "Johannem Fratrem, Priorem prædictum, tunc ibidem præsentem, in nostrum et dicti monasterii nostri Abbatem, quasi per inspirationem Spiritus Sancti, et quasi uno ore, unanimiter et concorditer, nullo penitus discrepante, ¹ elegimus, et dicto monasterio providimus de eodem. Propterea concito tunc ibidem laudes Altissimo referentes, Canticum—" "Te Deum laudamus," inchoavimus decantare, et præfatum electum nostrum, licet renitentem quodammodo, et invitum, prout nobis tunc apparuit, per quosdam confratrum nostrorum ad summum altare Ecclesiæ nostræ Conventualis deferri fecimus, et poni, ut in talibus fieri assolet, super illud. Ipsoque Cantico percantato, ac oratione quadam, ut est moris, dicta super eundem electum, præfatus Frater Simon Sotherey, Magister in Theologia, noster commonachus et confrater, de voluntate, assensu, ac mandato, omnium confratrum nostrorum prædictorum, præfato electo duntaxat excepto, electionem prædictam, et ejus formam, et quam concorditer et gratiose ipsa electio extitit celebrata, coram clero et populo in multitudine copiosa tunc inibi circumstante, in lingua vulgari, quatenus oportuit et decuit, quantocius solemniter publicavit, et exposuit seriatim. Post hæc vero, omnibus nostris confratribus et commonachis supradictis, qui prius, ut prædicitur, dicto die in hujusmodi electionis negotio, et in Domo Capitulari prædicta, interfuimus, ad dictam Domum Capitularem redeuntibus, et inibi tunc capitulariter oongregatis et Capitulum facientibus, ipso Fratre Johanne de la Moote, electo nostro, duntaxat excepto, qui alibi juxta claustrum ejusdem monasterii de prope se divertit, nos omnes et singuli, commonachi et confratres dicti Monasterii, prædicto electo, ut præfertur, tantum excepto, dilectos nobis in Christo Fratres Simonem Sotherey, Nicolaum Radclif, et Johannem Wathamstede, Priorem de Tynemotha, commonachos et confratres nostros prædictos, tunc in dicta Domo Capitulari nobiscum præsentem, et mandatum nostrum in hac parte in se gratanter et expresse assumentes, conjunctim et diversim, et quemlibet eorum in solidum, ad præsentandum pro nobis et Capitulo, seu Conventu, prædicto nostro, et eorum nomine, præfato Fratri Johanni de la Moote, electo nostro, electionem hujusmodi de se factam, ac ad requirendum eundem suppliciter et instanter, quotiens eis expediens videretur, quod ipse electus electioni prædictæ, de eo factæ, consentiret, et eidem suum præberet consensum, nostros fecimus et constituimus pro-

¹ *eligimus* in MS.

" curatores et nuncios speciales; promittentes nos ratum et A.D. 1396.
 " gratum, et ad firmum habituros, totum et quicquid iidem
 " procuratores nostri facerent in præmissis, sub ¹hypotheca
 " et obligatione omnium bonorum nostrorum; et in ea parte
 " exposuimus cautionem. Subsequenter autem, eodem die,
 " circa horam primam post meridiem ejusdem diei, præfati
 " procuratores nostri præfatam electionem nostram sæpedicto
 " electo nostro, in parlora vocata '*The Priour Parlour*,' infra
 " ²septem dicti monasterii situata, personaliter constituto, rea-
 " liter præsentarunt, et ibi ipsum requisierunt suppliciter
 " sæpius et instanter, ut ipse electus electioni hujusmodi,
 " tam concorditer atque ³sancte de ipso, ut præfertur, factæ,
 " suum præbere dignaretur consensum. Dictus vero electus
 " præfatis nostris procuratoribus tunc respondit, quod vellet
 " in ea parte deliberare. Deinde circa horam quintam post
 " meridiem ejusdem diei, prædicti procuratores nostri prædic-
 " tum electum nostrum in quadam Capella, prope Cameram
 " Prioris dicti monasterii situata, personaliter inventum, iter-
 " ato, ut prius, requisierunt sæpius et instanter vicibus ⁴pluries
 " repetitis, quod electioni hujusmodi, concorditer de se factæ,
 " consentiret. Qui quidem electus noster, in ea parte delibe-
 " ratus, nolens, ut asseruit, divinæ resistere voluntati, annuit
 " votis nostris, et electioni de se factæ ⁵consensit, in hunc mo-
 " dum.—' In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego, Frater Johannes de la
 " 'Moote, monachus Monasterii Sancti Albani, Lincolnensis
 " 'Diocesis, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, ad Romanam Ecclesiam
 " 'nullo medio pertinentis, et in prædicto monasterio expresse
 " 'professus, et in ordine sacerdotali constitutus, ac in Abbatem
 " 'dicti Monasterii electus, nolens divinæ resistere voluntati,
 " 'ad requisitionem instantem procuratorum Supprioris et Con-
 " 'ventus Monasterii prædicti, et in honorem Sancti Albani,
 " 'in cujus honore Monasterium prædictum construitur et fun-
 " 'datur, electioni hujusmodi de me factæ ⁶consentio, et con-
 " 'sensum meum præbeo, pariter et assensum, in hiis scriptis.'
 " In quorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum testimonium
 " atque fidem, nos Supprior et Conventus Monasterii Sancti
 " Albani prædicti præsentibus litteras testimoniales, sive patens
 " publicum instrumentum, decretum electionis nostri hujus-
 " modi in se continentes, sive continens, per discretos viros,
 " Magistros Johannem Combe juniorem, supradictum, de Lon-

¹ *ypoteca* in MS.² *cepta* in MS.³ *ace* in MS.⁴ *plures* in MS.⁵ *consensuit* in MS.⁶ *consensio* in MS.

A.D. 1396. " doniis, Dionisium Lopham, et Johannem Bungey, Norwicensis Diocesis clericos, Publicos auctoritate Apostolica
 " Notarios, subscriptos, subscribi et publicari fecimus et mandavimus. Data et acta sunt hæc in Monasterio Sancti
 " Albani prædicto, prout supra scribuntur, sub anno Domini
 " millesimo trecentesimo nonagesimo sexto, Indictione quarta
 " et quinta, Pontificatu Sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Bonifacii, Divina Providentia, Papæ,
 " Noni, anno septimo, et mensium Septembris die decima
 " quinta, et Octobris die nona, et locis superius nominatis;
 " præsentibus, dicto nono die mensis Octobris et locis prænotatis, venerabilibus et discretis viris, Magistris Johanne
 " Barnet, Canonico Eboracensi, Johanne Combe, seniore, Baccallario in Legibus, Roffensi, Radulpho Gardener, Londoniensi, Dionisio de Lopham et Johanne Bungey, Norwycensis
 " Diocesis clericis, Publicis auctoritate Apostolica Notariis,
 " et aliis testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis.
 " Ac insuper, nos Supprior et Conventus prænotati, in fidem
 " et testimonium omnium et singulorum superius descriptorum, sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus apposuimus.
 " Datum in Monasterio nostro Sancti Albani prædicti, quoad
 " Sigilli nostri appensionem, nono die mensis Octobris, anno Domini prælibato."

Attestation
 by Notaries
 Public.

" Et ego, Johannes Combe, clericus civitatis Londoniarum, Publicus auctoritate Apostolica Notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, dum, sicut præmittitur, sub anno¹
 " Indictione quinta, Pontificatu, mensis Octobris die nona, et locis prædictis, agebantur et fiebant, una cum Notariis subscriptis et testibus antedictis, præsens interfui; eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audiui, et, aliunde occupatus, ea per alium scribi feci, publicavique; ac de mandato et voluntate venerabilium virorum religiosorum, Supprioris et Conventus prædictorum, in hanc publicam formam redegei; signoque et nomine meis consuetis præsens instrumentum, sive electionis decretum, signavi, hic me subscribendo, in fidem et testimonium omnium præmissorum."

" Et ego, Dionisius Lopham, clericus Norwycensis Diocesis, Publicus Apostolica et Imperiali auctoritate Notarius, dum præmissa omnia et singula, sicut præmittitur, et superius recitantur, agebantur et fiebant, una cum Notario et testibus supradictis, sub anno Domini, Indictione quinta, Pontificatu, mensis Octobris die nona, et locis superius descriptis, præ-

¹ The word "*Domini*" is apparently wanting here; see below.

“sens, prout interfui, ea sic fieri vidi et audiui, publicavi, ac A.D. 1396,
 “de mandato dictorum venerabilium virorum religiosorum,
 “dominorum Supprioris et Conventus, in hanc publicam formam redagi; et signum meum hio apposui consuetum,
 “rogetus et requisitus, in fidem et testimonium omnium prae-
 “missorum, manu mea propria hio subscribendo.”

“Et ego, Johannes Bungey, clericus, Norwicensis Diocesis,
 “Publicus auctoritate Apostolica et Imperiali auctoritate Nota-
 “rius, dum praemissa omnia et singula, sicut praemittitur, et
 “superius recitantur, agebantur et fiebant, una cum testibus
 “praenominatis, sub anno ¹ Indictione quinta, Pon-
 “tificatu, mensis Octobris die nona, et locis superius descrip-
 “tis, praesens, prout interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audiui,
 “publicavi, ac de mandato dictorum venerabilium virorum
 “religiosorum, dominorum Supprioris et Conventus, in hanc
 “publicam formam redagi; signoque et nomine meis, una
 “cum praefatis Magistris Johanne Combe et Dionisio de
 “Lopham, signavi, et cetera.”

“Excellentissimo in Christo Principi ac Domino, Domino Notifica-
 “nostro Regi Angliæ et Franciæ, et Domino Hiberniæ illus. King by
 “tri, vestri humiles et devoti perpetui oratores, Supprior the Sub-
 “Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincoln- prior and
 “ensis Diocesis, et ejusdem loci Capitulum, orationes continuas Convent, of
 “et devotas, cum omnimodis subjectionis et devotionis reve- the elec-
 “rentia et honore. Cum monasterium nostrum per mortem tion of
 “bonæ memoriæ Fratris Thomæ de la Mare, ultimi Abbatis John de la
 “dicti monasterii, fuerit Abbatis et pastoris regimine deso- Moote as
 “latum, ac propterea Prior et Conventus dicti monasterii a A.D. 1396.
 “vestra regia Majestate nobis et dicto monasterio alium eli-
 “gendi in Abbatem licentiam petierint; qua petita a vestra
 “regia celsitudine, et obtenta, nos, ad electionem futuri
 “Abbatis canonice procedentes, religiosum virum Fratrem
 “Johannem de la Moote, commonachum nostrum, ac Priorem
 “dicti monasterii, virum utique providum et discretum, Deo
 “devotum, vestræ regis Majestati utilem et fidelem, nostro
 “monasterio necessarium, in temporalibus et spiritualibus
 “circumspectum, in nostrum et dicti monasterii Abbatem ele-
 “gimus, et pastorem: quapropter eidem vestræ regis Celsi-
 “tudiini supplicamus humiliter et devote, quatenus praefatus
 “electioni, et personæ per nos, ut praefertur, electæ, vestrum
 “regium assensum præbere dignemini gratiose, litterasque

¹ See Note to page 430.

A.D. 1396. " vestras regias super hiis more solito concedere gratiosas.
 " Eandem vestram regiam Majestatem muniat et conservet
 " diu et feliciter Rex Regum, per quem reges regnant et
 " principes dominantur. Datum sub sigillo nostro communi,
 " in Domo nostra Capitulari, quinto-decimo die mensis Octo-
 " bris, anno Domini millesimo ¹trecentesimo nonagesimo
 " sexto."

John de la
 Moote, the
 Prior, is
 elected
 Abbot.

A man of
 great ex-
 perience.

Corpore bonæ memoriæ Thomæ Abbatis, ut præmit-
 titur, tradito sepulturæ, successit electione concordi et
 canonica, quin potius, divina gratia, Dominus Johannes
 de la Moot, Prior Monasterii, et ejusdem Abbatis
²alumnus præcipuus; tam in temporalibus quam in
 spiritualibus, ex longa operis experientia, plurimum præ-
 cæteris approbatus; ut per decretum præcedens elec-
 tionis ejusdem plenius est expressum.

Before he
 enters upon
 administra-
 tion of his
 office, he
 awaits the
 royal
 assent.

Hic, licet ex Privilegio, Regis instantia et sua indus-
 tria noviter adquisito, tanquam electus confirmatus
 auctoritate Apostolica cuncta Monasterii negotia dis-
 ponere libere potuisset; noluit tamen Abbas se intro-
 mittere, ne super potestatem regiam videretur aliquid
 usurpare, metuens voluntatem regiam, in talibus ea-
 tenus inexpertam; sed seipsum in Camera Prioris, cum
 suis Capellanis, et moderata familia sui prædecessoris,
 retinuit; nulli actui prælatiæ in Conventu seu negotio
³forinseco publice se immiscuit, quousque, habito as-
 sensu regio, et benedictione, suis etiam temporalibus
 restitutus fuit.

He sends to
 the Arch-
 bishop of
 Canter-
 bury, for
 the royal
 assent
 and the
 Arch-
 bishop's
 benedic-
 tion.

Misit igitur quemdam de suis clericis ad Dominum
 Regem, et Cantuariæ Archiepiscopum, regni Cancellari-
 um, tunc Calesiæ commorantem, cum suis litteris de-
 precatoriis pro assensu regio, restitutione temporalium,
 et benedictione Archiepiscopali feliciter impetranda. Qui
 in tantum regium favorem et gratiam, instantia dicti
⁴Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, et Regis Cancellarii, ob-
 tinere promeruit, ut absque decreto electionis Domino

¹ *tricentismo* in MS.

² *alumpus* in MS.

³ *forinseco* in MS.

⁴ *Cantuariensis* in MS.

Regi more debito aliquantulum exhibito, commissum fuerat John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401. breve regium Roberto Skarlee, Custodi Rotulorum Cancellariæ et Magni Sigilli in Angliâ, ut fidelitatem dicti electi auctoritate regia reciperet, et eidem sua temporalia, primitus seiscita, continuo liberaret. Sed quia Marks of
favour
shown to
Abbot
John. dictus clericus pro Privilegio noviter adquisito, necdum approbato vel practisato, juxta votum ipsius Abbatis, ob hoc diutius apud Londonias expectantis, dictum breve regium expedire nescivit aut noluit, Abbas, ad dictum Cancellarium, qui ante Regem se transfretaverat, apud manerium de Saltwode benedictionem, et suorum temporalium restitutionem, facta primitus fidelitate, obtinuit, approbationem etiam dicti Privilegii, post fidelitatem Domino Regi apud ¹Wyndesore denuo sub charta magno sigillo regio consignata, instantia dicti Cancellarii feliciter consecutus est.

Deinde ad parcum suum de Borham se transtulit, ubi He awaits
his instal-
lation at
Borham. pro reparatione suæ installationis aliquandiu perhædinavit; cujus etiam stallationis modum præsentibus duximus inserendum.—

Die itaque Sancti Clementis, post Missas summo mane auditas, cum suis Capellanis et familiaribus versus He returns
to Saint
Alban's. monasterium suum se transtulit, et a villanis Sancti Albani, nigro et albis capuciatis, ²Rectore de Particulars
of his re-
ception. Asruche, et Priore de Wymundham, et aliis patriæ generosis, comitantibus, qui eidem in medio itinere obviverant: ad monasterium perveniens, in porticu minori ecclesiæ, tapetis inter ipsum et populum interpositis, capam pluvialem et calciamenta deposuit, et capa parliamento indutus ad valvas majores ecclesiæ, cum suis Capellanis, nudipes processit, et a suo Conventu, cum processione et classico, more legati in Consuetudinario plenius expressato, ad majus altare, cum cantu solemni, ad sedilia inibi honestissime præparata, cum maxima multitudine populorum præcedentium et sub-

¹ Wyndesore in MS. This sentence is involved in the extreme.

² The word "acceptus," or "receptus," seems to be omitted here.

John V.,
 81st
 Abbot,
 A.D.
 1896-1401.
 ———
 Descrip-
 tion of his
 installa-
 tion.

sequentium, conductus fuit. Deinde post solitam Col-
 lectam decantatam, ipsemet, cum Capellanis, per minus
 ostium feretri in vestiarium, Conventus vero in cho-
 rum, divertit; lotisque pedibus, et recalciatis, capa,
 alba, stola, mitra, ¹chirothecis, et annulo, redimitus,
 subsequentibus eum Supprie et Archidiacono, et
 unico Capellano, alba et capa similiter revestito, per
 eundem Supprie et Archidiaconum, eo quod eate-
 nus Prior loco sui in Monasterio ordinatus non fuerat,
 in stallo suo superiori in choro installatus fuit. Cujus
 electionis gratiam et confirmationem gratiosam, tam
 per Regem quam per Dominum Apostolicum factam,
 per Dominum Simonem Sotherey prænотatum litteris
 quas ad manum habebat, exhibuit, ac etiam plenius
 viva voce declaravit; ipsumque Abbatem ad debitum
 suorum subditorum regimen, ipsosque subditos ad de-
 bitam fidelitatem et obedientiam, ad ² utrosque, et Deo
 debitarum gratiarum actionem, admonuit. Finito vero
 sermone, ³ Hymnus—"Te Deum laudamus" per Con-
 ventum, alternantibus organis, solemniter et devote de-
 cantatus fuit; dictoque versiculo—"Benedicamus Pa-
 trem et cætera," et "Esto nobis, Domine, turris
 fortitudinis," et Collectis,—"Omnipotens sempiterne
 Deus," de "Trinitate, et—"Actiones nostras, quas
 "Domine" ab Abbate, et—"Benedicamus" a Versicu-
 lario, data a populo benedictione solemnī, ad vestiarium
 rediit, froccum induit, et in stallo inferiori chori per
 prædictum Supprie et Archidiaconum itidem instal-
 latus fuit; pulsataque interim Capitulari campana, Ca-
 pitulum, cum suo Conventu, petiit, et utrisque resi-
 dentibus claves majorum Obedientiariorum, ut moris
 est, coram eodem depositas, restituit, obedientiam jura-
 toriam sedens a suo Conventu, pariter flexis genibus,
 exegit, et habuit; quos etiam postmodum coram se

¹ *cerotecis* in MS.

² *Sic* in MS.

³ *Hymnus* in MS.

⁴ *ti'nt'* in MS.

genuflectentes ad osculum recepit, et suam felicem expeditionem eorum precibus imputavit, gratias retulit, et eorum continuantiam precum, et benevolentiam, supplicavit.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

Deinde Capitulum exiit, et Conventum et alios invitatos in aula sua, et regia aula, satis splendide refecit. Obedientiarios, Capellanos, et famulos, et amicos et alios de retinentia et consilio sui prædecessoris, secum retinuit; unde plurimorum corda, et ora etiam, sibi primitus adversantia, in sui laudem et amorem allexit; et præcipue villanos Sancti Albani, sibi et prædecessoribus suis plurimum infestos, in tantum ut eidem eorum subjectionem et benevolentiam promitterent, et ipsum donis et exenniis aliquotiens honorarent. Ob quorum amicitiam, adhuc teneram, nutriendam, et installationem suam et subsequens Natale Domini solemnius quam suus fecerat prædecessor, vel ipsemet proposuerat, ex eorum consilio celebravit.

Great feast
in the
Abbot's
Hall.

He retains
the Obedientiaries
and Chaplains of his
predecessor.

He conciliates the
townsmen.

Liberatam etiam robarum suis familiaribus, et aliis de suo consilio et retinentia, non obstantibus ejusdem anni sumptibus excessivis, contulit. Vasa etiam argentea fracta et debilitata sui prædecessoris et sui, addito novo metallo ejusdem generis magno pondere, sub decentiori forma nobiliter renovavit.

He distributes a
livery of
robes; and
causes the
silver plate
to be repaired.

Hic Abbas primo Parlamento regio quo intererat, locum primum inter omnes Abbates Angliæ, sibi ex tenore suorum Privilegiorum, consuetudine et præscriptione legitima, et suorum prædecessorum pacifica possessione, debitum, per Abbatem Westmonasterii et Priorem Christi Cantuariæ, Regi et Archiepiscopo ibidem familiarissimos, maximis mediis et instantia vendicatum, declaratis super hoc Domino Regi et suis proceribus¹ suis evidentiis, obtinuit; sua tamen simplicitate, et timore regio, Abbatem¹ Westmonasterii in cæteris Parliamentis postmodum præsidere permisit.

He occupies the
first seat
among the
Abbots of
England in
the first
Parliament
that he
attends;
but afterwards
resigns it
to the
Abbot of
Westminster.

¹ *super hoc* is repeated here in the MS.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

Hic etiam paululum post suam installationem Magistrum Simonem Southery, Sacræ Theologiæ Professorem, Priorem de Belvero, et Dominum ¹Thomam Walsyngham, alias Præcentorem Monasterii, et mundi-

alibus curis ²laccessitos, ad eorum preces et instantiam præcipuam, ad Monasterium revocavit, dictum Magistrum Simonem, sui Conventus electione, in Priorem Monasterii præficiens, alterum claustrali quieti vacare permittens; quorum locis, apud Wymundham Dompnus Willelmus Wyndruch, primus Scrutator Monasterii, et Dompnus Johannes Savage, in agendis satis approbatus, apud Belverum, fuerant subrogati.³

The Privilege as to vacation of the Ab-bacy, granted in the time of his predecessor, obtained through the agency of the present Abbot.

Hujus Abbatis imputatur industriæ adquisitio Privilegii vacationis Monasterii et aliorum Privilegiorum, tempore et sumptibus sui prædecessoris, ad maximum commodum Monasterii, a Summo Pontifice concessorum. Et quia in Bullis de decimis arrendandis etiam laicis personis non fiebat mentio de indemnitate recipientium, sicut dimittentium, obtinuit, non sine maximis sumptibus, ut sententiæ Ordinariorum in taliter recipientes bona ecclesiastica ⁴illatæ forent ⁴inanes, et nullius vigoris. Reformavit insuper in Bulla vacationis ⁵prædicta clausulam solutionis et pœnæ viginti marcarum annuarum, suis ibidem limitatis temporibus ⁶solvendis alias, amodo non valitura in censuras ecclesiasticas per Collectorem Domini Papæ in Anglia in non solventes ⁷solummodo exercendam.

He obtains a Bull exempting the Abbey from production of its muniments.

Impetravit etiam novam Bullam, quod non tenemur titulos et munimenta coram locorum Ordinariis in eorum visitatione ⁸nullatenus exhibere; dummodo possessio pacifica quadragenaria per testes fidedignos, vel per famam publicam, poterit comprobari.

¹ The historian, who was then Prior of Wymundham. See page 425 ante.

² *laccessitos* in MS.

³ A large portion of a column (p. 188) is left vacant here.

⁴ *illata . . . inania* in MS.

⁵ *predictæ* in MS.

⁶ *Sic* in MS. The passage is a mass of confusion.

⁷ *solummodo* in MS.

⁸ *Sic* in MS.

Item, adquisivit conservantiam pro Monasterio, et Cellis ab eodem dependentibus, perpetuo duraturam; item, Bullam perpetuam de ordine accolitatus debitis temporibus suis monachis ¹solummodo conferendis; item, Bullam perpetuam de altari portatili, et ante diem celebrando; item, Bullam perpetuam de reconciliatione ecclesiarum, capellarum, et cœmeteriorum Monasterii, et Cellis ab eodem dependentibus pertinentium; et de consecratione altarium, benedictione vestimentorum, calicum, patenarum, et aliorum ornamentorum ecclesiasticorum, dicto suo monasterio, et ejusdem Cellis, et aliis monasteriis et piis locis, pertinentium.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.
—
Various
other Bulls
obtained by
him.

Obtinuit etiam Bullam, perpetuo duraturam, ut monachi sui monasterii et professionis, cum vicesimum annum ætatis attigerint, ²possint ad sacerdotium licite promoveri. Pro quibus Bullis et Privilegiis, solvit Magistro Johanni Fraunceys, ejus in ⁴[Curia] Romana procuratori, quadraginta et quatuor libras, sex solidos, octo denarios; et septuaginta et tres libræ, sex solidi, octo denarii, fuerant pro eisdem tempore obitus sui debitis per ejus successorem proximum persolutæ.

A Bull allowing his monks to take Priests' Orders in their twentieth year. Great sums expended on the Bulls.

Hic etiam Abbas primitus inter suos prædecessores obtinuit breve regium de arraiamento cleri jurisdictionis Sancti Albani, Episcopo Lincolnensi solito committi, ne idem Episcopus de eodem monasterio quoquomodo intromitteret, vel aliquod juris vel facti titulum ejus occasione in eodem vendicaret. Cujus executionem commisit Magistro Philippo Terry, Magistro in Artibus, et Vicario de Watford, ejusdem jurisdictionis, suo nomine exequendam. Qui clerum dictæ jurisdictionis, virtute commissionis sibi factæ, apud villam de Sancto Albano compariturum submonuit, eorum arraiamentum

A writ exempting the clergy of the jurisdiction of St. Alban's from the array of the Bishop of Lincoln.

¹ *solummodo* in MS.
² *cimiteriorum* in MS.

³ *poterint* in MS.
⁴ Omitted in MS.

John V.,
81st
Abbot,
A.D.
1896-1401.

diligenter inspexit, et illud sub ejus litteris patentibus suo ¹commissario certificavit.

The Bishop
of Christo-
polls con-
fers orders
by sanction
of the
Abbot.
Arrange-
ment made
with the
Bishop of
Durham.
as to the
repair of
the chancel
of the
Parish
Church of
Conslif.

Hujus Abbatis auctoritate et commissione, Nicolaus, Dei gratia, Christopolitanus Episcopus, in ejus monasterio ordines aliquotiens celebravit; capellam etiam in villa de Barnet, et plura altaria portatilia, ejus licentia, solemniter dedicavit.

Hujus Abbatis tempore sequestrati fuerunt fructus Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Conslif per Dunelmensem Episcopum, pro defectu reparationis Cancelli ejusdem, per compositionem vicarii eidem ²solummodo pertinentis. Sed quia partes noluerunt super hoc dubiis litibus se committere, ad hoc deductum est reparationis negotium, ut Abbas et Conventus ex eorum ³eleemosyna centum solidos in subsidium reparationis ejusdem, per suum Eleemosynarium, non per Refectorium, cujus officio dicta ecclesia pertinet, ⁴solummodo contribuerent; reliquum vero expensarum reparationis prædictæ Dunelmensis Episcopus et vicarius ejusdem ex eorum benevolentia perimplerent; præhabitis super ⁴hoc protestationibus et instrumentis publicis, in Registro ejusdem Abbatis plenius annotatis, indemnitatem ejusdem monasterii sufficienter conservantibus.

Obsequies
are per-
formed at
the Abbey
by the
Bishop of
Lincoln, for
his father,
John, Duke
of Lancas-
ter,
A.D. 1399.

Hujus Abbatis anno tertio, corpus Ducis Lancastriæ Londonias per villam Sancti Albani deportatum fuerat. Unde in ecclesia Monasterii Sancti Albani, dum exequiæ et Missæ pro eodem per Henricum, Lincolnensem Episcopum, filium suum, quem de Katerina Swynford susceperat, celebrarentur, reponi necessario oportebat. Quod factum Abbas memoratus, satis ætatis acutæ, proponderans, et injuriam sui monasterii fieri pertimescens, obtinuit litteram regiam, eidem Episcopo direc-

¹ *comissario* in MS.

² *solummodo pertinenti* in MS.

³ *eleemosina* in MS.

⁴ Omitted in the text; but supplied in the margin, in a later hand.

tam, et per Priorem Monasterii apud Dunstapliam, John V., 81st Abbot, A.D. 1396-1401. antequam ad Monasterium accederet, eidem Episcopo præsentatam, ne quicquam suo accessu vel gestis in Monasterio Sancti Albani, cujus ipse Rex et sui progenitores fundatores extiterant, in eorum privilegiis quomodolibet derogaret; et si quid de eorum licentia faceret, litteram indemnitis dictorum privilegiorum eidem conficeret specialem. A quo aliud responsum obtinere non poterat, nisi quod ob reverentiam litterarum regiarum noluit præjudicare nostris privilegiis, sed The Abbot obtains an injunction that this shall be in no way to the prejudice of the Abbey. uti suis; nec talem litteram velle concedere, absque saniori sui consilii deliberatione. Unde per tale responsum ambiguum scire non potuit quid in dicta materia facere proponebat, sed et se hospitasse in Monasterio, cum matre sua, quæ tunc aderat, firmiter proposuit: sed ejus hospitium eidem penitus denegatum fuit. Ad cujus hospitium Abbas accessit; superius petita iterum requisivit; concedere renuenti ingressum Monasterii denegavit. Rogavit insuper verbis supplicibus, quod amicitiam pristinam suo monasterio ostenderet, nec ¹ materiam discordiæ ² nullatenus suscicaret. Qui tandem, in arto positus, eo quod receptioni corporis sui patris, qui in foribus ecclesiæ ejus adventum præstolabatur, simul et obsequiis in tam solemni et populo loco interesse non poterat, consilio Londoniensis Episcopi, qui tunc aderat, propositum mutavit, et litteras indemnitis quas Abbas ³ paratus habuerat, sigillare spopondit. Sed quia sigillum ibidem non habuit, sigillum dicti Londoniensis Episcopi apponi procuravit; sicque cum eodem Episcopo susceptioni corporis, et ejus exequiis, in stallo Domini Abbatis interfuit: Abbas vero in stallo ex opposito in pontificalibus stetit; Suffraganus vero dicti Lincolnensis Episcopi medium chori, cum cantoribus, gubernavit. After refusing to do so, the Bishop signs a letter of indemnity in favour of the Abbey.

¹ *materiæ discordiam* in MS.

| "*ullatenus*."

² Sic in MS., but correctly,

| ³ Sic in MS.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

In crastino vero Domino Episcopo Londoniensi Missam solemniter celebrante, cum Domino Abbate et suo Suffraganeo, secus majus altare astitit, et eidem in Missa sedulus ministravit. Apparatum etiam altaris,

Ceremonial observed on the occasion.

cum capa, casula, et albis de panno albo, aureo, pretiosis, aureis stragulis stragulatum, et per eundem Dominum Ducem testamentarie prælegatum, inter Mis-

The Bishop presents certain costly vestments, left by his father; and thanks the Convent for the honour shown to his body.

sarum solemnia obtulit; Conventui pro tanto honore paterno corpori exhibito regratians, amicitiam suam, Monasterio satis necessariam, annuit; et sic cum corpore paterno, Conventu usque foras ecclesiæ, ut pridie revestito, solemniter prosequente, usque villatam de Barnet, versus Londonias, ea nocte declinavit; celebratisque ibidem exequiis, et Missa solemnī, licentia et auctoritate præmissa, litteras indemnitis, ut præmittitur, sigillare procuravit.

On the accession of his brother, the Earl of Derby, to the crown, the Bishop shews ill-will to the Abbey.

Sed succedente prosperitate majori, fratreque suo, tunc Comite Derbeyæ, in Regem Angliæ coronato, suæ sponsonis prædictæ pœnituit; pluraque in derogationem ejusdem Monasterii, Cellarum, et locorum eidem subjectorum, facere proposuit. Unde Abbas memoratus, sæculo ad tunc se conformans, hospitium primitus denegatum, in principali Monasterii ¹ camera, satis humaniter exhibuit, et episcopalia infra jurisdictionem exemptam, licet cum murmure suorum subditorum, gratis exercere permisit; et sic verbis supplicibus emollivit,

The Abbot propitiates him, by hospitality and gifts.

donec eidem concessit dimissionem perutilem, pro se et suis subditis, pro suo tempore duraturam: centum solidis eidem secretius præsolutis, cum uno annulo, quondam Domini Thomæ Abbatis, per Ducem Gloucestriæ collato, continenti partem Crucis Dominicæ, ob hoc per dictum Episcopum desiderato, cum annulo dicti Episcopi, ²sapphirum continente, commutato.

The Rectory of Saint Julian's

Hujus Abbatis tempore, Rectoria Sancti Juliani, per ipsum Cameræ Prioris Monasterii, ut præmittitur, ap-

¹ camera in MS.

| ² sapphirum in MS.

propriata, per liberam resignationem Magistri Willelmi Burcote, tunc Rectoris incumbentis, Prioris usibus fuerat devoluta, et fratribus ibidem, per scriptum sigillo Abbatis et Conventus dicti monasterii communitum, dimissa; annua pensione ad terminum vitæ dicti Magistri Willelmi, a dictis fratribus percipienda, inde primitus reservata.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

Hujus etiam Abbatis tempore, Rectoria Sancti Petri de Chepe Londoniis, per mortem Rectoris ibidem tempore vacationis Monasterii, per Archiepiscopum Cantuariæ, tunc regni Cancellarium, cui pertinet vice Regis collatio beneficiorum monasteriorum vacantium, collata fuerat cuidam suo clerico, "Magistro Johanni Ovyngham" vocitato, qui pensionem annuam quatuor solidorum, eidem monasterio debitam, solvere renuit; quousque per dicti Abbatis successorem primum coactus fuit.

is resigned
into the
hands of
certain of
the brethren
for the use
of the
Prior's
Chamber.
The Rector
of St.
Peter's in
Chepe, ap-
pointed
during va-
cation of the
Abbacy,
refuses to
make his
yearly pay-
ments, until
compelled.
While Cel-
larer, Abbot
John builds
the Abbot's
Chamber.

Hic Abbas, dum curam officii Cellarii ageret, præter labores et angustias quas per viginti annos et amplius pro jure Monasterii contuendo in dicto officio sustinuit, inter gesta Domini Thomæ Abbatis aliquantulum declaratas, construxit infra septa Monasterii Domino Abbati cameram perpulchram, alæ ecclesiæ contiguam; sexcentis marcis, et amplius, ut asseruit, pro eodem opere profusus.

Construxit etiam cameram, quæ dicitur "Camera Senescalli," inter domum Eleemosynarii et portam quæ ducit ad stabulum, situatam.

The Sen-
eschal's
Chamber.

Fecit etiam domum, pro feno reponendo necessariam, cum muro terreo abinde usque ad portam quæ ducit ad magnum pomcerium extendente.

House for
storing hay.

In urbe Londoniarum principale hospitium ejusdem Abbatis, cum aliis ejus appendiciis, et longo redditu ejus ex opposito, totaliter renovavit.

The
Abbot's
hostel in
London
repaired.

Manerium de Parkbury, præter unam domum, noviter construxit. Duo etiam grangia manerii de Tytenhangre, cum domibus a grangia feni usque boveriam ibidem, noviter construxit. Mansionem etiam ibidem pro se

Other
buildings
erected by
Abbot
John.

John V., et sua familia facere disposuit; sed, morte præventus,
31st
Abbot, vix ejus¹ medietatem consummavit.

A.D. Apud manerium de Langeleye unam grangiam con-
1396-1401. struxit, et cæteras domos ibidem² necessarias reparavit.
At Lange- Dedit etiam viginti marcas ad facturam grangiæ de
leye and Rikmersworth, per Magistrum Ricardum de Pantria,
Rikmers- firmarium ibidem, noviter constructæ.
worth.

At Caysho Apud manerium de Caysho boveriam novam con-
and Sand- struxit, et cæteras domos ibidem necessarias reparavit.
rugge. Fecit etiam apud manerium de Sandrugge novam por-
tulam, et domum, et stabulum affris et equis³ oppor-
tunum.

Mills at Construxit etiam molendina de Codicote et Sand-
Codicote rugge, officiis Cellerarii et Sub-Cellerarii pertinentia.
and Sand-
rugge.

Abbot John Post susceptum vero Prioratus officium, sicut de
rebuidis singulis fere officiis Conventus interposuit, sic in eisdem
part of the præ cæteris plurimum profecit. Infra septa namque
Monastery. Monasterii duas partes claustrî, cum studiis et libraria,
et Capella Sancti Nicolai, de novo construxit; et supra
voltam ejusdem claustrî librariam; sub volta vero
Capellæ⁴ Sancti Nicolai almariola pro munimentis
Conventus⁵ reponendis facere proposuit; sed morte
præventus aliis reliquit facienda.

Various re- Dormitorium, ac etiam ejus suffultoria, novis arcubus,
pairs and et crista de dura petra Kanciæ, fortificavit. Cujus
improve- etiam aream pavimento cooperuit, et in ejus fine fenes-
ments tram magnam, opere vitreo perlucidam, collocavit. Co-
effected by quinam insuper, pistrinam, et braseriam, cum cameris,
him. pro conservatione eorum stauri, et asiamentis officia-
riorum et famulorum, a fundamentis construxit, et
omni necessario⁶ suppellectili sufficienter instauravit.
Construxit etiam aulam pulchram, "Oriolum Con-
ventus" vocitatum, ab ipsis etiam regibus collauda-
tam; sub qua sunt domus pro lardario et custodia

¹ See page 448 post.

² *necessarie* in MS.

³ *oportunum* in MS.

⁴ *Sancti* in MS.

⁵ *reponenda* in MS.

⁶ *suppellectili* in MS.

piscium, aliisque reponendis, satis utiliter constructæ. John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.
 Claustrum etiam versus coquinam et sartriam, cum
 voltis et cameris super extractis, et in medio cister-
 nam, cujus fundus est lapideus, et muri quadrati duro
 lapide crestati, ad conservandum aquas pluviales ad
 diluendum sordes latrinæ Conventus, de vicinis do-
 mibus provenientes. Fecit etiam meatus subterraneos
 de ¹cœmeterio Conventus et prato claustrum, per quos
 aquæ pluviales de vicinis domibus provenientes decur-
 rere possent in cisternam prænotatam; receptaculaque
 dictarum aquarum in claustro fecit, de duro lapide, in
 parte contigua Refectorio et muro domus studiorum:
 construxitque domum secessui necessariam, "secretum,"
 sive "privatum, dormitorium" vulgariter nuncupatum,
 qua nulla pulchrior aut sumptuosior poterit reperiri.
 Cameram quoque in fine dictæ domus ²pulcherrimam,
 plumbo optime coopertam, pro Domino Abbate, si mag-
 norum hospitem conflueret multitudo; subtus vero
 locum spatiosum, ante foras dictæ latrinæ, et sub eo
 loco cameras binas pro Camerario et ejus utensilibus
 necessarias; sub quibus etiam cameris officinas pro
 scissoribus et sutoribus ³opportunas.

Ad usum quoque Prioris fecit cameram supra Ca-
 pellam Dormitorii, tabulatu pulcherrimo seluratam, suo
 usui necessariam, et visu pulchram. Sed quia latrina
 dictæ cameræ nimis contigua videbatur esse Capellæ
 hostiæ, Conventus notatus est a pluribus, quod locum
 secessus constituisset ad cornu altaris. In manso vero
 Prioris Capellam muris altis extulit, supra et juxta
 quam capellam pulcherrimas construxit cameras; quam
 etiam capellam novis fenestris petrinis, optime vitriatis,
⁴cœlaturam et interclausas optime depictas plurimum
 decoravit. Fecit etiam ibidem ⁵cellarium pro vino ac-

Mistake
made as to
the situa-
tion of the
latrine of
the Prior's
Chamber.
Other
buildings
erected
by Abbot
John.

¹ cimiterio in MS.

² pulcherimam in MS.

³ oportunas in MS.

⁴ selaturam in MS.: the passage

apparently is intended for *cœlatura*
et *interclausis* . . . *depictis*.

⁵ selarium in MS.

John V., 31st Abbot, A.D. 1396-1401. — commodum, sed secretum. Fecit etiam ibidem parlatorium, sive coenaculum, æstivale, sub alia vetusta camera, illustratum versus ¹hortum multis luminibus, cujus area perpulchro sternitur pavimento. Alias etiam cameras in fine aulæ ibidem, Infirmariæ contiguas, de novo construxit; veteresque cameras ibidem multipliciter emendavit. Columbæ quoque in suo gardino, magnum et artificiosum, construxit, vetusque columbare ibidem optime reparavit; quorum columbas inter suos confratres satis liberaliter impertivit. Fecit etiam murum, sive deambulatorium, inter dictum gardinum et Infirmatorium, tempore pluviali ad deambulandum satis opportunum. Camera etiam Arehidiaconi, de loco ubi dictum privatum Dormitorium sistitur, in magnum pomœrium transtulit, et in cameras plurimas divisit.

A new pigeon-house built; the pigeons being divided among the brethren.

Improvements made by Abbot John in the various manors.

He regains the manor of Schephale from Robert Brome.

Manerium de Napesbury, officio Coquinarii pertinens, totaliter collapsum, de novo construxit. Manerium de Astone, sui ²ruinam minitans, tam in materia lignea quam lapidea supposita, de novo cooperuit, et tres *schepecotes* in eodem noviter construxit, et domum instauratione eidem necessario instauravit. Manerium etiam de Schephale, juxta vim nominis, pro ovibus ³accommodum, cuidam viro potenti, dicto "Roberto "Brome," ad terminum vitæ pro modica summa pecuniæ, præ manibus recepta, incautius dimissum, propter vastum factum, et conventionem per eundem non observatam, maximis sumptibus et industria Conventui restituit, et novis ædificiis et stauro omni necessario totaliter renovavit. Manerium etiam de Escole, in Kancia, pene collapsum, pro majori ejus parte noviter construxit. Grangiam etiam optimam in manerio de Combes, de Priore de Michenham comparatam, maximis sumptibus transtulit, et domos inibi collapsas necessario reparavit. Vallavit insuper parvum gardinum,

¹ hortum in MS.

² ruina mini imitans in MS.

³ accomod in MS.

olim officio Eleemosynarii, nunc vero officio Coquinarii, deputatum, partim muro terreo fortissimo, optime tegulato, partim vero stagno quodam lato et profundo, "*Priours Ponde*," ex ejus nomine, vulgariter nuncupato.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

Apud grangiam Sancti Petri, officio Infirmarii deputatam, grangiam incomparabilem, cum vaccaria, sive boveria, stabulis et columbari, coquina et pistrina, noviter construxit; aulam et cæteras domos in pluribus multipliciter reparavit; cujus situm muro terreo fortissimo et fossa profundissima, cum nemore adjacente, circumcinxit, et portis et posternis in eadem impositis, ad delectationem et securitatem inibi moraturorum. Construxit etiam noviter manerium de Estbury, eidem officio deputatum. Domum etiam Infirmarii partim plumbo, partim schyngulis, necessario reparavit; in volta etiam ibidem sub Dormitorio, dicta olim "*Camera Minutorum*," caminum novum, pro calefactione clustralium, construxit, et eandem duabus fenestris lapideis illustravit, cætera ibidem proposita relinquens imperfecta.

He re-
builds the
grange at
Saint
Peter's,
and the
manor-
house of
Estbury.

Apud manerium de Chyldewyk, officio Refectorarii deputatum, grangiam optimam construxit, et cæteras domos ibidem ¹necessarias reparavit. Construxit etiam apud Walden Abbatis horreum optimum pro decimis Refectorarii ibidem imponendis, in loco prius torrido manerio Domini Abbatis pertinente, vepribus et dumetis inde primitus eradicatis, et multo labore hominum in planitiem redacto; cum granario, et stabulo, et porta, cum quodam domicilio, custodi granarii ibidem necessario, muro terreo et fossa profunda undique circumsepto.

Improve-
ments at
Chyldewyk
and
Abbot's
Walden.

Apud Rectoriam de Houghtone grangiam optimam, muro lapideo supposito, cum porta et aliis domibus, noviter construxit; cujus situm vallavit muro terreo fortissimo, ex materia lignea optime tegulato. In manerio etiam de Kynggesbury horreum optimum

At the
Rectory of
Houghtone
and the
manor of
Kyngges-
bury.

¹ *necessarie* in MS.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

He in-
creases the
resources
of the Re-
fectorer ;
and has
new silver
bonds made
for the
mazer cups.

New dishes
and spoons
made.

He repairs
the Cham-
berlain's
grange at
Redburne,
and builds
one at
Wynse-
lowe.

Various
chancels
built or
repaired
by him.

His ex-
tensive
and sub-
stantial

noviter construxit, cæteras vero domos, ibidem suppo-
sitas et coopertas, optime reparavit. Cujus situm val-
lavit muro terreo, optime tegulato. Et quoniam
diotum officium Sub-Refectorii fuerat ejus persuasu
¹[ad] officium Refectorarii additum, illud officium reddi-
dit in pluribus emendatum. Auxit nempe ejus nape-
riam, omnesque fere cyphos murreos, novis ligaminibus
argenteis deauratis, magno pondere, veteribus additis,
reddidit emendatos. Fecit etiam de veteribus peciebus
duodecim nova, et septem duodenas de ²cochlearibus
nova forma et pondere cæteris præstantioribus.

Grangiam etiam Camerarii apud manerium de Red-
burna, ruinosam, depositam, et novis muris lapideis
optime libera petra tabulatam, maximis sumptibus per-
optime reparavit. Locum etiam pro decimis ejusdem
officii apud Wynselowe reponendis, grangia ejusdem
in manerio ibidem vendita cuidam Ricardo Martyn
pro duodecim denariis annuis in feodo dimissis, re-
deinit pro octodecim marcis, eidem pro eodem perso-
lutis. In quo quidem loco grangiam optimam super-
posuit, et muris terreis fortissimis vallavit; unde
easdem decimas postea carius vendidit, seu dimisit.

Cancellum insuper de Sandrugge et Greneburghe a
fundamentis construxit. Tectum etiam Cancelli de
Nortone noviter reparavit. Solvit etiam de proven-
tibus officii Camerarii maximam partem expensarum
Cancelli de Langgeleye, per Willelmum Westwyk,
Camerarium, post ejus obitum, perfecti. In hostria
etiam Conventus, olim Albis Monachis deputata, cami-
num novum construxit; ostium novum, cum novis
fenestris, in ejus parte claustro versus sartriam con-
tigua collocavit.

Nullum pene fuerat prædium Abbatis, seu Conventus,
quod non noviter construxit, aut maximis sumptibus
reparavit; cujus opera a cæterorum operibus sua

¹ Omitted in MS.

| ² cochlearibus in MS.

durabili magnitudine ¹ poterunt discerni. Expensæ vero, quia in ejus ² papyris debite insertæ, vel in compotis redactæ, non fuerant, aliter quam eorum sumptuositate nequeunt supputari. Creditur tamen plus quam duo millia librarum in dictis operibus et privilegiis expendisse. Ejus quoque persuasu, ut asseritur, et Domini Thomæ Abbatis, sui prædecessoris, pia indulgentia, paupertas Conventus est aliquantulum relevata; cum summa specierum Conventus ad ejus duplum est adaucta.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

buildings
and repairs.
The ex-
penses
thereof not
recorded,
but very
great.

Hic, Abbas effectus, cretam Majoris Portæ Monasterii, de lapide de Eglemounde, fragili et defracta, deposuit, et cretam de duro lapide de Kancia, satis durabili, cretavit; quadraginta libris et amplius, præter carriagium, in eodem opere profusus.

Increased
allowance
of spices.
Abbot
John re-
builds the
crest of the
Great Gate.

Horreum etiam magnum apud manerium de Crokeale construxit; cæteras etiam domos, mansuris ibidem necessarias, incepit; sed, morte præventus, perficere non valebat. Circa quarum tamen constructionem centum marcas et amplius creditur erogasse.

He builds
the great
barn at
Crokeale.

Solvit etiam pro manuopere novi molendini de Parco viginti duas libras, Ricardo de Myasyngden, tunc Subcellerario, reliquas expensas exhibente.

The new
mill at
Park.

Cernens præterea memoratus Abbas domos ³ scholarium Oxoniæ de materia lignea, satis vetusta, plurimum ruinosas; locum etiam, ob coquinæ viciniam, ad capiendum tot scholares quot illuc mittere disposuerat, nec delectabilem nec capacem; incepit ædificare locum vicinum, monachis Norwicensibus ibidem contiguum; obtenta primitus licentia domini illius fundi, Abbatis, videlicet, Malmesburiae, scripto sigillo communi communita; ⁴ concessa sibi hinc inde fraternitate Capitulari etiam alterius, utriusque Monasterii precibus pro vivis et mortuis perpetuo duraturis.

The Abbot
begins to
rebuild the
rooms for
the scholars
at Oxford.

¹ poterint in MS.

² papyris in MS.

³ scholarium in MS.

⁴ concessa in MS.

John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401. Cujus opus lapideum, fere medietatem, ante suum obitum
erexit. Meremium vero, cum tabulis de ¹*estlondebur*,
cum alia materia, pro eodem opere providit; reliqua
moriens ejus successori facienda reliquit.

He visits
the Monas-
tery, but
not the
Cells. Iste Abbas, anno praelationis suæ secundo, visitavit
Monasterium; ad Cellas tamen non accessit. Visitavit
etiam, deputatione et auctoritate Provincialis Capituli,
omnia Monasteria Lincolnensis Diocesis, non per se,
sed per Magistrum Simonem Sothereye, Professore
Theologiæ, Priorem sui Monasterii, ejus in hac parte
deputatum.

He intends
to build a
mansion-
house at
Tyten-
hangre, but
is pre-
vented by
death. Considerans insuper Abbas memoratus situm manerii
de Tytenhangre, ob aquarum copiam, et soli fertilita-
tem, et sylvarum et pasturæ amœnitatem, pro mora
Abbatis, cum extra Monasterium, pro sui recreatione,
vel hospitum declinatione, morari placuerit, inter cæ-
tera sua maneria utilem et salubrem, et ob hoc a suis
venerabilibus prædecessoribus aliquotiens frequentatum;
plurimos quoque sumptus per eosdem ad ejus fortifica-
tionem et ornatum appositos; suum illorum labori connec-
tens, præminentem mansionem ibidem facere disposu-
erat. Sed morte præmatura præventus, ejus medietatem
perficere non valebat. Circa cujus tamen constructio-
nem, et necessariæ materiæ provisionem, amplius quam
trecentas et sexaginta libras, duos solidos, in pecunia
profudit, præter victualia operariorum, et carriagium,
ad maximam summam deputata.

Various
opinions as
to the desirableness
of this
house. De cujus manerii constructione opiniones fiebant
variae, ad eruditionem posteriorum forsitan profuturæ.
Nonnulli utique asserebant dictum manerium, propter
situs pulchritudinem, et ejus commoda præmissa, fore
Regi vel aliis dominis, quibus de difficili contradicitur,
juge domicilium, et ideo toti patriæ, et ipsi monas-
terio et ejus tenentibus, onerosum; vel saltem, si Ab-
batis usibus cederet, solummodo ipsum Abbatem et
suos confratres, in excessivo numero, illic attraheret;

¹ Meaning "East land board."

unde religio, cum hospitalitate et eleemosyna, in Monasterio plurimum deperiret. Cellas etiam ipsum Abbatem habere plurimas, situ et amoenitate satis delectabiles et opulentas, in quibus cum moderata familia, ad sui debitum, locorum proficuum, et religionis augmentum, commodius et honorificentius quam in dicto manerio moram trahere potuisset. Nec ejus ibidem mora ad declinationem hospitum aliquid valiturum, propter viciniam viæ regiae a Londoniis tendentis, illi contiguæ: cum etiam de competenti exhibitione suis hospitibus, etiam extra horam advenientibus, rationabiliter excusare non posset, quin ad suum monasterium, quod tam prope fuerat, remitteret, vel inde suum instauramentum adduci faceret pro eisdem. Sed quid de præmissis opinionibus eveniet, tanquam spiritu prophetico ¹vacuus non definio, sed posteriorum experientiæ discutienda relinquo. Æstimandum tamen est quemlibet bene dispositum sine sui infamia, vel aliorum injuria, ubilibet ²moraturum.

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Alleged
disadvan-
tages of the
Abbot's
residence
at Tyten-
hangre.

Sed quoniam memoratus Abbas ultra gradus sui exigentiam circa dicta manerii constructionem personaliter indulsit, reliqua sui regiminis detrimenta et justa hominum obloquia non evasit. Nullus utique minimus suorum operariorum, seu familiarium, citius dicto operi affuit, nullus in omni aeris intemperie sollicitius interfuit, nullus eo tardius circa idem opus vigilavit. Operarios etiam suos et familiares temporibus incompetentibus, et a jure prohibitis, operari compulit; et ob hoc semper a Monasterio, præterquam diebus quibus, salvo suo honore, abesse non poterat, se totaliter absentavit. Unde religio in Monasterio deperiit; hospitalitas solita, cum eleemosyna, minorata fuit. Tantam præterea mercenariorum multitudinem ad mensam retinuit, tanta carriagia de suis obedientiariis et tenenti-

The
Abbot's
laborious
attention to
the pro-
gress of the
work.

He compels
the work-
men to
labour at
forbidden
times; and
neglects
the duties
of his office.

non vacuus in MS.

| ² *moraturū* in MS.

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A.D.
1396-1401.

Incon-
veniences
resulting to
others from
this fond-
ness for
building.

Through
this ex-
travagance,
and various
contingen-
cies, the
Monastery
is over-
taken by
want.

The Abbot
becomes
alienated
from his
people.
Complaints
thereupon.

He is
conscience-
stricken by
his short-
comings.

bus exegit, quod eorum sollicitudines et ¹œconomiam debitis multipliciter impedivit. Nec curavit quantum oneris aliis succresceret, dummodo illud infaustum opus, juxta sui cordis desiderium, promoveri potuisset. Infaustum vare,—quod et bona ejusdem, aliis necessarioribus usibus profutura, penitus absorbit, et plures de suis operariis et familiaribus diversis infirmitatibus vexavit; et nonnullos eorundem, et se tandem, ad finem perduxit.

Nam succrescente undique sæculi malitia, et superveniente subito morina animalium, et omnis bladi caristia, et victualium parcite, subtractis etiam proficuis, et familia et aliis oneribus multiplicatis, staurum, cum ²œconomia debita, in maneriis defuit; bladum et braseum vix in Monasterio ³sufficit. Tanta insuper ruina domorum Monasterii, maneriorum, reddituum, et molendinorum, succreverat, quod eadem debite reparare, et sui officarii solito pretio dimittere, non valebant: quod tamen eorum, et non suo, malo regimini, penitus imputabat. Et quia cum vilibus occupationibus et personis, contra sui statum, debito nimis interposuit, suis etiam confratribus, familiaribus, extraneis, et hospitibus, juxta gradus sui exigentiam, se largum et affabilem non exhibuit; etiam ipsis tædiosus et onerosus fuit. Accrevit etiam contra eundem dictorum officiariorum et sui Conventus murmur, tædiositas, et molestia, propter plura ejus promissa, ut præmittitur, non impleta. Propter quæ, possessiones et proficua ejus usibus reservatæ.

Sed et verius ⁴propria conscientia, quæ non moritur, ex jugi recordatione suorum omissorum et commissorum, ita ejus mentem corroserat, quod alicujus solatii remedia admittere non sinebat. Die namque Commemorationis Omnium Animarum, anno prælationis ejus-

¹ yconomiam in MS.

² yconomia in MS.

³ Sic in MS.; correctly, "*suffecerunt*."

⁴ *proprie conscientie qui* in MS.

dem sexto incipiente, post Missam in Monasterio solemniter celebratam, versus manerium prænотatum tendentem tantus dolor ex recordatione suorum excessuum et pœnarum gehennalium ipsum arripuit, quod nunquam postmodum respiravit. Nocte vero subsequente, sibi videbatur in somniis quemdam pauperem ipsum ad epulas instantius invitasse; cujus invitationem letalis infirmitas continuo fuerat subsecuta. Requisiti medici affirmarunt ipsum de pleurisi in pleurimoniam incidisse; morbumque fore incurabilem, inde et ipsum citius moriturum. Quod eidem quam citius fuerat revelatum, et consultum a Priore et aliis dignioribus personis Monasterii, ut se citius ad Monasterium reduceret, ubi finem inter suos fratres et commonachos facere potuisset; et præcipue a Fratre ¹ Willelmo Wyntershulle, ejus Confessore, et Capellano præcipuo; qui, ejus obitus accelerationem ante ²reditum ad Monasterium metuens, accessit ad eum hora post mediam noctem tertia, et eum orsus est hoc modo:—"Certum est, Domine," inquit, "vos, juxta judicium medicorum, mortem instantem non evadere; et morbum quo languetis talis conditionis existere, ut citius ratione simul et memoria careatis. Unde consulo, pariter et requiro, quatenus, dum superest in vobis vigor, et memoria, vestræ animæ saluti principaliter intendere, deinde quod debitum vel subtractum fuerit, restituere, et voluntatem vestram de rebus inter vos et vestrum Conventum pendentibus, in casu quo per viam defeceritis, vel alias non potueritis, mihi interim revelare."

Cujus quidem exhortationibus multum excitatus, et in puram et lacrymabilem confessionem resolutus, firma quoque emendatione promissa, dictum suum confessorum petiit, ut ipsum gratiæ virtute a Summo Pontifice sibi in extremis concessæ, ipsum ab omnibus peccatis

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After an
ominous
dream, he is
attacked
with
pleurisy.

Advice
given to
him by
Brother
William
Wynters-
hulle, his
principal
Chaplain,
and Con-
fessor.

The Abbot
receives the
Sacrament
of the Body
of our Lord.

¹ *Dompno* is inserted here in MS.;
with expunctory marks beneath.

² *redditum* in MS.

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And is re-
moved
from Ty-
tenhangre
to the
Abbey.

He re-
ceives ex-
treme
unction.

His various
disposi-
tions, on
his death-
bed, in
favour of
the Con-
vent.

His be-
quest in
favour of
his sister,
the Prioress
of the nuns
of Prez.

absolveret, et eidem in Missa, coram eodem ibidem celebranda, protinus Dominici Corporis vivifica Sacramenta ministraret. Quibus juxta suum pium desiderium feliciter expletis, affuit lectica; in qua ad Monasterium deportatus, ibidem per triduum languit, sperans semper se melius habiturum, et sua vota per seipsum suo Conventui relaturum. Sed secus accidit quam speravit: nam morbo ingravescente, tertia nocte subsequenti, hora matutinali, Priore Monasterii et quatuordecim fratribus, ut moris est, accersitis, unctionem extremam petiit, et accepit; voluntatem suam per Capellanum suum prædictum, ut olim apud Tytenhangre fecerat, quia ipse loqui sine gravi poena non poterat, suo Conventui patefecit; officia et bona ejusdem Conventus, pro acquietandis sibi debitis per aliquod tempus, ut præmittitur, sibi reservata, eidem plene restituit. Manerium etiam de Bacheworthe, sua, ut asseruit, industria Conventui perquisitum, Thesaurario Conventus, ad eorum species, perpetuo deputavit. Et sic ab omnibus præsentibus et absentibus humiliter veniam petiit, et eisdem quicquid contra eundem deliquerunt, ex toto animo remisit. Et si qua male capta vel soluta, in quocunque ministerio vel officio per ipsum primitus ministrato, post ejus obitum probari poterant, de proficiis eisdem pertinentibus plenam restitutionem fieri supplicavit. De manerio insuper de Gorham, nuper adquisito, nihil disposuit, propter certas causas suo successori proximo per dictum suum Capellanum solummodo ¹propalandas. Rogavit insuper Conventum, quatenus suo Camerario, qui diu secum laboravit, officium servientis Eleemosynarii ad terminum vitæ suæ concederent. Sorori etiam suæ, Priorissæ monialium de Pratis, quadraginta libras depositas, et in utilitatem Monasterii conversas, aut eidem restituerent, aut alias de liberatione, vel victu competenti, eidem providerent.

¹ *propalandum* in MS.

Deinde suis confratribus valefaciens, et eorum orationibus se commendans, vix una hora loquelam vel memoriam retinuit; ad horam tamen noctis sequentis diei secundam supervixit. Cujus corpus, more alterius monachi regulariter indutum, in ostio Capituli, ubi olim suus prædecessor suam sepulturam ordinaverat, et quam sepulturam idem elegerat, per Priorem Monasterii et majorem partem Conventus hora noctis media est humatum. Solemnes vero ejus exequiæ usque in quindenam sequentem, propter majorem providentiam dilatæ, et per venerabilem patrem Abbatem de Waltham, more sui prædecessoris proximi præscripto sunt completæ: non tamen tam sumptuose, solemniter, seu dolenter. Nam hersia Monasterii communis, festum simplex, induviæ nigræ nullæ, præter apparatus hersiæ, et præter pannum russetum inter duodecim pauperes, tentores torticiorum, distributum. Rarus populi concursus, eo quod dies fuerat ferialis, et vivens minus honorabilis et dilectus.

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After bidding farewell to his brethren, he dies.

His obsequies similar to those of Abbot Thomas, his predecessor; but not so sumptuous, or attended with such marks of grief.

Decessit igitur Abbas memoratus die Sancti Martini Confessoris in hyeme, anno Domini ¹[millesimo] quadringentesimo [primo],² ætatis suæ anno ³, prælationis suæ anno sexto incipiente, monachatus vero anno ³; relinquens suum monasterium diversis creditoribus ære alieno oneratum, et omni instauratione et suppellectili, propter causas præmissas et subscriptas, multipliciter diminutum. Excusabilis tamen non modicum extitit, propter bellum intestinum, et sæculi malitiam in regno Angliæ toto fere suo tempore continuatam; propter quæ multas expensas et donaria, licet multotiens inutiliter, ad majus tamen malum evitandum, necessarie profusa. Expendit utique circa solemnes exequias sui proximi prædecessoris septuaginta et sex libras, quatuor solidos, sex denarios.

His death, on St. Martin's Day (11th November) 1401.

He leaves the Monastery deeply in debt.

His excuse, the evil times in which he lived.

¹ Omitted in MS.

² Evidently an omission by inadvertence;

see page 479 *post*.

³ Omitted in MS.

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Item, circa electionem et stallationem suam propriam, exceptis victualibus et exenniis, ad ¹ appreciatis, quinquaginta et quinque libras, quatuor solidos, sex denarios.

Various
items of
expendi-
ture incur-
red by this
Abbot.

Item, contulit Domino Regi Ricardo, pro ejus benevolentia conservanda, et malitia declinanda, per vices, centum viginti et sex libras, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios.

Item, contulit Domino Archiepiscopo Cantuariæ, pro ejus amicitia continuanda, et pro confirmatione chartarum, sub ² clausulis desideratis, per Dominum Regem felicius obtinenda, viginti libras.

Item, Episcopo Carliolensi, eadem de causa, decem libras.

Item, Confessori Domini Regis, eadem de causa, decem libras.

Item, socio ejusdem viginti et sex solidos, octo denarios.

Item, Johanni Serle sexaginta et sex solidos, octo denarios.

Item, Magistro Willelmo Ferby, notario Regis, decem libras.

Item, Johanni Skarle, Custodi Rotulorum, sexaginta et sex solidos et octo denarios.

Item, pro expensis factis circa constructionem manerii de Tytenhangre, præter carriagium et victualia, ad maximam summam supputata, sexaginta libras, duos solidos, et novem denarios.

Item, pro structura novi ædificii Oxoniæ, centum triginta et octo libras, tres solidos, et duos denarios.

Item, pro factura maximi horrei manerii de Crokeslee, cum aliis domibus ibidem, centum marcas.

Item, pro cresta duræ petræ Magnæ Portæ Monasterii, cum carriagio ejusdem, centum marcas.

Item, pro acquisitione manerii de Gorham, ultra

¹ The amount is omitted in MS. | ² *clis* in MS.

quingenta libras, octo solidos, et octo denarios, de donis amicorum, ut infra, et ultra quadringentas marcas solutas Domino Johanni Rolonde, de ¹ firma ejusdem manerii, quadringentas marcas.

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Item, pro diversis Privilegiis præscriptis, ultra septuaginta et tres libras, sex solidos, et octo denarios, post ejus obitum persolutas, quadraginta et quatuor libras, sex solidos, et octo denarios.

Item, pro constructione cujusdam muri, majorem partem Prioratus de Bello Loco includentis, sex libras, tresdecim solidos, et octo denarios.

Item, pro generali et perpetua dimissione Lincolnien-
ensis Episcopi in prima Visitatione sua facilius obtinenda, ultra ² annulum partem ³ ligni Dominici continentem, per Ducem Gloucestræ suo prædecessori specialiter collatum, et ob hoc a dicto Episcopo summe desideratum, cum annulo altero commutatum, centum solidos.

Item, pro expensis ejus, et sui Senescalli, versus Hertfordiam, Ware, et Hychen; et Senescalli versus Parliamentum tentum Salopiæ, pro quadam taxa dicta "*Plesauunce*," et aliis negotiis arduis expediendis, viginti libras.

Item, soluta quolibet anno sui regiminis saltem una decima Domino Regi, ultra subsidium dictum "*Plesauunce*," ad medietatem supputatum.

Item, solutæ in supportatione dicti *Plesauunce*, pro certis villatis suorum tenentium, octo libræ, tresdecim solidi, quatuor denarii.

Item, Petro de Bosco, Episcopo Aquensi, et ejus famulis, pro benevolentia sua in Romana Curia circa negotia Monasterii præostensa, ultra exennium ad decem marcas appretiatum, eidem usque Londonias transmissum, viginti marcas.

¹ *firma* in MS.

² *annulum* in MS.

³ See page 440 ante.

John V., 31st Abbot, A.D. 1396-1401. Item, Magistro Johanni Fraunceys, eadem de causa, cum donis datis famulis ejusdem, decem marcas.

Item, pro expensis Prioris Monasterii Sancti Albani, sui Commissarii, pro expensis Visitationis, et ad Capitulum ¹ omnium Monasteriorum Lincolnensis Diocesis per Provincialem Capituli ultimo suæ anno deputationis, viginti marcas.

Item, liberati Priori Studentium Oxoniæ in subsidium constructionis Capellæ ² scholarium ibidem, per vices, centum solidi.

His receipts, on various occasions, from the Cells and several of his officials.

Recepit idem Abbas, in subsidium expensarum factarum circa impetrationem Privilegiorum præscriptorum, summas subscriptas, videlicet :—de Magistro Willelmo Burkote et de Priore de Tynemuta, centum marcas; de Priore de Wymundham, sexdecim libras, tresdecim solidos, et quatuor denarios: de Priore de Bynham, quindecim libras; de Priore de Walyngford, viginti marcas; de Priore de Herteforde, sex libras, tresdecim solidos, et quatuor denarios. ³ Cæteræ vero ³ Cellæ, videlicet, de Belvero, de Hatfeld, et de Bello Loco, ita fuerant indebitatæ, quod inde pro tunc fuerant exoneratæ.

Item, de officio Bursarii pro eisdem expensis, viginti marcas.

Item, de officio ⁴ Sub-Cellerarii, centum solidos.

Summa, ducentæ triginta et sex libræ, sex solidi, et octo denarii.

Other gifts presented to him by the brethren and others.

Item, recepit de dono diversorum fratrum et aliorum, in subsidium acquisitionis manerii de Westwyke, subscripta.—De dono Dompni Nicolai de Redclif, Archidiaconi, quadraginta marcas; de dono Dompni Rogeri Henrede, Sacristæ, sex libras, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios; de dono Thomæ Sydon, armigeri Abbatis, sex libras, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios; de dono

¹ omnia in MS.

² scholarium in MS.

³ Ceteri . . . Celli in MS.

⁴ Subcellerarii in MS.

Roberti Chesteyn, quadraginta solidos; de Johanne Gravele, viginti solidos; de Domino Waltero Wyndrigge, viginti solidos; de Domino Ricardo Bewere, viginti solidos; de dono Johannis Bernak, sexdecim solidos. Item, de dono ¹Robert Herone, tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios. Item, ²[de] dono Willelmi Londone, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios. Item, de dono Alexandri Bone, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios. Item, de dono Nicolai Cresi, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios. Item, de dono Nicolai Drye, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios. Item, de dono Roberti Stikford, Tertii Prioris, tresdecim solidos, quatuor denarios. Item ³[de] dono Roberti Trunche, sex solidos et octo denarios.³

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Summa, quinquaginta libræ, duo solidi, octo denarii. The blame-worthy points in the character of this Abbot.

Sed quoniam de memorati Abbatis gestis et moribus laudabilibus, ad sui ⁴perpetuam memoriam, et succedentium sequelam, plura præmisimus, superest ut de ejus etiam vituperabilibus, ad aliorum cautelam, aliqua disseramus. Sicut enim, juxta sententiam Apostolicam, —⁵ “Quæcunque bona scripta sunt, ad nostram doctrinam sunt, ut per patientiam et consolationem “Scripturarum spem habeamus,”—ita quæcunque mala scripta sunt, ad nostram cautelam scripta sunt; ut, propter deformitatem eorum, divinam offensam et poenam debitam ab eisdem nos citius retrahamus. Vix enim aliquis alterius exemplo corripitur, quicquid de ejus vitiis præscribatur, ut in electione sui successoris plenius apparebit. Extitit enim in suis consiliis ambiguus, suis actibus nimis præceps aut morosus, ita ut pluries petentes scrupulosiores efficeret, citius revocanda præciperet, aut citius facienda nimium retardaret; sua facta et consilia præferens, et alterius, licet commendabilia, de facili non admittens.

His faults arising from self-esteem.

¹ Sic in MS.

² Omitted in MS.

³ About a third of a column is

left vacant here (p. 195).

⁴ *perpetui* in MS.

⁵ *Romans xv. 4.*

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His dimi-
nution of
the Abbot's
alms; and
conversion
to his own
use of the
funds of the
Almoner.

He diverts
from their
proper use
the goods
of the
deceased
brethren.

His want of
discretion
in the
choice of
his officials.

Evil con-
sequences
thereof.

Eleemosynam etiam per suum venerabilem præde-
cessorem de officio Eleemosynarii et ¹ Cellario proprio
famulis et aliis pauperibus, pauperie et senio deficien-
tibus, perpetuo collatam, etiam, ipso superstite, dimi-
nuit; et ipsum officium Eleemosynarii, cunctis indigenti-
bus ² asylum præcipuum, non sine divina offensa, et
multorum murmure et dispendio, operibus Conventus,
quin potius, suis usibus, et dispositioni, pro suo libito
reservavit. Et quia partem Dominicam gratis abstulit,
nunquam, ut creditur, felicitas seu rerum copia pris-
tina suis temporibus abundavit. Bona insuper mona-
chorum, et præcipue officiariorum, decedentium, etiam
de ipsis officiis facta et perquisita, et eorum usui ne-
cessario deputata, sibi retinens, tam stricte collegit, ut
in eisdem officiis succedentibus vix aliquid relinqueret,
vel eorum famulis, seu in infirmitate custodibus, de
eisdem respiceret, pauperibus aliis, vel piis et ne-
cessariis usibus Monasterii, juxta piam ³ ordinationem
sui prædecessoris proximi, aliquantulum impertiret. Unde
et ejus bona, post ejus obitum, ut asseritur, consimili
modo non immerito sunt dispersa.

Discretum utique in causa non propria fuerat ejus
judicium, si aliquotiens non incurreret triplex impedi-
mentum,—amor, videlicet, munerum, acceptio persona-
rum, et facilitas credendi; quæ, juxta sententiam
⁴ Carnotensis in suo ⁵ "Polycratico," "pervertunt omne
"judicium, etiam sapientum." Nam postquam totius
monasterii curam susceperat, omnia fere pro suo libito
disposuit; plures ⁶ inidoneos et inhabiles ad habitum
recepit, nonnullos etiam ad Generalia Studia et Prioratus
Monasterii gubernanda transtulit; quos ibidem tam-
diu remanere permisit, quousque eorum vitia fuissent

¹ *Salario* in MS.

² *asylum* in MS.

³ *mon* (*monasterii*) is repeated
here in the MS.

⁴ John of Salisbury, Bishop of
Chartres.

⁵ *Polycraticon* in MS.

⁶ *inidoneos* in MS.

¹ notoria, et loca ipsorum inertia multipliciter apporata, John V.,
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² dictique scholares, propter eorum insolentiam, plurimum indebitati; libri quoque eorum, ob hoc impignorati, gravibus pecuniarum summis, et multorum sollicitudine, postea redimendi.³

Familiaris etiam eidem inerat consuetudo, ut primos susurriones, seu detractores, vel delatores, libenter audiret, et hujusmodi ⁴ delicta pro compertis haberet; sed accusatos nunquam ad responsa vocaret, sed semper tanquam suspectos haberet: unde toto suo tempore contigit confortari detractores. His encouragement of detractors and backbiters.

Sed inter alia multum notabilis extitit, quod de statu Monasterii, ⁵ seu mundiali sua sapientia, diutina experientia, et sollicitudine, comparatis, nullum de suis confratribus informare voluit; sed omnia suæ scientiæ, sollicitudini, et memoriæ, tanquam in æternum victurus, quodammodo reservavit; licet super hoc a suo venerabili prædecessore fuisset sæpius requisitus, juvenes quoque satis dociles et ingeniosi ejusdem consortio deputati; unde dictum monasterium, ut conjicitur, futuris temporibus in suis temporalibus sentiet detrimentum. Sed et quoniam sollicitudines suas solitas, etiam Abbas effectus, cum aliis participare noluit, His resolute closeness as to the affairs of the Monastery.
⁶ immo, plura suæ statui et ⁷ ætati incongruentia et importabilia exercuit, maculam in sua gloria posuit, et mortem suam citius acceleravit. Propter hæc, ut Taking the whole of the duties on himself, his meals are put off until late hours.
⁸ communiter, ⁹ prandium suum usque post Nonam vel Vesperas, cenam vero usque ad noctis quarterium, Matutinas ad diluculum, Missas vero ad horam tertiam, ¹⁰ protelavit; unde suos commonachos commensales

¹ notaria in MS.

² dictosque in MS.

³ Against this passage the word "vacat" is placed, in a later hand, to shew that it should not have been inserted; it having been deemed probably too severe a censure.

⁴ Probably an error for "delata."

⁵ se in MS.

⁶ ymmo in MS.

⁷ etatati in MS.

⁸ comiter in MS.

⁹ Against this passage the word "vacat" is placed.

¹⁰ protholavit in MS.

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et Capellanos, operarios, et famulos, de se reddidit
tædiosos.

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His inordi-
nate love
for accu-
mulating
resources;
and his in-
consistency
resulting
therefrom.

Burdens
attempted
by him to
be laid
upon other
officials,
when Prior.

Arguments
against his
attempt to
subtract
from the
Abbot's
resources.

Laudabiliter etiam ministrasset officia propria, si
hoc non fecisset cum injuria aliena. Nam dum Celle-
rarius extiterat, ejus, ut asseritur, penes Abbatem
persuasu et consilio, multa fuerant ab ejus camera et
officio Bursarii subtracta, et officiis Cellerarii et Sub-
Cellerarii deputata. Factus vero Prior, et curam officia-
riorum Conventus gerens, nonnulla quæ ipse Celle-
rarius ad opus Abbatis collegerat et conservaverat,
Conventui pertinere penitus affirmabat. Factus vero
Abbas, hæc eadem suæ portioni competere firmiter
asserbat; unde seminavit inter Abbatem et Conventum
quoddam discordiæ seminarium, futuris temporibus de
difficili eradicandum. Asseruit namque, dum Prior
extiterat, quod idem Abbas suo Conventui nihil de
suis propriis, sed de eorum bonis, remisit et contulit;
eo quod ipse eadem, sicuti sui prædecessores, justo
titulo non possedit; utpote generale, cum pitancia
Abbatis, et aliis in dictis Constitutionibus specificatis;
¹asserens portionem Abbatis satis opulenter sibi suffi-
cere, absque bonorum sui Conventus violenti etiam
participatione; forisfacturas etiam, warennam liberam,
wardas, et maritagia, et multa alia solis Abbatibus
eatenus pertinentia, in eorum tamen chartis commu-
nibus Conventui, sicuti Abbatibus, per verba generalia
vel communia in ejus terris et possessionibus genera-
liter concessa; officium et Eleemosynarii, in pios usus,
juxta vim sui nominis, solitum ²distribui, dispositioni
Conventus solummodo reservari. Abbas vero con-
trarium asseruit, dicens illud officium, Christi patri-
monium, juxta vim sui nominis, solummodo egenorum
usibus deputatum, et in contravenientes censuras ec-
clesiasticas a Summis Pontificibus promulgatas; et

¹ *asserēs* in MS.

| ² *distribui* in MS.

quod hæc et alia superius per eosdem vendicata, ex mutuo consensu et grandi discretione, in eorum primitiva separatione fuerant Abbatis victui deputata, ut possessiones Abbatis in gaynaria et aliis libertatibus et proficuis casualibus, quæ etiam varietate sæculi, juris exorbitatione, seu regia offensione, cum damno unius tantummodo personæ, vel paucorum plurium, leviter ¹ poterunt forisfieri, diminui, vel ² auferri, præcipue consisterent; meliora vero, et certiora, utpote bona spiritualia et consimilia, quæ taliter forisfieri non ¹ poterunt, Conventui, jugiter permanenti, stabilita remanerent. ³ Plurima etiam per suos prædecessores Abbates liberaliter perquisita, et certis officiariis Conventus, in eorum incrementum, misericorditer collata, præmissis oneribus in dicta ejus ordinatione specificatis, sibi, et eorum successoribus, pro eorum Anniversariis celebrandis, vel alias, specialiter reservata. Ac insuper, ipsi, sicut et plures Episcopi, et alii ecclesiarum et collegiorum præpositi et prælati, alias sufficienter dotati in pane, vino, ⁴ cervisia, et coquina, et vestura, et consimilibus, ex loci laudabili consuetudine approbata pariter et præscripta, cum eorum membris in signum prælatiæ, quin potius unitatis et concordiæ, tanquam eorum capita percipiant, etiam non præsentis. Quæ per tot sæcula per Abbates et Conventus, sibi invicem satis ⁵ benevolos et justos, tolerata non fuissent verisimiliter, vel exacta, nisi ex causis evidentibus et rationabilibus modernorum forsitan inscientiæ, inquietudini, vel insolentiæ, invisus pariter, et ignotis.

Sed quia scriptorem non decet partem fore, nec judicem, præmissa non dijudico, sed eorum utriusque conscientiæ discutienda relinquo, nisi quod grates innumeras et laudem immortalem promeruit, qui quoquo

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A.D.
1396-1401.

Praises of
Abbot
Thomas,
for his
generous
surrender

¹ poterint in MS.

² afferri in MS.

³ Plurimi in MS.

⁴ servisia in MS.

⁵ benivolos in MS.

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31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

of his
rights, for
the comfort
of the Con-
vent.

The
Abbot's
Infirmarium,
or Painted
House,
destroyed
through
John's
agency,
when Prior.

His bad
reason for
doing so.

The fond-
ness of this
Abbot,
when Prior,
for feasting
in his own
chamber;
and not
allowing
the Sub-
almoner to
collect the
alms.

His heed-
lessness of
the sick,
when Prior,
remedied
by Abbot
Thomas.

titulo eatenus possessa, vel, si voluisset, libere possidenda, non retinuit: sed suum Conventum, cum alterutro eorum decremento vel incremento, per dictam ejus ordinationem, et alias ejus Consuetudines et Constitutiones, in tanta æqualitate seu quiete collocavit.

Ejus etiam consilio, dum Prior extiterat, ascribitur destructio cujusdam maximi ædificii inter Infirmariam et magnum pomcerium, pro Abbatis receptione satis commode sagaciter constructum, et propter picturarum venustatem, "Pictoria" vocitati, propter inquietudinem Conventus et infirmorum, et hospitatorum dominorum ad Monasterium confluentium: cum etiam ipse in Camera Prioris et alibi consimilia construxerit receptacula, ex eorum vicinitate amplius nocitura; dimittens cancellum et redditus Conventus, de quibus honor Dei, et annuus profectus, excresceret, plurimum ruinoso, majoribus sumptibus in posterum reparanda.

Dapsilitatem nimiam in sua camera, dum Prior extiterat, de bonis suæ administrationi commissis, exercuit. Ob quam causam debitum servitium in Conventu subtraxit; unde et materiam murmurationis ejus fratribus ministravit; cotidie quippe in sua camera, cum majori parte orioli et officiariorum Conventus, lautius quam oportuit se reficiens, eleemosynam inde provenientem, juxta patrum instituta, per Sub-Eleemosynarium colligi non permisit, sed, Monasterii commoda prætendens, inter suos laborarios et alios eandem disposuit, seu dimisit.

Infirmos etiam de eorum custodibus, medicinis, et cibariis, debito modo non providit, nec aliquid eorum custodibus, præter eorum eleemosynam, deputavit: unde plurimi eorum defecissent præ inopia, nisi suam tenacitatem suppleret sui prædecessoris manus larga. Maluit idem venerabilis pater de suis propriis, scilicet, eorum necessitatibus caritative succurrere, quam ¹[prop-

¹ This, or a similar word, is omitted in the MS.

ter] ejus proterviam, cum sui injuria, se inaniter fatigare. Nitebatur enim prudentiæ propriæ, nec ab aliquo sequo animo voluit reprehendi.

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31st
Abbot,
A.D.

1896-1401.

Præmissa omnia, tanquam humanæ fragilitatis et senectutis incommoda, propter multiplicia beneficia præscripta, oblivioni perpetuæ tradita fuissent, si non, more Bricii, Sancti Martini virtutibus insultasset; si non venerabili prædecessori suo, et nutricio, ingratitude rependisset. Unde quia suo venerabili prædecessori, innocuo simul et immerito, plures injurias irrogaverat, eidem in prælatia succedens, in sui sceleris expiationem, plures tribulationes et angustias sustinebat. Ipso etiam in diutina et extrema valetudine detento, cum omnes etiam extranei eidem compaterentur et intenderent, ipse ad eundem gradum, ut asseritur, aspirans, regimen seu tutelam ipsius et totius monasterii cautelose surripuit, et pro libito suæ voluntatis, ipso vivente, per biennium ministravit; ipsum et suos officarios, satis fideles et providos, penes Conventum et alias graves personas, de malo bonorum suorum regimine graviter infamavit.

His ingratitude to Abbot Thomas, his foster-father and predecessor.

He usurps unlimited authority while Abbot Thomas is still alive; and defames him.

Bullas etiam dignitati sui superioris derogativas, de monachis, videlicet, per Priorem Monasterii profitendis, et de ¹superioris irregularitate dispensanda, absque dicti sui ¹superioris conscientia, ejus nomine, fallaciter impetravit. Favit huic facto, seu proposito, major pars Conventus Monasterii, propter Privilegia præscripta, ejus industria paulo prius perquisita; propter manerium de Gorham et alia commoda Monasterio plurimum valitura. Decedente namque bonæ memoriæ Thoma Abbate, egit quantum potuit per se, perque suffectas personas, ut Abbas efficeretur, coram congregatis ad hoc fratribus pridie ante suam electionem vota sua satis incaute depromens; asserens se ad nihil aliud desiderare prælationem, nisi ut animam dicti sui

He obtains Bulls, while Prior, in disparagement of Abbot Thomas.

Canvasses for the Abbacy, professing his anxiety for the soul of his predecessor.

¹ This word is somewhat doubtful.

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Aud for the good of the Convent.

Other fair promises made by him.

He threatens what he will do, in case of his non-election.

Disgraceful behaviour of his partisans on the occasion; and his election, through their agency, against the usages of the Convent.

Abbatis, propter violatas libertates Conventus, jam olim pœnis traditam, ab ipsis eorum restitutione eriperet, et portionem sui Conventus, satis exiguam, de novo adquisitis pro suis viribus adaugeret. Et ut eorum corda sibi effectualius ¹ conciliaret, dixit se sollicitari pro novo Priore, si eum taliter præferri contingeret, qui Conventum vellet amare, et eorum libertates, si oporteret, viriliter contueri. Sciensque quia pulchra promissa incautos alliciunt, et quia pecuniæ obediunt omnia, asseruit se bursam singulorum cumulaturo decem solidis annuatim, et se talem amicum eisdem fore, qualem antea non habebant. Vinceret Thomam, antecederet Michaëlem et Johannem Hertford, optimos ejusdem Conventus prælatos et amicos.

Minas etiam interdum permiscuit; jurans satis inconsiderate quod nisi ipsum in Abbatem eligerent, ipsum ulterius non haberent. Comminatus est etiam publice se graviter animadversurum in quoscunque electionem futuram aliquantulum retardantes. Factum est ergo, cum ventum fuisset ad electionem, et Conventus quam viam electionis eligere vellent a jurisperitis qui aderant, peteretur, surrexerunt subito fautores partis illius, cæteris in eorum ordine residentibus, et, velut ² phrenetici, Capitulum confusis vocibus impleverunt, inordinate satis ad ejus sedem concurrentes, et nomen ejus indecenti strepitu conclamantes. Sumentesque eum bini adulescentes in eorum humeris, in ecclesiam per medium chori portaverunt; et eum, contra morem Monasterii, super magnum altare deposuerunt. Mos quippe ecclesiæ fuerat, ut electus, inter duas personas digniores medius, a Capitulo duceretur, et supra gradus, ante summum altare, in parva vel longa venia se prosterneret, donec major monachus orationes solitas super ipsum decantaret. Interea, dum præmissa canerentur, ingressi chorum tabelliones, cum testibus, requisierunt

¹ *consiliaret* in MS.

| ² *frenetici* in MS.

a singulis præsentibus—plures enim statim abcesserant John V.,
—si huic electioni sub tali forma consentirent. Qui ^{31st}
satis acute considerantes contradictionem tunc temporis ^{Abbot,}
invalidam et damnosam, electioni præfatae, licet cum ^{A.D.}
murmure, concesserunt, præcipue propter Privilegia va- ^{1396-1401.}
cationis, dicti electi industria maximis sumptibus no- ^{Influences}
viter adquisita, ex levi electionis discordia verisimiliter ^{prevailing}
adnullanda; ac etiam propter amicitiam Regis, Cantu- ^{in his}
ariensis Archiepiscopi, et aliarum gravium personarum, ^{favour.}
in sui partem allectarum, maxime valituram.

Fuit igitur ejus introitus ad dignitatem illicitus et Unpopu-
illegitimus; unde ejus processus minus fuerat gratiosus, ^{larity}
et exitus minus dolorosus; juxta illud Sapientis,— ^{arising}
¹ “Hæreditas ad quam in principio festinatur, in no- ^{from the}
“vissimis benedictione carebit.” Succrescente igitur ^{circum-}
toto ejus tempore in regno belli intestini discrimine, ^{stances of}
et ab hoc et aliis causis præmissis rei familiaris inopia, ^{his election.}
cum sui Conventus murmure, et suæ propriæ consci- ^{He is con-}
entiae, ² quæ melius discernit in adversis quam prosperis, ^{science-}
de suis præmissis excessibus justa accusatione, ^{stricken.}
vix unum lætum diem ad finem deduxit. Et quoniam
suas adversitates seu concepta cum aliis, ut communiter,
communicare noluit, ejus animum intolerabilis amari-
tudo replevit. Non tamen se tam cito credidit mori-
turum; et, licet grandævus, paucos canos crines habens, ^{His appa-}
viribus corporalibus et sensibus supra illam ætatem ^{rent hale}
³ vixit. Incommoda tamen reliqua senectutis non ^{old age.}
evasit; unde tam cito se moriturum non speravit. ^{Certain}
Habuit utique ⁴ senex et illud miseris et senectutis in- ^{incon-}
commodum, ut, ⁵ rupta naturalis vigoris et discretionis ^{veniences}
⁶ retentione, quosdam juveniles motus sentiant, plura ^{resulting}
^{therefrom.}

¹ Prov. xx. 21.

² qui in MS.

³ The word “*Vacat*” is inserted in the margin, extending from the words “*Comminatus est*” (p. 464

ante) down to this word. Probably from a half regard for his memory, its omission was thus suggested.

⁴ senes in MS.

⁵ rupt *retentio*.

John V., quoque juvenilia illorum memorie facilius occurrant.
 31st Unde sibi de longævitæ blandientes, ac defectionis
 Abbot, indicia longævitatis argumenta autumantes, se ad mor-
 A.D. tem nullatenus disponant.
 1396-1401.

His origin,
and busi-
ness habits.

Abbot
Thomas,
his patron,
who makes
him his
Chaplain,
and Celler-
larer.

He is ap-
pointed
Prior by
Abbot
Thomas, in
conjunc-
tion with
several
other
offices.

Ability
shown by
him.

Erat vir iste de villula quadam, dicta "Syndlosam," in Comitatu Barkeschire, ex mediocri parentela progenitus, statura procerus, gestu religiosus, sæcularibus curis ¹ idoneus, utpote per patrem suum, Thomam de la Moot, qui multorum dominorum senescallus et auditor compotorum extiterat, ab ætate tenera instructus; ac postea per bonæ memoriæ Thomam, Abbatem, cujus Capellanus fuit, eruditus, et officio Cellerarii donatus. In quo quidem officio multa probe gessit, adversa plura pertulit, sed omnia ad bonum finem perduxit, adjutus ope et auctoritate dicti Abbatis, qui sibi in expensis, ad superfluentiam, pecunias ministravit; ut in ² Gestis ejusdem Abbatis plenius est expressum.

Decedente denique piæ memoriæ Domino Adam Wynththam, Priore Monasterii, ad illud officium idem Johannes fuerat non solum electus, sed auctoritate et benevolentia sui Abbatis præfectus; officium tamen Cellerarii ab eodem non abstulit, sed officia Coquinarii, Refectorarii, Sub-Refectorarii, et Infirmarii, in aliorum regimine pene inutilia et collapsa, cum decimis de Wynslowe, officio Camerarii pertinentibus, in eorum meliorationem, ejus expertæ discretioni gubernanda commisit: quod quidem Cellerarii officium per viginti annos gubernavit. Cætera vero usque secundum suæ prælatiæ annum strenue et sagaciter gubernavit, et in optimo statu sursum reddidit, seu reliquit. ³ Officium, etiam, et eorum maneria, aut novis domibus constructa, aut multipliciter reparata, braseriam, grangias, et gra-

¹ *idoneus* in MS.

² This can hardly refer to the pre-
ceding Life of Abbot Thomas; this

fact not appearing there.

³ This passage appears to be in-
complete.

naria, omnium genere bladorum, stauri, et ¹supellectilis referta, seu instaurata, ut superius, et in ejus ratiociniis in suo Registro alias conscriptum, plenius est expressum. Sed quoniam circa constructionem claustrum versus sartriam et coquinam, privati dormitorii, muri terrei parvi gardini, ædificii novi ²scholarium Oxoniæ, etiam Abbas effectus, plura quam recepit profuderat, decimas de Wynslowe, prædicto officio Camerarii pertinentes, deductis oneribus eidem incumbentibus, cum proficiis Ecclesiæ de Appeltone Ridale, et manerio de Bacheworthe, sibi usque suum obitum reservabat.

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1896-1401.

Means
taken by
him, when
Abbot, to
make up
for his ex-
travagant
outlay in
building.

Nullus utique nostri temporis, vel memoriæ, pro ³commodo sui Monasterii tantas sollicitudines sustinuit, nullus rempublicam eo melius gubernavit; unde inter monachos sapientissimus reputatus fuit; quotiens vero a mundialibus vacabat, inspectione sacrorum librorum assiduus et intentus, nullius unquam mundialis sollicitudo ipsum retraxit, quin, more sui venerabilis prædecessoris, Divinum Servitium debite persolveret, cotidie devota confessione præmissa, Missam celebraret, et alias plures Missas, quantum tempus permetteret, libentius audiret. Septem insuper ⁴Psalmos Pœnitentiales et Officium Mortuorum solus, aut cum socio, pluries decantaret.

His great
exertions
in behalf of
his house.

His atten-
tion to
Divine
Service.

Hæc de gestis memorati Abbatis taliter perscripsimus, non quod ejus merita seu demerita apud æquissimum Judicem ⁵nostris laude vel vituperio minui ⁶poterunt, vel augeri, sed potius ad exemplum futurorum, pariter et cautelam, ut virtuosa justissime præmianda voluntarius appetant, et vitiosa certissime punienda facilius derelinquant. Quem etenim divina clementia sua gratia donaverat, sibi et suo monasterio tantum proficere, ex-

His merits
and demer-
its here
cited as an
example
and a warn-
ing.

¹ *supellectilis* in MS.

² *scholarium* in MS.

³ *comodo* in MS.

⁴ See Vol. I. page 213, Note 10.

⁵ Sic in MS.

⁶ *poterint* in MS.

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cessus quoque suos cotidiana confessione et pœnitidine, ac vivificorum Sacramentorum perceptione, diluere, et tandem in tanta caritate temporalem vitam finire, dubium non æstimo ipsum inter præmiandos in ¹

The Divine
mercy
shown to
him in his
latter days.
A wish that
his short-
comings
may be
forgotten.

suum participium possidere. Desinant igitur amodo saltem ejus beneficiis fruituri ejus negligentias, ex humana fragilitate contractas, et divina clementia oblivioni traditas, sed hic ad cautelam futurorum solummodo recitatas, dente livido corrodere; quem tot indicis constat sui supremi Judicis plenam gratiam invenisse.

Abbot
John ex-
acts a
moiety of
certain
payments
from the
Priors of
his Cells.

Statuit insuper Abbas memoratus Priores Cellarum suarum fore contributarios ad medietatem solutionis tam quinquaginta marcarum annuarum Domino Regi, quam viginti marcarum annuarum Summo Pontifici, solvendarum, ad festa Sancti Michaelis et Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, sub poena solutionis duplici, absque remissione aliquali: videlicet, Priorem de Tyne-mutha septem libras, Priorem de Wymundham centum solidos, Priorem de Bynham quatuor libras, Priorem de Walyngforde quadraginta solidos, Priorem de Bel-vero quadraginta solidos, Priorem de Hathfeld triginta solidos, Priorem de Hertford triginta solidos, Priorem de Bello Loco sex solidos, octo denarios. Unde summa ²

Though
the said
sums are
but small,
the Priors
murmur
thereat.

Nec æstimari potest gravis ista solutio, cum Monasterium reliquum et tantundem supportet, cum et ipsi pari gaudent ³commodo seu libertate. Contra hanc tamen constitutionem secretius murmurabant omnes Priores prædicti, asserentes Abbatem per tales novas pensiones contra jura facere, et intentiones pias suorum fundatorum; Abbate vero contrarium asseverante, non novas pensiones eisdem impositas, sed antiquas, in summam annuam, magis portabilem, utilius commutatas; pro eo quod in qualibet vacatione Monasterii

Real ad-
vantage to

¹ *pria* in MS.

² The amount (35 marks) is

omitted in MS.

³ *comodo* in MS.

eorum bona, sicuti ¹ Monasterii, fuerant regalibus usibus seisata, et, pro magna summa pecuniæ persoluta, post confirmationem electi eisdem liberata, donec promalis innumeris ex hoc evenientibus, fuisset per bonæ memoriæ Dominum Johannem Tertium, Abbatem ejusdem monasterii, cum Domino Rege Edwardo Primo pro mille marcis in qualibet vacatione composita; quæ etiam summa succedente tempore, non sine maximis sumptibus et instantia, fuerat per bonæ memoriæ Dominum Thomam Abbatem, tempore Regis Ricardi Secundi, in quinquaginta marcas annuas satis utiliter commutata.

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the Prio-
ries there-
from, in
comparison
with the
former
state of
things.

Similiter et summa mille marcarum, a Domino Papa in qualibet vacatione exacta, et tantundem pro expensis ad Curiam pro confirmatione electi, ut communiter, profusa, et per prædictum venerabilem patrem in viginti marcis annuis, ejus Collectori in Anglia perpetuo persolvendis ² [commutata]; ad quas quidem solutiones, quotienscunque contingentes, dictæ Cellæ, quantum sufferre poterant, persolvebant; ut in Gestis dictorum Abbatum, et Chartis et Privilegiis prænotatis, plenius est expressum. Unde sapientibus videbatur fore juri consonum, simul et rationi, quod sicut participant commodo, participant et oneri inde eventuro; tolerabiliusque fore summam satis modicam annuatim persolvere, quam, ut olim, ad tantas summas singulis vacationibus solito sæpius verisimiliter eventuras. Nec ad hoc ³ solummodo ipsas Cellas fore contributorias, verum etiam si aliquod arduum negotium vel casuale infortunium, Monasterio importabile, contingeret, ipsas tanquam matriæ ecclesiæ, vel membra capiti, subventuras; cum ob hoc, ut asseritur, eidem monasterio subditæ fuerant, et collatæ. Non enim creditur venerabiles patres, Abbates Monasterii Sancti Albani, eorum regimen tam grave suscepisse in Monasterii

The former
heavy pay-
ments to
the Papal
See, on
each vaca-
tion of the
Abbacy.

Advant-
tages re-
sulting to
the Prio-
ries from
the com-
mutation
thereof.

Their duty
to aid the
Monastery,
as being
the parent
Church.

¹ *Monasterio* in MS.

omitted in the MS.

² This, or a similar word, is

³ *solummodo* in MS.

- John V.,
31st
Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401. principale detrimentum; sed potius in ejus relevationem, decus, pariter et profectum.
- Abbas iste, Johannes, videlicet, ad magnam Conventus instantiam, quædam ordinavit et statuit, quæ ad notitiam posterorum præsentibus duximus inserenda.—
- Ordinances made by
Abbot
John. In primis, ut tribus noctibus ante Pascha celebretur servitium, sicut solebat antiquitus, sine adjectione unius Psalmi, in quolibet Nocturno.
- Nocturns,
before
Easter. Item, ut Vesperæ Paschalis Vigiliæ, cum Matutinis diei Paschæ et ¹ Pentecostes, solemnizentur per omnia, sicut in veteribus Consuetudinariis, sive Ordinalibus, cautum est.
- Vespers on
Easter Eve. Item, ordinavit ut in Festis Principalibus ad Vesperas et ad Matutinas, inter suffragia mox post Commemorationem de Sancto Albano, fieret Commemoratio de Sancto Amphibalo.
- Commemoration of Saint Amphibalus. Item, concessit ut in illis diebus quibus habentur Processiones circa claustrum, de consuetudine, vel ex Abbatis ordinatione, si Dominus Abbas jusserit ut fratres qui in eo die spatiaturi sunt in campos excursu, quando talis Processio est facienda, Processioni intersint, quod, finita Processione, libere possint in campos exire, virtute licentiæ prius petitiæ et obtentiæ
- Leave granted to the monks joining in the Processions, to walk in the fields after doing so; if it is their turn. ² per Custodem Ordinis qui præest illi cursui, post Missam Ecclesiæ vel Mariæ, vel alias in eo die mane: ita quod illa licentia, sic petita et obtenta, sufficiat pro ipso die. Idemque liceat illis facere, si interfuerint veniæ in Capitulo in aliqua Vigilia Principali.
- Regulation as to prayers for departed brethren. Item, cum piæ memoriæ prædecessor suus, Dominus Thomas Abbas, ordinaverat ut quilibet frater celebrans infra tricennale alicujus monachi, currens in Conventu, si posset, haberet unam Collectam in Missa pro fratre defuncto, quamdiu tricennale tale duraret, sive Collec-

¹ Pentecostes in MS.² qui is inserted here in the MS., | evidently in error.

tam contingeret esse—"Quæsumus;" sive "Inclina famuli tui,"—et hæc ordinatio a quibusdam negligebatur, statuit ut hæc ordinatio in posterum observaretur sub hac forma; ut, videlicet, fratres celebrantes Missas Privatas haberent, si tempus exposceret, pro fratre defuncto Collectam,—“Quæsumus,” per septem dies, a primo die obitus sui usque ad septimum numerando; et exposit sumerent in Missis Privatis orationem—"Inclina famuli tui," donec viginti dies a notitia mortis talis fratris plenarie complerentur.

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Abbot,
A.D.
1396-1401.

Item, attendens Quadragesimæ servitii prolixitatem, et fratrum suorum gravem laborem, et continuum, quem eo tempore constat eos habere præcipue, præ cæteris anni temporibus, ductus affectu pietatis, eisdem compatiens, concessit ut feriis secundis, tertiis, quartis, quintis, et Sabbatis, in quibus non agitur de Festo Principali, accepta licentia, post Missam Matutinalem, more solito cæteris anni temporibus spatiatum exeant, et ad prandium revertantur. Post prandium vero, omnibus dictis feriis ad Sanctum Germanum pergant, tantummodo spatiatum prout hactenus consueverunt tempore Quadragesimali. Concessit insuper, ut ipsa licentia quæ datur fratribus ad spatiandum mane, sufficiat pro toto die: Sabbatis vero in Quadragesima, statuit ut ludentes interessent Vesperis et Mandato. Hanc gratiam, factam fratribus in Monasterio, censuit esse communem fratribus cunctis apud Cellas manentibus; ita duntaxat, ut ipsi fratres sic commorantes apud Cellas post prandia contenti sint eisdem locorum solatiis, illis per Priores ordinatis, a tempore quo Dominus Thomas Abbas ordinavit ut ad certa loca irent post prandia in Quadragesima, eis per Priores suos proprios limitanda.

Ordinance
relaxing
the rigidity
of the services
in
Lent; and
granting
leave to
the monks
to walk
twice in
the day.

This
Ordinance
extended
to the
brethren in
the Cells,
with a
certain restriction.

Item, ordinavit, eo tempore quo summa regiminis illi commissa fuerat, adhuc superstite bonæ memoriæ Domino Thoma Abbate, ut si quis frater accederet ad confessionem, priusquam campana pulsaretur ad Primam, confessionem be-

Ordinance
made by
John, while
Prior, as
to Confession be-
fore Prime.

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— et nequiret perficere ante terminationem orationis ante Primam, non teneretur capere veniam pro oratione prædicta, nec Custos Ordinis qui confessionem audierat talis fratris.

Leave to
walk in
Advent. Item, concessit anno prælationis quarto, in crastino Sanctæ Lucie Virginis, ut liceret Conventui spatium cursualiter feriis sextis et Sabbatis in Adventu.

Leave to
walk after
dinner, in
Lent. Item, concessit ut ludentes in Quadragesima ante prandium, luderent post prandium apud Sanctum Germanum, sicut in Quadragesima consueverunt.

Hæc præmissa ad Conventus solatia pie statuit; propter quæ meritas gratias reportavit.

Enlarged
allowance
of candles
to the
Prior. Pro Priore Monasterii fecit ordinationem subscrip-
tam. Attendens Prioris nostri monasterii rei familiaris inopiam, ad quem spectat post ipsum specialiter super-
venientibus hospitibus et amicis exhibere humanitatis officia, voluit et ordinavit ut Prior nostri monasterii, qui pro tempore fuerit, percipiat ¹ triginta duas libras ² candelarum de cepo singulis annis in futurum, de quatuor Conventus Obedientiariis; videlicet, de Infir-
mario octo libras, de Camerario totidem, de Coquinario octo libras, et totidem de Sacrista.

“Acta in Capitulo in Vigilia Vigilæ Purificationis
“ Beatæ Mariæ, anno Gratie millesimo trecentesimo
“ nonagesimo nono.”—

Notifica-
tion by
Henry,
Bishop of
Lincoln,
that he
claims no
jurisdic-
tion over
the Abbey
of Saint
Alban's,
A.D. 1399. “Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis præsentibus litteras
“ inspecturis, Henricus, permissione divina, ³ Lincolnensis
“ Episcopus, salutem in Eo qui est omnium vera salus. Cum
“ pium ac meritorium existere dinoscitur præsertim rei gestæ
“ veritati testimonium perhibere, ubi ex progressu temporis,
“ et humanæ memoriæ labilitate, ipsa in oblivionem transiens
“ contentionis materiam parare valeat verisimiliter in futurum,
“ —universitati vestræ tenore præsentium fieri volumus mani-
“ festum, quod licet in Ecclesia Conventuali exempti Mona-
“ sterii Sancti Albani, ac etiam Capella Sancti Johannis

¹ *triginti* in the MS.

² *candelabarum* in the MS.

³ Henry Beaufort, son of John of

Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster: see
page 438, ante.

" Baptistæ de Barnet, exemptæ jurisdictionis Monasterii præ- John V.,
 " dicti, in nostra Dicecesi constitutis, pro anima bonæ me- 31st
 " moriæ Johannis Ducis Lancastriæ, patris nostri, nuper, Abbot,
 " disponente Domino, ab hac luce subtracti, cujus corpus A.D.
 " venerabile per partes illas versus Londonias, ubi sepulturam 1396-1401.
 " elegit, delatum extiterat, exequias funerales, Missasque,
 " et divina officia congruentia, celebraverimus, et fecerimus
 " per alios celebrari, ut decebat; protestamur tamen, et
 " fatemur, quod præmissa omnia et singula non jure aut
 " nomine nostro, seu ecclesiæ nostræ Lincolnienſis, nec auc-
 " toritate nostra episcopali, sive diocesana, sed licentia, com-
 " missione, et auctoritate, Domini Abbatis Monasterii prædicti,
 " et ipsius et ejusdem monasterii nomine,¹ ob præfati corporis
 " et patris nostri reverentiam et honorem, hac vice nobis
 " duntaxat concessis, celebravimus, et fecimus in hac parto
 " celebrari: nolentes nec intendentes per aliqua quæ gessi-
 " mus seu exercuimus in præmissis, seu eorum aliquo, ali-
 " quod jus, seu titulum aliquem, seu possessionem aliquam
 " juris, seu quasi cujuscunque, nobis aut successoribus nostris,
 " seu ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, aliquammodo acquirere, aut in
 " posterum vendicare; nec exemptioni aut privilegiis religio-
 " sorum virorum, Abbatis et Conventus dicti monasterii, eis-
 " dem et ipsi monasterio a Sede Apostolica, super libertate et
 " immunitate in præmissis et quocunque officio episcopali
 " inibi exercendo, inter cætera concessa, quomodolibet præju-
 " dicare, seu in aliquo, licet minimo, derogare. In quorum
 " omnium testimonium, quia sigillum nostrum ad manus non
 " habemus, sigillum reverendi in Christo Patris ac Domini,
 " Domini Roberti, Dei gratia, Londonienſis Episcopi, præsen-
 " tibus apponi procuravimus. Et nos, Robertus, permissione
 " divina, Londonienſis Episcopus antedictus, ad personalem et
 " specialem rogatum dicti Reverendi Patris ac Domini, Domini
 " Henrici, Dei gratia, Lincolnienſis Episcopi, sigillum nostrum
 " præsentibus apposuimus, in fidem et testimonium omnium
 " præmissorum. Datum apud Barnet prædictum, quarto-decimo

¹ At the foot of this page (201) | in large characters, of probably the
of the MS., the following is written, | early part of the 15th century:—

Versus compositi de Abbate Thoma.—

	<i>Occidit Anglorum jubar a luce monachorum,</i>	}
	<i>Qui dum vivebat Maurum benedictus habebat.</i>	
S. T.	<i>Thomas la Mare fit morsus mortis amari;</i>	
	<i>Flete super funus, qui non est par suis unus.</i>	}
R. T.	<i>Occidit exutum sol illustris monachorum,</i>	
	<i>Cultor virtutum cecidit, sector vitiorum.</i>	

- John V., " die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo
31st " nonagesimo octavo."
Abbot,
A.D.
- 1396-1401. " Henricus, permissione divina, Lincolnensis Episcopus,
" dilectis nobis in Christo venerabilibus et religiosis viris,
Formal " Johanni, Abbati, et Conventui, Monasterii Sancti Albani,
notification " nostræ Diœcesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, per-
of the " tinentis, ac Prioribus et Conventibus Prioratum suæ
Bishop of " Cellæ de Belvero, Walingford, Hertford, et Bello Loco, ab
Lincoln, " eodem monasterio dependentium, dictæ nostræ Diœcesis,
acknow- " salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum præfati religiosi
ledging the " viri, Abbas, Priores, et Conventus, ad ostendendum et ex-
jurisdic- " hibendum titulos seu jura beneficiorum sibi in dicta nostra
tion of the " Diœcesi Lincolnensi, ut prætendebant, appropriatorum, et
Abbot, " ad eos pertinentium, quibus se dicebant in hac parte fulci-
Convent, " tos, coram nobis, Henrico, Episcopo antedicto, clerum et
and Cells, " populum dictæ nostræ Diœcesis actualiter visitantibus,
of Saint " ad certos diem et locum fuissent evocati; quibus die et loco
Alban's, " iidem religiosi viri, Abbas, Priores, et Conventus, coram
A.D. 1400. " nobis licite comparentes, litteras Apostolicas et alia muni-
" menta, quorum jure ecclesias parochiales, portiones, pen-
" siones, proventus, jura, et emolumenta ecclesiastica quæcun-
" que, extra jurisdictionem exemptam¹ Abbatis et Conventus
" dicti Monasterii Sancti Albani existentia, et in dicta nostra
" Diœcesi Lincolnensi constituta, dicti religiosi viri canonice
" obtinent, exhibuerunt, et etiam ostenderunt, ac fidem plena-
" riam de eisdem nobis fecerunt:—nos igitur, Henricus, Epi-
" scopus antedictus, visis, examinatis, et diligentius ponderatis,
" hujusmodi exhibitis, et ostensis, quia invenimus ipsos reli-
" giosos viros, Abbatem, Priores, et Conventus, memoratas
" ecclesias, cum portionibus, pensionibus, proventibus, juribus,
" et emolumentis quibuscunque antedictis, in usus proprios
" canonice obtinuisse et obtinere, possedisse et possidere,
" hinc est quod eosdem religiosos viros, Abbatem, Priores,
" et Conventus, sufficientibus titulis super appropriationibus
" hujusmodi munitos fuisse, et esse, omnibus et singulis quo-
" rum interest ad hoc legitime evocatis, causæque cognitione
" præhabita sufficienti, pronunciamus, ac sententialiter et diffi-
" nitively declaramus; necnon ipsos religiosos viros, Abbatem,
" Priores, et Conventus, ab ulteriori impetitione officii nostri,
" occasione præmissa contra eos instituti seu instituendi, ab-
" solvimus, et dimittimus absolutos; juribus et privilegiis

¹ nonagesimo in MS. : this was the | Style.
legal year, according to the Old | ² liæ in MS.

"præfatis viris religiosis ¹a Sede Apostolica indultis et concessis, quibus in nullo præjudicare intendimus, in omnibus semper salvis. In quorum testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Dunstaple, vicesimo nono die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo nonagesimo nono, et nostræ ²consecrationis anno secundo."

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Abbot,
A.D.
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³Corpore bonæ memoriæ Domini Johannis, Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, ut præmittitur, honorifice tradito sepulturæ, missi fuerant, ut moris est, ad Dominum Regem, per tunc apud castrum suum de Hertford commorantem, tres Monasterii confratres, videlicet, Dominus Robertus Wittelee, Supprior, et Dominus Robertus Botheby, Coquinarius Monasterii, et Dominus Willelmus Wyntershulle, Capellanus olim ipsius Abbatis defuncti, et sui proximi prædecessoris, cum litteris certificatoriis obitus Abbatis defuncti, et deprecatoriis pro licentia Abbatis eligendi; cum ⁴annulo, cuppa argentea, cum ejus cooperculo, et palfrido, absque ⁵sella et freno solito, *houze* solummodo cooperto, una cum canibus venatoriis dicti Abbatis defuncti, Domino Regi, nomine suæ regalæ pertinentibus, per dictos nuncios præsentandis. Qui ab eodem benignissime sunt admissi, et in suis petitionibus feliciter expediti, reportantes secum litteras regias suo Cancellario directas, pro littera patente de dicta licentia libere eligendi continuo concedenda.

A deputation is sent to the King, with presents, to notify the death of Abbot John.

Directions are given, for the *conge d'elire* to be made out.

Obitus ⁶interim memorati Abbatis, cum litteris citatoriis, die præfixo pro futura electione, ad omnes Priores Cellarum Monasterii, ut moris est, ⁷transmittitur. Charta etiam ⁸brevigeruli, cum rotulo consueto, renovatur. Missæ fuerant etiam litteræ cohortatoriæ, pa-

The death of the Abbot is made known to the Priors of the Cells.

¹ *viris* is repeated before this word in the MS.

² *consec* in MS.

³ The context is here continued from page 202 in the volume to page 241.

⁴ *annulo* in MS.

⁵ *cella* in MS.

⁶ This word is uncertain, being partly erased.

⁷ *transmittuntur* in MS.

⁸ *Sic* in MS.

A.D. 1401. riter et deprecatoriæ, clero et populo ¹ jurisdictionis
 The prayers of exemptæ, et aliis Deo devotis, ipsi monasterio spiri-
 the friends tuali vinculo et amicitia specialiter confederatis, ad
 of the house are orandum specialius pro anima defuncti Abbatis, et pro
 asked for. prosperitate futuræ electionis. Sed perversi, pro eorum
 singulari commodo, nitebantur evertere quicquid per

Robert Benevolos agebatur pro communi Monasterii utilitate.
 Botheby, Nam dictus Robertus Botheby, qui missus fuerat Lon-
 one of the donias pro dictis litteris licentialibus a Cancellario
 deputation, obtinendis, suæ promotioni propriæ singulariter in-
 tries to secure the dulsit, ut in conjecturis verisimilibus in sequentibus
 election. plenius apparebit.

Envoys Adveniente nempe die electionis futuri Abbatis, Missa
 from the celebrata de Spiritu Sancto, affuerunt missi a Domino
 the King attempt to procure Rege, cum ejus litteris specialibus, etiam quamdam cre-
 attempt to dentiam continentibus, Decanus Capellæ Regiæ, et ejus
 promote his elec- Scaccarii Baro præcipuus, ad persuadendum Priori et
 tion, Conventui pro speciali electione Roberti memorati.
 Directi insuper fuerant pridie ante dictam diem elec-
 Like attempts tionis, procurante Domino Laurentio Ailthorp, regni
 covertly made by Thesaurario, dicto Roberto, non immerito, ut dicebatur,
 the King's the Treasurer. amicissimo, duo servientes Regis ad arma, cum com-
 missionem regia, ut ipsi, inquisitione præhabita, maneria
 Domini Abbatis, in manus Domini Regis seisita, ad
 verum valorem extenderent, et eidem de eorum exi-
 tibus responderent. Juris etiam peritos et notarios,
 tam prece quam pretio promisso, cum minis adjunctis,
 qui ad electionem vocati fuerant, ut ipsi postmodum
 fatebantur, idem Thesaurarius, nobis insciis, in partem
 dicti Roberti ³ allegerat et terruerat; ut ipsi apodixen
 artis suæ apponerent indefesse. Subornaverat etiam dic-
 tus Robertus, et ejus consentanei, quemdam juvenem
⁴ scholasticum, de Monasterii confratribus, dictum "Hu-

Botheby's
 plan for

¹ *jurisdictionis* in MS.

² *benevolos* in MS.

³ *allegerat* in MS.

⁴ *scolasticum* in MS.

"gonem de Wathamstede," ¹ cervicosum pariter, et A.D. 1401. ² procacem, qui viam scrutinii scrupulosissimam, et ea-
 securing his election, by oppos-
 ing the usual elec-
 tion "by way of compro-
 mise."
 tenuis inusitatam, cæteris viis electionis præeligeret; et
 viam compromissi, in nostro monasterio ³ hactenus usi-
 tatam et prælocutam, et ab omnibus acceptam, ipse
 pro suis viribus impediret: autumantes, quid timore,
 quid amore, cæteros eorum insolentiis parituros, ut,
 visis calamitatibus et laqueis quasi inevitabilibus, ipsum
 necessarie præeligerent, qui tantis amicitiiis ⁴ et domi-
 niis suffultus talia evacuare seu mitigare verisimiliter
 potuisset. Quo se ergo verteret grex miserabilis Con-
 ventus, pastoris solatio destitutus, et talium inexpertus,
 nisi ad consueta divinæ miserationis subsidia corde
 humili et animo contrito efficacius imploranda? Sed
 et alii, in mundialibus magis experti, eodem tantum
 spiritu vegetati, ad mundialia se convertunt argumenta,
 dictis malitiis contrariis calliditatibus obviando. Quo-
 rum vota ex alto prospiciens Qui humilia respicit, et
 alta a longe cognoscit, respexit in orationem humilium,
 et non sprexit orationem eorum, collidens omnia hu-
 mana calliditatis argumenta, in subversionem suæ vo-
 luntatis, et dicti monasterii utilitatis adjumenta. Nam
 Inquisitio Commissionis prædictæ nullum omnino sor-
 tiebatur effectum, eo quod jurati in eadem ⁵ asseruerunt

This is op-
 posed, with
 various ar-
 guments,
 by some.

The plan
 for holding
 inquisition
 by the
 King's Es-
 cheator is
 defeated.

¹ *servicosum* in MS.

² Apparently *procacum* in MS.,
 but partly erased; corrected in the
 margin.

³ *actenus* in MS.

⁴ Repeated in MS.

⁵ At the foot of page 241, the
 following lines are inscribed:—

Epithaphium pro tumulo Domini Johannis Moote.—

Hæc est Abbatis dicti "Moot" fossa Johannis,

Qui bona multa satis hic vitæ fecit in annis.

Rexit, patravit, plantavit, et ædificavit,

Ut vix pausaret, quin res fratrum relevaret.

Excessit membris undena nocte Novembris

*MCCCC. * primo sua reddens debita luna.*

Qui legis ista, sibi pro tanto posce labore,

Ut Deus hunc alibi requie vegetet meliori.

} S. S.

* *quat* occurs here in MS.; but query as to its meaning.

A.D. 1401. Escaetorem regium post obitum Abbatis ultimi, nomine Regis, simplicem suscepisse seysinam, ejus successori proximo legitime electo, juxta vim et effectum chartarum regiarum super hoc alias confectarum, ibidem demonstratarum, continuo deliberandam: nec se ulterius scire vel posse de tam ardua materia intromittere, vel aliud, absque saniori consilio, vel longioris temporis deliberatione, temere diffinire.

Sound advice as to the election, given by the Prior to the Convent.

Nunciis etiam Regis pro parte dicti Roberti, ut prædicitur, satis subtiliter perorantibus, per Dominum Priorem congregato Conventui fuerat intimatum, quod si idem Robertus cæteros præcelleret, ut merito in eorum Abbatem eligi potuisset, ipsum ob divinum et Domini Regis beneplacitum præligerent; alias de magis idoneo suo Monasterium provideret, sicuti habuerant tam in litteris regiis, ad eligendum libere concessis, ac etiam ore tenus specialiter in mandatis. Clemens et jurisperitus, fidelis et providus, qui cæteris nostrorum clericorum consilio non consenserat, nec pro aliquibus muneribus vel minis deviare voluerat, cæteris electoribus insperate conjungitur, qui fallaciam cæterorum facilius deprehenderet, et eosdem in rectitudinis tramite solidaret. Sic quoque, divina cooperante potentia, delusa est malignorum astutia, et processum est ad electionem per viam scrutinii, in Monasterii præjudicium, ut præscribitur, præelectam, sed divina bonitate in ejus utilitatem, seu commodum, conversam.

Election, by way of scrutiny, is resorted to.

William Heyworth, the Cellarer, is chosen Abbot,

A.D. 1401.

Electus est igitur in Abbatem Monasterii Sancti Albani Dominus Willelmus Heyworth, Cellarius Monasterii, persona tam moribus quam scientiis satis idonea, Deo et hominibus satis placita, et ipsi monasterio, ut creditur, Dei gratia, profutura, ut in subsequentibus de ejus electionis decreto plenius apparet.²—

¹ *idonea* in MS.

² A column and a half are left

vacant here, in page 242, and the context is continued in page 243.

" Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, Frater Simon A.D. 1401.
 " Sotherey, Prior, et Conventus Monasterii Sancti Albani, Or- Letters
 " dinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensis Diocesis, ad Romanam Testimo-
 " Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, salutem in omnium nial by the
 " Salvatore. Novimus esse cautum Canonibus, quod ultra tres Prior and
 " menses vacare non debeat ecclesia regularis, prælato viduata, of the elec-
 " seu pastore, ne, occasione viduitatis diutinæ, Monasterium tion of
 " in temporalibus et spiritualibus grave dispendium patiatur. William
 " Eapropter, vacante nuper Ecclesia Conventuali, sive Monas- as Abbot,
 " terio, nostro prædicto, per mortem bonæ memoriæ Fratris A.D. 1401.
 " Johannis Moot, ultimi, dum vixit, Abbatis ejusdem, qui un-
 " decimo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo quad-
 " ringentesimo primo, diem suum clausit extremum; ipsius-
 " que corpore in Monasterio prædicto ecclesiasticæ, prout moris
 " est, tradito sepulturæ: nos, Frater Simon, Prior prædictus,
 " et omnes confratres et commonachi ejusdem monasterii,
 " tunc præsentis, et Conventum, sive Capitulum ejusdem ec-
 " clesiæ, sive Monasterii, facientes, in Domo Capitulari ejusdem
 " ecclesiæ, sive Monasterii, capitulariter congregati, ne ipsa
 " ecclesia, sive Monasterium, hujusmodi viduitatis suæ ulterius
 " deploraret incommoda, certos diem et locum competentes,
 " videlicet, duodecimum diem mensis Decembris, anno Domini
 " supradicto, et Domum Capitularem prædictam, cum con-
 " tinuatione et prorogatione sequentium tunc dierum, ad elec-
 " tionem futuri Abbatis dioti monasterii celebrandum, usque
 " ad fidem expeditionem ejusdem negotii, quatenus in nobis
 " fuit, præfiximus, statuimus, et limitavimus, tam nobis ipsis
 " tunc præsentibus, quam etiam aliis omnibus tunc absentibus,
 " qui in electione hujusmodi vellent, possent, et deberent,
 " commode interesse; volentes et consentientes tunc ibidem,
 " quod ad diem et locum sic statutos omnes commonachi et
 " confratres nostri et monasterii prædicti, si qui absentes
 " forent, et qui in ea parte interesse deberent, ut præmittitur,
 " specialiter vocarentur, et præmunirentur ad componendum
 " et procedendum in hujusmodi electionis negotio, juxta juris
 " exigentiam, et ipsius negotii qualitatem; per nosque primi-
 " tus ab excellentissimo Principe Henrico, Die gratia, Rege
 " Angliæ et Franciæ illustri, ut est moris, in ea parte licentia
 " petita, pariter et obtenta, nobis et nostro monasterio alium
 " eligendi in futurum Abbatem; vocatique fuerunt, et suffi-
 " enter præmuniti, omnes et singuli confratres et commonachi
 " nostri, ad diem, locum, et actum, memoratos, de jure seu
 " de consuetudine quomodolibet¹ evocandi. Quo die duodecimo

¹ *evocando* in MS.

A.D. 1401. " dicto mensis Novembris prædicti adveniente, Missa de Sancto Spiritu, ut est moris, in eadem Ecclesia nostra Conventuali, " ad summum altare ejusdem ecclesiæ, per nos celebrata, et " in Domum Capitularem ejusdem monasterii, nos, Prior et " Conventus prædicti, accessimus, et personaliter comparuimus; " videlicet, nos, Fratres Simon Sothereye, Sacræ Theologiæ " Professor, et Prior monasterii prædicti, Willelmus Wynse- " lowe, Prior de Hertforde, Willelmus Wylum, Prior de Red- " burne, Johannes de Wathamstede, Prior de Tynemutha, " Johannes Savage, Prior de Wymundham, Johannes Warham, " Prior de Bello Loco, Willelmus Halle, Prior de Belvero, " Johannes Bebsede, Prior de Hatfelde, Robertus Stoke, Prior " de Bynham, Ricardus Hely, Prior de Walyngforde, Robertus " Whitle, Supprior Monasterii prædicti, Johannes Gravele, " Refectorarius, Petrus Menaunt, Pœnitentiarius, Willelmus " Londone, Primus Scrutator, Robertus Trunche, Hostiliarius, " Recardus Bevere, Præcentor, Thomas Walyngham, Willel- " mus Trente, Sub-Eleemosynarius, Adam Hoghtone, Johannes " Bevere, Sacrista, Willelmus Wyndrugge, Robertus Stik- " forde, Tertius Prior, Willelmus Westwyk, Camerarius, Ri- " cardus Munstede, Sub-Infirmarius, Thomas Welles, Succentor, " Johannes Thorpe, Bursarius, Thomas Houghtone, Sub-Sacrista, " Willelmus Wyntershulle, Robertus ¹Botheby, Coquinarus, " Nicolaus Drye, Willelmus Heyworth, Cellerarius, Henricus " Wylome, Edmundus Stifkeye, Custos Capellæ Beatæ Mariæ, " Ricardus Myssyndene, Sub-Cellerarius, Rogerus Welburne, " Nicolaus Grantham, Magister Noviciorum, Johannes Blebury, " Johannes Buxtone, Johannes Turke, Nicolaus Tytlington, " Archivus, Hugo Wathamstede, Hugo Leget, Michael Cheyne, " Sub-Refectorarius, Robertus Ware, Johannes Stoke, Symon " Wyndesore, Galfridus Bonde, Willelmus Dunstaple, Johannes " Hatfelde, Laurentius Missendene, Ricardus Biseburghe, " Johannes Isham, Johannes Aylisbury, Ricardus Lutone, Ro- " bertus Bever, Willelmus Canterbury, Ricardus Querendone, " Robertus Kyllingworthe, Thomas Sudbury, Willelmus Kake- " wyke; cum non plures erant commonachi et confratres mo- " nasterii prædicti, qui debuerunt, voluerunt, et potuerunt, in " hujusmodi negotio electionis ²tam ³commode interesse; ⁴ex- " ceptis fratribus, Johanne Wallestorpe, Rogero Whitchurch,

¹ *Bothe* in MS.

² This word is indistinct, and doubtful.

³ *comode* in MS.

⁴ *ex eis*, erroneously, in MS.

“ Roberto Chestayne, et ¹Alexandro Bone, qui adversa vali- A.D. 1401.
 “ tudine corporis, seu infirmitate, detenti in Infirmaria Monas-
 “ terii prædicti fuerunt. Et extunc in Domo Capitulari præ-
 “ dicta lecta fuit quædam Littera Licentiæ regiæ, nobis, ut
 “ prædicitur, in hac parte facta; cujus verus tenor sequitur,
 “ in hæc verba:—‘Henricus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, *Congé*
 “ et Dominus Hiberniæ, dilectis sibi in Christo Priori et *d’élire,*
 “ Conventui Sancti Albani, salutem. Ex parte vestra nobis *granted*
 “ est humiliter supplicatum, quod cum ecclesia vestra præ- *by King*
 “ dicta per mortem bonæ memoriæ Johannis Moote, ultimi *Henry IV.,*
 “ Abbatis loci illius, pastoris sit solatio destituta, alium *A.D. 1401.*
 “ vobis eligendi in Abbatem et pastorem licentiam vobis
 “ concedere dignaremur:—Nos, precibus vestris in hac parte
 “ favorabiliter inclinati, licentiam tenore præsentium duximus
 “ concedendam; mandantes quod talem vobis eligatis in
 “ Abbatem et pastorem, qui Deo devotus, ecclesiæ vestræ
 “ necessarius, nobisque et regno nostro utilis et fidelis, exis-
 “ tat. In cujus rei testimonium, has Litteras nostras fieri
 “ fecimus Patentes. Teste meipso, apud Castrum nostrum
 “ Hertfordiæ, quarto-decimo die Novembris, anno regni nostri
 “ tertio.’ Qua lecta, et plenius intellecta per nos, et etiam
 “ Spiritus Sancti gratia, per decantationem ²hymni—‘Veni
 “ Creator Spiritus,’ devotius invocata, ac verbo Dei per unum
 “ de confratribus et commonachis nostris suprascriptis pro-
 “ posito in Domo Capitulari prædicta, nos, Frater Simon,
 “ Prior prædictus, vice nostra ac cæterorum omnium commo-
 “ nachorum et confratrum superius descriptorum, ordinavimus
 “ et deputavimus Thomam Kempstone, clericum, ibidem præ-
 “ sentem, nuncium nostrum specialem, cui dedimus in man-
 “ datis quod ipse, vice ³supra scriptorum, ad ostium Domus
 “ Capitularis prædictæ accederet, et proclamationem publice
 “ alta et intelligibili voce faceret, quod si qui forent alii a
 “ nobis, Priore et monachis suprascriptis, qui voluerunt,
 “ potuerunt, et debuerunt, in ipso electionis negotio interesse
 “ de jure vel consuetudine, seu quavis alia ratione, ea vice
 “ interesse deberent, seu in possessione juris, seu quasi
 “ essent, coeligendi canonice futurum in ea parte Abbatem
 “ dicti monasterii, quod ad dictam Domum Capitularem per
 “ se vel procuratores suos, in ea parte legitime constitutos,
 “ accederent, seu venirent, una cum nobis, Fratre Simone,
 “ Priore, et confratribus et commonachis superius nominatis,

¹ *Alexandro* in MS.

² *ymni* in MS.

³ *sua* in MS.

⁴ The context appears to be confused here; see p. 426 *ante*.

A.D. 1401. " de electione futuri Abbatis ejus monasterii tractaturi, et jus
 " suum, si quod haberent in ea parte, prosecuturi, et in negotio
 " electionis hujusmodi processuri. Et incontinenti extunc præ-
 " dictus Thomas Kempstone, clericus sic deputatus, et manda-
 " tum nostrum in se gratanter acceptans, ad ostium et exitum
 " ipsius Domus Capitularis accessit, cum Notariis Publicis, et,
 " testibus subscriptis, publice proclamavit, prout a nobis,
 " Fratre Simone, Priore, et cæteris confratribus nostris et
 " dicto monasterio, habuit in mandatis. Post quam quidem
 " proclamationem sic factam, prædictus Thomas Kempstone
 " ad nos, in dicta Domo nostra Capitulari existentes, rediit,
 " et certificavit nos quod ipse proclamationem fecit, prout
 " habuit in mandatis; ac subjunxit quod ad dictam procla-
 " mationem nullus comparuit, neque ad ipsius electionis actum
 " se admitti petiit. Et incontinenti extunc nos, Prior præ-
 " dictus, vice et auctoritate nostra, et totius Conventus mo-
 " nasterii nostri prædicti, nobis in hac parte specialiter attri-
 " buta, palam, publice, et expresse, monuimus omnes et singulos
 " suspensos, excommunicatos, et interdictos, necnon quos-
 " cunque alios, si qui essent forsitan tunc præsentis, qui seu
 " de consuetudine, seu quavis alia ratione, in ipso electionis
 " negotio interesse, aut vocem habere in eodem, non deberent,
 " quod a dicta Domo Capitulari recederent, et nos, ac alios
 " jus et voces in ea parte habentes, futurum Abbatem eligere
 " libere permetterent. Ac insuper, nos, Prior prædictus, pro-
 " testabamur palam, publice, et expresse, quod non erat
 " nostra, nec aliorum confratrum nostrorum prædictorum, in-
 " tentio tales admittere, tanquam jus seu voces in ipsa elec-
 " tione habentes, aut procedere seu eligere cum eisdem.
 " Immo, ¹voluimus nos Simon prædictus, et quilibet con-
 " fratrum nostrorum prædictorum voluit, quod voces talium,
 " si qui postmodum reperirentur nostræ electioni interfuisse,
 " nulli præstarent suffragium, nec alicui afferrent nocumentum;
 " sed ²prorsus pro non receptis, sive pro non habitis, reputa-
 " rentur. Quibus sic peractis, lectaque Constitutione Consilii
 " Generalis, quæ incipit,—'Quia propter publicas,' et distincte
 " ³per venerabilem virum Magistrum Johannem Barnet, Offici-
 " alem Curie Cantuariensis, exposita, ac subsequenter habito
 " inter nos tractatu diligenti, per quam viam seu formam esset
 " ad electionem futuri Abbatis per nos procedendum, et dicto
 " monasterio nostro de eodem providendum, tandem placuit

¹ volumus in MS.² prorsus in MS.³ et per in MS.

" nobis omnibus et singulis superius nominatim expressatis, A.D. 1401.
 " quod per viam scrutinii, seu formam, ad electionem hujus-
 " modi procederemus, et eidem monasterio provideremus de
 " Abbate et pastore. ¹ Ac deinde inter nos tractatu habito
 " diligenti, quos Scrutatores in ea parte deputaremus, et de
 " potestate concedenda et committenda per nos eisdem, demum
 " placuit nobis omnibus et singulis superius nominatim ex-
 " pressatis, quod per viam, seu formam, scrutinii ad electionem
 " hujusmodi procederemus, et eidem monasterio provideremus
 " de Abbate et pastore. Ac deinde inter nos tractatu habito
 " diligenti, quos Scrutatores in ea parte deputaremus, et de
 " potestate concedenda et committenda per nos eisdem, demum
 " placuit nobis, et omnibus et singulis confratribus et commo-
 " nachis nostris suprascriptis, quod Johanni Wathamstede,
 " Priori Prioratus de Tynemutha, Roberto Stoke, Priori
 " Prioratus de Bynham, et Petro Menaunt, Pœnitentiaro
 " monasterii prædicti, commonachisque et confratribus nostris,
 " et dicti monasterii, supradictis, et in eodem monasterio
 " expresse professis, et in ordine sacerdotali constitutis, viris
 " utique fidedignis, providis, et discretis, secundum formam
 " dicti Consalii Generalis electis concorditer, et assumptis;
 " quibus ut secreto et singillatim vota cunctorum confratrum
 " et commonachorum dicti monasterii, ut præmittitur, com-
 " parientium, et aliorum in Infirmaria ejusdem monasterii
 " existentium, et ad dictam domum accedere non valentium,
 " primo tantum vota ipsorum, videlicet, Scrutorum, sua,
 " et deinde nostra, et aliorum nostrorum confratrum omnium
 " suprascriptorum, secreto et singillatim inquirerent diligenter,
 " ac vota hujusmodi redigerent in scriptis, seu redigi face-
 " rent, et, votis hujusmodi in scriptis redactis, vota hujus-
 " modi mox in communi publicarent, seu unus eorum vice
 " sua, de consensu conscrutorum suorum, publicaret; ac facta
 " publicatione, votorum hujusmodi collationem facerent, seu
 " faceret unus eorundem, et ipsum eligerent, seu eligeret, in
 " Abbatem dicti monasterii, in quem omnes, seu major pars,
 " et sanior, dicti Capituli, dirigerent, seu dirigeret, vota sua,
 " sive ipsum unum ex dictis Scrutatoribus, sive ex aliis com-
 " monachis dicti monasterii, esse contigerit, potestatem gene-
 " ralem et mandatum speciale dedimus et concessimus; pro-
 " mittentes quod nullum reciperemus in Abbatem ipsius Mon-
 " asterii, quem ² [nisi] secundum formam prædictam eligerent,

¹ From these words "*Ac deinde*,"
 down to "*et pastore*" (line 10), it
 has the appearance of being an in-

sertion by mistake.

² Omitted in MS.

A.D. 1401. " seu eligeret; volentes insuper quod potestas hujusmodi,
 " dictis Scrutatoribus attributa, per dictum diem perduraret.
 " Qui quidem Scrutatores dictam potestatem sic eis attri-
 " butam, sive traditam, accipientes, assumptis secum Notariis
 " et testibus subscriptis, ad inferiorem partem Domus Capi-
 " tularis prædictæ se traxerunt, et ad scrutinium processerunt;
 " scrutando primo ad invicem vota sua, juxta formam sibi
 " traditam, in hunc modum.—Duo ex dictis Scrutatoribus,
 " videlicet, Robertus Stoke, Prior Prioratus de Bynham, et
 " Petrus Mensaunt, Pœnitentiarius Monasterii prædicti, tertium,
 " videlicet, Johannem Wathamstede, Priorem de Tynemutha,
 " per Patrem, et Filium, et Spiritum Sanctum, et in animæ
 " suæ periculum, adjurarunt ut ipse, secundum Deum et con-
 " scientiam suam justam, in illum dirigeret votum suum, quem
 " Monasterio Sancti Albani magis utilem et 'idoneum repu-
 " taret, ad effectum quod ille in quem votum suum sio diri-
 " geret, eligeretur in Abbatem monasterii prædicti. Qui
 " quidem Frater Johannes Wathamstede, sic adjuratus, in
 " Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth, Cellerarium, et commo-
 " nachum monasterii prædicti, votum suum direxit, in hunc
 " modum.—'Ego, Frater Johannes Wathamstede, presbyter
 " ' et commonachus dicti monasterii, consentio in Fratrem
 " ' Willelmum Heyworth, Cellerarium monasterii prædicti,
 " ' et ipsum nomino eligendum in Abbatem monasterii.'
 " Deinde Robertus Stoke, Prior Prioratus de Bynham, adju-
 " ratus modo simili a sociis et confratribus suis, videlicet,
 " Fratribus Johanne Wathamstede, Priore de Tynemutha, et
 " Petro Mensaunt prædicto, simili modo adjuratus ²consensit,
 " et votum suum direxit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth
 " prædictum. Consequenter, Petrus Mensaunt, Tertius Con-
 " scrutator, a duobus aliis Conscrutatoribus suis, videlicet,
 " Fratribus Johanne Wathamstede et Roberto Stoke, ut præ-
 " mittitur, adjuratus, ²consensit, et votum suum direxit in
 " prædictum Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth, sub forma ante-
 " dicta. Postea vero, absque intervallo alio, iidem tres Scr-
 " tatores processerunt ad scrutinium aliorum commonachorum
 " dicti monasterii, secreto et singillatim votum cujuslibet
 " exquirentes. Et inprimis Simon, Prior monasterii præ-
 " dicti, habens primam vocem in Capitulo, vocatus ab eis-
 " dem Scrutatoribus, et adjuratus juxta formam præmissam,
 " ²consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth prædictum.
 " Item, Frater Willelmus Wynslowe, Prior Prioratus de Hert-

¹ *idoneum* in MS.| ² *consentiit* in MS.

" forde, simili modo adjuratus, in Fratrem Simonem Sothe. A.D. 1401.
 " reye, Priorem istius Monasterii, consensit, et votum suum
 " direxit. Frater Robertus Wytle, Supprior istius Monasterii,
 " simili modo adjuratus, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Hey-
 " worth, Cellarium prædictum. Frater Johannes Gravele,
 " Refectorarius istius Monasterii, juxta formam prædictam
 " similiter adjuratus, consensit ¹ in Fratrem Willelmum Hey-
 " worth, Cellarium prædictum. Frater Willelmus Wylum,
 " Prior de Redburne, sic etiam adjuratus, consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Willelmus Londone, sic ad-
 " juratus, consensit in Fratrem Robertum Bothebey, Coquina-
 " rium istius monasterii. Robertus Trunche, Ostilarius istius
 " monasterii, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth præ-
 " dictum. Frater Ricardus Bevere, sic adjuratus, consensit
 " in Fratrem Johannem Blebury, Custodem feretri Monasterii
 " prædicti. Frater ² Thomas Walsyngham consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Heyworth prædictum. Frater Willelmus Trent,
 " Sub-Eleemosynarius, consensit in Willelmum Heyworth præ-
 " dictum. Frater Adam Houghtone consensit in Fratrem Wil-
 " lelmum Heyworth prædictum. Frater Johannes Bever,
 " Sacrista, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater
 " Willelmus Wyndrugge consensit in Fratrem Robertum
 " Bothebey. Frater Johannes Savage, Prior de Wymundham,
 " consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Robertus
 " Stikford consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Wyntersulle.
 " Frater Willelmus Westwyk, Camerarius, consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Ricardus Munstede, Sub-
 " Infirmarius, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth.
 " Frater Johannes Warham, Prior de Bello Loco, consensit in
 " Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Thomas Welles,
 " Succentor, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth.
 " Frater Johannes Thorp, Bursarius, consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Willelmus Halle, Prior de
 " Belvero, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater
 " Johannes Bebsede, Prior de Hatfelde, consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Wyntershulle. Frater Thomas Houghtone, Sub-
 " Sacrista, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater
 " Willelmus Wyntershulle consensit in Fratrem Willelmum
 " Heyworth. Frater Robertus Botheby consensit in Fratrem
 " Johannem Blebury. Frater Nicolaus Drye consensit in
 " Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Willelmus Heyworth,

¹ Repeated in MS.

| ² The Historian.

A.D. 1401. " ¹Cellerarius, consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Wyntershulle.
 " Frater Henricus Wylum consensit in Fratrem Simonem
 " Sotheray, Priorem istius monasterii. Frater Edmundus
 " Stifkey consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater
 " Ricardus Missendene, Sub-Cellerarius, consensit in Fratrem
 " Johannem Wathamstede, Priorem de Tynemutha. Frater
 " Ricardus Hely, Prior de Walyngford, consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Rogerus Welburne consensit
 " in Fratrem Johannem de Wathamstede, Priorem de Tyne-
 " mutha. Frater Nicolaus Grantham consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Johannes Bleburye consen-
 " sit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Johannes
 " Buxtone consensit in Fratrem Johannem Bleburye. Frater
 " Johannes Turke consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth.
 " Frater Nicolaus Titlyngtone, Archivus istius monasterii,
 " consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Hugo
 " Wathamstede consensit in Fratrem Robertum Botheby.
 " Frater Hugo Legat consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Hey-
 " worth. Frater Michael Oheyne consensit in Fratrem Willel-
 " mum Heyworth. Frater Robertus Ware consensit in
 " Fratrem Willelmum Wyntershulle. Frater Johannes Stoke
 " consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Simon
 " Wyndesore consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth.
 " Frater Galfridus Bonde consensit in Fratrem Willelmum
 " Heyworth. Frater Willelmus Dunstaple consensit in Ricar-
 " dum Missyndene. Frater Johannes Hatfelde consensit in
 " Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Laurentius Missyn-
 " dene consensit in Fratrem Simonem Sothereye, Priorem
 " istius monasterii. Frater Ricardus Risburghe consensit in
 " Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Johannes Isham
 " consensit in Fratrem Johannem Wathamstede, Priorem de
 " Tynemutha. Frater Johannes Aylesbury consensit in Fra-
 " trem Willelmum Wyntershulle. Frater Ricardus Lutone
 " consensit in Fratrem Johannem Wathamstede, Priorem de
 " Tynemutha. Frater Robertus Bevere consensit in Fratrem
 " Willelmum Heyworth. Frater Willelmus Caunterbury con-
 " sensit in Fratrem Johannem Blebury. Frater Ricardus
 " Queryndone consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth.
 " Frater Robertus Kyllngworth consensit in Fratrem Jo-
 " hannem Blebury. Frater Thomas Sudbury consensit in
 " Fratrem Robertum Botheby. Frater Willelmus Kakewyk
 " consensit in Fratrem Symonem Sothereye, Priorem istius

¹ *Celerarius* in MS.

" monasterii. Quibus votis omnium et singulorum confratrum A.D. 1401.
 " et commonachorum in dicto Domo Capitulari existentium
 " sic exquisitis et in scriptis redactis, prædicti fratres, Jo-
 " hannes Wathamstede, Robertus Stokes, et Petrus Menaunt,
 " Consorutatores, statim ad Infirmariam dicti monasterii nostri
 " accesserunt, et vota, videlicet, Fratrum Johannes Wulle-
 " thorp, Rogeri Whitohirche, Roberti Chestayne, et Alexandri
 " Bone, Eleemosynarii monasterii nostri prædicti, in Infir-
 " maria prædicta existentium, et ad prædictam Domum Capi-
 " tularum, ut prædicitur, accedere non valentium, sub modo
 " et forma præmissa inquisierunt. Quorum unus, videlicet,
 " Frater Johannes Wullestorp, consensit in Fratrem Ro-
 " bertum Botheby, ac Frater Rogerus Whitohurohe consensit
 " in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth, Frater Alexander Bone
 " consensit in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworth.¹ Quibus sic
 " factis, prædicti tres Scrutatores ad nos, in dicto Domo
 " Capitulari existentes, redierunt, cum votis omnibus et sin-
 " gulis hujusmodi in scriptis redactis, antequam ad aliquos
 " alios se divertebant. Et Frater Johannes Wathamstede præ-
 " dictus, de consensu Consorutatorum suorum, expresse ipsa
 " vota coram nobis mox in communi in præsentia nostrorum
 " omnium publicavit, collationemque numeri ad numerum,
 " sibi ad zelum, et meriti ad meritum, fecit votorum, sicut
 " præfertur, in scriptis redactorum, sub forma quæ sequitur:
 " —'In Dei nomine, Amen. Fratres carissimi, credo nemi-
 " " nem vestrum latere quod sunt in monasterio isto sexaginta
 " " quatuor monachi in numero, qui volunt, debent, et possunt,
 " " isti electioni interesse de jure, seu de consuetudine, et,
 " " quantum ad actum de quo nunc agitur, Capitulum facere,
 " " vel in hac electione vocem habere. De quibus Frater
 " " Symon Sotherey, Prior istius monasterii, habet quatuor
 " " voces; Frater Robertus Botheby habet quinque voces;
 " " Frater Willelmus Wyntershulle habet quinque voces; Frater
 " " Johannes Blebury habet quinque voces; Frater Ricardus
 " " Myssindene habet unicam vocem; et Frater Willelmus
 " " Heyworthe, Cellarius istius monasterii, habet quadra-
 " " ginta voces, ac ego, Frater Johannes Wathamsted, Prior
 " " de Tynemutha, habeo quatuor voces, et non plures; sicut
 " " apparet liquide per prædictam scripturam in scrutinio
 " " habente vota seu consensus commonachorum et confratrum
 " " istius monasterii Scrutatorum omnium continentem,² sic

¹ The vote of Robert Chestayne has been omitted.

² This passage is to all appearance incomplete.

A.D. 1401. “ agitur: patet quod major pars totius Capituli consensit in
 “ prædictum Fratrem Willelmum Heyworthe, et ita ratione
 “ numeri est ipse aliis præferendus quibuscunque in hac
 “ parte nominatis. Constat etiam quod ipsi qui præfatum
 “ Willelmum Heyworth in Abbatem istius monasterii eli-
 “ gendum nominarunt, sunt præstantiores, et in majoribus
 “ dignitatibus et officiis constituti, quam illi suprascripti qui
 “ alios a dicto Fratre Willelmo eligendos nominarunt. Nec
 “ apparet quod ipsi præfatum Willelmum Heyworth nomi-
 “ nantes sic eligendum, affectione carnali, seu alia illicita
 “ quascunque, nominarunt; illi autem omnes qui in alios, ut
 “ præmittitur, ¹ consenserunt, in numero magno pauciores, et
 “ aliqui eorum tempore juniores sunt, et in minoribus dig-
 “ nitatibus et officiis constituti. Ex quibus liquet manifeste
 “ ipsos nominantes præfatum Willelmum Heyworthe in Ab-
 “ batem istius monasterii eligendum, majorem zelum quam
 “ alii alios, ut prædicitur, nominantes, habuisse et habere.
 “ Item, ratione meriti est idem Frater Willelmus Heyworthe
 “ aliis in prædicto scrutinio nominatis præferendus. Nam
 “ ipse alios quoscunque ab eo nominatos in hac parte in
 “ virtute humilitatis et aliis morum quamplurium virtutibus
 “ præcellebat, et præcellit; ac in officio ² Cellerarii laudabi-
 “ liter et provide se gessit. Estque idem Frater Willelmus
 “ Heyworthe conversationis honestæ, moribus ornatus, in spiri-
 “ tualibus et temporalibus plurimum circumspectus, ætatis
 “ legitimæ, et de legitimo matrimonio procreatus; cui nihil
 “ obviat in hac parte de Canonicis institutis quominus eligi
 “ debeat in Abbatem istius monasterii in communi, et eidem
 “ monasterio providere de eodem. Sic ergo, ratione numeri,
 “ zeli, et meriti, est idem Frater Willelmus aliis in scrutinio
 “ nominatis præferendus, et, ut a majore et saniori parte
 “ totius Capituli nostri nominatus, communiter in hac parte
 “ eligendus. Quibus quidem publicatione et collatione, ut
 “ præmittitur, peractis atque factis, nos, Frater Simon Sothe-
 “ reye, Prior prædicti Monasterii, et alii quicunque supra-
 “ scripti, in quos vota, ut præfertur, fuerant directa, præter-
 “ quam Frater Willelmus Heyworthe, vocibus hujusmodi, ac
 “ omni juri nobis aut eis in hac parte adquisito, si quod foret,
 “ renunciavimus palam et expresse. Et extunc Frater Jo-
 “ hannes Wathamstede, Prior de Tynemutha prædictus, habens
 “ in hac parte potestatem sufficientem, vice sua et Consoruta-
 “ torum suorum prædictorum, viceque nostra et omnium

¹ consentierunt in MS.| ² Celerarii in MS.

“ commonachorum aliorum ¹a prædicto Fratre Willelmo Hey- A.D. 1401.
 “ worthe, superius descriptorum, prædictum Fratrem Willel-
 “ mum Heyworthe in Abbatem dicti monasterii elegit, sub
 “ hac forma.—‘In Dei nomine, Amen. Vacante nuper Eccle-
 “ sia Conventuali sui Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis
 “ Sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensis Diocesis, ad Romanam
 “ Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis, per mortem bonæ me-
 “ moriæ Fratris Johannis Moote, ultimi Abbatis ejusdem, ac
 “ pro electione futuri Abbatis Monasterii prædicti facienda,
 “ vocatisque rite et legitime omnibus qui fuerant ¹evocandi,
 “ et præsentibus die præfixa omnibus qui voluerunt, debue-
 “ runt, et potuerunt, commode in electione hujusmodi inter-
 “ esse, placuit Fratri Symoni Sothereye, Priori dicti Monas-
 “ terii, et etiam omnibus aliis et singulis tunc inibi
 “ congregatis, ac aliis jus seu voces in hac parte habentibus,
 “ per viam scrutinii, dictæ ecclesiæ, sive Monasterii, tunc
 “ vacantis, de futuro Abbate providere: factoque per me et
 “ cæteros Conscrutatores meos, ad hoc legitime deputatos,
 “ scrutinio hujusmodi, juxta formam Consilii Generalis, et
 “ tandem eodem scrutinio mox in communi publicato, et col-
 “ latione habita juxta formam et modum Consilii diligenti,
 “ cum repertum sit majorem et saniolem partem totius Ca-
 “ pituli direxisse in Fratrem Willelmum Heyworthe, ²Cel-
 “ lerarium istius monasterii, concorditer vota sua, virumque
 “ providum et discretum, litterarum scientia, vita, et mori-
 “ bus, merito commendandum, et in ordine sacerdotali æta-
 “ tisque legitimæ constitutum, de legitimo etiam matrimonio
 “ procreatum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus plurimum
 “ circumspectum, scientem, et valentem jura dicti monas-
 “ terii utiliter defendere:—idcirco ego, Frater Johannes
 “ Wathamstede, Prior Prioratus de Tynemutha prædictus,
 “ vice mea et totius Capituli prædicti, ac omnium ipsa elec-
 “ tione jus habentium, ex potestate mihi a toto Capitulo
 “ prædicto tradita et concessa, ac de eorundem mandato ex-
 “ presso, prædictum Fratrem Willelmum Heyworthe eligo in
 “ Abbatem et pastorem Monasterii Sancti Albani prædicti,
 “ et eidem monasterio provideo de eodem;”—præfatamque
 “ electionem, sic solemniter celebratam, nos omnes et singuli,
 “ ipso electo duntaxat excepto, approbavimus; ac deinde ‘Te
 “ ‘Deum laudamus’ alta voce decantantes, dictum electum
 “ nostrum ad summum altare dicti monasterii adduximus, ut
 “ moris est. Et confestim Frater Johannes Wathamstede,

¹ *evocandis* in MS.| ² *Celerarium* in MS.

A.D. 1401. " Prior prædictus, electionem ipsam clero et populo, inibi tunc
 " præsentibus, de mandato nostro expresso publicavit, et ex-
 " posuit in vulgari. Et post hæc, statim nos, Frater Symon,
 " Prior, et Conventus, antedicti, prædicto ¹ Fratri Willelmo
 " Heyworth duntaxat excepto, ad et in Domum Capitularem
 " accedentes, et Capitulum facientes, fecimus, constituimus, et
 " ordinavimus, Fratres Johannem Wathamstede, Priorem de
 " Tynemutha, Robertum Stokes, Priorem de Bynham, et Petrum
 " Menaunt, suprascriptos, procuratores nostros, conjunctim et
 " divisim, ad præsentandum prædicto Fratri Willelmo Hey-
 " worth, electo nostro, electionem de ipso sic canonicè cele-
 " bratam, et ad petendum ab eo, ut ipse electioni hujusmodi
 " de se factæ suum præberet assensum; promittentes nos
 " ratum, gratum, et firmum, habituros quicquid per dictos
 " procuratores nostros, eorumve aliquem, actum fuerit in ea
 " parte. Qui quidem procuratores nostri ipsum diversis tem-
 " poribus et locis dicti monasterii requirebant, quod ipse elec-
 " tioni hujusmodi consentiret. Qui quidem electus, licet cum
 " difficultate, die proxima extunc sequente eidem electioni
 " de se factæ consensit, in hunc modum.—' In Dei nomine,
 " ' Amen. Ego, Frater Willelmus Heyworth, ² Commonachus
 " ' et Confrater Monasterii Sancti Albani, Ordinis Sancti Be-
 " ' nedicti, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, nullo medio, pertinentis,
 " ' Lincolnensis Diocesis, per mortem bonæ memoris Fratris
 " ' Johannis Moote, ultimi Abbatis ejusdem, vacantis, in Ab-
 " ' batem monasterii supradicti electus, divinæ nolens resistere
 " ' voluntati, electioni de me factæ consentio.' Acta sunt hæc,
 " prout scribuntur, sub anno, Indictione, Pontificatu, mensis
 " Decembris diebus et locis suprascriptis; præsentibus vene-
 " rabilibus Magistris, Johanne Barnet prædicto, Willelmo Sty-
 " veele, jurisperito, ac Dionysio Lopham et Radulpho Gardyner,
 " Notariis Publicis Lincolnensis, Norwycensis, et Londoniensis,
 " Diocesis, testibus ad præmissa rogatis. Et in fidem præ-
 " missorum, præsens electionis decretum mandavimus et feci-
 " mus per Magistrum Johanne Coumbe, Notarium auctoritate
 " Apostolica Publicum, in publicam formam redigi, ipsiusque
 " signo et subscriptione, nostrique sigilli communis appen-
 " sione, muniri."
 " Et ego, Johannis Coumbe, clericus, civitatis Londoniarum
 " Publicus, auctoritate Apostolica, Notarius, præmissis omnibus
 " et singulis, dum agebantur et fiebant in monasterio prædicto,
 " sub anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo primo, diebus

Attestation by a
 Notary
 Public.

¹ Fratri in MS.

| ² Commonachus in MS.

" duodecima et tertia-decima mensis Decembris prænotatis, ac A.D. 1401.
 " Indictione decima, Pontificatusque sanctissimi in Christo
 " Patris et Domini nostri, Domini Bonifacii, Divina Providen-
 " tia, Papæ, Noni, anno tertio-decimo, una cum testibus ante-
 " dictis, præsens interfui, eaque fieri vidi et audiui, et, aliunde
 " occupatus, ea per alium scribi feci, publicaviq[ue], et in hanc
 " publicam formam redegi; signoque, nomine, et subscriptione,
 " meis solitis et consuetis, præsens electionis decretum, de
 " mandato et voluntate Dominorum Prioris et Conventus præ-
 " dictorum, signavi, hio me subscribendo, rogatus et requisitus,
 " in fidem et testimonium præmissorum."

Explicit Decretum Willelmi Abbatis.¹

Electione igitur, ut præmittitur, cum omni juris William
 solemnitate, et maxima populi lætitia, legitime cele- Heyworth
 brata, facta est tanta confusio partis adversæ, ita ut being
 nuncii regii, qui advenerant, cum summa festinatione elected, the
 recederent; etiam Dominum Regem, ut timebatur, King's in-
 nequiter informarent. Unde, ne quid sinistrum Domini dination is
 Regis benevolentiam retraheret, missus fuerat quidam feared.
 armiger Abbatis ad Dominum Cantuariæ Archiepisco- The Arch-
 pum, qui tunc temporis cum Domino Rege apud bishop of
 Hertford aderat; qui, rei veritate cognita, Domino Can-
 Regi, se pro noviter electo interponeret, quousque idem terbury's in-
 electus personaliter interesse potuisset. Nondum etenim tercession
 suæ electioni ² consenserat, nec jurisperitos aut alios is tem-
 sibi optimos a se dimiserat; unde ipsum in Monasterio porarily
³ die sequenti remanere necessarie oportebat. Die vero invoked.
 tertia post electionem, accessit Hertfordiam, ad Regis
 præsentiam per Priorem de Tynemutha et prædictum The newly
 Willelmum Wyntyrulle, nomine Conventus coram elected
 præsentatus, et absque quavis molestia benignissime Abbot is
 admissus. Obtentoque ad plenum consensu et bene- favourably
 volentia ³ Regis, cum ejus litteris ad Privati Sigilli received by
 Bajulum et regni Cancellarium directis, pro ejus fide- the King.
 litate suscipienda, et temporalibus ejus continuo libe-

¹ Half a column is left vacant here (page 247).

² *consenserat* in MS.

³ Inserted in the margin, in another hand.

William II.,
32nd
Abbot,
A.D. 1401. randis, versus Londonias ob hoc iter suum arripuit ;
et suas litteras Privati Sigilli Bajulo præsenteravit.
Sed adhuc prædicti Thesaurarii malitia non ¹defer-

The Treas-
urer, in
his malice,
throws im-
pediments
in the Ab-
bot's way.

Owing to
the good
feeling of
the Clerk of
the Privy
Seal, they
are re-
moved.

The Abbot
receives
benediction
from the
Bishop of
London ;
and then
retires to
the Cell at
Hertford.

On the next
day he is
received in
state at

buit, sed ejus expeditionem pro suis viribus impedivit.
Nam ejus Adventu cognito, dum adhuc litteræ Privati
Sigilli, Cancellario regni dirigendæ, scriberentur, affue-
runt duo ²servientes Regis ad arma, inhibentes eidem
ex parte Thesaurarii, ne in expeditionem dictarum
litterarum procederet, donec Regis, vel sui magni Con-
siliî, mandata denuo recepisset. Unde non iminerito
turbabatur electus, æstimans aliquod Domino Regi
noviter relatum, unde suæ expeditionis effectus im-
pediri poterat, vel deferri. Cujus dolori præfatus
Sigilli Clericus plurimum compatiens, ad Regem se
transtulit; jus ipsius electi, et malitiam impediendum,
³seriosius exposuit; consensum quoque regium, cum
suis litteris, super hoc directis, obtinuit, et easdem
eidem continuo præsenteravit.

Facta igitur solita fidelitate, obtentisque brevibus
regiis suis subditis et tenentibus de sibi attendendis,
ac etiam Escheatoribus diversis ⁴diversorum Comita-
tuum de ejus terris et bonis inibi seisis continuo
liberandis, versus Londoniensem Episcopum, pro bene-
dictione obtinenda, iter arripuit. A quo satis huma-
niter admissus, ac etiam nobili pontificali ⁵annulo
donatus, benedictionem debitam inter Missarum so-
lemnia, pontificalibus decoratus, in die Sancti Thomæ
Apostoli ab eodem Episcopo suscepit. Deinde ad
Cellam suam de Hertford se transtulit, et ibidem per
unicum diem perhendinavit.

In crastino vero, id est, feria sexta ante Natale
Domini, versus Monasterium, cum suis familiaribus et
paucis patriæ generosis, iter arripuit, et a suis villanis

¹ *defferbuit* in MS.

² *servientis* in MS.

³ These two words are added in
the margin—"seresius" standing in

place of them in the text.

⁴ This word is inserted in the
margin.

⁵ *anulo* in MS.

Sancti Albani, de una secta novite caputiatis, et eidem William II.,
 obviis, ad numerum circiter centum sexaginta, con-
 ductus, ad Monasterii valvas ecclesiæ Occidentales A.D. 1401.
 perveniens, a Conventu, solemniter revestito more
 solito, ^{Saint} ^{Alban's.} ^{32nd} ^{Abbot,} processionaliter est receptus. Depositis deinde
 vestibus equitatoriis, et suo frocco indutus, in stallo suo
 in choro per ministerium Prioris et Supprioris Monas-
 terii fuerat introductus. Pulsatione quoque campanæ
 Capitularis terminata, ad Capitulum, cum suo Conventu,
 accessit; ibique præsidens, obedientiam, sicuti ejus
 prædecessor fecerat, a singulis recepit. Claves omnium
 suorum Obedientiariorum, coram eodem, ut mos est,
 depositas, eisdem restituit; et suo Conventui de eorum
 benevolentia regratians, et se eorum orationibus recom-
 mendans, cum paucis prius invitatis ad prandium, ad
 cameram suam declinavit; reliquos vero secum pransuros
 infra dies Natalitios jam instantes publice invitavit.

He, for a
 time, con-
 tinues his
 Obedien-
 tiaries in
 their re-
 spective
 offices, and
 shews great
 hospitality
 to the
 monks.
 He feasts
 the neigh-
 bouring
 gentry.

² Celebratis deinde diebus Natalitiis, cum maxima
 cunctorum lætitia, milites et armigeros, et generosos
 patriæ, cum aliis de retinentia suorum prædecessorum,
 per biduum convivavit, retinentiam et familiam suo-
 rum prædecessorum etiam secum retinens, et pro
 eisdem satis honorifice disponens; unde grates innu-
 meras promeruit, et spem ³ futuri felicitis regiminis
 omnibus ministravit. Tantam etiam gratiam a credi-
 toribus sui prædecessoris, quibus magna summa pecuniæ
 debebatur, obtinuit, ut non solum debita terminis
 limitatis non repeterent, sed etiam plurima libentius
⁴ accommodarent.

He gains
 time and
 further
 credit from
 the cre-
 ditors of
 his pre-
 decessor.

Elapsis postmodum paucis diebus, cunctos pene offi-
 ciarios Monasterii ab eorum officiis deposuit, et alios
 eorum loco, sine contradictione vel murmure, pro suo
 libito subrogavit; præterquam de Roberto prænotato,
 quem in Priorem de Walyngford sublimavit, Ricardo
 Botheby

He changes
 the officers
 of the
 Monastery,
 and makes
 Robert
 Botheby

¹ *personaliter* in the text; but
 corrected in the margin, in a later
 hand.

² *Selebratis* in MS.

³ *future* in MS.

⁴ *acomodurent*.

William II., Hely, Priore ibidem, viro satis commendabili, ad
 32nd Monasterium revocato, et in officio Sacristæ præfecto;
 Abbot, nonnullis opinantibus ipsum Domino Regi et aliis,
 A.D. 1401. qui pro eodem intercesserant, per hoc factum pluri-
 mum placitum; aliis affirmantibus talem, qui ad
 talem apicem talibus mediis aspiraverat, Monasterium
 turbaverat, et ipso facto ac jure seipsum omni titulo
 dignitatis privaverat, in eodem Prioratu felici regimine
 cariturum. Sed quid horum ¹ eveniet, rei exitus post-
 modum declarabit.

The youth-
 ful age at
 which Ab-
 bot Wil-
 liam is
 elected;
 and the
 favourable
 auspices
 of his
 election.

Nullum utique prædecessorum hujus Abbatis legimus
 in tam juvenili ætate et religionis probatione, sub tali
 electionis forma, tam concorditer electum, tam faciliter
 a Domino Rege et suis officiariis expeditum, tam
 inodiosis sumptibus installatum, et cum ² tanta cunc-
 torum lætitia in eorum prælatum et dominum ad-
 missum; unde de ejus felicibus ³ successibus probabilibus
 est sperandum.

He finds
 the Abbot's
 Chamber
 and officials
 greatly in
 debt.

Succedente vero tempore debitis sui prædecessoris
 fideliter examinatis, invenit suam Cameram et suos
 officarios in septingentis marcis diversis creditoribus
 indebitatos: granarium quoque suum, et maneria,
 omni fere genere bladi et brasei, et alterius stauri,
 destituta; prout in inventariis eorum, et compotis,
 plenius apparet. Quapropter, ut debita sua facilius
 solveret, ad evitandum sumptus qui noviter in digni-
 tate constitutis evenire solent, Monasterium per aliquod
 tempus deseruit, et per maximam partem duorum
 annorum sequentium ad Cellas de Bynham, Hathfelde,
 et Belverum, cum moderata familia, partim suis, partim
 eorum, sumptibus, perhendinavit. Non tamen easdem
 Cellas suas, sicut Monasterium, ut sui prædecessores
 post eorum confirmationem facere consueverant, Capitu-

He quits
 the Abbey
 for a time,
 and econo-
 mizes at
 certain of
 the Cells.

¹ This passage shews that the
 narrative was written at, or near to,
 the period to which it relates.

² *tanto* in MS.

³ *successoribus* in the text; but
 corrected in the margin, in a later
 hand.

lariter visitavit; nec homagia sibi debita a suis homa- William II.,
giariis recepit, nec auxilium rationabile olim a suis 32nd
tenentibus, tam apud Sanctum Albanum quam Tyne- Abbot,
mutham, solvi consuetum, aliquatenus habuit vel exegit, A.D. 1401.
propter eorum paupertatem, ut creditur, prætersam. But does
Consultius tamen juxta multorum opinionem egisset, not visit
si præmissa sibi debita vendicasset, licet eadem ex the Cells in
sua gratia postmodum remisisset. Nam jus seu debi- Chapter;
tum suo tempore debito non exactum, frequentius or exact
transiit in oblivionem et abusum, de facili posterius any aid
non habendum. from the
Monastery,
or the Cell
at Tyne-
mouth.

Hic Abbas, anno prælatiæ suæ secundo, et deinceps, He confers
1 Sabbatis Quatuor Temporum, contulit ordinem acco- the order of
litatus fere omnibus suis commonachis, in Capella Acolyte on
propria in Missa, pontificalibus, aliquotiens submitte, most of his
aliquando solemniter, per eundem celebrata; juxta for- monks, on
mam Privilegii per suum proximum prædecessorem a Saturdays
Summo Pontifice sibi et suis successoribus perpetuo in the Em-
2 concessi. Consecravit etiam calices et patenas, juxta ber Days.
tenorem alterius Privilegii, eidem simili modo concessi.
Attentavit etiam conservantiam perpetuam et alia pri-
vilegia, a Summo Pontifice suo monasterio præconcessa.³

Hic Abbas, anno prælationis suæ tertio, et deinceps, He con-
ædificare coepit manerium suum de Titenhangre, per tinues the
suum prædecessorem proximum sumptuose nimis præ- buildings
inceptum, et anno septimo postea, saltem in ejus ædi- at Tyten-
ficiis præcipuis, perfecit. Deinde fossas et stagna hangre,
4 erutare fecit, et copia diversorum 5 piscium instauravit. and com-
Circa cujus reparationem et constructionem 6 pletes
the chief
buildings,
A.D. 1411.

, et amplius, dicitur expendisse, ultra expensas
per suum prædecessorem proximum circa ejus construc-
tionem, ad supputandas.

¹ *Sabbatis* in MS. The Ember, or
fasting, days, at the Four Seasons of
the year, are meant.

² *concessis* in MS.

³ This passage appears to be in-
complete.

⁴ Against this word "*eruderi*"

is placed in the margin, in a later
hand.

⁵ *piscium* in MS.

⁶ Hiatus in the text; apparently
"*octingentas marcas, et amplius*" is
inserted, in a later hand, in the
margin.

William II., 32nd Abbot, A.D. 1401. Hujus etiam Abbatis sumptibus et diligentia perfectum est opus Domus ¹Scholarium Oxoniis, per suum prædecessorem proximum, sumptuosius quam oportuit, præinceptum: ad cujus operis subsidium, viginti libræ annuatim Ecclesiæ Parochialis de Appultone Ridale, in Comitatu Eboracensi, per Robertum Maltone, firmarium ejusdem, ²debitæ pro sex annis, ³fuerant præsolutæ. Circa cujus constructionem ⁴ et amplius sunt profusæ, præter ⁵ per suum prædecessorem proximum in eodem opere expensas; et præter, ad constructionem Capellæ ⁶et porticus, de bonis amicorum ⁷decedentium, et aliorum, per Willelmum Wyntersulle, Johannem Wathamstede, Johannem Ysam, et alios, ad idem opus procurata et donata.

He completes the cloisters, begun by Abbot Michael; and appropriates certain weekly sums to payment of the expenses. Hujus Abbatis tempore, voltatæ fuerant duæ partes claustrum, per Michaelem Abbatem primitus constructi; boteracia seu suffoltaria ejus, cum cretis, tabulis, ad similitudinem aliarum partium, in quantum opus ⁸permisit. Ad cujus constructionem, seu subsidium, solverunt tam officarii Abbatis, quam Conventus, hebdomadatim per duos annos certas summas eisdem limitatas, per manus Camerarii receptas, et Domino Johanni Blebury, Cellario, perfectori ejusdem operis, liberatas; videlicet, Cellerarius, per hebdomadam ⁹, Bursarius, Sub-Cellerarius, Coquinarius, Sacrista, Camerarius, Refectorarius, Infirmary, Eleemosynarius viginti denarios. Unde summa per tempus prædictum. Reliquam vero partem sumptuum ¹⁰latomiæ, quam cooperturæ tecti ejus cum plumbo noviter fuso, subiit Abbas memoratus sua

¹ *Scholarium* in MS.

² Omitted in the text, but inserted in the margin, in a somewhat later hand.

³ *fuerat* in MS.

⁴ *CLXV. libræ*, in the margin.

⁵ *viginti marcas*, in a marginal

Note.

⁶ *etiam porticus* in MS.

⁷ *decedentium* in MS.

⁸ This passage is apparently left incomplete.

⁹ All these sums are omitted.

¹⁰ *latomie* in MS.

gratuita voluntate. Cujus sumptus in toto ad¹, William II.,
et amplius, fuerant computati. 32nd
Abbot,

² Memoratus insuper Abbas obtinuit a Rege Henrico, A.D. 1401.
a Conquæstu Quarto, confirmationem omnium Chartarum The Abbot
regiarum primitus a Regibus Angliæ concessarum, et per obtains a
Regem Edwardum Primum, et Edwardum Secundum, confirma-
pridem confirmatarum; una cum confirmatione Chartæ tion of all
secundæ Regis Offæ, et Regis Stephani, et etiam plu- the Charters
rimarum Chartarum Regis Edwardi Tertii et Regis before
Ricardi Secundi, de diversis libertatibus Monasterii granted to
Sancti Albani concessis; numero viginti et octo, cum the Abbey
clausula³ "Licet," et alia clausula declaratoria de fini- of Saint
bus et amerciamentis in quibuscunque Curiis regiis Alban's.
olim virtute verborum generalium habitis, sed per
duorum suorum proximorum prædecessorum tempora ne-
quiter subtractis; licet per eosdem diversis vicibus non
sine gravibus laboribus et expensis fuisset sæpius, sed
inaniter, persecutus. Cujus expeditionis billæ originales,
cum dictis clausulis, principiis et fine, præsentibus sunt
insertæ. Cætera vero, propter eorum prolixitatem
omissa, in novo Cartuario integre sunt subscripta.—

"Henricus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus Form of
"Hiberniæ, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, such Con-
"Ducibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, firmation,
"Præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis fidelibus suis, A.D. 1405.
"salutem. Inspeximus chartam Domini Edwardi, quondam
"Regis Angliæ, proavi nostri, factam, in hæc verba,—'Ed-
"wardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ,' et cætera. Nos autem
"donationes, concessiones, et affirmationes, prædictas, ratas
"habentes, et gratas, eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris,
"quantum in nobis est, acceptamus, approbamus, et dilectis
"nobis in Christo nunc Abbati et Conventui loci prædicti,
"et successoribus suis in perpetuum, de gratia nostra speciali,
"concedimus, et confirmamus, prout chartæ et litteræ præ-
"dictæ rationabiliter testantur. Præterea, volentes eisdem nunc
"Abbati et Conventui gratiam in hac parte facere ampliorem,

¹ Hiatus in the text, but this sum
marked in the margin :—cxliiii. li.,
vii. s. vii. d.

² At this page (250) one column
is left vacant.

³ See page 502 post, Note 2.

William II., 32nd Abbot, A.D. 1401. " de gratia nostra speciali concessimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris prædictis, quantum in nobis est, eisdem nunc Abbati et Conventui, quod licet ipsi, vel eorum prædecessores, aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum, franchiarum, consuetudinum, immunitatum, et quietanciarum, in dictis chartis et litteris contentarum, aliquo casu emergente, hactenus usi non fuerint, ipsi tamen, et successores sui, libertatibus, franchiseis, consuetudinibus, immunitatibus, et quietanciis prædictis, et earundem qualibet, de cætero plene gaudeant et utantur in perpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, Justiciariorum, Escaetorum, Vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, vel hæredum nostrorum, quorumcunque. Ad insuper, cum in aliquibus chartarum prædictarum inter cætera contineatur, quod Abbas et Conventus loci prædicti, et successores sui, habeant omnimodas libertates et liberas consuetudines, quas regia potestas liberiores habet, seu alicui ecclesiæ conferre potest; et quod nullus ministrorum progenitorum nostrorum, nec Francus, nec Anglicus, se in terris ipsorum Abbatis et Conventus, nec de hominibus suis, in aliquo se intromittat, nisi ipsi et ministri sui, per eos deputati: virtute quarum concessionum omnes prædecessores prædicti nunc Abbatis, a tempore quo non extat memoria, inter cæteras franchises et libertates suas, per proprios ministros suos, ad opus suum habuerunt et receperunt omnia fines, redemptiones, et amerciamenta, de quibuscunque hominibus et tenentibus suis, et de omnibus residentibus super terras, dominia, et feoda sua, tam facta, adjudicata, forisfacta, assessa, et afferata, coram Senescallis et Marescallis, Coronatore et Clerico Mercati hospitii progenitorum nostrorum, quam coram aliis officiariis, Justiciariis, et ministris quibuscunque, usque tempus Thomæ Abbatis loci prædicti, prædecessoris præfati nunc Abbatis: a quo tempore fines, redemptiones, et amerciamenta, hominum, tenentium, et residentium suorum, coram Senescallis et Marescallis, Coronatore et Clerico Mercati, qui pro tempore fuerant, facta, adjudicata, forisfacta, assessa, et afferata, per ipsos hucusque, ablata fuerunt, et subtracta, eo quod in chartis prædictis expressa mentio per verba specialia non fiebat, quod iidem Abbas et Conventus, et successores sui, ea haberent, seu habere deberent:—Nos, volentes præfatos nunc Abbatem et Conventum favore prosequi gratioso, de gratia nostra speciali, et pro majori se-

¹ *ne* in MS.

"curitate et quiete ejusdem nunc Abbatis, et Conventus, et William II.,
 "successorum suorum, ad ambiguitates et controversias, quas 32nd
 "super libertatibus prædictis, propter quædam generalia verba Abbot,
 "in quibusdam clausulis dictarum chartarum contenta, ante A.D. 1401.
 "hæc tempora evenerant, ut accepimus, ac forsân temporibus
 "futuris possent evenire, concedimus, declaramus, et con-
 "firmamus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis
 "est, præfato nunc Abbati, et Conventui, et successoribus suis
 "in perpetuum, fines, redemptiones, et amerciamenta, de omni-
 "bus et singulis hominibus et tenentibus suis, et de omnibus
 "residentibus supra terras, dominia, et feoda sua, facta et
 "facienda, adjudicata et adjudicanda, forisfacta et forisfacienda,
 "assessa et assidenda, afferata et afferanda, tam coram Senes-
 "callo et Marescallo, Coronatore et Clerico Mercati hospitii
 "nostri et hæredum nostrorum, quam coram aliis officiariis,
 "Justiciariis, aut ministris nostri et hæredum nostrorum,
 "quorumcunque. Et quod idem nunc Abbas, et Conventus,
 "et successores sui prædicti, omnia hujusmodi fines, re-
 "demptiones, et amerciamenta, per se, aut per balivos, seu
 "ministros, suos, levare, colligere, percipere, et habere, pos-
 "sint, sine calumnia, impetitione, vel impedimento nostri,
 "vel hæredum nostrorum, seu alicujus officiariorum, Jus-
 "ticiariorum, Escaetorum, aut ministrorum, nostrorum, vel
 "hæredum nostrorum; aut Senescallorum et Marescallorum,
 "Coronatoris, vel Clerici Mercati hospitii nostri, aut hæredum
 "nostrorum, sen aliorum Justiciariorum, Escaetorum, Vice-
 "comitum, Coronatorum, seu aliorum ballivorum, seu ministro-
 "rum, nostrorum, vel hæredum nostrorum, quorumcunque.
 "Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus, Thoma Archiepiscopo
 "Cantuariensi, totius Angliæ Primæ, ¹ Roberto Londoniensi,
 "Henrico Wyntoniensi, Johanne Heliensi, Philippo Lin-
 "colniensi, ² Edmundo Exoniensi, Episcopis, Edwardo Duce
 "Eboraci, Johanne Somercete, Camerario nostro, Ricardo
 "Warwici, Radulpho Westmerlandiæ, Comitibus, Willelmo de
 "Roos de Hamelak, Reginaldo Grey de Rithyn, Willelmo de
 "Wylughby, Thoma Langeleye, Cancellario, Thoma Domino
 "de Furnivalle, Thesaurario, nostris, Johanne Stanley, Senes-
 "callo hospitii nostri, Nicolao Bubbewyth, Custode Privati
 "Sigilli nostri, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram, apud
 "Westmonasterium, duodecimo die Decembris, anno regni
 "nostri septimo."

Correctly, "*Rogero*," Roger Walden being the then Bishop.

² *Edwardo* in the text, but cor-

rected in the margin, in a later hand.

³ *Warre* in the text, but corrected in the margin, in a later hand.

William II.,
32nd
Abbot, A.D. 1401. Charta Henrici Regis Primi de diversis libertatibus
Monasterio Sancti Albani concessis.

List of the
Charters
so con-
firmed.

Charta Henrici Secundi de libertatibus eidem monasterio concessis.

Item, Charta ejusdem regis de warennæ columbarum, eidem monasterio infra quinque leucas concessa.

Item, Charta Henrici Regis de libero tholoneo et passagio ubicunque eidem monasterio concessis.

Item, Charta Henrici Regis de feria per octo dies in villa Sancti Albani.

Item, Charta Regis Ricardi Primi de libertatibus eidem monasterio per ejus patrem præconcessis.

Item, Charta Henrici Secundi de libera warennæ ubilibet obtinenda.

Item, Charta ejusdem de hominibus libertatis Sancti Albani extra eandem nullatenus extrahendis.

Item, Charta Regis Edwardi Primi de vacatione Monasterii pro mille marcis Conventui ibidem concessa.

Item, Charta prima Regis Offæ, fundatoris Monasterii Sancti Albani, de fundatione ejusdem, possessionibus, et libertatibus, eidem concessis.

Item, Charta Henrici Regis, Secundi, de possessionibus, et libertatibus, et feodis militum, eidem monasterio concessis.

Item, Charta ejusdem de possessionibus et libertatibus Coquinario ejusdem monasterii pertinentibus.

Item, Charta ejusdem de manerio de Estwelle, sive Escole, eidem officio confirmato.

Item, Charta ejusdem de manerio de Brantfelde eidem monasterio confirmato.

Item, Charta Ricardi Regis, Primi, de diversis possessionibus et libertatibus per suum patrem præconcessis.

Item, Charta secunda Regis Offæ de possessionibus et libertatibus Monasterio Sancti Albani præconcessis.

Item, Charta confirmatoria Regis Stephani de diver-

sis possessionibus et libertatibus eidem monasterio concessis.

William II.,
82nd
Abbot,
A.D. 1401.

Item, Charta Regis Ricardi Primi de tholoneo et consuetudine ubilibet ab hominibus Monasterii Sancti Albani non exigendis; et ut libere vendant, emant, et conducant, ad opus Monasterii, per Henricum, ejus patrem, præconcessa.

Item, Charta Regis Edwardi Primi, per dictum Henricum Quartum confirmata, de Coronatoriis propriis amodo licite possidendis.

Item, Charta Regis Edwardi Secundi, per dictum Regem Henricum Quartum confirmata, de terris et tenementis pro perpetuo dimittendis, et de vastis ap-
pruandis.

Item, Charta ejusdem regis, per dictum Henricum, *et cætera*, de quadam pensione annua, *et cætera*, in qualibet creatione novi Abbatis, olim a Regibus Angliæ habita, pro advocatione ecclesiæ de Dachet, Collegio de Wyndeshore amodo appropriata.

Item, Charta indentata in Gallicis inter dictum Regem Edwardum Tertium et Monasterium Sancti Albani, de quodam corrodio olim habito pro quibusdam terris de Langeley Abbatis, in augmentationem, seu elargitionem parti Regis ¹inclusæ perpetuo commutatæ.

Item, Charta Regis Ricardi, post Conquæstum Secundi, per dictum Henricum *et cætera*, de decimis vel subsidiis Domino Regi debitibus per Abbates et Priores Cellarum ejusdem minime colligendis.

Item, Charta ejusdem Regis Ricardi, de mille marcis in qualibet vacatione Monasterii olim Domino Regi debitibus, in summam annuam quinquaginta marcarum amodo commutatis.

Item, Charta confirmatoria dicti Regis Ricardi, de quadam Bulla Apostolica per Summum Pontificem Monasterio Sancti Albani perpetuo concessa, de ejus

¹ *inclus' perpetuo commutat'* in MS.

William II., Abbatibus, legitime electis, eo ipso confirmandis in
 32nd
 Abbot, eisdem partibus, a quocunque Episcopo pro libito
 A.D. 1401. benedicendis, et viginti marcis annuis collectoribus
 eisdem in Anglia amodo persolvendis.

Item, Charta Regis Edwardi, post Conquæstum
 Tertii, per dictum Regem Henricum Quartum similiter
 confirmata, de duabus feriis annuis in villa de Watford
 per quinque dies duraturis.

Petition of
 the Abbot
 and Con-
 vent for
 confirma-
 tion of
 the said
 Charters.

" A tres excellent, tres redoute, et tres gracious Seignur,
 " nostre Seignur le Roy, supplient humblement vos humbles
 " Chapelleyne et ¹ contemely oratours, labbe et Covent de
 " vostre meason de Seynt Albane, de vostre grace speciale
 " ratifer et confermer lez Chartres del Roy Offa, et de vous tres
 " noble progenitours, featz et grauntez a vous povres et ¹ con-
 " tennely oratours et Chapelleyne, labbe de Saynt Albane
 " et Covent, et a lour predecessours, ove clause de ² *Licet*, et
 " ausint ³ ove ascunes dez ditz ⁴ Chartres, entre autres libertes
 " et fraunchis est contenuz, que labbe et Covent del Abbeie
 " de Saynt Albane, et lour successours, eient touz maners
 " de libertes et frankez customez, queneq Roial Majeste plus

[TRANSLATION.]

" Unto the most excellent, most dread, and most gracious
 " Lord, our Lord the King, pray humbly your humble Chap-
 " lains and contrite orators, the Abbot and Convent of your
 " house of Saint Alban's, of your especial grace to ratify and
 " confirm the Charters of King Offa, and of your most noble
 " progenitors, made and granted unto your poor and contrite
 " orators and Chaplains, the Abbot of Saint Alban's and
 " Convent, and unto their predecessors, with a clause of
 " *Licet*, and also with certain of the said [in the
 " which] Charters among other liberties and franchises it is
 " contained, that the Abbot and Convent of the Abbey of
 " Saint Alban's, and their successors, shall have all manner
 " of liberties and free customs that the Royal Majesty most

¹ Sic in MS.

² A clause stating that they shall remain in enjoyment of certain privileges, although (*licet*) they may have neglected to use or assert

them.

³ *over* in MS.

⁴ To all appearance, there is an omission before this word.

" franchement en ad ou a ascune esglise doner ¹purra; et WilliamII.,
 " que nulle de ministres de vous progenitours, Fraunceys ^{32nd}
 " nEnglise, en lez terres dez ditz Abbe et Covent, ne de ^{Abbot,}
 " ^{A.D. 1401.} leur hommes, en ascune sey entremet, sinoun ²eux,
 " et leur ministres par ⁴eux deutez; par vertue dez queu
 " chartres et grauntz, les predecessours du dit ore Abbe, de
 " temps ⁵dount memore ne court, entre leur autres franchisez
 " et libertes, par leur propres ministres a leur oeps ount ew
 " et receux tous les fines, et redempcions, et amerciamentz, de
 " tous leur hommes et tenauntz, et de tous lez reseantz
 " deins et sur leur terres, seignuries, et fees, sibien featz,
 " ajuges, forfeatz, assis, ou affeerez, sibien devaunt Seneschalle
 " et Mareschalle, Coroner, et Clerk del Market del hostel
 " de vous progenitours, ⁷come devaunt autres officiers, Jus-
 " tices, et ministre queconques, tanque en temps del dreine
 " Abbe, predecessour du dit ore Abbe; puis quele temps,
 " les fines, redempcions, et amerciamentz, de leur hommes,

" freely has given or unto any church can give; and [to the
 " effect that] no one of the ministers of your progenitors,
 " French or English, in the lands of the said Abbot and
 " Convent, or as to their men, should in any way intermeddle,
 " except ⁶themselves, and their officers by them deputed;
 " by virtue of which charters and grants, the predecessors of
 " of the said present Abbot, time out of memory, among
 " their other franchises and liberties, through their own
 " officers have had and received unto their own use all the
 " fines, and redemptions, and amercements, of all their men
 " and tenants, and of all the residents in and upon their lands,
 " lordships, and fees, as well made, adjudged, forfeited, as-
 " sessed, or affeered, as well before Seneschal and Marshal,
 " and Clerk of the Market of the household of your progeni-
 " tors, as before other officers, Justices, and ministers what-
 " soever, down to the time of the last ⁷Abbot, predecessor of
 " the said present Abbot; since the which time, the fines,
 " redemptions, and amercements, of their ⁸men, tenants, and

¹ *purra* in MS.

² *lone* in MS.

³ Apparently *eire* in MS.

⁴ *ew* in MS.

⁵ Apparently *doneit* in MS.

⁶ *tour* in MS.

⁷ *come* in MS.

⁸ Justiciars on the Eyre, Iter, or Circuit, are meant.

⁹ Or "homagers."

William II., 32nd Abbot, A.D. 1401. " tenantz, et reseantz, devant Senescalle et Mareschalle, " Coroner et Clerk del Market, que pur le temps furount " featz, ajugez, forfeatz, assis, et afferez, par eux, tanquen " cea, lour furent subtrez, a cause qen les chartres susditz " expresse mencioun, par expresse parole, nestoit feat, que " l'abbe et Covent, et lour successours, lez averount ou aver " le deverount :—y plesse de vostre tres habundaunt grace, " par expresse parole graunter, declarer, et confermer, pur " vous heires, as ditz suppliauntz et lour successours a touz " jours, lez fines, redempcions, et amerciementz, de touz lour " hommes et tenantz, et de touz lez reseantz deinz ou sour " lour torres, seignuries, et fees, featz ou afferez, ajugez, que " serrount affeerez, si bien devant Senescalle et Mareschalle, " Coroner et Clerk del Market de votre hostel, et de vous et " de vos heires, come devant autres officiers, Justicz, ou autres " ministres, lever, toler, prendre, et aver, purrount faire " chalange, [sanz] impediment ou enpechement de vous ou de " voz heires, ou ascune officers, Justicz, ou autre ministre " quiconques, de vous ou de voz heirez, Senescalle et Mare- " schalle, Coroner ou Clerk del Market de vostre hostel, ou

" residents, before Seneschal and Marshal, Coroner and Clerk " of the Market, which for the time have been made, ad- " judged, forfeited, assessed, and affected, by them, down to " this present time, have been subtracted from them, because " that in the charters aforesaid express mention, by express " words, was not made, that the Abbot and Convent, and their " successors, should have or ought to have them :—may it please " you of your most abundant grace, by express word to grant, " declare, and confirm, for your heirs, unto the said suppliants " and their successors for ever, that the fines, redemptions, and " amercements, of all their men and tenants, and of all the " residents within or upon their lands, lordships, and fees, " made or affected, [or] adjudged, [or] which shall be affected, " as well before Seneschal and Marshal, Coroner and Clerk of " the Market of your household, both of you and of your heirs, " as before other officers, Justices, or other ministers, they shall " be able to make claim to raise, toll, take, and have, [with- " out] impediment or impeachment by you or by your heirs, " or any officers, justices, or other minister whatsoever of you " or of your heirs, or any officers, Justices, or other servant " whatsoever, of you or of your heirs, Seneschal and Marshal, " Coroner or Clerk of the Market of your household, or

“ de voz heires, ou autres Justicz, Eschetour, Viscount, Co- William II.,
 “ roner, au autre ballif ou ministre quiconques, de vous ou 32nd
 “ de voz heires, sanz fine feare pur ycele; pur Dieux, et en Abbot,
 “ oeuvre de charitee.” A.D. 1401.

“ that of your heirs, or other Justices, Escheator, Sheriff, Co-
 “ roner, or other bailiff or minister whatsoever, of you or of
 “ your heirs, without making fine for the same; for the sake
 “ of God, and as a work of charity.”

Hujus Abbatis tempore, rectores et vicarii de Flam- Endeavour
 mestede, Gatisdene, Hamelamstede, Aldenham, et North- of certain
 mimmes, Processionem debitam in hebdomada ¹ Pente- rectors and
 costes Monasterio Sancti Albani subtrahentes, per vicars to
 mandatum subsequens Domini Lincolnensis Episcopi. subtract
 super forma cujusdam compositionis, inter ecclesiam the Pro-
 Sancti Albani et Lincolnensem olim initæ, reddere ceptions,
 sunt compulsi. checked by
 the Bishop
 of Lincoln.

Consimiliter fuerat denarius Sancti Petri, et ² car- A like
 riagium, a monasterio prædicto eo tempore retractum; attempt
 donec vigore mandati subsequentis eidem fuerant re- as to the
 vocata. — St Peter's
 penny.

“ Philippus, permissione divina, Lincolnensis Episcopus, Injunction
 “ dilectis filiis, universis et singulis rectoribus, vicariis, capel- by the
 “ lanis, et clericis, per nostram Diocesim ubilibet constitutis, Bishop of
 “ salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum ex antiqua com- Lincoln,
 “ positione inter Ecclesiam nostram Lincolnensem et Eccle- that the
 “ siam Sancti Albani facta et habita, et de expresso consensu Processions due
 “ et assensu Episcopi Lincolnensis ac Abbatis dictæ ecclesiæ from cer-
 “ Sancti Albani ordinatum, et pro bono pacis stabilitum, exti- tain rectors
 “ tisset, quod Ecclesia Sancti Albani haberet singulis annis and vicars
 “ solemnes Processiones de tota Hertfordshira, quantum in in his Dio-
 “ Lincolnensi Diocesi continetur, diebus quibus dinoscebatur cese, shall
 “ antiquitus habuisse, videlicet, sexta feria proxima post As- not be sub-
 “ censionem Domini, vel sexta feria infra Pentecosten; haberet- tracted
 “ que Ecclesia Sancti Albani prædicta ex compositione prædicta from the
 “ Processionem ecclesiarum de Cestresham, de Luytone, et Church of
 “ Houghtone; ita tamen quod ipsæ tres ecclesiæ Processionem Saint
 “ Lincolnensis Ecclesiæ, cum ecclesiis Archidiaconatum in Alban's,
 A.D. 1406.

¹ *Pentechostes* in MS.

| ² Apparently written, “*carnugium*.”

William II., " quibus sunt constitutæ, exhiberent: quæ quidem compositio
 32nd " fuit, et est, auctoritate Romanorum Pontificum roborata, et
 Abbot " eorum auctoritate debite ¹fulcita. Jamque nobis expositum
 A.D. 1401. " extitit, gravi cum querela, quod de Flamstede, Aldenham,
 " Gaddesden Magna, et Hemelhamstede, ecclesiarum parochia-
 " lium, rectores, vicarii, et alii curati, de Hertfordshire præ-
 " dictæ nostræ Diocesis, ut filii degeneres, compositionem
 " prædictam ausu temerario infringere satagentes, processiones
 " sub forma qua prædicitur facere distulerunt, et indies dif-
 " ferre malitiose conantur. Nosque facta prædecessorum nos-
 " trorum, et præcipue ea quæ ad divini cultus augmentum, et
 " ad pacem ampliandam, tendere dinoscuntur, conservare illasa,
 " et contra contravenientes eisdem debite, juxta juris exigentiam
 " et Canonum sanctiones procedere, et eos juxta eorum de-
 " merita punire, volentes, vobis conjunctim, et cuilibet ves-
 " trum divisim, committimus et mandamus, quatenus omnes
 " et singulos rectores, vicarios, et alios curatos, de Hertford-
 " shire prædicta, ²saltem nostræ Diocesis, ad Processiones
 " faciendas sub forma qua prædicitur, virtute obedientiæ qua
 " nobis tenentur, moneatis, eisdem præcipiatis, et injunga-
 " tis, moneat, præcipiat, et injungat, quilibet vestrum; quos
 " etiam tenore præsentium monemus, sub pœna excommunica-
 " tionis: contradictores, si quos in hac parte inveneritis, cite-
 " tis, seu citari faciatis, citet, seu citari faciat, aliquis vestrum,
 " quod compareat coram nobis, aut ³Officiali nostro, in Ecclesia
 " nostra Lincolnensi, duodecimo die post citationem hujusmodi,
 " si dies ipsa ⁴juridica fuerit; alioquin proximo die juridico,
 " extunc proximo sequenti, causam rationabilem, si quam pro
 " se habeant, proposituri, allegaturi, et dicturi, quare sen-
 " tentia excommunicationis hujusmodi sic fore ligati publice
 " nunciari non debeant, et haberi: ulteriusque facturi et re-
 " cepturi in hac parte quod canonicis convenit institutis.
 " Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nos, aut dictum ⁵Officialem
 " nostrum, dictis die et loco certificare curetis litteris vestris
 " patentibus, harum seriem continentibus, sigillo authentico con-
 " signatis: seu sic certificet ille vestrum qui præsens nostrum
 " mandatum susceperit exequendum. Datum sub sigillo nostro,
 " apud Vetus Templum Londoniis, nono-decimo die Maii, anno
 " Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexto, et nostræ conse-
 " crationis anno secundo."

¹ *executa* is inserted in the margin,
 in a later hand.

² *saltem* in MS.

³ *Officiario* in the text, but cor-

rected in the margin, in a later hand.

⁴ *juridicus* in MS.

⁵ *Officiarium* in the text, but cor-
 rected in the margin.

"Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii Sancti William II.,
 "Albani, Lincolnensis Diocesis, ad Romanam Ecclesiam, 82nd
 "nullo medio, pertinentis, dilectis filiis universis et singulis, Abbot,
 "rectoribus, vicariis, et capellanis parochialibus, per nostram A.D. 1401.
 "jurisdictionem constitutis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Injunction
 "Vobis conjunctim, et cuilibet vestrum divisim, in virtute by the Ab-
 "sanctæ obedientiæ, committimus et mandamus, firmiter in- bot that the
 "jungentes, quatenus omnes et singulos parochianos vestros St. Peter's
 "moneatis, et efficaciter inducat, moneat et inducat effica- penny due
 "ter quilibet vestrum, juxta omnem vim, formam, et effectum, yearly to
 "Litterarum Apostolicarum, quarum copiam vobis transmitti- the Abbey,
 "mus, præsentibus annexam; quos nos etiam tenore præsentium shall be
 "monemus, quod ipsorum singuli unum denarium, vulgariter duly levied,
 "nuncupatum 'Denarium Sancti Petri,' Abbati et Conventui A.D. 1405.
 "monasterii antedicti auctoritate Apostolica concessum et confir-
 "matum, de singulis ipsorum domibus infra vestras parochias
 "situatis, infra quindecim dierum spatium a die monitionum
 "vestrarum hujusmodi continue numerandorum, quorum quin-
 "que pro primo, quinque pro secundo, et reliquos quinque
 "dies pro tertio et peremptorio termino, ac monitione canonica,
 "eis, et eorum cuilibet, assignetis, et quilibet vestrum assignet;
 "ac nos etiam assignamus vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, quod
 "solvant, seu solvi faciant, Sub-Cellerario Monasterii Sancti
 "Albani antedicti, collectori et receptori denariorum hujus-
 "modi per nos deputato; per vos, et vestrum singulos, fideliter
 "liberandos, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris sententiæ
 "in singulos parochianos vestros monitionibus hujusmodi mi-
 "nime parentes, ipsorum mora et culpa præcedentibus, per nos
 "fulminandæ. Et si quos in hac parte inveneritis reclamantes
 "et rebelles, citetis, seu citari faciatis, peremptorie eosdem,
 "quod compareant legitime coram nobis, vel Archidiacono
 "nostro, in Ecclesia Conventuali Sancti Albani, decimo die post
 "diem citationum ipsis in hac parte factarum, si juridicus
 "fuerit; alioquin proximo die juridico extunc sequente, causam
 "reclamationis suæ hujusmodi pro termino peremptorio pro-
 "posituri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod justitia sua
 "debet. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nos dictis die et loco
 "certificetis, una cum nominibus et agnominibus citatorum
 "hujusmodi, per vestras, vel sic certificet quilibet vestrum
 "per suas, litteras patentes, harum seriem continentes, sigillo
 "authentico consignatas, aut personaliter, cum præsentibus.
 "Datum in Monasterio nostro Sancti Albani antedicto, tertio
 "Nonas Junii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo
 "quinto."

William II.,
32nd
Abbot,
A.D. 1401.

Injunction
by Pope
Alexan-
der V., to
all clerks,
as to the
due collec-
tion of the
St. Peter's
penny, in
behalf of
the Abbey,
A.D. 1410.

"Alexander, Episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis,
" universis clericis in terra Sancti Albani constitutis, salutem
" et Apostolicam benedictionem. Quanto Ecclesia Beati Albani
" ad jurisdictionem Beati Petri, ac nostram, specialius pertinet,
" tanto propensiori studio ei compellimur in suis justitiis ad-
" esse, et jura ipsius, ne a quoquam imminui valeant, attentiori
" sollicitudine conservare. Relatum est siquidem auribus
" nostris, quod prædicta ecclesia de unaquaque domo terræ
" suæ unum denarium singulis annis in secunda festivitate
" Beati Albani, ex antiqua consuetudine, percipere consuevit;
" quod quidem eidem ecclesiæ nostræ,¹ et antecessorum nos-
" trorum, Romanorum Pontificum, est, sicut dicitur, Privi-
" legio confirmatum. Verum quoniam denarius ipse a nobis et
" antecessoribus nostris fideliter consueverit annuatim recol-
" ligi, circa ipsum recolligendum quidam vestrum ²negligentes
" sunt nimium, et remissi; quod in vobis tanto magis repre-
" hensibile reputatur, quanto eidem ecclesiæ devotiores debetis
" existere, et ejus commodis et profectibus ferventius aspirare;
" universitati vestræ per Apostolica scripta præcipiendo man-
" damus, et mandando præcipimus, quatenus parochianos
" vestros moneatis, et eis firmiter injungatis, ut eidem ec-
" clesiæ de singulis domibus consuetum denarium integre et
" sine diminutione persolvant; et vos ad ipsum recolligendum,
" omni negligentia et pusillanimitate deposita, diligenter et
" fideliter, occasione et appellatione remota, secundum anti-
" quam consuetudinem; pro certo scituri, quod si quis vestrum
" circa hoc negligens vel remissus extiterit, sentiet in se
" gravius vindicandum. Et si quam sententiam Abbas ejusdem
" ecclesiæ in eum super quem habet jus pontificale, propter
" hoc rationabiliter promulgaverit, eam, auctore Domino,
" ratam et firmam habebimus. Datum Signiæ, octavo Idus
" Martii."

Injunction
by Pope
Alexan-
der V., to
all par-
ishioners,
as to the
due collec-
tion of the
St. Peter's
penny, in
behalf of
the Abbey,
A.D. 1410.

"Alexander Episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis uni-
" versis, parochianis Ecclesiarum in terra Sancti Albani con-
" stitutarum, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Quanto
" Ecclesia Beati Albani ad jurisdictionem Beati Petri, ac nos-
" tram, specialius pertinet, tanto propensiori studio ei in jure
" suo adesse compellimur, et ne a quoquam imminui valeat,
" attentiori studio et sollicitudine providere. Relatum est
" siquidem auribus nostris, quod prædicta ecclesia de una-
" quaque domo terræ suæ unum denarium singulis annis in
" secunda festivitate Beati Albani, ex antiqua consuetudine,

¹ nostro in MS.| ² negligentes in MS.

“ percipere consuevit; quod quidem eidem ecclesiæ nostræ, et
 “ antecessorum nostrorum, Romanorum Pontificum, est, sicut
 “ credimus, Privilegio confirmatum. Verum quoniam, cum
 “ denarius ipse a nobis et antecessoribus nostris fideliter con-
 “ sueverit annuatim persolvi, circa ipsum persolvendum qui-
 “ dam vestrum nimium negligentes existant; quod in vobis
 “ tanto magis reprehensibile reputatur, quanto eidem ecclesiæ
 “ devotiores debetis existere, et ejus commodis et profectibus
 “ ferventius aspirare; deinde universitati vestræ per Aposto-
 “ lica scripta præcipiendo mandamus, et mandando præcipimus,
 “ quatenus eidem ecclesiæ de singulis domibus consuetum
 “ denarium, occasione et appellatione cessante, ad præscriptum
 “ terminum integre et sine diminutione aliqua persolvatis;
 “ pro certo scituri, quod si quis vestrum circa hoc negligens
 “ aut tardus extiterit, sentiet in se gravius vindicandum. Et si
 “ quam sententiam Abbas ejusdem ecclesiæ in eum super
 “ quem habet jus pontificale, rationabiliter promulgaverit, eam,
 “ auctore Domino, ratam et firmam habebimus. Datum Anag-
 “ niæ, tertio Kalendas Aprilis.

William II.,
 32nd
 Abbot,
 A.D. 1401.

Hujus Abbatis tempore mota fuerat quæstio in Curia
 Domini Regis, coram ejus Justiciariis in Banco Regio,
 super catallis cujusdam fellonis, infra libertatem Sancti
 Albani capti; sed tandem, ostensis chartis libertatis
 ejusdem in eadem Curia, fuerant dicta catalla prædicto
 Abbati per eosdem Justiciarios adjudicata; ut in sequenti
 recordo, in prædicta Curia inde rotulato, plenius ap-
 paret.—

The Abbot
 establishes
 his right to
 chattels of
 felons,
 taken with-
 in the
 Liberty of
 Saint
 Alban's.

Dominus Rex mandavit ballivis Abbatis de Sancto
 Albano, libertatis suæ de Watforde, breve suum clausum,
 in hæc verba.—

“ Henricus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et Dominus
 “ Hiberniæ, ballivis Abbatis de Sancto Albano libertatis suæ
 “ de Watforde, salutem. Præcipimus vobis, firmiter injun-
 “ gentes, quod corpus Rogeri, alias dicti ‘Ricardi,’ servientis
 “ Johannis Margaretæ Grewere, Londoniis, qui infra liberta-
 “ tem prædictam detinetur, ut accepimus, sub salvo et securo
 “ conductu, una cum causa captionis et detentionis suæ, cum
 “ toto manuopere, cum eodem Rogero ibidem capto, habeatis
 “ coram nobis apud Westmonasterium, die Veneris proxima post
 “ mensem Paschæ, una cum hoc breve. Teste, W. Gascoigne,
 “ apud Westmonasterium, quinto-decimo die Maii, anno regni
 “ nostri nono.”

Writ order-
 ing the
 Abbot to
 bring up
 the body of
 a felon,
 taken with-
 in his
 Liberty,
 A.D. 1408.

William II., 32nd Abbot, A.D. 1401. "Ad quos diem et locum, coram Domino Rege Wilhelmus Ussher, ballivus libertatis predictæ, duxit prædictum Rogerum hic in Curia, una cum manuopere cum eo capto; videlicet, una bursa et duabus marcis in eadem bursa, uno ¹annulo de auro, uno crucifixo de auro, uno equo ambelerio, ²ac una sella cum freno. De quibus omnibus et singulis, exceptis equo et sella, cum freno, prædictis, dictus Rogerus, per appellationem dicti Johannis Margaret, de roberia eorundem honorum isto eodem Termino convictus est, et suspensus. Unde idem ³Johannes, per ⁴judicium Curie habet restitutionem et cætera.

"Super quo instanter venit prædictus Abbas, per Thomam Holme, attornatum suum, et petit ⁵equum, cum sella et freno prædictis, virtute diversarum chartarum Domini Regis, ac cujusdam exemplificationis de diversis libertatibus et franchisesiis Abbati et Conventui de Sancto Albano per antea factis et allocatis, ut catalla felonum, eidem Abbati deliberari. Quia dicit quod Rex Henricus Primus concessit Deo et Ecclesie Sancti Albani, pro redemptione animæ suæ, et parentum suorum, omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines quas regia potestas ⁶liberiores tunc habuit, vel alicui ecclesie tunc conferre posset. Et dicit quod idem Rex Henricus, ac Henricus Secundus, Ricardus, et Johannes, Reges Angliæ, separatim, per Chartas suas, sub Magno Sigillo regio sigillatas, et hic in Curia ostensas, inter alia concesserunt Abbati et Conventui de Sancto Albano, et successoribus suis, quod ipsi haberent retorum omnium brevium Domini Regis, et eorundem executionem; et similiter, furcas, tum-

¹ *anulo* in MS.

² There is an hiatus left before this word.

³ *Rogerus* in MS., by mistake.

⁴ Omitted in the text; but supplied in the margin, in a later hand.

⁵ *equum* in MS.

⁶ *liberiores* in MS.

" brellum, *pillory*, carcerem, et omnia hujusmodi, ¹ per William II.,
 " diversa loca in terris et feodis suis pertinentia, prout ^{32nd}
 " hucusque prædecessores sui, et ipsi, usi fuerint. Et ^{Abbot,}
 " quod haberet proprium Coronatorem suum, de suis ^{A.D. 1401.}
 " liberum hundredum, visum franciplegii, liberas Curias,
 " libera hallemota, amerciamenta hominum suorum per
 " totam terram Sancti Albani, coram Justiciariis et aliis
 " ministris Domini Regis, catalla felonum et fugitivo-
 " rum, annum vastum felonum, placita namii vetiti,
 " liberam warennam, per omnes terras suas. Quorum
 " prætextu, idem Abbas dicit quod ipse, et omnes præ-
 " decessores sui, Abbates loci prædicti, a tempore quo
 " non extat memoria, seisisi sunt, et fuerunt, tam
 " prætextu dictorum verborum generalium, quam præ-
 " textu verborum specialium in dictis Chartis in speciali
 " contentorum, de omnibus libertatibus et franchisesiis
 " prædictis, ut in jure ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ. Et pro-
 " fert hic in Curia quamdam Exemplificationem, sigillo
 " regio consignatam, de diversis catallis felonum et
 " fugitivorum in casu consimili in diversis Curiis Do-
 " mini Regis eis per antea allocatis; quam petit hic
 " coram Rege irrotulari, et ulterius sibi, juxta vim,
 " formam, et effectum, earundem allocari. Quæ quidem
 " ² Exemplificatio sequitur, in hac verba.—' Ricardus,
 " ' Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et cætera.'
 " Profert etiam hic in Curia quoddam breve Domini
 " Regis clausum, per quod Dominus Rex mandavit
 " Justiciariis suis hic, quod, visis Chartis et Confirma-
 " tione prædictis, ipsos Abbatem et Conventum omni-
 " bus et singulis libertatibus, franchisesiis, consuetudini-
 " bus, immunitatibus, et quietanciis, in eisdem Chartis
 " et Confirmatione contentis, coram eis uti et gaudere
 " permetterent, juxta tenorem litterarum et confirma-

¹ These two words are inserted in the margin, in a later hand; they being omitted in the text, and the syllable "sa" only standing in their place.

² Exemplificatio in MS.

William II., 32nd Abbot, A.D. 1401. " tionum prædictarum; ipsos, contra tenorem earundem, " non molestantes in aliquo, seu gravantes. Cujus data " est apud Westmonasterium, sexto-decimo die Maii, " anno regni sui nono.

Judgment
given in
favour of
the Abbot.

" Super quo instanter quæsitum est a servientibus " Domini Regis ad legem, necnon a Thoma Covele, at- " tornato ipsius Regis, si quid pro ipso Domino Rege " habeant vel dicere sciant, quare ipse Abbas allocatio- " nem de et super libertatibus in Chartis, Confirmatione, " ac in Exemplificatione prædicta, contentis habere non " debeat: qui nihil scivit dicere in restrictionem eorun- " dem. Per quod habita super præmissis matura de- " liberatione, concessum est quod idem Abbas, virtute " Chartæ et Confirmationis prædictarum, habeat libera- " tionem equi, ac ¹ sellæ et freni prædictorum, ut catalla " felonum, et cætera. Et idem Abbas eat inde sine die."

A quit-
claim ob-
tained by
Abbot
William as
to the
manor of
Gorham.

Hujus etiam Abbatis sumptibus et industria, habita est quædam relaxatio, seu quieta-clamatio, Ricardi Veer, Comitis Oxoniæ, de manerio de Gorham, per Abbatem proximum ²perquisito, Monasterio Sancti Albani plurimum valitura; centum marcis, et amplius, pro eadem primitus persolutis; modo quo sequitur, et in Cartuario inserto.—

Form of
such re-
lease, or
quit-claim,
by Richard,
Earl of Ox-
ford, as to
the manor
of West-
wyk.

" Omnibus Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum per-
" venerit, Ricardus de Veer, Comes Oxoniæ, salutem in Do-
" mino sempiternam. Noveritis me, præfatum Ricardum
" Comitem, remisisse, relaxasse, et omnino pro me et hæredi-
" bus meis in perpetuum quietum-clamasse Willelmo Abbati
" Monasterii Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, et ejusdem loci
" Conventui, et eorum successoribus in perpetuum, totum jus
" meum et clamium, quæ unquam habui, habeo, seu quovis-
" modo in futurum habere potero, in manerio de Westwyk,
" cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, in Comitatu Hertfordiæ;
" necnon in uno tofto, quaterviginti acris terræ, duodecim
" acris bosoi, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, in Westwyk
" prædicta, ac etiam in omnibus aliis terris, tenementis, red-

¹ celle in MS.

² Omitted in the text; but sup-

plied in the margin, in a later hand.

"ditibus servitiis, commoditatibus, et proficuis quibuscunque, William II.,
 "cum suis pertinentiis, ¹in villa de Kynggesbury in Comi- 32nd
 "tatu prædicto: quæ manerium, terræ, tenementa, redditus Abbot,
 "servitia, commoditates, et proficua, cum suis pertinentiis, A.D. 1401.
 "quondam fuerunt Thomæ de Veer, nuper Comitis Oxoniæ.
 "Ita videlicet, quod nec ego, prædictus Ricardus Comes,
 "nec hæredes mei, nec aliquis alius, pro nobis, seu nomine
 "nostro, aliquod jus ²seu clamium in prædicto manerio, tofto,
 "terris, bosco, tenementis, redditibus servitiis, commodita-
 "tibus, et proficuis, prædictis, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis,
 "nec in aliqua parcella eorundem, de cætero exigere, cla-
 "mare, seu vendicare, poterimus, nec debemus, quovismodo
 "in futurum: sed ab omni actione, jure, et clamio, inde
 "simus totaliter ac penitus exclusi in perpetuum per præ-
 "sentes. Et ego vero, prædictus Ricardus Comes, et hære-
 "des mei, omnia prædicta manerium, toftum, terras, boscum,
 "tenementa, redditus servitia, commoditates, et proficua, su-
 "prædicta, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, ut supra dictum
 "est, præfatis Abbati et Conventui, et eorum successoribus
 "in perpetuum, contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus, et in
 "perpetuum defendemus per præsentes. In cujus rei testi-
 "monium, huic præsentis scripto meo sigillum meum apposui.
 "Hiis testibus, Thoma de la Barre, Edwardo Benstede,
 "Militibus, Johanne Lodewyke, Johanne Derham, Thoma
 "Frowyk, Thomas Charletone, et aliis. Datum apud Sanctum
 "Albanum, vicesimo sexto die mensis Junii, anno regni Regis
 "Henrici, Quarti post Conquæstum, duodecimo."

Memoratus insuper Abbas movit quæstionem in Curia Domini Regis contra Edwardum, Ducem Eboracensem, et Elizabet, Comitissam de Salusbury, relictam Domini Willelmi de Monte Acuto, ³Comitis ibidem, in Husingo Londoniarum, ratione cujusdam redditus de hospitio dicti Comitis in Le Wode Warf Abbatibus Sancti Albani de eodem per sexaginta annos et amplius non ⁴soluti; licet sæpissime per prædecessores ejusdem vendicati.⁴ Tandem post multos tractatus hinc inde habitos, invicem convenerunt quod dicta Comitissa ⁵solveret dicto Abbati, pro jure suo in per-

A rent-charge in London, claimed by Abbot William; and composition paid to him for the same.

¹ Repeated in MS.

² *se* in the text; but corrected in the margin, in a later hand.

³ *Comite* in MS.

⁴ *solutis . . . vendicatis* in MS.

⁵ *solvit* in MS.

William II., petuum relaxando, quadraginta libras; unde centum
 32nd solidi dicto Conventui, et reliquum solutum Domino
 Abbot, Abbati.
 A.D. 1401.

Quit-claim
 executed
 by the
 Abbot and
 Convent
 thereupon.
 A licence
 to hold
 land in
 mortmain,
 obtained by
 the Abbot,
 but neg-
 lected to
 be used.

¹ Habuitque inde Dux, et dicta Comitissa, scriptum relaxationis, seu quietæ-clamationis, ² [in] perpetuum, sub forma quæ sequitur, sigillis Abbatis et Conventus consignatum. Obtinuitque a Domino Rege licentiam de quinque marcis ³ annui valoris, de terra, pensionibus, seu redditibus, per Abbatem et Conventum noviter acquirendis. Quæ licentia, post solutionem pecuniæ, et sigillationem relaxationis, tepide fuerat penes Cancellarium prosecuta; unde ⁴ hactenus suo caruit effectu. Perquisivit nihilominus cum memorata pecunia, addita pluri, duo magna hospitia in villa de Barnet, valoris annui decem librarum, et amplius, eorum reparatione deducta, ⁵ in ⁶ toto pro eisdem persolutis. ⁷ Commodius tamen egisset, si licentiam taliter oblatam non respuisset, et eadem hospitia perquisisset; cum plura fuerint Monasterio donata, pariter et perquisita, quæ sine licentia consimili nequeunt adipisci.

Form of
 release and
 quit-claim
 as to the
 said rent-
 charge,
 A.D. 1408.

“Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum per-
 venerit, Willelmus, Abbas Monasterii Sancti Albani, et
 ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam.
 “Cum nuper placitum motum fuisset in Curia Domini Regis
 infra civitatem Londoniarum, secundum consuetudinem ejus-
 dem civitatis, inter nos, præfatum Abbatem, et reverendum
 Dominum, Dominum Edwardum, Ducem Eboracensem,
 “Elizabet, quæ fuit uxor Willelmi de Monte Acuto, nuper
 “Comitis Sarisburie, et Robertum Wyntyngnam, clericum,
 “de quodam annuo reddito triginta et trium solidorum et
 “quatuor denariorum, exeunte de quodam magno hospitio,
 “cum gardino adjacente, vocato ‘*The Eldynne*,’ ac de quadam

¹ Sic in MS., in the singular.

² Omitted in MS.

³ *anni* in MS.

⁴ *actenus* in MS.

⁵ The sum is omitted.

⁶ *to* in MS.; corrected in the margin, in a later hand.

⁷ *Comodius* in MS.

" domo pandoxationis, et duobus schapis, cum 'solaris WilliamII.,
 " superædificatis, ac aliis pertinentiis suis, eidem hospitio 32nd
 " contiguus, infra Parochiam Sancti Benedicti apud Paules- Abbot,
 " wharf, Londoniis, in Warda de Baynardescastelle, Londoniis, A.D. 1401.
 " situatis: quæ omnia, hospitium, domus pandoxationis, schopæ,
 " et gardinum, cum solaris ac aliis pertinentiis, nuper fuerunt
 " dicti Comitis; et qui quidem ad nos et ad monasterium
 " nostrum prædictum pertinuit de jure, ut sperabatur.—Nove-
 " ritis nos, præfatos Abbatem et Conventum, pro quadam
 " pecuniæ summa nobis per præfatam Elizabeth soluta, remi-
 " sisse et relaxasse, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, ac in
 " perpetuum quietum-clamasse, eidem Duci, et Philippæ, uxori
 " ejus, ac præfato Roberto, jam tenentibus dictorum hospitii,
 " domus pandoxationis, schoparum, solariorum, et gardini, cum
 " pertinentiis, totum jus, clameum, et demandam, quæ nos,
 " prædicti Abbas et Conventus, habemus, seu habere poterimus,
 " tam in prædicto annuo reddito triginta et trium solidorum
 " et quatuor denariorum, quam in prædicto hospitio, domo
 " pandoxationis, schapis, solaris, et gardino, cum pertinentiis.
 " Et similiter, noveritis nos remisisse et relaxasse, pro nobis
 " et dictis successoribus nostris, tam dictis Duci, Philippæ, et
 " Roberto, quam præfatas Elizabeth ac Willelmo Crecy, clerico,
 " et Willelmo Grene, armigero, ac Radulpho Bushe, armi-
 " gero, nuper tenentibus hospitii, domus pandoxationis, duarum
 " schoparum, solariorum, et gardini, prædictorum, cum perti-
 " nentiis, omnimodas actiones reales et personales, quas erga
 " ipsos, aut ipsorum aliquem, habemus seu habere poterimus,
 " ratione alicujus juris, clamei, seu demandæ, annui redditus
 " prædicti, aut arreragiorum ejusdem, per nos prætensi seu
 " facti quovismodo. Ita quod nec nos, dicti Abbas et Con-
 " ventus, nec successores nostri, aliquod jus, clameum, seu
 " demandam, in prædicto annuo reddito triginta et trium
 " solidorum et quatuor denariorum, aut in prædictis hospitio,
 " domo pandoxationis, duabus schapis, solaris, et gardino,
 " cum pertinentiis, aut in aliqua parcella eorundem, de cætero
 " habere seu vendicare, nec aliquam actionem realem vel
 " personalem versus dictos Ducem, Philippam, Robertum,
 " Elizabet, Willelmum Crecy, Willelmum Grene, et Ra-
 " dulphum, aut eorum aliquem, occasione prædicti annui
 " redditus, aut arreragiorum ejusdem, habere poterimus; sed
 " inde totaliter simus exclusi per præsentem in perpetuum.
 " In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum commune præ-
 " sentibus apponi fecimus. Hiis testibus, Drogone Barentyn, et
 " tunc Majore Civitatis Londoniarum, Willelmo Nortone, et

¹ solatoriis in MS.

William II., "Thoma Duke, tunc Vicecomitibus ejusdem civitatis, Wil-
 32nd "lhelmo Louthe, tunc Aldermanno Wardæ prædictæ. Datum in
 Abbot, "Domo nostra Capitulari, infra Monasterium prædictum, die
 A.D. 1401. "Sabbati proximo post festum Sancti Lucæ Evangelistæ, anno
 — "regni Regis Henrici, Quarti post Conquæstum, decimo."

Process
 against
 Edmund
 Coutone,
 for subtrac-
 tion of rent.

"Edmundus Coutone tenet in Wroxhulle unum
 "mesuagium septuaginta et quinque acrarum terræ
 "de Abbate de Sancto Albano, et reddit per annum
 "duodecim solidos, sex denarios. Et memorandum est,
 "quod idem Edmundus redditum prædictum subtraxit
 "per longum tempus, asserens quod nec ipse nec ali-
 "quis alius, cujus statum ipse habet in tenemento
 "prædicto, redditum prædictum unquam solverunt,
 "nec solvere tenentur, pro eo quod ipse tenementum
 "prædictum de dicto Abbate non tenuit. Super quo
 "idem Abbas pro redditu prædicto sic a retro exis-
 "tente in tenemento prædicto, cepit nomine distrac-
 "tionis sex boves et duas affras in quodam loco et
 "cætera.

Award,
 upon arbi-
 tration, in
 favour of
 the Abbot
 of Saint
 Alban's.

"Et postea, idem Edmundus averia prædicta per
 "Vicecomitem Bedfordiæ deliberari fecit. Ob quam
 "causam idem Abbas arramiavit quamdam Assisam
 "Novæ Disseisinæ versus dictum Edmundum de red-
 "ditu prædicto, anno regni Regis Henrici, Quarti post
 "Conquæstum, nono, coram Johanne Cokayne et Ri-
 "cardo Nortone, Justiciariis Domini Regis ad Assisas
 "in Comitatu Bedfordiæ capiendas. Quæ quidem
 "Assisa continuata fuit sub spe concordie inter partes
 "prædictas; pro eo quod tam dictus Abbas quam
 "dictus Edmundus submiserunt se iudicio, ordina-
 "tioni, et arbitrio, Willelmi Thernyng, Capitalis Jus-
 "ticiarii Domini Regis de Banco, et dicti Johannis
 "Cokayne, ad tunc existentis Capitalis Baronis de
 "Scaccario Domini Regis. Qui quidem arbitratorie
 "postea habito diligenti tractatu de materia prædicta,
 "ac visis, cum matura deliberatione, chartis, muni-
 "mentis, et evidentiis, tam dicti Abbatis quam præ-

“dicti Edmundi, ordinauerunt et adjudicauerunt præ- WilliamII.,
 “dictum redditum esse dicto Abbati, ut jure ecclesiæ 32nd
 “suæ Sancti Albani prædictæ; et quod idem Ed- Abbot,
 “mundus redditum prædictum, cum arreragiis ejusdem, A.D. 1401.
 “dicto Abbati solveret. Et idem Abbas, de gratia
 “sua speciali, perdonavit dicto Edmundo omnia arre-
 “ragia dicti redditus, exceptis duodecim solidis et sex
 “denariis; quos idem Edmundus dicto Abbati solvit,
 “et inde acquietanciam indentatam et irrotulatam
 “recepit, solutionem omnium arreragiorum testifican-
 “tem. Cujus vero acquietanciæ indentatæ una pars,
 “sigillo Abbatis sigillata, penes dictum Edmundum
 “remanet; altera vero pars, sigillo dicti Edmundi
 “sigillata, penes dictum Abbatem remanet. Cujus
 “vero tenor sequitur in hæc verba *et cætera*.—Et
 “sciendum est quod dictus Edmundus tenementum
 “prædictum tenet per homagium et fidelitatem, prout
 “in chartis dicti Abbatis plene liquet, *et cætera*.”—

“Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsentis litteræ per- Acquit-
 “venerint, Willelmus, permissione divina, Abbas Monasterii tance by
 “Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, salutem. Noveritis me the Abbot
 “recepisse de Edmund Cotone de Tyllesworthe, tenente nostro, to Edmund
 “¹duodecim solidos et sex denarios, in persolutionem omnium all arrears
 “arreragiorum cujusdam annui redditus duodecim solidorum et of rent,
 “sex denariorum, per annum nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ A.D. 1409.
 “debiti, pro tenementis quæ de nobis tenet in Meretone, in
 “Comitatu Bedfordiæ: ita quod nec nos, prædictus Abbas,
 “nec successores nostri, aliquam actionem, districtiorem, seu
 “demandam, pro arreragiis redditus prædicti, ante datam
 “præsentium a retro existentis, versus prædictum Edmundum,
 “hæredes, seu assignatos, suos, habere seu manutenere pote-
 “rimus in futurum. In cujus rei testimonium, hiis litteris
 “indentatis tam sigillum nostrum ad causas, ²quod penes præ-
 “dictum Edmundum remanet, quam sigillum prædicti Ed-
 “mundi, ²quod penes prædictum Abbatem remanet, alter-
 “natim sunt appensa. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum, in
 “Comitatu Hertfordiæ, in Octabis Sancti Michaelis, anno
 “regni Regis Henrici, Quarti a Conquestu, undecimo.”

¹ *duodecim* in MS.

² Omitted in MS., but supplied in

the margin, in a later hand.

William II., 32nd Abbot, A.D. 1401. Hujus Abbatis tempore, mota fuerat materia questionis coram conservatoribus nostrorum privilegiorum, et eorum conservatoribus, contra Rectorem de Grintone, ratione detentionis annuæ pensionis duarum marcarum et dimidiæ, per eundem eidem monasterio debitæ per biennium et amplius; non sine maximis laboribus et expensis per Dominum Johannem Heyworthe, et Johannem Turke, Eleemosynarium, licet inaniter, profusis, propter ¹ dilationes judicum, et adinventiones cavillatorias partis adversæ, vix aut nunquam, ut sic ² credebatur, finaliter terminanda. Unde Domino Willelmo Wyntursulle, Eleemosynario, consultius videbatur dictum placitum in Regis Curiam transferre, et ibidem coram Regis Judicibus placitare. Non etenim habet eadem Curia tot dilationes frustratorias sicut alia, nec ³ eandem sciverat, vel poterat se in eadem auxiliari, pars adversa.

On recourse had to law, the Rector is condemned to make such payment, and pay arrears. Habitis igitur brevibus summonitoriis et aliis contra dictum Rectorem, cum processu per annum et amplius continuato, tandem idem Rector ad solutionem dictæ pensionis, et ejus arreragiorum, ad decem libras ⁴ extendentium, judicialiter fuerat condemnatus, cum solutione quadraginta solidorum eidem Eleemosynario pro expensis.

Similar measures against the Rectors of Horpol and Lobenham, with like results. Consimili forma actum fuerat contra Rectores de Horpol et Lobenham, laudabili sollicitudine Domini Willelmi Wynturshulle, Eleemosynarii, et prædicti Johannis Bartone, Senescalli, auxiliante efficaciter et amicablem Domino Willelmo ⁵ Thernyng, Principali Regis Justiciario, et nostri monasterii amico fidelissimo; ut implicita inde in Communi Bancho Regis irrotulantur; et inde postea sub Magno Sigillo Cancellariæ exemplificata plenius apparet.—

¹ *dilatationes* in the text; corrected in the margin.

² *deleatur* in the text; corrected in the margin, in a later hand.

³ *tandem* in the text; corrected

in the margin, in a later hand.

⁴ *extendentes* in MS.

⁵ *Therlyng* in MS.; but see p. 516 ante.

“ Johannes Gresele, Persona Ecclesiæ de Grinttone, ^{William II.,}
 “ summonitus fuit ad respondendum Willelmo, Abbati ^{32nd}
 “ de Sancto Albano, de placito quod reddat ei octo ^{Abbot,}
 “ libras, sex solidos, et octo denarios, qui ei a retro ^{A.D. 1401.}
 “ sunt de annuo redditu triginta et trium solidorum ^{Process}
 “ et quatuor denariorum quem ei debet *et cætera.* Et ^{against the}
 “ unde idem Abbas, per Willelmum de Wakefeld, at- ^{Rector of}
 “ tornatum suum, dicit quod quidam Johannes Moote, ^{Grinttone,}
 “ nuper Abbas de Sancto Albano, prædecessor prædicti ^{for re-}
 “ nunc Abbatis, fuit seiscitus de annuo ¹ redditu præ- ^{covery of}
 “ dicto, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de ^{a yearly}
 “ Sancto Albano, per manus Willelmi Lasseles, nuper ^{rent-charge}
 “ Personæ prædictæ Ecclesiæ de Grinttone ² prædicti ^{due to the}
 “ Johannis Gresele, nunc Personæ ejusdem Ecclesiæ de ^{Abbot of}
 “ Grinttone, singulis annis ad festum Nativitatis ^{Saint}
 “ Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, apud villam de Sancto ^{Alban's.}
 “ Albano, in perpetuum solvendo. Idemque nunc Ab-
 “ bas, et omnes prædecessores sui, Abbates de Sancto
 “ Albano, seisciti fuerunt, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ Sancti
 “ Albani, de Sancto Albano, per manus prædicti Wil-
 “ lelmi Lasseles, nuper Personæ prædictæ Ecclesiæ de
 “ Grinttone, et prædecessorum suorum, Personarum
 “ Ecclesiæ illius, de annuo redditu prædicto, singulis
 “ annis ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Bap-
 “ tistæ, apud villam de Sancto Albano, solvendo, a
 “ tempore quo non extat memoria usque quinque annos
 “ proximos ante diem impetrationis brevis prædicti
 “ nunc Abbatis, scilicet, primum diem Januarii anno
 “ regni Domini Regis nunc nono; quando prædictus
 “ Johannes Gresele, Persona prædictæ ecclesiæ de
 “ Grinttone, annum redditum prædictum eidem nunc
 “ Abbati subtraxit, et illum ei reddere contradixit, et
 “ adhuc contradicit; unde dicit quod deterioratus est,

¹ Omitted in the text; but supplied in the margin, in a later hand.

² The words “*prædicti*” “*Grinttone*” are probably inserted here by mistake.

William II., " et damnum habet, ad valentiam quadraginta librarum.
 32nd " Et inde producit sectam, *et cætera*.
 Abbot, " Et prædictus Johannes Gresele, per Willelmum Est,
 A.D. 1401. attornatum suum, venit, et defendit vim et injuriam,
 " quando *et cætera*. Et dicit quod ipse est Persona
 " prædictæ Ecclesiæ de Grinttone, et impersonata in
 " eadem ad præsentationem Abbatis de Ramseye; et
 " invenit ecclesiam suam prædictam de annuo redditu
 " prædicto exoneratam, et non potest ecclesiam illam
 " sine præfato Abbate de Ramseye, ejusdem ecclesiæ
 " Patrono, et Johanne, Episcopo Eliensi, ecclesiæ illius
 " Ordinario, de annuo redditu prædicto onerare seu
 " exonerare; et petit auxilium de ipsis Patrono et
 " Ordinario habeat *et cætera*. Ideo iidem Patronus et
 " Ordinarius summaneantur quod sint in Ecclesia
 " Sanctæ Trinitatis, ad respondendum præfato Abbati
 " de Sancto Albano, simul cum prædicto Johanne
 " Gresele, de prædicto placito. Idem dies data est
 " prædictis hic *et cætera*.
 " Ad quem diem venit tam prædictus nunc Abbas
 " de Sancto Albano, quam prædictus Johannes Gresele,
 " per attornatos suos prædictos; et similiter, prædictus
 " Abbas de Ramseye, per Willelmum Est, attornatum,
 " venit, et se jungit præfato Johanni Gresele in respon-
 " dendo. Et prædictus Episcopus Eliensis, quarto die
 " placiti solemniter exactus, non venit. Et summoni-
 " tus *et cætera*. Ideo concessum est quod prædictus
 " Johannes Gresele respondeat sine ipso Episcopo *et*
 " *cætera*. Et super hoc tam prædictus Johannes Gre-
 " sele, quam prædictus Abbas de Ramseye, qui se junxit
 " eidem Johanni in respondendo, dicit quod idem Jo-
 " hannes Gresele et cæteri prædecessores sui, Personæ
 " prædictæ ecclesiæ de Grinttone, tenuere eandem eccle-
 " siam de annuo redditu prædicto exoneratam a tempore
 " quo non extat memoria; absque hoc, quod prædictus
 " Johannes Mote, nuper Abbas de Sancto Albano, et
 " prædecessores sui, Abbates de Sancto Albano, fuere

" seisisi, ut de jure prædictæ ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Al- William II.,
 " bani, de Sancto Albano, per manus prædicti Willelmi 32nd
 " Lasseles, nuper Personæ prædictæ ecclesiæ de Grint- Abbot,
 " tone, et prædecessorum suorum, Personarum Ecclesiæ A.D. 1401.
 " illius, de annuo redditu prædicto, singulis annis, ad
 " festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, apud
 " villam de Sancto Albano, solvendo, a tempore quo
 " non extat memoria, prout prædictus nunc Abbas de
 " Sancto Albano superius per narrationem suam præ-
 " dictam supponit. Et hoc parati sunt verificare;
 " unde petit judicium, *et cætera*.

" ¹ Et prædictus nunc Abbas de Sancto Albano dicit
 " quod prædictus Johannes Moote, nuper Abbas de
 " Sancto Albano, et prædecessores sui, Abbates de
 " Sancto Albano, fuere seisisi, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ
 " Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, per manus prædicti
 " Willelmi Lasseles, nuper Personæ prædictæ ecclesiæ
 " de Grinttone, et prædecessorum suorum, Personarum
 " ecclesiæ illius, de annuo redditu prædicto, singulis
 " annis, ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Bap-
 " tistæ, apud villam de Sancto Albano, solvendo, a
 " tempore quo non extat memoria, prout nunc idem
 " Abbas de Sancto Albano superius per narrationem
 " suam prædictam supponit. Et ² hoc petit quod in-
 " quiratur per patriam. Et prædicti Johannes Gresele
 " et Abbas de Ramseye similiter. Et quia videtur
 " Curiz hic quod exitus placiti prædicti terminari
 " debet tam per homines de visneto de Grinttone, quam
 " per homines de visneto de prædicta villa de Sancto
 " Albano, quæ quidem villa est in Comitatu Hert-
 " fordiz; præceptum est utrique Vicecomitum prædic-
 " torum Comitatum Cantiz et Hertfordiz, quod uter-
 " que eorum venire faciat hic in ³ Octabis Sancti
 " Michaelis duodecim *et cætera*, per quos *et cætera*, et

¹ E in MS.

² ho in MS.

³ Ecclesia instead of this word in

the text; but corrected in the margin, in a later hand.

William II., " qui nec *et cætera*, ad recognoscendum similiter *et*
 32nd " *cætera*. Quia tam *et cætera*.
 Abbot,
 A.D. 1401. " Ad quem diem Jurata prædicta ¹posita fuit in

" respectum hic usque ad hunc diem, scilicet, in Oc-
 " tabis Sancti Martini tunc proximo sequentia. Et
 " modo hic ad hunc diem venit tam prædictus nunc
 " Abbas de Sancto Albano, per attornatum suum præ-
 " dictum, quam prædicti Johannes Gresele et Abbas
 " de Ramsey, per attornatum suum prædictum.

" Et super hoc, prædicti Johannes Gresele et Abbas
 " de Ramseye, relicto placito suo prædicto, dicunt quod
 " ipsi non possunt dedicere quin prædictus Johannes
 " Moote, nuper Abbas de Sancto Albano, et præde-
 " cessores sui, Abbates de Sancto Albano, fuere seisiti,
 " ut de jure prædictæ ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani,
 " de Sancto Albano, per manus prædicti Willelmi
 " Lasseles, nuper Personæ prædictæ ecclesiæ de Grint-
 " tone, et prædecessorum suorum, Personarum ecclesiæ
 " illius, de annuo redditu prædicto, singulis annis, ad
 " festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, apud
 " villam de Sancto Albano, solvendo, a tempore quo
 " non extat memoria; prout nunc idem Abbas de
 " Sancto Albano superius per narrationem suam præ-
 " dictam supponit.

Judgment
 in favour of
 the Abbot.

" Ideo ²consideratum est quod prædictus nunc Abbas
 " de Sancto Albano recuperet versus prædictum Johan-
 " nem Gresele annuum redditum prædictum, et arre-
 " ragia ejusdem, tam ante diem impetrationis brevis
 " ipsius nunc Abbatis de Sancto Albano prædicti, quam
 " post; quæ se extendunt ad decem libras; et damna
 " sua, occasione detentionis annui redditus prædicti,
 " quæ taxantur per Justiciarios hic ad quadraginta
 " solidos. Et idem Johannes Gresele in misericordia,
 " *et cætera*."

¹ *po* only in the text; but given in full in the margin, in a later hand. | ² *conc*^o in MS.

" ¹ Johannes Depyng, Persona de Lobenham, summo- William II.,
 " nitus fuit ad respondendum Abbati de Sancto Al- 32nd
 " bano de placito quod reddat ei centum solidos, qui Abbot,
 " ei a retro sunt de annuo redditu viginti solidorum, A.D. 1401.
 " quem ei debet: et unde idem Abbas, per Willelmum Process
 " de Wakefeld, attornatum suum, dicit quod ipse fuit against the
 " seisitus, ut de jure ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de Rector of
 " Sancto Albano, per manus prædicti Johannis, Personæ Lobenham.
 " prædictæ ecclesiæ de Lobenham, de prædicto annuo
 " redditu singulis annis ad festum Purificationis Beatæ
 " Mariæ, apud villam de Sancto Albano, solvendo. Et
 " similiter, idem Abbas et omnes prædecessores sui,
 " Abbates de Sancto Albano, seisiti fuerunt, ut de jure
 " prædictæ ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de Sancto Al-
 " bano, per manus prædicti Johannis Depyng, Personæ
 " prædictæ ecclesiæ de Lobenham, et prædecessorum
 " suorum, Personarum ejusdem ecclesiæ de Lobenham,
 " de annuo redditu prædicto, singulis annis ad festum
 " prædictum, apud villam de Sancto Albano, solvendo,
 " a tempore quo non extat memoria, usque quinque
 " annos proximos ante diem impetrationis brevis ipsius
 " nunc Abbatis; scilicet, quartum-decimum diem Junii,
 " anno regni Domini Regis nunc decimo, quod prædic-
 " tus Johannes Depyng, nunc Persona ecclesiæ de
 " Lobenham, annum ² [prædictæ ecclesiæ redditum]
 " prædictum eidem nunc Abbati subtraxit, et illum ei
 " reddere contradixit, et adhuc contradicit. Unde dicit
 " quod deterioratus est, et damnum habet, ad valorem
 " centum librarum. Et inde producit sectam, et cæ-
 " tera.

" Et prædictus Johannes Depyng, per Johannem
 " Kyllingworthe, attornatum suum, venit, et defendit
 " vim et injuriam quando et cætera. Et dicit quod
 " est Persona prædictæ ecclesiæ de Lobenham, et im-

¹ "De Termino Sanctæ Trinitatis
 " anno regni Regis Henrici Quarti
 " post Conquestum decimo.—Rotulo

" cxvii." in the margin.

² Omitted in the text, but inserted
in the margin, in a later hand.

William II., " personatus in eadem ad præsentationem Johannis
 32nd " Waldegrave; et invenit ecclesiam illam de annuo
 Abbot, " redditu prædicto exoneratam, et non potest eandem
 A.D. 1401. " ecclesiam de annuo redditu prædicto, sine prædicto
 " Johanne Waldegrave, ejusdem ecclesiæ Patrono, et
 " Philippo Lincolnensi, ecclesiæ illius Ordinario, one-
 " rare sive exonerare. Et petit auxilium de ipsis Patrono
 " et Ordinario habeat, *et cætera*. Ideo idem Patronus
 " et Ordinarius summoneantur quod sint hic in Octabis
 " Sancti Michaelis ad respondendum præfato Abbati,
 " simul cum prædicto Johanne Depyng, de placito si
 " *et cætera*. Idem dies datus est partibus prædictis
 " hic *et cætera*.

" Ad quem diem venit tam prædictus Abbas, quam
 " prædictus Johannes Depyng, per attornatos suos præ-
 " dictos. Et similiter prædictus Johannes Waldegrave,
 " Patronus *et cætera*, per Thomam Mertone, attornatum
 " suum, venit; et prædictus Episcopus, Ordinarius *et*
 " *cætera*, quarto die placiti solemniter exactus, non
 " venit. Et summonitus *et cætera*. Ideo consideratum
 " quod prædictus Johannes Depyng respondeat sine ipso
 " Episcopo, Ordinario *et cætera*. Et prædictus Johannes
 " Waldegrave, Patronus *et cætera*, se junxit præfato
 " Johanni Depyng in respondendo *et cætera*. Et super
 " hoc, idem Johannes Depyng et prædictus Johannes
 " Waldegrave, Patronus *et cætera*, qui se junxit præ-
 " fato Johanni Depyng in respondendo, ¹ dicunt quod
 " ipsi non possunt dedicere actionem prædicti Abbatis
 " prædictam, nec quin idem Abbas et omnes prædeces-
 " sores sui, Abbates de Sancto Albano, fuere seisisi, ut de
 " jure prædictæ ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de Sancto
 " Albano, per manus prædicti Johannis Depyng, Personæ
 " prædictæ ecclesiæ de Lobenham, et prædecessorum
 " suorum, Personarum ejusdem ecclesiæ de Lobenham,
 " de annuo redditu prædicto, singulis annis ad prædic-

¹ *dicunt* in MS.

" tum festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, apud villam William II.,
 " de Sancto Albano solvendo, a tempore quo non extat 32nd
 " memoria: nec quin centum solidi de annuo redditu Abbot,
 " prædicto eidem Abbati a retro fuere ante prædictum A.D. 1401.
 " diem impetrationis brevis prædicti, prout prædictus
 " Abbas superius per narrationem suam supponit.
 " Ideo consideratum est, quod prædictus Abbas recu- Judgment
 " peret versus præfatum Johannem Depyng annum in favour of
 " redditum prædictum, et arreragia ejusdem, tam ante the Abbot.
 " prædictum diem impetrationis brevis prædicti, quam
 " post; quæ ¹[se] extendunt ad prædictos centum
 " solidos; et damna sua occasione detentionis annui
 " redditus prædicti, quæ taxantur per Justiciarios ad
 " quadraginta solidos. Et prædictus Johannes Depyng
 " in misericordia et cætera."

" Item, præceptum fuit Vicecomiti, cum quidam nuper Process
 " Abbas de Sancto Albano, in Curia Domini Edwardi, against the
 " nuper Regis Angliæ, avi Domini Regis nunc, hic, Rector of
 " scilicet, in Octabis Sancti Michaelis, anno regni sui Horpel, for
 " tricesimo quinto, coram Roberto de Thorpe et sociis arrears of a
 " suis, tunc Justiciariis ejusdem avi Domini Regis nunc yearly rent-
 " de Banco, recuperasset versus Johannem de Irtlyng- charge.
 " burgh, nuper Personam Ecclesiæ de Horpol, quemdam
 " annum redditum triginta solidorum, eidem nuper
 " Abbati et successoribus suis ad quindenam Paschæ et
 " quindenam Sancti Michaelis annuatim solvendorum,
 " prout per quamdam Juratam coram nuper dilecto et
 " fideli dicti avi Domini Regis nunc Johanne ²Moun-
 " bray, nuper uno Justiciariorum ipsius avi Domini Regis
 " nunc de Banco, juxta formam Statuti inde editi per
 " breve ejusdem avi Domini Regis nunc: nisi prius apud
 " Sanctum Martinum Magnum Londoniis inde inter eos

¹ *extendit* only in the text, but
 corrected to "*extendunt*" in the
 margin in a later hand.

² The *n* has the appearance of
 having been erased; see page 531
post.

William II., " summonitus et captus convictus fuit; et, prout per
 32nd " recordum et processum inde coram Justiciariis hic
 Abbot, " residentia liquet manifeste, undecim libræ et quinque
 A.D. 1401. " solidi de arreragiis annui redditus prædicti de ter-
 " minis prædictis per septem annos et medietatem
 " unius anni ultimo elapsos post dictum iudicium
 " redditum Abbati qui nunc a retro existunt, prout
 " ex insinuatione ipsius nunc Abbatis acceperat Rex.
 " Et quia *et cætera*, quod per probos *et cætera*, scire
 " faceret Willermo Chisseldene, nunc Personæ Ecclesiæ
 " prædictæ, successori prædictæ nuper Personæ, quod
 " esset hic ad hunc diem, scilicet, in Octabis Purifica-
 " tionis Beatæ Mariæ, ostensurus siquidem *et cætera*,
 " quare ¹ prædictæ undecim libræ et quinque solidi, de
 " arreragiis annui redditus prædicti, de terris et catallis
 " suis fieri, et præfato nunc Abbati reddi, non deberent,
 " juxta formam recuperationis prædictæ, si *et cætera*.

" Et modo hic ad hunc diem venit tam prædictus
 " Abbas, per Willelmum de Wakefelde, attornatum
 " suum, quam prædictus Willelmus Chiseldene, per
 " Willelmum Armestone, attornatum suum. Et Vice-
 " comes modo mandat quod scire fecit eidem Willelmo
 " Chiseldene essendi hic ad hunc diem, ostensurus in
 " forma prædicta, per Johannem Assheby, Willalmum
 " Suttone, Johannem Wryghte, et Johannem Saney. Et
 " super hoc prædictus nunc Abbas petit versus præ-
 " dictum Willelmum executionem, *et cætera*.

" Et prædictus Willelmus dicit quod ipse est Persona
 " prædictæ ecclesiæ de Horpol, et impersonatus in ea-
 " dem, ad præsentationem Roberti Chiseldene, ecclesiæ
 " ejusdem Patroni; et invenit ecclesiam illam de annuo
 " redditu prædicto exoneratam, et non potest eandem
 " de annuo redditu prædicto, sine prædicto Roberto,
 " ecclesiæ prædictæ Patrono, et Philippo, Episcopo Lin-
 " colniensi, loci illius Ordinario, onerare sive exonerare.

¹ *prædicti undecim* in MS.

" Et petit auxilium de ipso Patrono et Ordinario et ^{William II.,}
 " *cætera* habeat, et *cætera*. Ideo præceptum est Vice-^{32nd}
 " comiti, quod per probos et *cætera* scire faceret præ-^{Abbot,}
 " fatis Patrono et Ordinario, quod sint hic a die
 " Paschæ in quindecim dies ad ostendendum, simul
 " cum prædicto Willelmo, si quid et *cætera*, quare
 " prædictæ undecim libræ et quinque solidi de arre-
 " ragiis annui redditus prædicti de terris et catallis
 " prædicti Willelmi fieri, et præfato nunc Abbati reddi,
 " non debeant; juxta formam recuperationis prædictæ,
 " si et *cætera*. Et idem dies datus est partibus præ-
 " dictis hic et *cætera*. Ad quem diem venit tam
 " prædictus nunc Abbas, quam prædictus Willelmus
 " Chiseldene, per attornatos suos prædictos. Et præ-
 " dicti Robertus et Episcopus, quarto die placiti so-
 " lemniter exacti, non veniunt. Et Vicecomes mandat
 " quod scire fecit eisdem Roberto et Episcopo essendi
 " hic ad hunc diem, ostensuri in forma prædicta, vide-
 " licet, per Johannem Dyttonem, Philippum Assheby,
 " Johannem Wrighte, et Willelmum Spauntone, et
 " præfato Episcopo per Magistrum Willelmum, Com-
 " missarium, Philippum Assheby, Johannem Dyttonem,
 " et Robertum Colles. Ideo consideratum est, quod
 " prædictus Willelmus Chiseldene respondeat sine et
 " *cætera*. Et super hoc, dies est datus tam præfato
 " nunc Abbati, quam prædicto Willelmo Chiseldene,
 " hic in Octabis Sanctæ Trinitatis, in statu quo nunc,
 " salvis partibus et *cætera*.

" Ad quem diem venit tam prædictus nunc Abbas,
 " quam prædictus Willelmus Chiseldene, per attorna-
 " tos suos prædictos. Et super hoc, dies datus est
 " eis hic in Octabis Sancti Michaelis in statu quo
 " nunc, salvis partibus et *cætera*. Ad quem diem
 " venit tam prædictus nunc Abbas, quam prædictus
 " Willelmus Chiseldene, per attornatos suos prædictos.
 " Et super hoc, dies datus est eis hic in Octabis
 " Sancti Hillarii in statu quo nunc, salvis partibus
 " et *cætera*. Ad quem diem venit tam prædictus nunc

William II., " Abbas, quam prædictus Willelmus Chiseldene, per
 32nd " attornatos suos prædictos. Et super hoc idem nunc
 Abbot, " Abbas petit versus prædictum Willelmum executio-
 A.D. 1401. " nem de annuo redditu prædicto *et cætera*. Et
 — " prædictus Willelmus Chiseldene petit auditum præ-
 " dicti brevis de ' Scire facit ' ; et legitur *et cætera*.
 " Petit etiam auditum recordi unde breve de ' Scire
 " ' facit ' emanavit ; et ei legitur, in hæc verba—
 Recital of " ' Placita apud Westmonasterium, coram Roberto
 previous " ' Thorp, et sociis suis, Justiciariis Domini Regis de
 Pleas in " ' Banco, de Termino Paschæ, anno regni Regis Ed-
 reference " ' wardi, Tertii post Conquæstum, tricesimo quarto.
 thereto. " ' Rotulo cccxiii^o. Johannes de Irtlyngburghte, Persona
 " ' Ecclesiæ de Horpole, in misericordia pro pluribus
 " ' ¹ defaldis *et cætera*. Idem Johannes summonitus
 " ' fuit ad respondendum Abbati de Sancto Albano
 " ' de placito quod reddat ei quadraginta et quinque
 " ' solidos, qui ei a retro sunt de annuo redditu tri-
 " ' ginta solidorum, quem ei debet *et cætera*. Et unde
 " ' idem Abbas, per Henricum Wykkewane, attornatum
 " ' suum, dicit quod cum nuper super duabus partibus
 " ' decimarum majorum provenientium de dominico,
 " ' seu dominio, Thomæ de Sancto Clerio, in campis,
 " ' pratis, et aliis locis de dicto dominio infra Paro-
 " ' chiam Ecclesiæ de Horpol, lis orta erat, et conten-
 " ' tio, inter Abbatem de Sancto Albano, prædecesso-
 " ' rem prædicti nunc Abbatis *et cætera*, et quemdam
 " ' Rogerum, nuper Personam Ecclesiæ de Horpol, præ-
 " ' decessorem ² prædictæ nunc personæ ; et postmodum,
 " ' scilicet, octavo die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo
 " ' trecentesimo quadragesimo octavo, et regni Domini
 " ' Regis nunc vicesimo secundo, tam prædictus Abbas,
 " ' prædecessor *et cætera*, quam prædictus Rogerus,
 " ' pro lite et contentione prædictis pacificandis, et
 " ' etiam pro laboribus et expensis in hac parte evi-

¹ Sic in MS., usually " *defaltis*." | ² *predicti* in MS.

“ ‘tandis, se ordinationi et arbitrio quorundam Jo- William II.,
 “ ‘hannis Lecch’, Officialis Curiae Cantuariæ in Ecclesia 32nd
 “ ‘Beatæ Mariæ de Arcubus, et Ricardi de Plessis, Abbot,
 “ ‘Decani ejusdem Curiae, judicialiter submiserant; A.D. 1401.
 “ ‘super quod, in præsentia partium prædictarum, præ-
 “ ‘dicti Johannes Lecche’ et Ricardus ibidem, in Warda
 “ ‘de Chepe, arbitraverunt, ordinarunt, et considera-
 “ ‘verunt, quod prædictus Rogerus, Persona ecclesiæ
 “ ‘prædictæ, prædecessor, haberet decimas prædictas
 “ ‘sibi et successoribus suis, Personis ejusdem ecclesiæ
 “ ‘de Horpol, in perpetuum, reddendo pro decimis illis
 “ ‘prædicto Abbati, prædecessori *et cætera*, et succes-
 “ ‘soribus suis, prædictum annuum redditum triginta
 “ ‘solidorum, ad quindenam Paschæ et quindenam
 “ ‘Sancti Michaelis annuatim, per æquales portiones
 “ ‘in perpetuum. De quo ¹quidem annuo redditu præ-
 “ ‘dictus nunc Abbas fuit seisisus per manus cujus-
 “ ‘dam Johannis Ryngestede, nuper Personæ Ecclesiæ
 “ ‘de Horpol, prædecessoris ²prædictæ nunc Personæ; et
 “ ‘ipse et omnes prædecessores sui, Abbates *et cætera*,
 “ ‘similiter seisisi fuerunt per manus Personarum
 “ ‘prædictæ ecclesiæ de Horpol, prædecessorum *et*
 “ ‘*cætera*, a tempore submissionis et ordinationis præ-
 “ ‘dictarum, usque unum annum et dimidium ante
 “ ‘diem impetrationis brevis, scilicet, vicesimum se-
 “ ‘cundum diem Januarii, anno regni Domini Regis
 “ ‘nunc Angliæ tricesimo secundo, quando prædictus
 “ ‘Johannes, nunc Persona, *et cætera*, annuum redditum
 “ ‘prædictum subtraxit, et illum reddere contradixit;
 “ ‘unde dicit quod deterioratus est, et damnum habet,
 “ ‘ad valentiam decem librarum. Et inde producit
 “ ‘sectam, *et cætera*. Et profert hic in Curia quoddam
 “ ‘scriptum, sigillis prædictorum Johannis Lecche’ et
 “ ‘Ricardi signatum, quod submissiones, concessionem,
 “ ‘discretionem, et arbitrium finale, prædicta, testatur,

¹ quidam in MS.| ² prædicti in MS.

William II., " *et cætera*. Et prædictus Johannes de Irtlynburgh,
 32nd " *per Oliverum Lufwyk, attornatum suum, venit, et*
 Abbot, " *defendit* ¹ *vim et injuriam, quando et cætera*. Et dicit
 A.D. 1401. " *quod non potest ipse ecclesiam suam prædictam de*
 " *prædicto annuo redditu onerare, sine Johanne, Epi-*
 " *scopo Lincolnensi, ejusdem ecclesiæ Ordinario, et*
 " *Johanne de Verdone, Patrono et cætera*. Et petit
 " *auxilium de ipsis Ordinario et Patrono, et cætera*.
 " *Ideo ipsi summoneantur, quod sint hic a die*
 " *Sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim dies. Per Justici-*
 " *arios idem dies datus est partibus prædictis, per*
 " *attornatos suos hic et cætera*. Ad quem diem venit
 " *tam prædictus Abbas, quam prædictus Johannes de*
 " *Irtlyngburgh, per attornatos suos prædictos. Et*
 " *prædicti Episcopus et Patronus non venerunt. Et*
 " *summoniti et cætera*. Ideo prædictus Johannes de
 " *Irtlyngburgh respondeat sine et cætera*. Qui dicit
 " *quod ipse de prædicto annuo redditu onerari non*
 " *debet; quia dicit quod prædicti Magistri Johannes*
 " *Leoch' et Ricardus non arbitrarunt in forma præ-*
 " *dicta, sicut prædictus Abbas versus eum narrando*
 " *supponit. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam; et*
 " *prædictus Abbas similiter. Ideo præceptum est*
 " *Vicecomitibus Londoniarum, quod venire faciant hic*
 " *a die Sancti Michaelis in quindecim dies, per Jus-*
 " *ticiarios, duodecim et cætera, per quos et cætera, et*
 " *qui nec et cætera, ad recognoscendum et cætera, quia*
 " *tam et cætera. Ad quem diem Vicecomites non*
 " *miserunt breve. Ideo, sicut prius, præceptum est*
 " *Vicecomitibus, quod venire faciant hic a die Sancti*
 " *Hillarii in quindecim dies duodecim et cætera, ad*
 " *recognoscendum et cætera, in forma prædicta et*
 " *cætera.*
 " *Postea continuato inde processu inter partes præ-*
 " *dictas, per Juratas posito inde inter eas in respectu*

¹ *vim, injuriam, et, in MS.*

" ' hio usque a die Sanctæ Trinitatis in quindecim William II.,
 " ' dies, anno regni Domini Regis nunc tricesimo 82nd
 " ' quinto, nisi Johannes Moubray, die Sabbati proxima Abbot,
 " ' post festum Ascensionis Domini, apud Sanctum A.D. 1401.
 " ' Martinum Magnum Londoniis prius venisset; ante
 " ' quam quidem quindenam Sanctæ Trinitatis omnia
 " ' placita adjornata fuerant per commune adjornamen-
 " ' tum hic usque ad Octabas Sancti Michaelis tunc
 " ' proximo sequentes *et cætera*. Et modo venit præ-
 " ' dictus Abbas, per attornatum suum; et prædictus
 " ' Johannes Moubray, coram quo *et cætera*, misit hic
 " ' recordum suum, in hæc verba.—

" ' Postea die et loco infra contentis, coram Johanne
 " ' Moubray, associato sibi Willelmo de Iford, per for-
 " ' mam Statuti *et cætera*, venit tam Abbas infra no-
 " ' tatus, per attornatum suum, quam Johannes de
 " ' Irtlynburg infra nominatus, ¹[per attornatum] suum,
 " ' et similiter jurati ad hoc electi. Et Jurata venit,
 " ' qui dicit super sacramentum suum, quod Johannes
 " ' Lecche' et Ricardus de Plessis infra nominati arbi-
 " ' trarunt in forma infra contenta; et similiter, præ-
 " ' dictus redditus a retro fuit per unum annum et
 " ' diem, prout prædictus Abbas per narrationem suam
 " ' supponit. Et assident damna ipsius Abbatis occa-
 " ' sione prædicta, ultra redditum infra contentum, et
 " ' arreragia *et cætera*, ad dimidiam marcam. Ideo
 " ' consideratum est, quod idem Abbas recuperet ver-
 " ' sus eum annuum redditum prædictum, et arreragia
 " ' inde, tam ante diem impetrationis brevis quam
 " ' post, quæ se extendit in toto ad sex libras et
 " ' quindecim solidos, et damna sua prædicta. Et Jo-
 " ' hannes in misericordia, *et cætera*.¹

" Quibus auditis, prædictus Willelmus Chiseldene, pro-
 " testando quod non cognovit quod prædictus Rogerus,
 " nuper Persona prædictæ ecclesiæ de Horpol se

¹ Omitted in MS.

William II., " submisit ordinationi et arbitrio prædictorum Jo-
 32nd " hannis Lecche' et Ricardi de Plessis ¹[nec quod
 Abbot, " prædicti Johannes Lecche' et Ricardus de Plessis]
 A.D. 1401. " in forma prædicta arbitrarunt, prout per recordum
 " prædictum supponitur, dicit quod in recordo præ-
 " dicto continetur quod cum nuper super duabus
 " partibus decimarum majorum provenientium de do-
 " minico et dominio prædicti Thomæ de Sancto
 " Clario, in campis, pratis, et aliis locis de dicto ma-
 " nerio infra Parochiam dictæ ecclesiæ de Horpol, lis
 " orta erat, et contentio, inter quemdam Abbatem de
 " Sancto Albano, prædecessorem prædicti nuper Ab-
 " batis, et præfatum Rogerum, nuper Personam præ-
 " dictæ ecclesiæ de Horpol, prædecessorem prædicti
 " Johannis de Irtlyngburgh, nuper Personæ ejusdem
 " ecclesiæ de Horpol; ac postmodum, videlicet, præ-
 " dicto octavo die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo
 " trecentesimo quadragesimo octavo, et regni prædicti
 " Domini Edwardi Regis, avi *et cætera*, vicesimo se-
 " cundo, tam prædictus nuper Abbas, prædecessor *et*
 " *cætera*, quam prædictus Rogerus, pro lite et con-
 " tentione prædictis pacificandis, et etiam pro laboribus
 " et expensis in ea parte evitandis, se ordinationi et
 " arbitrio prædictorum Johannis Lecche' et Ricardi de
 " Plessis judicialiter se submiserunt. Et cum hic
 " idem Willelmus dicit quod tempore et arbitrii et
 " ordinationis prædictorum, et a toto tempore antea,
 " a tempore quo non extat memoria, prædictæ decimæ
 " fuerunt decimæ pertinentes ad prædictam ecclesiam
 " de Horpol, et infra Parochiam ejusdem ecclesiæ de
 " Horpol; et quod prædictus Johannes de Irtlyng-
 " burgh, nuper Persona prædictæ ecclesiæ de Horpol,
 " et omnes prædecessores sui, Personæ ecclesiæ illius,
 " ² fu[erunt] seisiti, ut de jure ejusdem ecclesiæ, de

¹ These, or similar words, are omitted in the MS.

² This leaf (pp. 263, 4) being the

last in the MS., is mutilated; a large portion of the lower part being torn away.

" prædictis [decimis], ut de decimis ad eandem eccle- William II.,
 " siam de [Horpol perti]nentibus, a tempore quo non 32nd
 " extat [memoria], omnia et singula idem Will[elmus] Abbot,
 " ratus est verificare. Et Johannis A.D. 1401.
 " Irtlyng[burgh] . . . [Ordi]nario et Patrono præ-
 " [dictis] to posito in itus placita
 " rem
 "
 " . . . [Irtlyng]burgh, qui quidem Johannes jam
 " mortuus est: unde idem Willelmus petit iudicium,
 " si prædictus nunc Abbas executionem de arre-
 " ragiis annui redditus illius, virtute prædicti iudicii
 " nuper huiusmodi redditus versus eum, habere debeat
 " et cætera.

" Et prædictus Abbas, protestando quod non novit
 " quod prædictæ decimæ fuerunt decimæ pertinentes
 " ad prædictam ecclesiam de Horpol, nec quod præ-
 " dictus Johannes Irtlyngburgh, nuper Persona ejusdem
 " ecclesiæ de Horpol, sive aliquis prædecessorum suo-
 " rum, Personarum ejusdem ecclesiæ de Horpol, unquam
 " fuerunt seisisi de decimis illis ad eandem ecclesiam
 " de Horpol pertinentibus, prout prædictus Willelmus
 " superius allegavit, dicens per protestationem, quod
 " tempore submissionis prædictæ, et a toto tempore
 " antea, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non ¹ extat,
 " prædictus nunc Abbas, et omnes prædecessores sui,
 " Abbates de Sancto Albano, fuere seisisi, ut de jure
 " ecclesiæ suæ Sancti Albani, de Sancto Albano, de
 " eisdem decimis, ut de decimis ad ecclesiam illam
 " pertinentibus. Et pro placito dicit, quod prædictus
 " Johannes de Irtlyngburgh, nuper Persona prædictæ
 " ecclesiæ de Horpol, versus quem prædictum breve de
 " annuo redditu per prædictum nuper Abbatem, præde-
 " cessorem prædicti nunc Abbatis, impetratum fuit, in
 " loquela illa placitando allegavit se prædictam ecclesiam

¹ extit in MS.

William II., " suam de Horpol de annuo redditu prædicto, sine
 82nd " Johanne, tunc Episcopo Lincolnensi, ejusdem ecclesiæ
 Abbot, " de Horpol Ordinario, et Johanne de Werdone . . .
 A.D. 1401. " tunc Patrono, onerare non . . . Ordinarius . . .
 — "
 " et arreragiis ejusdem sibi judicari et
 " cætera. Et prædictus Willelmus ¹Chilesdone, non cog-
 " noscens aliqua per prædictum nunc Abbatem superius
 " allegata, ex quo idem nunc Abbas non dedit ipsam
 " materiam per ipsum Willelmum Chiseldone superius
 " allegatam, quam quidem materiam idem Willelmus
 " paratus ²[est] verificare, et prædictus nunc Abbas
 " verificationem illam admittere omnino recusat; et ad
 " prædictam materiam per ipsum nunc Abbatem su-
 " perius allegatam, videlicet, quod prædictus Johannes
 " de Irtlyngburgh, nuper Persona prædictæ ecclesiæ de
 " Horpol, placitando super prædicto brevi de annuo red-
 " ditu, versus ipsum per prædictum nuper Abbatem
 " in forma prædicta impetrato, allegavit se prædic-
 " tam ecclesiam de Horpol de annuo redditu prædicto
 " sine prædicto Johanne, tunc Episcopo Lincolnensi,
 " ejusdem ecclesiæ Ordinario, et præfato Johanne de
 " Werdone, ecclesiæ illius ad tunc Patrono, onerare non
 " posse; petendo auxilium de ipsis Ordinario et Patrono,
 " quod ei concessum fuit; idem Willelmus Chiseldone,
 " ex quo prædicti Ordinarius et Patronus se præfato
 " Johanni de Irtlyngburgh in respondendo præfato
 " nuper Abbati, super prædicto brevi de annuo redditu,
 " non junxerint, necesse non habet per legem terræ
 " respondere. Unde petit judicium, et quod prædictus
 " nunc Abbas ab executione de annuo redditu, et ar-
 " reragiis ejusdem, præcludatur et cætera.
 " Et prædictus nunc Abbas non cognovit aliqua per
 " dictum Willelmum Chisseldone su . . . quo præ-
 " dictus Willelmus Chis[eldone]

¹ Sic in MS.| ² Omitted in MS.

“ William II,
 “ tionem *et cætera*. Et super hoc dies datus est tam 32nd
 “ nunc prædicto Abbati, quam præfato Willelmo Chisel- Abbot,
 “ done, hic, a die Paschæ in quindecim dies, de audiendo A.D. 1401.
 “ inde iudicio suo *et cætera*.

“ Ad quem diem venit tam prædictus nunc Abbas, Judgment
 “ per attornatum suum prædictum, quam prædictus finally
 “ Willelmus Chiseldone, per attornatum suum prædic- given in
 “ tum. Et super hoc audito et plenius intellecto re- favour of
 “ cordo prædicto, necnon partium prædictarum rationi- the Abbot.
 “ bus et allegationibus, concessum est quod prædictus
 “ nunc Abbas habeat executionem.”

APPENDIX.

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INVENTARIUM RELIQUIARUM IN MONASTERIO SANCTI ALBANI CONSERVATARUM, REGNANTE HENRICO QUARTO.

¹ MS. Cotton. Claudius E. iv.

Sanctorum, Martyrum, Confessorum, ac Virginum, et electorum omnium, intercessionem non parum valere fidei Christianae cultoribus, fidelium nullus ambigit; hiis tamen maxime creduntur suffragari, qui certis afficiuntur beatorum spiritibus quadam singulari, sive peculiari, devotione, pro praerogativa martyrii, confessionis, aut castitatis, vel aliorum donorum Sancti Spiritus, quae in gestis cernunt aut legunt talium beatorum, et eisdem pro hominis utriusque salute specialius sua vota precesque dirigunt, actusque commendant.

Hæc cum ita sint, non incongruum credimus Sanctorum nomina, quorum pretiosis reliquiis præsens datur ecclesia, in subsequenti notare pagina; ut advenientes Christicolæ, et fortassis præ oculis hic cernentes ipsorum coelicolarum vocabula seu reliquias, quibus se spirituali dilectione artius devoverunt, accendantur amplius reliquiarum ipsorum Sanctorum præsentia, et accrescat huic loco majorum reverentia per Sanctorum pignora quæ in hac continentur ecclesia; et abundantior ² eisdem beatæ gloria frequentia devotorum ipsorum amore confluentium ad hunc locum. Ipsi quoque devotis fidelibus Sanctorum meritis quorum hic pignora venerantur præsens locus sit asyllum, ut et contra incursus hostium invisibilium sit munimen, et contra adversantium visibilium molitiones et varietates sæculi remedium adoptatum.

Ad universorum ergo notitiam pervenire volumus, quod in hoc monasterio, in honorem Beati Protomartyris Anglorum, Albani, constructo, subscriptæ continentur reliquiae, una cum

¹ Folio 349 a. There is no title | being left vacant for it.
to this piece in the MS., a space | ² *hisdem* in MS.

aliorum plurimorum Sanctorum ¹pignoribus, quorum nomina pene præ multitudine non valent aliqua tabula comprehendere, ac etiam Sanctorum quamplurium, quorum vocabula nostræ notitiæ scriptorum incuria sunt subtracta.—

Inprimis, sunt duæ cruces, devotione fidelium huic loco collatæ; in quarum una pars Dominicæ Crucis collocatur. De præsepio quoque pars habetur ibidem. De petra passus Christi, quando ascendit in cælum. De petra supra quam sedebat, quando oravit ad Patrem. De sepulcro Domini. De lecto in quo Sancta Maria peperit Salvatorem. In pede vero ejusdem crucis est quædam spina coronæ appositæ capiti Salvatoris.

In alia autem cruce continentur reliquiæ de ligno Dominico. De lecto in quo natus est Salvator. De loco in quo sanguis Salvatoris cecidit, cum pateretur. De Porta Aurea, quam Dominus ad passionem properans subintravit.

Item, habetur et tertia ²crux, in qua continentur reliquiæ de Sancta Cruce. De loco ubi Christus annunciatus est Virgini gloriose. ³De petra supra quam Dominus erat natus. De petra supra quam effusus est sanguis Christi. De Quarentena, scilicet, de monte ubi Dominus jejunavit. De altari super quod oblatum est Dominus in die Purificationis. De petra supra quam scripsit Dominus Orationem Dominicam. De lapide posito sub capite Domini, quando totum fuit de cruce depositum corpus ejus.

Item, habetur et quarta crux, in qua continentur reliquiæ de passu Domini. De quodam ligno super ⁴quod stetit Dominus. De terra super quam stetit Dominus, quando ascendit de aqua post baptismum. De balneo Christi, et de ⁵Getsemani.

Item, habetur et quinta crux, diversis impleta reliquiis, quam credimus Sanctum Albanum ⁶circa collum bajulasse, cum ad martyrium properaret.

Item, habetur et sexta crux, sed non operta auro et argento, ut cæteræ; sed est eburnea et cedrina; in qua continentur reliquiæ de Sancto Petro Apostolo. De Sancto Paulo Apostolo. De Sancto Andrea Apostolo. De Sancto ⁷Matthæo Apostolo. De Sancto Philippo Apostolo. De Sanctis Apostolis Symone

¹ *pignoribus* in MS.

² *crux* in MS., but corrected in the margin, in another hand.

³ This article is added at the foot of the page, in another hand; it is followed by some other words, partly erased, and illegible.

⁴ Omitted in the text; but in-

serted in the margin, in a later hand.

⁵ i.e. Gethsemane.

⁶ Originally written *secundum*, but altered with expunctory marks, and *scm* written, in another hand, in the margin.

⁷ *Matthæo* in MS.

et Juda. De Sancto Eustathio Martyre. De Sancto Sebastiano Martyre. De Sancto Nicolao. De Sancto Antonio. De Sancta Maria Magdalene. De Sancta Katerina. De Sancta Margareta.

Item, habetur hic crux septima, quam Beatus Albanus in manibus tenuit hora passionis ejusdem, cujus summitas formatur ad modum ferulæ; et habetur ibidem ¹ imago Crucifixi, opere vetustissimo figurata.

Item, habetur hic unum de brachiis Sancti Hieronymi. Item, dextrum brachium Sancti Rodonii Martyris, cum carne et cute. Item, aliud brachium ligneum deauratum, in quo reliquiæ Sancti Bartholomæi Apostoli, Sancti Laurentii Martyris, et Sanctorum Ignatii et Nigasii, Episcoporum et Martyrum, continentur. Item, aliud brachium, in quo plurimorum Sanctorum reliquiæ, una cum reliquiis Sancti Theodori Martyris, collocantur. Item, per se in quadam capsula Undecim Millium Virginum reliquiæ includuntur. Item, de oleo ² imaginis Sanctæ Mariæ apud ³ Sardiniam.

Contulit ⁴ etiam divina pietas huic loco et alias reliquias plurimum venerandas; videlicet, de ligno quod plantavit Dominus. De Templo Domini. De mensa super quam cœnavit Dominus cum discipulis suis. De ⁵ radice Manbre. De loco montis Thabor in quo Dominus est transfiguratus. De scutella Domini lapidea, quæ est in Roma, super quam Dominus Papa celebrat divina. De fragmentis quinque panum. De virga cum qua Dominus flagellatus ⁷ est. De monte Oliveti. De monte Synar. De monte Calvariæ. De Sancto Salvatorio. De loco in quo est nata Virgo Maria. De vestibis ejusdem Virginis. De lecto Sanctæ Mariæ in Jersusalem, ubi nutrit filium suum in domo Symeonis senis, intra Templum et Portam Auream; quæ domus est ante Templum Domini. De velo Sanctæ Mariæ, quo Beatus Johannes Evangelista cooperuit caput ejus. De panno quem Sancta Maria manibus suis texuit. De sepulcro Sanctæ Mariæ. De sepulcro Sanctæ Annæ, matris ⁸ Sanctæ Mariæ.

Habentur insuper in hoc loco, in eminentiori feretro, ossa gloriosi Anglorum Protomartyris Albani, et de pulvere in quem caro et sanguis ejusdem Martyris sunt resoluta.

¹ *ymago* in MS.

² *ymaginis* in MS.

³ *Sardeneyam* in MS.

⁴ Supplied in the margin, in another hand.

⁵ *Qy.* as to the meaning of this.

⁶ The word "*Papa*" has been nearly erased here.

⁷ This word is indistinct and doubtful.

⁸ *Suz* in the text, but altered in the margin, in another hand.

Item, in alio feretro habentur ossa Beati Martyris Amphibali, qui Beatum convertit Albanum, et novem sociorum ejusdem Sancti Amphibali, qui pro fide Christo fuerunt martyrio coronati.

In duobus autem feretris super altare reliquiarum collocatis, continentur reliquie omnium Apostolorum, et plurimorum Martyrum, quas Sanctus Germanus, Altissiodorensis Episcopus, post compressam perversitatem Pelagianæ Hæresis, in tumba Sancti Albani, pretiosi Martyris, cum summa reverentia collocavit.

Sunt præterea in hoc loco de Sancto Oswyno, Rege et Martyre, reliquie venerandæ. Habentur hic etiam reliquie de loco ubi annuntiavit Angelus nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, et de sepulcro ejusdem. De Beato Petro Apostolo, scilicet, de capillis et pilis barbæ ejus. De cruce etiam, et de sanguine, ejus. De Sancto Andrea Apostolo, et de cruce et veste ejus. De Sancto Jacobo, qui frater Domini dicebatur. De Sancto Bartholomæo Apostolo. De Sancto Edmundo, Rege et Martyre, et de camisia ejus. De Sancto Alexandro, ¹Papa ²et Martyre. De Sancto Clemente, Papa et Martyre. De Sancto Bonifacio, Episcopo et Martyre. De Sancto Leodegario, Episcopo et Martyre, et de vestimentis ejusdem. De Sancto Blasio, Episcopo et Martyre. ³De Sancto Thoma, Archiepiscopo et Martyre; et de ejusdem cilicio, de cuculla, de casula, de dalmatica, et de pallio, ejusdem. Item, de oleo sancto in quo ignis accensus est, de cœlo descendens in Ierusalem. Item, de oleo Sancti Nicolai. De Sancto Oswaldo Rege. De Sancto Dionysio, Episcopo et Martyre. De Sanctis Rustico et Eleutherio, ⁴Martyribus. De Sancto Valentino. De Sancto Stephano, scilicet, de carne ejusdem, et sanguine, et de lapide super quem cecidit sanguis ejus. De Sancto Laurentio, scilicet, de sanguine et pulvere carnis ejus, et de carbonibus et vestimentis ejus. De Sancto Vincentio. De Sancto Georgio, scilicet, de pollice, et de sudario ejusdem. De Sancto Mauritio, et de quibusdam sociorum suorum, scilicet, de Legione Thebæa. De Sancto Christophoro. De Sancto Pancratio. De Sancto Tiburtio. De Sancto ⁵Vito. De Sancto

¹ This word, here, and in the next five instances in which it occurs, has been purposely erased.

² Inserted in the margin, in another hand.

³ With the exception of the initial

letter, the whole of this passage has been almost wholly erased.

⁴ *Martyribus* in MS.

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¹ *Vito* in MS.

Neoto. De Sancto Sixto. De Sancto Felicissimo. De Sancto Agapito. De Sancto Oirico. De Sancta Julita, matre ejus. De Sancto Edwardo. De Sancto Longino, qui lancea latus Domini perforavit. De Sanctis Johanne et Paulo. De quibusdam Innocentibus, et quoddam os brachii unius ex ipsis. De Sancto Gregorio Papa. De Sancto Bonifacio Papa. De Sancto Nicolao. De Sancto Kenelmo, Rege et Martyre, videlicet, unus dens. De Sancto Sampson. De Sancto Edmundo Archiepiscopo, scilicet, de stola et casula, et pannis, quibus sepultus fuit. De Sancto Martino. De Sancto Bricio. De Sancto Swythuno. De Sancto Ricardo Cicestrensi, scilicet, digitus ejus. De Sancto Wulstano, scilicet, quædam costa, de carne ejus, de cuculla, et de vestimentis in quibus ¹sepultus fuit. De Sancto Ambrosio. De Sancto Cuthberto. De Sancto Patricio, et baculis ejusdem Sancti. De vestibus Sancti Yvonis. De Sancto Germano. De Sancto Salvatore, Confessore. De Sancto Hillario. De Sancto Remigio. De Sancto ²Cinertio. De Sancto Ebrulfo. De Sancto Fridiano. De Sancto Medardo. De Sancto Eata. De Sancto Cuthlaco, scilicet, dens ejusdem. De Sancto Vedasto. De Sancto Salvio. De Sancto Ultano. De Sancto Severino. De Sancto Ægidio. De Sancto Leonardo. De Sancto Benedicto. De Sancto Grimbardo. De Sancto Alemundo. De Sancto Bertrando. De scapula Sancti Raceneri. De casula Sancti Antonii. De lorica Sancti Godrici. De Sanctis Audiface et Abacuc. De sepulcro Sancti Lazari. De domo Sancti Petri. De Tiberiade. De fonte Tiberiadis. De capillis Sanctæ Mariæ ³Magdalensæ. De unguimento ejusdem. De Sancta Martha. De capillis Sanctæ Julianæ. De Sancta Eufemia, scilicet, quædam costa. Item, de pulvere in quem caro et ossa ejus resoluta sunt. De pulvere carnis Sanctæ Ethelburgæ. De Sancta Walburga. De Sancta Emerentiana. De Sancta Battilde Regina. De Sancta Tecla. De Sanctis Virginibus, Ceoilia, Crisanti, et Daria. De Sancta Cristina. De Sancta Lucia. De Sancta Felicitate. De Sancta Anastasia. De velo Sanctæ Etheldredæ. De Sancta Columba. De Sancta Barbara. De Sancta Sabina. Item, de oleo Sancti Demetrii. De oleo Sanctæ Katerinæ. Item, unum ex ossibus Domini Ricardi, Regis Angliæ, a Conquæstu Primi.

¹ Omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

² This word is doubtful.

³ *Magdale* in the text, but faintly corrected in the margin.

¹Et aliorum plurimorum Sanctorum, quorum etsi ignoramus nomina, in libro tamen vitæ sunt scripta. Omnes idcirco et singuli, vere pœnitentes et confessi, qui istum locum devotione seu reverentia Sanctorum qui in præsenti requiescunt ecclesia beatissimorum, scilicet, Albani, Amphibali, Martyrum, et sociorum ipsius Sancti Amphibali, necnon ipsorum Sanctorum quorum reliquiæ hic habentur, peregrinationis et orationis causa confluerint, et de substantia eis a Deo collata quicquam piis votis obtulerint, novem annos, octies viginti et decem dies relaxationis et veniæ a Summis Pontificibus, Archiepiscopis, et Episcopis, præconcessas hujus ecclesiæ devotis frequentatoribus, consequentur.

Benefactores præterea, qui ad ecclesiæ fabricam, vel ullius officinæ Monasterii, seu fratrum sustentationem, pro se vel caris suis, vivis aut defunctis, de bonis eis a Deo collatis quicquam erogaverint, pro voto spiritualia hujus domus beneficia unanimi Abbatis et Conventus assensu promerentur; nobiscum nimirum participes efficiuntur in Missis quæ cotidie a centum et eo amplius monachis celebrantur, matutinis horis, jejuniis, eleemosynis et vigiliis, processionibus, disciplinis, orationibus, solemnibus et privatis, et omnibus aliis beneficiis quæ ²fuerint ³in hoc Monasterio, sive Cellis pertinentibus huic loco.

Venerabilis pater insuper, ⁴Dompnus Symon de Sudburi, Cantuariæ Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legatus, omnibus Christianis per suam Provinciam Cantuariensem ubilibet constitutis, qui suprascriptas reliquias, in præsenti altari Sancti Hugonis repositas, devote adoraverint, seu visitaverint, seu qui monacho custodienti dictas reliquias, per Abbatem hujus loci ⁵deputato, pro sustentatione dicti altaris et custodia dictarum reliquiarum, grata contulerint subsidia caritatis, et hiis qui Missam ibidem a monachis celebratam ⁶devote audièrint, monachis quoque qui in eodem altari celebraverint, quadraginta dies indulgentiæ concessit, in perpetuum ⁷duraturæ; ratificans nihilominus omnes indulgentias in hac parte concessas, et in posterum concedendas.

¹ At this point (fol. 350 a) half a column is left vacant.

² *fuit* in MS.

³ This and the next word are omitted in the text, but supplied in the margin, in another hand.

⁴ The mediæval form of "Do-

minus," as applied to ecclesiastics. See p. 375 ante, Note 4.

⁵ *deputo* in the text, but corrected in the margin, in another hand.

⁶ *devota* in MS.

⁷ *durare* in the text, but corrected in the margin, in another hand.

Dominus Johannes, Episcopus Bangorensis, concessit eidem altari quadraginta dies; Dominus Willelmus, Episcopus Medensis, quadraginta dies; Dominus Thomas, Episcopus Roffensis, quadraginta dies; Dominus Willelmus, Episcopus Londoniensis, quadraginta dies; Dominus Symon, Episcopus Akadensis, quadraginta dies; Dominus Robertus, Episcopus Londoniensis, quadraginta dies; Dominus Willelmus, Episcopus Tornacensis, quadraginta dies; Dominus Thomas, Archiepiscopus Eboracensis, quadraginta dies.

¹ Summa indulgentiæ,—decem anni et quinque dies.

¹ This total is, to all appearance, not in accordance with the details.

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A.

ACCIDIA, I. 211. Lowness of spirits, weariness. It is more generally written "*acedia*."

ADMIRALIVS, I. 237. An Emir. A Latinized form of the Eastern word.

AERREUS, III. 381. Of light or sky-blue colour.

AFFRUS, II. 79. A cart-horse. *See* **AVERIVS**.

ALBION, II. 207. The name given by Abbot Richard de Wallingford to an astronomical instrument made by him, somewhat on the principle, apparently, of the modern orrery. It is explained as having been so called,—*quasi totum per unum*—"As though" shewing "all by one."

ALKOMIA, II. 132. The art of Alchemy.

ALMICIVM, III. 383. An aumuce, amite, or amice. It was made of fine linen, and worn on the head by the priest, until he came to the altar; when it was thrown back upon the shoulders.

ALTERIAGIVM, I. 279. Obvention, or oblation, at the altar.

AMBELEIVS, III. 510. An ambler, or ambling horse.

ANDROCHIA, II. 362. A cheese-room.

ANGARIA, I. 463. Vexation, annoyance, cause for anger.

ANGARIARE, III. 7. To vex, to annoy.

ANTIPHONA, II. 401. An anthem.

APOSTATATIO, II. 303. Apostasy, falling away from.

APPERSONARE, I. 114. To appoint, or make, parson of a church.

APPORIARE, III. 459. To improve-rish.

ARGUTIO, I. 223. Generally, correction, or censure; but in this instance, it seems to mean, plan, or design.

ARRENDARE, III. 436. To let at a yearly rent.

ARISTA, I. 281. A ridge or buttress, built into a wall for strengthening it; probably of herring-bone work, and so called from its resemblance, in conformation, to an ear of corn.

ARMARIOLVM, I. 26. An aumbry, or cupboard; a book-case.

ARSMETRICA, II. 182. Arithmetic.
 ASIAMENTUM, III. 442. Easement, convenience.
 ASPERSORIUM, III. 384. An asperge, aspersory, or holy water sprinkler.
 ASSAERTUM, I. 204. Assart, land lately brought into cultivation.
 ASSONATIONES, I. 441. Probably an error for *assoniatores*, or *esso-niatores*, "essoiners," counsel whose peculiar duty it was to produce and support "essoins," or legal excuses for non-attendance, on behalf of their clients.
 ASSUMMARE, I. 183. To sum up.
 ASTRUM, II. 328. A house, considered as the place of settlement of a family; an ancestral abode.
 ATTINGTA, II. 255. Attaint.
 AURICULARIUS, I. 124. One who, having the ear of another, is his private adviser.
 AURIFRIGIATUS, I. 284. Edged with an orfrays, or orphrey.
 AURIFRIGIUM, III. 381. Orphrey, or orfrays, golden fringe.
 AURISTRAGULATUM, II. 399. A stripe of gold.
 AVERIUS, I. 259. A horse for the cart or plough. *See* AFFRUS.
 AVOLTA, I. 288. A vault, or vaulted roof.

B.

BACCILE, II. 384. A basin, used for the purposes of consecration.

BACULARIATUS, II. 460. Bachelorship; the degree of Bachelor in Arts.
 BAJULUS, I. 373. A supporter, a personal attendant upon.
 BANCALÉ, II. 399. A banker, or cloth for covering a bank, or bench. *See* the Glossary to *Trokelowe*, p. 468.
 BANNUM, III. 65. A ban, public edict, proclamation, or notice.
 BASSUM, II. 253. The bottom, or lowest part. *In alto et in basso*, means "thoroughly," "in every sense and way."
 BAUDEKINUS, I. 106. Baldekin, or baudekin; rich cloth of silk and gold, so called because it was to have been originally made at Baldak, or Babylon. It was especially used for canopies over altars and tombs.
 BAZAN Engl. and Fr., I. 211. Bazen or basil, roan, or inferior leather made from sheepskin.
 BERCARIUS, I. 455. A serving-man; perhaps the same as *bergarius*, "a shepherd."
 BILLUS, II. 205. A stick: a game like that known as "single-stick," seems to be here alluded to.
 BIRRATUS, II. 452. Applied to a garment, this word means striped, or perhaps, puckered.
 BISACUTA, III. 324. A two-edged axe.
 BLUETUM, II. 453. Bluet; cloth dyed blue.
 BORDARIUS, I. 163. A bordar; probably a tenant of a manor who was fed at the superior lord, or reve's, "board" or table.

BOTA, II. 451. A boot.
BOTERACIUM, III. 496. A but-tress.
BOTONATUS, II. 452. Buttoned.
BOVERIA, III. 441. An ox-stall, or cow-house.
BRACEARE, or **BRASEARE**, II. 244. To brew.
BRACIATOR, I. 406. A brewer.
BRASERIA, I. 323. A brewhouse.
BRASIATRIX, II. 205. A female brewer, brewster, or alewife.
BRESIA, I. 323. Malt; in this instance, a mixture of oats and barley.
BREVIGERULUS, III. 475. One who bears a writ. The passage however seems to be unintelligible, and is probably corrupt.
BRUERA, III. 259. A heath.
BUF, Engl. I. 414. Probably, a buffalo is meant.
BUGERUS, I. 382. A usurer; an opprobrious name, derived from "*Bulgarus*," the Bulgarians having at one time distinguished themselves as usurers.
BUNDUS, I. 455. A bondman, or bondager. The court of bondmen here mentioned is represented at the present day by the Court Baron of the Copyholders, or Customary Court.
BURDO, I. 520. A shalm, or shawm. See **CHALAMUS**.
BURGENSIS, I. 157. A householder in a free burgh, or borough, a burgess.
BURNETUM, II. 309. Burnet, cloth made of dyed wool.

BUSTIANUM, III. 381. Bustian, a kind of cloth, supposed by some to have been identical with fustian. From the present passage, however, it would seem to have been of finer quality.

C.

CADMEUS, I. 84. A cameo. The cameo described in this page was probably a representation of *Æsculapius*. See **CAMÆUS**.
CAMÆUS, I. 29. A cameo. See **CADMEUS**.
CAMBIARE, I. 344. To make exchange of money.
CAMBium, I. 342. Exchange.
CAMMOKA, II. 124. Cammock; a fine silk, known in more recent times as "moccado."
CANCELLATUS, I. 302. Crossed, in a crossed position.
CAPA, II. 102. That part of the service where the cope is assumed by the officiating priest.
CARECTA, II. 279; **CARRECTA**, II. 280. A cart.
CARECTARIUS, II. 327. A carter.
CARECTATUS, I. 398. A cartload.
CARIARE, I. 453. To carry.
CARRATA, I. 204. A cartload.
CASSATUS, I. 436. Quashed, annulled.
CASTELLARE, II. 181. To fortify as a castle.
CASULA, III. 380. A chasuble, or cassock.

CAUDA, I. 448. The tail, or pendent seal, of a letter or deed. *See* CAUDATUS.

CAUDATUS, I. 222. Tailed; a title given to a deed when it has a seal upon the thong or slip annexed.

CEDULÆ LIBORUM, I. 59. Probably, shreds of cakes, or fine bread cut in small pieces. The meaning, however, is altogether a matter of doubt. *See* KARPIS.

CEPUM, III. 472. Tallow.

CEREUS, II. 311. A wax candle or taper;—*ad cereos*—"to hold the "tapers,"—a duty enjoined.

CHALAMUS, I. 520. A tubular instrument for playing upon; a shalm, or shawm.

CIPPUS, I. 167. The stocks.

CLITO, I. 45. A title of nobility assumed by the sons of some of the later Saxon Kings.

CLOCHIA, II. 453. A cloak.

COBBE, Engl. II. 412. A kind of loaf. The word is still used in this sense in some parts of the North of England.

CŒLATURA, I. 287. A ceiling, or inner roof; perhaps adorned with stars, to resemble the heavens. *See* LABRESCURA.

COLLECTARIUM, I. 58. A book of Collects.

COMPARCIONARIUS, I. 435. A coparcener, one who shares with another.

COMPATRIOTA, I. 271. A neighbour in the country.

COMPLETORIUM, I. 208. The Service of Compline, or Complins, about 7 P.M.; Second Vespers.

COMPROMISSARIUS, II. 11. An arbitrator, an elector by compromise. Election of an Abbot *by compromise* was effected by a delegation of the election by the monks to so many arbitrators previously chosen by them. When each monk took part in the election of the Abbot it was called election "by scrutiny."

CONCURRENTES, DIES understood, I. 72. Concurrent days. The odd day over 52 weeks in the common year, and the two days in the Bissextile year, were so called; because they *concur* with the Solar Cycle, whose course they follow. *See* Nicolas, *Chron. of History*, p. 30.

CONRADIUM, I. 305. A corrody, or stated allowance by a religious body, of money, or meat, drink, and clothing. Corrodies were mostly granted to nominees of the sovereign, but sometimes to other persons.

CONSUETUDINARIUM, II. 395. A Custumal, or Ordinal, for the regulation of Divine Service.

CONVERSUS, I. 118. A lay brother in a Convent.

COQUINARIUS, II. 307. A Kitchener; the official in a Convent who had a general supervision over the kitchen.

CORDEWAN, I. 293. Cordwain, or Cordovan leather; resembling the morocco leather of the present day, tawed, or prepared, with alum.

CORNUTUS, I. 152. Horned, meaning, "mitred;" a title given to Privileges issued by the Court of Rome, from the peaked mitre inscribed thereon.

CORNUTUS, II. 217. Strenuous, ready for attack.

CORPORALE, I. 36. A corporal; the cloth with which the *Corpus Domini*, or the consecrated elements on the altar, are covered.

CORRODIUM, I. 484. A corrody. *See* CONRADIIUM.

CORTINA, II. 399. A curtain.

COTUCA, II. 309. A coat, probably without sleeves, and resembling a tabard.

CREPITA, I. 453. A sandal, or slipper tied on to the foot. A corruption of the classical Latin *crepida*.

CRISTA, I. 83. The creste, or ornamental finishing of the canopy of a shrine, or other erection.

CROFTA, or CROFTUM, II. 315. A croft; a small close adjoining a dwelling-house.

CRUCIATUS, II. 417. A Crusade.

CRUCIBOLUM, I. 231. A lamp. The origin of the word seems to be unknown.

CUCULLATUS, I. 196. Cowled, wearing the cowl; a monk.

CUPA, CUPPA, I. 313. A cup.

CURA, I. 207. A care-taker, an official, or obedientiary, temporarily in charge.

CURIA, I. 74. The court; the lodging, or department, appropriated to the Abbot.

CURIA, I. 204. A manor-house.

CURIALITAS, I. 387. A courtesy, present, or spontaneous gift.

CURIALITAS, I. 472. Courteousness, considerateness.

CURSATIM, II. 51. In due course, or succession.

CUSTODIA, II. 362. A keep; another name for the trisance of a cloister. *See* TRESENCIA.

CUVA, I. 299. A cuve, or tub.

CYMBALUM, I. 209. A refectory bell, or bell, (generally hung in the cloisters,) by strokes upon which the monks were summoned to the refectory.

D.

DAMUS, I. 424. A hart, buck, or male deer.

DEAMBULATORIUM, II. 302. A lobby, or covered place for walking in.

DECENNA, III. 64. The decenniers, or members, ten in number, of each *frith-borg*, who had to give frank-pledge, or surety for the good and lawful behaviour of each other. *See* the Glossary to *Liber Custumarum*, in this Series, I. 727.

DEIS, Engl., I. 521. The dais; the elevated portion at the upper end of a hall.

DESTENNATUS, III. 387. This appears to mean, decorated in colours; but whether by dyeing or by embroidery is not clear.

DIARIUM, I. 57. A daily allowance of food.

DIATIM, I. 32. Day by day, daily.

DEVILLARE, II. 383. To go out of town.

DISTEMPERATUS, II. 386. Intemperate, excessive.

DOLIUM, I. 422. A tun.

DOMIGERIUM, II. 361. Danger, risk.

DOSSALE, I. 70. A dorsal, dossal, or carpet for hanging against the wall.

DRASCUM, I. 204. Grains, or draff; the residue of malt after brewing.

E.

ELEPHANTIA, II. 284. Elephantiasis, or leprosy.

EMBROUDATUS, III. 387. Embroidered.

EPACTA, I. 72. The Epact, or number which denotes the excess of the common solar year above the lunar; by which the age of the moon in any year may be found. *See* Nicolas, *Chron. of History*, p. 32.

ESSARTUM, I. 204. Assart. *See* ASSARTUM.

ESTERLINGUS, I. 308. A sterling, a penny, in silver.

ESTLONDEBUR, Engl., III. 448. Eastland board; boards from the countries of the Baltic.

EXAMITUM, I. 284. Samite; a texture of rich silk.

EXCAMBIUM, I. 473. Exchange.

EXPLETÆ, II. 244. Esplees; the products of land, such as, hay, corn, and herbage.

EXTENTA, I. 405. Extent, valuation.

F.

FAGETTUS, II. 398. A faggot of wood.

FANO, or FANON, I. 93. A fanon, a napkin, of linen or cloth, worn upon the wrist by the officiating priest.

FAUDESTOLA, I. 245. A fald-stool, or folding-stool.

FELLO, III. 509; FELO, II. 40. A felon.

FERLINGATA, II. 265. A fardel of land; the fourth part of virgate, or yard-land, itself constituting ten acres. *See* FERTHING-LOND.

FERTHING-LOND, Engl., II. 266. A fardel of land. *See* FERLINGATA.

FIRMACULUM, I. 381. A fermail, brooch, or buckle, for fastening the dress.

FONTICULUS, III. 403. A classical word, in the sense of "a little fountain," but here it evidently means "a running sore."

FORINSECATIO, II. 297. An alienation, or estrangement, a wandering from.

FORINSECUS, I. 158. A foreigner; one who is not a freeman, or burgess, of a borough.

FORNATA, I. 203. A batch, or baking of bread.

FORULUS, I. 308. A case, or receptacle; in this instance, apparently, a chest, or budget, for holding money.

FOWIS, Engl., II. 281. Possibly from the old French "*fouees*," young trees for transplanting; but the meaning is doubtful.

FRIKURA, II. 398. A fry, a dish of fried meat.
FRONTELLUS, II. 399. A frontal, or cloth hung in front of the altar.
FULLARE, I. 417. To full.
FURNIARE, II. 243. To bake in an oven.

G.

GARBA, I. 428. A sheaf of wheat.
GARCIO, I. 423. A serving-man, a groom.
GARENA, II. 101. A warren.
GAVELETTUM, III. 81. Property in London subject to the Writ of Gavelet, used in the Court of Hustings; where the parties, tenant and demandant, appeared by *Scire facias*, to shew cause why the one should not have his tenement again on payment of his rent, or the other recover his lands on default thereof. See the Glossary to *Liber Albus*, in this Series, p. 322.
GAYNERIA, III. 461. Agriculture, a state of cultivation.
GAZOPHYLACIUM, I. 308. A treasury.
GENERALE, II. 398. The daily allowance at refection for each person.
GERSOMA, I. 63. A fine, or composition.
GERSUMMARE, II. 263. To enjoy the usufruct of, to make a profit of.
GESTATORIUM, III. 419. The act of carrying, or lifting up.

GISTANUS, II. 104. A sick person who has to be moved on a *gista*, or litter. See **GISTARIUS**.
GISTARIUS, II. 212. A sick or aged person, confined to the use of a litter. See **GISTANUS**.
GRAMMATICARE, I. 136. To write according to the rules of grammar.
GRAVA, I. 455. A grove.
GRISIUS, III. 383. Grey.
GRISUM, II. 451. Gris, or grey, the fur of the badger.

H.

HAIJA, I. 455; **HAYA**, II. 204. A hedge.
HASTILUDIUM, II. 379. Hastilude, jousting, or tilting with lances.
HEBDOMADARIUS, II. 306. One who performs duty for the current week.
HERBERGAGIUM, I. 405. The right of re-entry in the landlord upon tenements leased by him.
HEREMITORIUM, I. 274. A hermitage.
HERIETABILIS, II. 328. That which subjects the tenant to payment of heriot. See **HERIETTUM**.
HERIETTUM, II. 328. A heriot. The best live beast of which a tenant dies possessed; or his best jewel or piece of plate; which, according to the custom of the manor, became the property of the superior lord.

HERSE, Engl., III. 422. Originally, this word meant the framework, like a harrow (*hercia*) on which the candles, at funerals, were arranged. In the present instance, it means the framework over the bier, upon which the *herse-cloth* was placed; the *catafalque* of the modern French.

HERSIA, III. 453. See **HERSE**.

HORANEUS, I. 387. Temporary, for the moment only.

HOROLOGIA CANDELARUM, II. 100. Contrivances for the measurement of time by the burning of a candle.

HOROLOGIA OLLARUM, II. 100. Contrivances for the measurement of time by the use of earthen vessels; probably on the principle of the hour-glass.

HOSTIARIUS, II. 57. An usher, or door-keeper.

HOSTILARIA, II. 128. The hostrey, or portion of a Convent devoted to the entertainment of strangers.

HOSTILIARIUS, III. 480; **OSTILIARIUS**, III. 495. A hostrer, or keeper of the hostrey.

HOSTRIA, III. 443. A hostrey. See **HOSTILARIA**.

HOUSE, Engl., III. 475. Apparently, a simple horse-cloth. Hence the present English "housing."

HUNDREDUM, II. 220. The Hundred Court.

HURA, I. 156. A hure, a shaggy hat, or cap.

I.

IGNITEGIUM, III. 422. The time at night for covering fires; curfew.

INCASTONATUS, I. 82. Set, incased, or inlaid, in metal.

INPARCARE, II. 84. To impound.

INTABULARE, II. 311. To enter on the official tables, or books, of a Convent.

INTERCLAUSA, III. 443. This probably means the space between two windows.

J.

JETE, Fr., III. 187. A jete, or jutty, a penthouse projecting from the body of a house. See the Glossary to *Liber Albus*, in this Series, p. 323.

JUMENTARIUM, II. 5. An ox-stall.

K.

KARPIE, Fr., I. 60. It seems almost impossible to say why a mess made of herrings and slices of cake should have been thus styled. The reason given for the name ("*quasi kar en pie*") does not help us. As being prescribed for persons who have just been bled, it seems not improbable that a pun upon the word *karpie*, as meaning "lint," may have been intended.

KERNELLARE, III. 122. To crenellate, to fortify with "crenelles," or battlements.

L.

- LABRESCURA**, I. 287. A ceiling.
The same as **OCELATURA**, *q.v.*
- LACTICINIUM**, I. 54. Milk diet.
- LAGENA**, II. 64. A gallon.
- LANGELLUM**, I. 453. The flannel,
or inner vestment made of wool,
habitually worn by monks.
- LARDARIUM**, I. 179. A larder, or
place for keeping bacon.
- LATHOMUS**, III. 186. A stone-
mason.
- LAUDES**, I. 464. Lauds; a name
given to Matins, or morning ser-
vice, between 3 and 4 A.M., from
the 148th and two following
Psalms, (beginning "O praise ye
"the Lord"), which were read
or sung at the latter part thereof.
- LAVATORIUM**, I. 179. A wash-house,
or laundry.
- LEGEUS**, I. 398. A liege, a subject.
- LEGISTA**, I. 243. A lawyer, an ad-
vocate.
- LEVATURA**, I. 189. Work in re-
lievo, or relief.
- LIBERATIO**, I. 484. A livery; a
yearly allowance, in food or cloth-
ing.
- LIGAMEN**, III. 446. A cup-bond,
the metal edge, or rim, of a mazer
cup. See **MACERINUS**.
- LITERA**, III. 8. A litter.
- LOCUTORIUM**, I. 207. A room for
conversation, a parlour.

M.

- MACERINUS**, I. 273. Made of mazer,
or maselin, a mixed material,
metal combined with wood.
- MAGISTRA COLLECTA**, I. 212. The
Master Collect. Probably, the
Collect for the day.
- MAJESTAS**, I. 70. The Deity, or
God the Father, as represented
in mediæval illuminations.
- MALIGNOR**, II. 219. To be malig-
nant, to shew spite.
- MANDATUM**, I. 11. The Maundy, or
distribution of alms to the poor:
so called in allusion to the new
"mandate," or commandment,
given in *John* xiii. 34.
- MANICATUS**, II. 452. Made with
sleeves.
- MANIMOLA**, I. 419. A handmill.
- MANSUM**, III. 443. A manse, or
dwelling-house.
- MANSUS**, I. 55. A farm, or farm-
house.
- MANUCAPTIBILIS**, II. 206. Privi-
leged to claim the right of being
mainprised, or released on bail.
- MANUOPTUS**, III. 510. The mainour;
stolen goods found in the posses-
sion of the thief.
- MARTELLUS**, I. 303. A hammer, or
mallet.
- MEDIATUS**, I. 465. Mesne, or inter-
mediate.
- MEDIETAS**, II. 79. Half, a moiety.
- MEDUM**, I. 76. Mead, or metheglin.

MERCHETA, I. 461. *Merchet*; a fine or composition, paid in labour by an inferior tenant to his superior lord, for liberty to give his daughter in marriage; and probably, for leave to dispense with the labour of his sons.

MINUERE, I. 207. To lose blood by bleeding.

MINUTIO, I. 208. Bleeding.

MINUTUS, I. 59. One who has recently been bled.

MISERICORDIA, I. 235. A misericord; an additional allowance, in a Convent, of drink or food.

MISERICORDIA, I. 462. Amercement, fine.

MISSUS, I. 279. A substitute, or delegate, a commissioner.

MOLENDINUM FULLERICIUM, I. 417. A fulling-mill, or walk-mill.

MOLENDINUM FULLONARE, I. 416. A fulling-mill.

MOLENDINUM VENTRITICUM, III. 12. A windmill.

MOROSITAS, II. 115. Delay, procrastination.

MOROSUS, I. 8. Tedious, full of delay.

MORSUS, I. 70. A buckle, or fermail.

MULTURA, I. 479. *Multure*, or *moutre*; the consideration paid for the grinding of corn.

MURREUS, III. 446. *Myrrhine*, or made of porcelain; or perhaps, here, made of mazer. See **MACERINUS**.

MUTA, I. 520. A small bell.

N.

NAMTUM, III. 77. A *naam*, or thing taken by way of distraint, or distress.

NAPERIA, III. 446. A *napery*; the place where the napkins and board-cloths, or table-cloths, were kept.

NARRATOR, I. 316. A countor, or pleader.

NATIVA TERRA, II. 263. Land held by the service of a *nativus*, or born bondman.

NATIVUS, III. 37. A born bondman, but holding land on condition of cultivating the land of his superior lord.

NOCTURNUM, II. 423. A *Nocturn*; according to Du Cange, one of the Nine Psalms, or Nine Lessons, with their Responsories, which were read at certain services.

NOTA, I. 29. Musical notation.

NUTRICIUS, III. 419. A foster-child.

O.

OBOLATUS, I. 479. A halfpenny-worth, the value of one halfpenny.

ORARIUM, I. 93. A face-cloth, or napkin for covering or wiping the face.

OREGMON, I. 247. A gasping for breath, when in the pangs of death; vulgarly known as the "death-rattle." See Note 1 in the page indicated.

ORIOLUM, I. 314. In this instance, explained as meaning a porch or hall.

ORIOLUM, II. 304. An oriel, which ordinarily seems to mean a recess with a bay, or bow, window; but it evidently means here the dais or upper end of the hall; as in *Aubrey, Miscell.* 28.
OSTILARIUS. See HOSTILARIUS.

P.

- PALEFRIDARIUS, II. 124. A palfreyman, or groom for a palfrey.
PANDOXATIONIS DOMUS, III. 515. A brewhouse.
PANNAGIUM, I. 134. Pannage, or pawnage; food for swine, such as mast of beech and acorns.
PAPILIO, I. 192. A pavilion. See the Glossary to *Trokelowe*, p. 472.
PARATURA, I. 70. Ornamental work, in cloth.
PARLATORIUM, III. 444. A parlour, or room for conversation.
PASTILLUS CARNEUS, I. 59. A meat pasty.
PATRIOTÆ, II. 365. The native, or country, people.
PATROCINATUS, I. 126. Patronage.
PECIES, III. 446. A piece of plate, a vessel of silver.
PELLICEA, II. 22. A pilch, or tip-pet for the neck.
PELLURA, II. 81. Budge, prepared lambskin or goatskin, with the hair on it.
PENCELLUS, III. 304. A small pennon, or flag.
PER VIRGAM, II. 327. By the rod; a term applied to copyhold tenure.
PERHENDINARE, I. 436. To tarry, to remain.
PERLA, I. 215. A pearl.
PERSONA, I. 115. The parson of a parish.
PINGUEDO, II. 428. Probably, venison, the flesh of deer in grass, or grease-time, in the opinion of Du Cange.
PINSINOCHIUM, I. 52. Probably, a place for pounding corn, with handmills.
PIRITEGIUM, I. 208. The hour at night for covering fires; curfew.
PITANCIA, I. 450. A pittance, a stated allowance of victuals.
PLANETA, I. 179. A sacerdotal vestment, more generally known as the *casula*, or "chasuble."
PLEVINA, II. 78. Replevin, security.
PLUMARIUM, I. 93. Feather-work, made with the needle.
PONIBILIS, II. 91. Hypothetical, that may be used as a proposition.
PORCARIUS, I. 455. A porcher, or swineherd.
PORTIFORIUM, II. 363. A portifory, or portehors; an ordinal, or breviary of the Romish Service, small enough to admit of its being carried about.
POSTENA, I. 265. The crupper.
POTIONATUS, I. 136. Poisoned.
POTUS CARITATIS, II. 103. Charities; allowances of wine to the monks on festivals and anniversaries.
PRÆ MANIBUS, II. 180. Before-hand.
PRÆBENDA, I. 204. A prebend, a stated allowance.

PRECARIA, III. 95. A bederepe, or biderepe; a right on part of the superior lord to demand of the freeholders of the manor a certain number of days' service in reaping his corn at harvest.

PROSTERNALIS, II. 101. Prostrate. This term is apparently applied to certain Psalms, which were sung or repeated by the worshippers in a prostrate position. *See* **PSALMI PROSTRATI**.

PROVENDARIUS, I. 203. A prebendary; one who receives a provend, prebend, or stated provision.

PROVIDENTIA, II. 222. A supply of provisions.

PSALMI PROSTRATI, I. 213. Two of the Penitential Psalms were called the "Prostrate Psalms," from the fact that when they were read, the elder members of the Convent knelt with their heads bent forward, while the younger brethren lay prostrate on the pavement. *See* **PROSTERNALIS**.

PULVERIZATUS, II. 363. Powdered, bespangled with.

Q.

QUINDENA, III. 252. A quinzaine, or fortnight.

R.

RECLINATORIUM, I. 87. A place for repose.

REMANENTIA, II. 72. The remainder, or balance.

REPLEGIARE, II. 77. To replevy.

REPRISA, III. 95. Reprise; deduction from the rent of tenements for rentcharge and annuities.

RESPECTUM, I. 115. Respite, delay, postponement.

RIBALDUS, III. 303. A ribald, or worthless person.

ROTUNDELLUM, II. 453. A cape rounded at the extremities; or perhaps the same as the former "roquelaure."

RUNCINUS, I. 259. A common riding-house; in old English, a "rouncie," or "rouncy."

RUPTARIUS, I. 267. A routier; a mercenary soldier intent on rapine and plunder.

S.

SACRISTARIA, I. 281. The Sacristy; the department, in a Convent, of the Sacrist, or Sacristan.

SALINARIUS, II. 187. This word generally means one who deals in salt; but in the present instance it would seem to mean one who makes sauces; in other words, a cook, as one of the Abbot's retinue.

SARDIUS ONYCLIUS, I. 83. Sardonyx, a mixture of brown-red and white chalcedony.

SARTRIA, III. 442. The room in a Convent where clothes were made and repaired; the same as the "vestry" (*vestiarium*) according to Du Cange, *s.v.* *Sartrinum*.

SCACCUS, II. 440. A chessman.

SCACKARIUM, I. 216. An exchequer, a place for receipt of moneys.

SCANDALA, plur. I. 411. Steps, a step-ladder.
 SCHISMATICARE, I. 136. To divide, to cut in two, to make a schism; a play is here intended upon the double meaning of the word.
 SCHOPA, I. 473. A shop.
 SCHYNGULA, III. 445. A shingle, for the roofing of houses.
 SCILLA, I. 520. A small bell; a skillet.
 SCONSA, II. 106. A sconce, a dark lantern.
 SCRINIUM, I. 192. A shrine.
 SCRIPTORARIUS, II. 306. The chief copyist, the master of the *scriptorium*, or writing-room.
 SCUTAGIUM, II. 72. Scutage. *See* SCUTUM.
 SCUTUM, III. 24. Scutage; a tax or contribution by tenants by knight-service, towards furnishing the king's army, at one, two, or three, marks for every knight's fee.
 SECTA, II. 124. A suit, or livery in dress.
 SECTA, II. 240. Suit and service, due from a tenant to his superior lord.
 SEISIRE, I. 115. To place in seisin, or actual possession of.
 SELURATUS, III. 443. Ceiled, having a ceiling.
 SENDATUM, II. 453. Sendal, or cendale, a silk texture.
 SEPARABILIS PISCARIA, II. 155. Several fishery; the separate, or several, right of fishing, belonging to the owner of the soil.

SEPTIMANA, I. 203. A week.
 SIGNUM, I. 158. A bell.
 SISTARCHIUM, I. 180. Generally, a box, or vessel, for carrying bread or other provisions; but in this instance it seems to mean, a purse, or box, for holding money.
 SOLARIUM, III. 515. A solar, solar, or sun-parlour; an upper room in a house.
 SOLIDATA TERRE, I. 78. Land to the value of one shilling, or three fifths of an ounce in silver.
 SOTLOND, Engl., II. 266. Probably, the fourth part of a fardel of land, or *ferthing-lond*. This term has not been elsewhere met with. *See* FERLINGATA.
 SOTULARES CORREGIATI, I. 211. Probably, shoes with ties or laces.
 SPARTHA, III. 15. Apparently, an axe, or battle-axe.
 SPECIES, II. 252. Spices; under which term were included the dried fruits and much of the "groceries" of the present day.
 SPERVARIUS, I. 474. A sparrow-hawk.
 SPINA, I. 204. A spinney, or thicket of thorns.
 STALLAGIUM, II. 258. Stallage; a payment for the privilege of erecting stalls in markets or fairs.
 STATIO, II. 99. A standing about, or loitering.
 STAURUM, III. 442. A store, of provisions and other necessities.
 STRENDLINGE, Engl., II. 81. Fur of the squirrel, between midsummer and winter.

N N

STRIPPAMENTUM, II. 328. Estrepe-
ment; injury or devastation com-
mitted upon a house or land by
the holding tenant.

STUDIUM GENERALE, II. 461. A
University.

SUBALTERNATIO, II. 12. The substi-
tution of a lower authority, for
a higher.

SUBARRATUS, I. 187. Plighted,
pledged, or undertaken.

SUB-BOSCUS, II. 85. Underwood.

SUFFOLTARIUM, III. 496. A buttress.

SUMMA, I. 75. A seam, or load for
a sumpter-horse.

SUMMARIUS, I. 259. A sumpter-
horse, or pack-horse.

SUPERALTARE, I. 233. A super-
altar, or portable altar of marble,
placed upon the ordinary altar of
the church. See the Glossary to
Trokelowe, p. 475.

SUPERCUCULLUS, II. 451. A sur-
hood, or overhood; a vestment
to cover the cowl, or hood.

SUPERPELLICIUM, III. 383. A sur-
plice; so called from having been
worn over the *pilch*, or fur tippet
used by the monks.

SUPERTUNICA, II. 451. A surcote,
or over-coat.

SUPPRIORISSA, II. 213. A Sub-
prioress.

SURPLUSSAGIUM, II. 72. Surplus-
age, balance.

SWANE-MOT, Engl., I. 425. A Swain-
mote; a meeting, or court, held
by the superior officers and swains
(or herdsman) of a forest, in con-
formity with the Forest Laws.

SWANOMOTUM I., 425. A Swain-mote.

T.

TABARDATUS, II. 451. Tabarded,
or made after the fashion of a
tabard; applied to the cowls of
monks, but in what way it seems
difficult to understand.

TABULATUS DOMITIALIS, I. 218.
Wats, in his Glossary to Matthew
Paris (p. 284), takes this to mean,
the water-table, a horizontal set-
off in a wall, sloped on the top,
to discharge the wet.

TARTARINUM, III. 380. A kind of
cloth frequently used in the Middle
Ages; and said to have been so
called from having been made in
Tartary.

TENCERIA, I. 296; TENSERIA, I.
298. Stress, duress.

TENSELLATUS, III. 381. Tinselled,
or spangled over.

THOLUS, I. 189. A spire, or spiral
summit.

TIMORATUS, II. 382. Fearing God,
conscientious.

TOFTUM, III. 513. A toft, a spot
where a house has formerly stood.

TORNATILIS, I. 28. Turned, made
with the wheel.

TORTICIUM, III. 453. A torch, or
large candle made of twisted cords
enveloped in wax.

TRACONES, I. 24. Caverns, or sub-
terraneous passages.

TRANSALPINARE, I. 46. To journey
beyond the Alps.

TRANSVERSUM, II. 37. Traverse; a
duty exacted by the superior lord
on provisions carried beyond cer-
tain limits, by land or by water.

TRAVERS, Fr., II. 37. Traverse.

See TRANSVERSUM.

TRAYLEBASTON, II. 222. The Eyre, or Circuit, of the Justiciars of Trailbaston, who made inquisition throughout the kingdom as to certain offences. They took their name, it is said, from a *baston*, or staff, delivered to them as the badge of their office: the question, however, as to the derivation of their title is involved in great obscurity.

TRESENCIA, II. 362. A trisance, or tresant; a part of a cloister fitted for reading or study. There seems to be great doubt as to the exact meaning of this word. See Parker's *Glossary of Gothic Architecture* (5th Ed.), I. p. 496. See CUSTODIA.

TUMBULA, I. 301. A small tomb.

TRIATUS, III. 34. Tried. Jurors were "tried," or examined by "triors," as to the possibility of their being prejudiced for or against either party.

TRITHINGUM, II. 223. A trithing; the third part of a County, or, three or more Hundreds or Wapentakes.

TROPARIUM, I. 58. A Tropary; a book of Sequences said or sung in the Mass.

TRUFATORIUS, II. 54. Trifling, silly.

TRUNCUS FULLERICIUS, I. 418. A fuller's vat, or box.

V.

VACCASTERIUM, I. 54. A cow-house.

VARIUM, II. 452. Vair; a kind of fur.

VASTELLUM, I. 521. Probably, wastel, or fine bread.

VASTUM BOSCI, II. 187. Waste of wood; unlawful use thereof.

VENATIO, I. 316. Venison.

VENIA PARVA, I. 264. Absolution for small offences.

VEREDARIUS, I. 259. A cart-horse.

VERRERUM MINUTUM, II. 81. The fur called "minever." On this subject, see the *Glossary to Liber Custumarum (Munimenta Gildh. London.)*, in this Series, p. 834.

VILLENAGIUM, I. 461. A tenement held in villenage, or by villein service.

VILLUSE, Fr., I. 35. Rough hair cloth.

VIRIDIS CERA, II. 206. The Green Wax. Estreats delivered to the Sheriffs out of the Exchequer, were sent to the several Counties under the seal of that Court in green wax.

VISITATIO, II. 56. A stated fee, or douceur.

VISNETUM, III. 21. A venue, vicinage, or neighbourhood.

VOLTA, II. 115. A vault, or arched roof.

W.

WARANTIZATIO, I. 478. Warranty,
security.

WARECTA, III. 95. Land in a fal-
low state, and uncultivated.

X.

XENODOCHIUM, I. 5. A receptacle
for pilgrims, or strangers.

Y.

YVERNAGIUM, I. 203. Winter wheat;
more commonly written "*hyber-*
nagium."

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